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Revelations of a trucker: "One hour was going to burst" With the truck parked in Liberty Square, a freelancer tells how they use the WhatsApp to combine actions, deny ministers, and dispel political interests. "They wanted us to stop in front of the Palace of Liberty to ask for the exit of Pimentel. Get out, it has nothing to do"

Sitting on the steps of the Minas Gerais Vale Memorial entrance, in Praça da Liberdade, in front of his truck, a freelance transporter shows his cell phone and comments: "This is where we organize and learn the truth, it is not what they say on television after the meetings in Brasilia. That's all fake news. "

At the end of the morning of this Sunday (27), the 47-year-old driver from the eastern part of BH agreed to talk to the state of Minas Gerais, on condition of anonymity, to explain what made him stop working until he got the job. what you want.

It is a pragmatic agenda, which begins with the reduction and stability of the price of diesel. And he does not intend, according to him, to mix with the interests of other groups. "Brother, we do not go there, no. Our protest has nothing to do with Pimentel, "he told one of the organizers of a demonstration in support of the truck drivers and protests against all politicians who had asked the driver to park his truck in front of the Palace of Liberty. "I just came here because you said there were going to be people. I do not see any people. Where's the giant that was going to wake up? "Economy: Truckers keep blockades across the country this Monday

Truckers arrive at Planalto with 'fatter agenda' of claims Carretas can not circulate in the perimeter of Avenida do Contorno without running the risk of fines. But yesterday it was different: the two cargo vehicles came ringing to Liberty Square. They were received, with applause and shouts of "We are truck drivers", by a group of protesters, many of them with flags and shirts of the Brazilian national team, some with posters asking for military intervention.

When they arrived, the vehicles caused a frenzy and soon became the scene for selfies and video recordings of those who dressed in green and yellow, amidst the cries of "I am Brazilian, very proud, with much love", "Fora Temer", "Fuera Pimentel "and" Our flag will never be red ".

Along with another driver, 10 years younger and also living in the east, the truck driver corrects when asked about the origin of the strike. "It's not a strike. There is no union. I do not pay union, I pay is expensive diesel. And it can not continue like this, "he says.

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Sem título The meeting held in Brasilia on Thursday, which ended with representatives of the Planalto and smiling truckers entering into an agreement, was innocuous, said the autonomist. "There was no one of us, they did not let in the Chorão (the Goiano Wallace Landim), the only one who could speak and bring their proposals to us. From four o'clock in the afternoon we already knew that it was not going to happen, it was only going to increase the movement. Governor of São Paulo is doing the same thing, meeting with people who do not represent us and going to television to announce agreement. "

The use of WhatsApp is intense and has become the main communication tool among the freelancers. It is through the network that they plan actions, accompany the movement of the Armed Forces and deny ministers: "See if we can trust a guy like that Marun? Only with the signed paper. "

There is a restriction, according to the driver, in the WhatsApp group: politician does not enter. "Today there was one in the group saying the PT, wanted to negotiate that the party came in strong to support us in exchange for the truckers to recognize that it was coup in the Dilma, to make a mea culpa. Is it based? We took the picture on time. "

How long will the stoppage last? "It's up to them to accept what we want. But it's good for people to know: after it's over, it's going to take a long time to get back to normal. At the end of the conversation, the older man comments to the younger self: "Did you see how the staff stayed when I blew the horn? Horn strong, it looks like a train horn, lad! It makes a noise ... "And there is probably more noise. Below, excerpts from the conversation with the freelance miner.

Has the movement come from any political or trade union leadership? It's nothing like that. We did not hold an assembly and decided to stop. It was out of indignation. It was exchanging ideas for social networks that we were getting indignant with more than 11 increases of fuel follow. We have no relation to unions, parties or movements. The thing was spontaneous and the population saw this and bought the fight. In whatsapp we closed with people from Pernambuco, Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Alagoas. It was from all over Brazil.

A huge network that everyone talks about and decides. What about the negotiation conducted by the federal government? We only recognize Abcam (Brazilian Association of Truck Drivers), which was a kind of spokesperson. They took our demands, but they did not organize us. If you do something that does not make us happy, you fold your arms in the same way. We are autonomous, in the majority. I do not pay union. But it was necessary to have someone to direct our demands. But if they do not do it the way we want it, we just do not accept it.

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It continues after the publicity. Were you afraid the population would not agree with your stoppage? Fuel is what makes everything expensive in Brazil. Because we truckers bring everything that people consume. So there's no way people are not in favor of this fight. Even because they buy fuel to work, to study, to live. And everything they consume is already made expensive by the exorbitant price of fuel. We did not doubt at any point that the Brazilians would support us. Did other protesters try to link your movement to their causes? Here in the Sem título square (da Liberdade) they wanted us to park the trucks in front of the Palace (Liberty) to ask for the impeachment of the governor Fernando Pimentel. Get out. It has nothing to do with what we need. There were also petistas who wanted to infiltrate and lead in their way the movement bringing other questions and requests.

Condemn the impeachment of (former president) Dilma (Rousseff) or the arrest of (former president Luiz Inácio) Lula. There's nothing, absolutely nothing to do with it. We identified these people and simply took them out of our social networks. How do you describe the situation of the Brazilian truck drivers? We were almost paying to work. If a tire bursts, if it had to change oil to get the brakes and mechanics of the truck to work, we almost did not take money from the freight. It was an unsupported situation.

An hour would burst and we could not stand it and burst. Now, with only a guarantee that we can work justly. We just want to work and earn our livelihood. When will the shutdown end? When the price of diesel oil goes down and we make sure it will not be raised again. When they allow us to go through the scales with the axes raised and pay a fair price. It has to withdraw the Cide (Contribution of Intervention in the Economic Domain), the PIS (Social Integration Programs and the Formation of Public Servants' Equity) and the COFINS (Contribution for Social Security Financing) of diesel. Only then will we have a positive impact for all, not just the truckers. And the whole society will feel it.