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Indians release CVRD employees and Carajás railway

The four CVRD employees held hostages by the Guajajara Indigenous community in the state of Maranhão were released early Thursday (Feb 9th), around 4am (Brazilian time). The employees were released unharmed.

The Carajás railway blockade has already ended and the cargo trains resumed running. The passenger train will depart today for maintenance from Açailandia to the city of São Luís in the state of Maranhão. It will resume running Saturday (Feb 11th) as of 8 am, leaving São Luís (Maranhão state) to Parauapebas (Pará state).

The Guajajara community has no claims against CVRD. The Indians invaded and blocked the Carajás railway Tuesday to demand better health care from the National Health Foundation (Funasa).

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