

Brazilian students plan another massive strike against Bolsonaro



Brasilia, May 22 (RHC)-- The Brazilian Union of High School Students (UBES), the National Union of Students (UNE) and the National Association of Graduate Students (ANPG) jointly called for the Second Nationwide Strike in Defense of Education, which will be held on Thursday, May 30th.

"We need to show Bolsonaro the students and people's strength," UNE president Marianna Dias said, adding that this week's demonstrations are just "the beginning of the bitter pill which Bolsonaro will swallow."

Her words reflected the indignation felt by millions of Brazilians when Bolsonaro recently called them idiots. "If you ask them about the water's formula, they do not know anything. They are useful idiots," said Bolsonaro, who was paying a visit to former U.S. President George W. Bush in Dallas, Texas, while his country was undergoing a new round of unrest.

On May 15, the streets of over 200 Brazilian cities were occupied by at least two million protesters. This massive uprising was a response to budget cuts announced by the Education Minister, Abraham Weintraub, on April 30. Besides affecting elementary schools, high schools and universities, Bolsonaro's policies contemplate restricting public resources allocated for scientific research and scholarships.

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