BRAZIL: Trade Unionists arrested - Legal Concern

In the evening of 20 May 1980 the thirteen trade unionists remaining in detention in the Departamento de Ordem Politica e Social (DOPS) in São Paulo were released. The order for the release of Luis Inacio da Silva (Lula) and the other metal workers detained in connection with the metal workers’ strike was signed by a military judge although no reason for their release was given. The charges of incitement to strike and civil disobedience, under the Law of National Security, have not however been dropped and those charged may be brought to trial although it is not known when. AI has received reports that five other metal workers have also been charged with the same offences, although they were not detained.

No further action requested.

Thank you to all UA participants who took part in this Urgent Action.