

# *Argentines Mobilize and Strike Against President Mauricio Macri's Layoffs*

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Buenos Aires, January 5 (RHC)-- The secretary-general of the Argentinean State Workers' Association, or ATE, Hugo Godoy, has confirmed that they will strike to protest more than 1,100 dismissals ordered by the government of Mauricio Macri in recent days. "We will march to the 'Ministry of Dismissals,' misnamed Ministry of Modernization," Godoy explained to reporters while blasting the "emboldenment and authoritarianism" of the government of Mauricio Macri. The main mobilization will see workers march from the Obelisk of Buenos Aires to the Ministry of Modernization.

For Godoy, national officials under Macri have long acted in a harassing manner while threatening to lay off workers in the public sector. "Factories were militarized to prevent workers from entering their jobs," he stressed, noting that the increased costs of public services, transportation and electricity were creating hardships for the workers in the South American country.

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