Ten worst countries in the world for working people

Algeria
- State repression
- Arrest and criminal prosecution of union leaders
- Severe obstacles to union registration

Kazakhstan
- State repression
- Arrest and prosecution of union leaders

Bangladesh
- Violence
- Mass dismissals
- Arrest of union leaders

Brazil
- Violence
- Mass dismissals
- Arrest of union leaders

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Colombia
- Murders and extreme violence
- Union busting and dismissals

Turkey
- Murder
- Crackdown on strikes
- Mass dismissals and discrimination

Guatemala
- Murders and extreme violence
- Union busting and dismissals

The Philippines
- Violence and murder
- Brutal repression of public protests
- Repressive laws

Saudi Arabia
- Abuse of migrant workers and forced labour
- State repression

Zimbabwe
- State violence
- Arrest of union leaders
- Mass dismissals

The 2019 ITUC Global Rights Index depicts the world’s worst countries for workers by rating 145 countries on a scale from 1-5+ based on the degree of respect for workers’ rights with 1 being the best rating and 5+ the worst rating.

Violations are recorded each year from April to March. Each country is analysed against a list of 97 indicators derived from ILO conventions and jurisprudence and represents violations of workers’ rights in law and practice.

5+ No guarantee of rights due to the breakdown of the law
5 No guarantee of rights
4 Systematic violations of rights
3 Regular violations of rights
2 Repeated violations of rights
1 Sporadic violations of rights
No data

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