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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## News Review

### Brazilian trucker strike continues

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#### BBC World Service

##### The story

A trucker strike in Brazil that is crippling the country has not ended despite a government decision on Sunday to lower diesel prices.

Many truckers are continuing their blockades across hundreds of highways in most states.

Brazilian officials said they feared radical militants were getting involved.

Eight airports are still closed and traffic at Brazil's main port of Santos has diminished to a trickle. But the Brazilian president Michel Temer says he's confident the strike will end within days.

##### Vocabulary

###### scarce

difficult to get or find

- In the desert, water is scarce. It does exist, but it's difficult to find.
- As soon as I saw mum coming, I knew she was angry so I made myself scarce.

###### amplifies

increases the effect of something

- Adding salt to water amplifies its ability to conduct electricity. It works better.
- Admitting his crime only amplifies the public's negative view of him.

###### rattles

worries or makes nervous

- It always rattles me when I have to take an exam – even if I've studied.
- The dog gets rattled by the fireworks so we keep him inside at festival times.

##### Language challenge

Purposefully preventing things going into or out of an area is called...

- a) a blockade
- b) a blockage
- c) a blockhead

**Answer**

a) a blockade