



# all workers - one dispute

***Workers internationally express solidarity with the campaign to support Noel Washington, and for the immediate abolition of the ABCC.***

***The ABCC represents an attack on workers' ability to organise. This is not an isolated case. Workers all around the world face similar attacks.***

***The leadership of the construction union KFCITU-KCTU in South Korea are in jail, because they have organised strikes to defend wages and to defend migrant workers. Union officials from the KMU labour center in the Philippines, and from the FENSUAGRO agricultural workers union in Colombia have been killed, or jailed because they organise very poor workers to achieve better wages and conditions. They try to break our unions so that they can defeat us.***

***Capitalists want workers to pay for the mismanagement of the global economy. After years of company super profits it is our superannuation, our mortgages, our wages and our jobs that they want to sacrifice.***

***Today we stand with all workers who are fighting for their right to organise, for wages and conditions. Today we say it clear: We fight for a society that is decent, a society that is run in the interest of all the working people of the world.***

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# international industrial action



**Posco** The KFCITU-KCTU was targeted in 2006 for trying to organise sub contractors in the construction industry, dominated by the Korean multinational POSCO. The Korean government is trying to increase the casualisation of the workforce. There have been major struggles, at POSCO and in other construction companies. Many workers have been injured in protests, thousands have been arrested and thousands more blacklisted. Most officials of the KCTU have been jailed.

Send your message of solidarity to the construction workers in Korea at: [inter@kctu.org](mailto:inter@kctu.org)  
More information: <http://tinyurl.com/5f8bdm>

**Nestle** Since 2001, around 80 members and organizers of trade unions and workers' organizations in the Philippines have been killed. Among those killed were union leaders in multinational corporations and local big business, including Diosdado (Ka Fort) Fortuna, union president at Nestle. Strikes, and other organising activities have been met with violence and repression from police, army and paramilitary groups. The Kilusang Mayo Uno (May First Movement) is a progressive trade union federation in the Philippines. Their organisers are targeted by paramilitary death squads. Send your message of solidarity to the KMU Labor Centre at: [kmu.intl@gmail.com](mailto:kmu.intl@gmail.com) More information: <http://tinyurl.com/6mafto>



**Unilever** bought a thermometer factory in Kodaikanal in 1986. The factory was on a mountain in Tamil Nadu in South India, to take advantage of the low wages and the cold climate suitable for mercury manufacturing. But they neglected to tell the workers that mercury is a poison! Workers were breathing mercury vapours, handling mercury and scooping up spills with bare hands, no personal protective equipment was provided. When workers became aware of the dangers they started a campaign to demand clean-up and compensation. In response Unilever closed the factory on 7 March 2001 and dismissed all workers. Some cleanup has now occurred. At least 19 workers have died and hundreds of workers and their families are suffering. They have received no compensation.



The workers at Kodaikanal demand: Clean up all mercury from Kodaikanal's environment  
Pay compensation to the workers exposed to mercury and their families; Long term medical monitoring and assistance for Kodaikanal workers and residents

More information:  
[kodaikanalstruggle.blogspot.com](http://kodaikanalstruggle.blogspot.com)

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