



Dear Colleagues

As many of you will have seen in the media, the Government of Cambodia has cracked down with deadly violence against workers striking for a higher minimum wage for the garment sector. 4 workers were killed, 39 injured and 23 arrested in the first week of January. Earlier appeals from unions, the United Nations, the ILO and many civil society groups have been met with silence from the Government.

The 23 workers remain in detention. Their bail hearings are scheduled for 11 February.

We ask for your solidarity and mobilisation on **February 10**. "Free the 23. Respect workers' rights."

The ITUC, IndustriALL, UNI are jointly asking affiliates to join a Day of Action on 10 February and organise protest actions at Cambodian Embassies calling for the 23 to be freed and workers' rights respected.

Please request an appointment with the Ambassador to raise these issues (model letter attached); organise mobilisations outside the Embassy; notify of us of your actions, send us photos and let us know of any replies from the Cambodian authorities. Or, if there is no Embassy, please send a letter directly to the government. (The list of embassies attached.)

We have already communicated with the government of Cambodia. We also worked with 30 global brands to send a joint letter to the Prime Minister. (Letter attached).

The actions of the government, and the garment manufacturers are deplorable and must be strongly condemned. Please help make the voices and rights of the workers in Cambodia known and bring as much attention as we can to achieve justice for workers.

If you send the letter directly to the Cambodian government, the address is:

H. E. Hun Sen,
Prime Minister
Phnom Penh
Kingdom of Cambodia
E-mail cabinet1b@camnet.com.kh

Thank you.

In solidarity,

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Attachments:

- 1) Model letter to the Cambodian Government
- 2) Joint global unions, global brands letter to the Cambodian Prime Minister
- 3) List of arrested workers
- 4) List of Embassies