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Important invitation to PSI affiliates! A Global Agenda for Quality Public Services conference

The Council of Global Unions, which includes Public Services International and ten other global union federations, plus the International Trade Union Confederation and the Trade Union Advisory Committee at the OECD, is organising the landmark conference "A Global Agenda for Quality Public Services" from 12-14 October 2010, in Geneva, Switzerland. The deadline is 9 June for pre-registration applications.

Trade union rights global overview

Trade union rights are being violated in many countries around the world such as Colombia, Turkey, Swaziland and Iran. PSI is actively supporting its affiliates in these countries as trade unions fight to maintain these basic human rights.

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Global Unions tell ADB: "No 'Post-crisis' recovery until people get decent work"

"Developing Asia's strong recovery from the effects of the global economic crisis is expected to continue through the next two years," says the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The Global Union Federations believe otherwise and urge ADB to collaborate with trade unions on workable solutions.

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Practical solidarity in Haiti

“Solidarity, mutual respect and dignity”: these are the key principles that describe the programme of recovery work being jointly done by PSI and our affiliate CTSP in Haiti.

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Kommunal solidarity support in South Asia

Six young Swedish trade union members from the large local government union Kommunal visited Tamil Nadu, India to learn about the importance of solidarity support and the vital role that Swedish union development cooperation plays in supporting unions in South Asia.

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Millions of workers demand nuclear disarmament

International trade union representatives handed over a petition for nuclear disarmament signed by more than 6.7 million workers to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon at the UN Nuclear Disarmament Summit in New York, on 4 May.

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Greece: Major pension cuts

In conjunction with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) – European bailout the Greek government recently announced massive cuts in pension benefits. Since December last year a whole raft of austerity measures including huge cuts to the public sector have been announced by the Greek social democratic government following the outbreak of the debt crisis.

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Indonesia: PLN Union campaign against electricity privatisation law

The Indonesian PLN Union is campaigning against a new law on electricity privatisation. “Privatisation of electricity in Indonesia will bring nothing to the people but eroding democracy and creating household insecurity, prices will go hike and people will not be able to access electricity” said Daryoko, PLN Union General Chairman.

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PCS wins redundancy pay court challenge

The Public and Commercial Services union (PCS), a PSI affiliate in the UK, has won its court case to block measures threatening the level of redundancy pay for civil servants. The court ruled that changes made to the Civil Service Compensation Scheme without union agreement were unlawful.

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Geneva labour films festival 2010

The fourth annual Geneva Labour Film Shorts Festival – by, for and about unions and working people – tells workers' stories of confronting the challenges caused by the extreme imbalance in power between the transnational corporate elite and working people. The event happens 15 June.

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The Story of Bottled Water

The Story of Bottled Water is a short online video presented by the Story of Stuff Project that tells the story of manufactured demand, or how to persuade consumers to buy bottled water. The film explores the bottled water industry's attacks on tap water and its use of seductive, environmental-themed advertising to cover up the mountains of plastic waste it produces.

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