2018 ITUC GLOBAL RIGHTS INDEX
Ten worst countries in the world for working people

Algeria
• State repression
• Mass arrests and dismissals
• Suppression of protests

Bangladesh
• Violence
• Mass arrests
• Discrimination

Cambodia
• Intimidation and reprisals
• Repressive laws
• Police violence

Colombia
• Murders
• Collective bargaining undermined
• Discrimination

Egypt
• State repression
• Discrimination
• Mass arrests

Guatemala
• Violence and murder
• Discrimination
• Lack of due process

Kazakhstan
• Arrest of union leaders
• State repression
• Discrimination

Philippines
• Intimidation and dismissals
• Violence
• Repressive laws

Saudi Arabia
• Migrant worker abuse
• State repression
• Forced labour

Turkey
• Arrest of union leaders
• Discrimination and dismissals

The 2018 ITUC Global Rights Index depicts the world’s worst countries for workers by rating 142 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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