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## **Brazil: Impact Of Oil Workers' Strike**

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On Jan. 16, employees of the state-run oil company, PETROBRAS, commenced an indefinite strike for a wage hike. Seven of the company's 11 refineries were affected, resulting in a production decline of 740,000 barrels per day. A daily output of 1,130,000 barrels is considered adequate to meet domestic demand. Refinery production on Jan. 17 was only 390,000 barrels. PETROBRAS officials said the operations were normal at refineries located in Cubatao (Sao Paulo state), Duque de Caixas (Rio de Janeiro state) and Betim (Minas Gerais state). On the same day, strike organizers said workers at the company's 10 refineries had joined the strike, as well as 50% of employees on oil platforms, and 70% of administrative workers. According to PETROBRAS president Carlos Sant Anna, the company would convoke the Law on Strikes which prohibits walkouts in areas defined as essential. Workers who refuse to return to work, he said, would be fired. Jan. 20: PETROBRAS reported that national refinery production had dropped to 342,000 barrels. Jan. 23: The Folha de Sao Paulo reported that as of Wednesday, PETROBRAS supplies of liquified petroleum gas (used for cooking) in the southern state of Parana had been depleted, while stocks for the country would not last longer than eight days. Consequently, the company has decided to import 40,000 tons of the gas. National consumption per day of the product averages 14,500 tons. Since the strike began, PETROBRAS has produced only 10,700 tons per day. (Basic data from Jornal do Comercio, 01/17/90; Folha de Sao Paulo, 01/17/90, 01/18/90, 01/23/90; O Estado de Sao Paulo, 01/20/90)

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