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On June 13, federal government employees entered the second day of a general strike in an attempt to obtain a 95.5% salary hike. According to government sources, adhesion to the strike was insignificant, affecting only some employees of the Agriculture Ministry, and administrators of the Health Campaigns Superintendency (SUCAM). Strike organizers said participation in the walk-out reached 60%. On Tuesday evening in Rio de Janeiro, employees of the government's statistical agency, the Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE) voted to participate in the indefinite strike. Faculty members of Rio de Janeiro's state university voted Tuesday night to continue their strike after rejecting a salary increase proposal offered by the state government. June 13 marked the 28th day of a strike by faculty at the Rio Grande do Sul state university, located in the city of Porto Alegre. Faculty at Sao Paulo state universities had been on strike for 57 days as of June 14. (Basic data from O Globo, Folha de Sao Paulo, 06/14/89)

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