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On July 3, ministers of the army, navy and air force, and 80 generals released a statement expressing irritation with a decision by the Congress eight days ago. Members of the legislature rejected a presidential decree calling for a 20% pay hike for members of the armed forces, and less than 150,000 civilian employees of the federal government (mainly university professors). The statement was distributed all military units throughout the country. About 300,000 Brazilians are currently serving in the armed forces. An army general earns 874,581 cruzeiros ($2,768) per month, and a private, about 30,000 cruzeiros ($95). (Basic data from EFE, 07/03/91)

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