

# TELEGRAM

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AMEMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO

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INFO RUESBA/AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES 259  
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SUBJ: STRIKE CTOSES NATIONAL AIRPORT

1. N FOLLOWING 6 HOUR AND THEN 4 HOUR (ON SUCCESSIVE SHIFTS) WORK STOPPAGE JANUARY 13, COMMUNIST INFLUENCED UNION AT NATIONAL AIRPORT CALLED 48 HOUR STRIKE JANUARY 14-15 AMONG TECHNICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEES IN SUPPORT DEMANT 40 PERCENT WAGE HIKE OVER 90 PER CENT ALREADY PROPOSED BY GOU.

2. DURING STRIKE ONLY MILITARY AMBULANCE FLIGHTS, AND INCOMING CIVIL FLIGHTS WHICH HAD ORIGINATED BEFORE STRIKES AND WORK STOPPAGES CALLED WERE PERMITTED. HOWEVER, DURING TIMES UNION HELD ASSEMBLIES STRIKE WAS TEMPORARILY LIFTED AND, INTERMITTENTLY, SOME INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC FLOWED INTO MONTEVIDEO.

3. ACCORRIMB PRESS GOU TOURIST AUTHORITIES CLAIM STRIKE ALREADY INTERRUPTED TRAVEL NEARLY 900 FOREIGN VISITORS EACH DAY, AND IF STRIKE CONTINUES OVER LONG PERIOD IT COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS LOSS TOURIST REBNUF.

FINANCE MINISTER REPORTEDLY TO MEET WITH UNION OFFICIALS EVENING JANUARY 16 ATTEMPT MEDIATE SOLUTION.

TRAVELERS ARRIVING OR DEPARTING MONTEVIDEO WILL EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES AND DELAYS WHILE PRESENT SITUATION CONTINUES. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ANY IMPROVEMENT PROMPTLY.

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