

# *Verizon Workers Walk off the Job in the United States*

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New York, April 22 (RHC)-- Nearly 1,000 striking employees of the U.S. communications giant, Verizon have staged a march over job security and wages. Workers of the Internet and telecommunications company are concerned about Verizon's reported decision to move jobs out of the U.S. and to the Philippines, Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

Nearly 40,000 Verizon workers walked off their jobs and joined the strike last week in what is considered as the largest workers' walkout in the U.S. in many years. Recently, campaigns for higher wages have gained momentum in the country with many nationwide rallies demanding the minimum wage double from just over seven dollars an hour to \$15.

Some 64 million Americans are paid much less than 15 dollars an hour in a variety of industries, including home care, airports and janitorial positions. A recent report said more than 50 million people in the United States live in economically distressed areas plagued by high unemployment, poverty and financial anxiety despite the alleged economic recovery since the "Great Recession."



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