

Dutch lawmakers move toward phasing out fossil fuel subsidies after road blockade



Amsterdam, October 13 (RHC)-- In the Netherlands, climate activists are celebrating after lawmakers have approved a motion requiring the Dutch Cabinet to come up with a plan to phase out fossil fuel subsidies. This comes after a sustained campaign by activists, including a nearly monthlong blockade of a

major highway.

Lucas Winnips of Extinction Rebellion Netherlands told reporters: "After months of daily protests and more than 9,000 arrests, the Dutch Parliament asked the Cabinet to come up with scenarios for a phaseout of fossil fuel subsidies. During this campaign, we achieved a transformation, I think, of Dutch society, with three-quarters of the people now wanting a phaseout of fossil fuel subsidies, and even a third of the people wanting an immediate stop on fossil fuel subsidies."

Activists say they are prepared for more action if the government fails to follow through on phasing out fossil fuel subsidies.

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