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(Press Release) Czech Public Workers on Strike Alert

The CMKOS affiliated trade unions representing workers in public services and administration have declared a strike alert as a reaction to the government's lack of engagement in negotiations about salary increase in 2024-2025.

After several requests to Prime Minister Petr Fiala, two meetings were held in June with the Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, Marian Jurečka. At the first meeting, trade unions demanded a 15% increase in salary rates from September 1, 2024. Subsequently, to reach a compromise, the demand was reduced to 10%.

In July, the Minister of Finance, Zbyněk Stanjura, informed trade unions that a decision on the salary increase must be made before the start of the government recess (i.e., by 24 July), and that the Prime Minister would convene a meeting on this matter. This meeting has not taken place to date!

Trade unions have called on the Prime Minister to urgently convene the salary negotiations for 2024 and 2025.

The following trade unions have declared an indefinite strike alert:

- Trade Union of State Institutions and Organisations
- Trade Union of Health and Social Care of the Czech Republic
- Czech-Moravian Trade Union of Education Workers
- Union of Orchestral Musicians of the Czech Republic
- Union of Workers of Culture and Nature Protection
- Trade Union of Library Workers
- Czech-Moravian Trade Union of Army Employees
- Trade Union of Science and Research Workers

The strike alert is further supported by:

- Trade Union of Firefighters
- Trade Union of Workers of Cultural Facilities
- Actors' Association
- Trade Union UNIOS
- UNION – Trade Union of Professional Singers of the Czech Republic

