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to Seoul and to Melbourne ...

# WORKERS: Organise to Win!

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Anti-government demonstrations in Bangkok are continuing despite attacks.

On 10 April a large Red Shirts movement demonstration in the centre of Bangkok was attacked by army troops. At least 25 people were killed and many hundreds injured. On 22 April the Red Shirts protest area was attacked with grenades by unknown forces. One person was killed and many injured. On 28 April a Red Shirts convoy was attacked by police with tear gas and rifle fire. One soldier was killed.

This is the 6th time in the past forty years that the Thai government has used military force to suppress popular discontent against the inequality and corruption of Thai society. The Red Shirts movement is usually characterised as supporting ousted Premier Thaksin. Many Red Shirts are pro Thaksin, but the Red Shirts are a complex mix of many factions who are protesting against economic inequality and injustice and against the entrenched power structures of Thailand.

Workers in Thailand have been paying the price of globalisation for too long.

Many global companies relocated their factories to Thailand to take advantage of low wages and inadequate laws on health & safety and workplace standards.

The protests are continuing because the working people of Thailand have decided to resist this oppression and exploitation.

We stand with the working people of Thailand.

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**Soldiers: Don't shoot ! - No to Abhisit - No to Thaksin**

This is a time of crisis for workers in Thailand.

To achieve democratic rights and economic justice the working people of Thailand have to defeat the Abhisit government and the Thai army. But replacing the current government with Taksin or with some general who switches sides will not change the economic conditions of exploitation imposed by capitalist companies based in Thailand. Workers can resolve this situation if they intervene as an organised workers movement. Only direct democratic control of workplaces and communities by assemblies of working people can begin to restructure the economy in favour of the great majority of the population.

All workers in the region and globally should support coordinated protest actions and international industrial action and solidarity to assist workers in Thailand.

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# WORKERS WILL WIN

## All over the world workers are organising

**We are organising to demand a living wage.** For health & safety at work. For compensation & rehabilitation. For the rights of migrant workers and refugees, for citizenship rights for migrant workers and their families. For the right to employment on equal terms. Workers are organising against deportations, against racism, against discrimination. Workers are organising against wars that are a disaster to millions of workers. Workers are organising for secure jobs.

## Against casualisation, contracting out & outsourcing.

Workers are organising for the rights of women workers. For better working conditions, to stop work becoming harder, faster, more stressful and dangerous. For shorter working hours, for paid leave and paid holidays. For affordable housing and health care. For free education and welfare, against child labour and poverty and inequality. Workers are organising for the rights of Indigenous communities who have been stripped of their land and resources. Workers are organising to fight discrimination against minorities, women, lesbians & gays.

**While we struggle against these problems,** we see that our planet is being ruined through reckless, wasteful and unsustainable production for profit.

**Workers can fix these problems.** Workers can reorganise all industry to produce for peoples' need instead of profit. Resources can be distributed to people and places who need them so that our children will have a future.

**To do this workers have to dismantle imperialism and the capitalist system.** We need to make decisions together in our own workplaces, unions & political organisations about the way production and sharing need to be restructured.

We need this. We have the numbers. We control production. **Capitalists will be defeated.**

All India Association of Inspectors & Assistant Superintendents Posts - AIAIASP, India  
All India Federation of University and College Teachers Organisations - AIFUCTO, India  
All Pakistan Federation of United Trade Unions - APFUTU, Pakistan  
Anadolu Kultur Merkezi (Anatolian Cultural Centre, Australia)  
Asia Pacific Workers Solidarity Links - APWSL, Korea  
Australia Asia Worker Links - AAWL, Australia  
Australian Nursing Federation - ANF (Vic Branch), Australia  
Bangladesh Saniukta Tanti Samity - BSTS (National Organisation of Self Employed Handloom Weavers Workers, Bangladesh)  
Bangladesh Garment Workers Employees Federation, Bangladesh  
Campaign for International Co-operation and Disarmament - CIGD, Australia  
Cathay Pacific Airways Flight Attendants Union, China Hong Kong  
Chennai Metro Construction & Unorganised Workers Union Tamilnadu, India  
China Labour Forum (ChinaWorker), China Hong Kong  
Committee for Asian Women, Thailand  
Committee for a Workers International, Malaysia  
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Guyana Agricultural and General Workers Union, Guyana  
humanitywatch, Bangladesh  
International Migrant Alliance Research Foundation (IMA Bangladesh)  
International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation Philippines council, Philippines  
Jatio Garment Sramik Federation (National Garment Workers Federation, Bangladesh)  
Jatiyo Sramik Jote (National Workers Unity, Bangladesh)  
Kesatuan Kebangsaan Pekerja-Pekerja Perusahaan Alat-Alat Pengangkutan Dan Sekutu (National Union of Transport Equipment & Allied Industries Workers - NUTEAIW, Malaysia)  
Konfederasi Kongres Aliansi Serikat Buruh Indonesia - KASBI (Confederation Congress of Indonesia Unions Alliance), Indonesia  
Korea Federation of Construction Industry Trade Unions - KFCITU, Korea  
Latin American Solidarity Network - LASNET (Red de Solidaridad con los Pueblos Latinoamericanos), Australia  
Lembaga Informasi Perburuhan Sedane - LIPS (Sedane Labour Resource Center, Indonesia)  
Maritime Union of Australia - MUA (Vic Branch), Australia  
Migrant Workers Solidarity Network, Bangladesh  
Migrants Rights Council, India  
New Trade Union Initiative, India  
Pakistan Labour Federation - PLF, Pakistan  
Partai Rakyat Demokratik (Peoples Democratic Party, Indonesia)  
Parti Sosialis Malaysia- PSM (Socialist Party of Malaysia)  
Partido Lakas ng Masa (Strength of the People Party, Philippines)  
Partido ng Manggagawa (Labor Party, Philippines)  
Peace and Justice for Colombia, Australia  
Perhimpunan Rakyat Pekerja (Working People Association, Indonesia)  
Progressive Labour Party, Australia  
Red Flag Women's Movement, Sri Lanka  
Revolutionary Socialist Party, Australia  
Socialist Alliance, Australia  
Socialist Alternative, Australia  
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Textile Garments Workers Federation, Bangladesh  
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