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International trade union mission condemns labour right violations in Korea



Rally in front of Seoul station

Mercury victims win Supreme Court case against Norwegian state



A former dental nurse in Norway, Bertha Regine Serigstad has won her case against the Norwegian state in the Supreme Court. [More](#)

Tunisian unions block privatisation of renewable energy

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Energy trade unions in Tunisia recently made the case for sustainable public renewable energy and managed to block government privatisation plans.

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The decision of the Dominican Republic Constitutional Court goes against human right principles!



The PSI Regional Committee against Racism and Xenophobia, in its meeting held on 21 and 22 November 2013, in Bogotá, Colombia, expressed deep concern about the decision of the Dominican Republic Constitutional Court to take citizenship away from thousands of people who were born in the Dominican Republic. [More](#)

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Davos 2014: Unions call for leaders to reshape the world economy with jobs and decent wages

Working people and their families need an urgent shift in policies by leaders to investment in jobs, a minimum wage on which people can live and social protection.

<http://www.ituc-csi.org/davos-2014-unions-call-for-leaders>

Equal Times: EU urged to make austerity U-turn to fight poverty

When a coalition of NGOs says that Europe is totally off-course to meet its own target to bring 20 million people out of poverty by 2020, this is not really breaking news.

<http://www.equaltimes.org/news/eu-urged-to-make-austerity-u-turn-to-fight-poverty>

International Trade Unions Statement on Korea

A high-level international delegation, including TUAC, ITUC, PSI and ITF have completed a mission to look into the current situation of human and trade union rights in Korea.

<http://www.ituc-csi.org/international-trade-unions>

Pressure Mounting on Cambodia to Respect Workers' Rights

Pressure on Cambodia's government to respect workers' rights is mounting.

<http://www.ituc-csi.org/pressure-mounting-on-cambodia-to>

Equal Times: Filipino workers deported in 'Saudisation' fall-out

The Saudi government's nitaqat or 'Saudisation' policy may have created jobs for Saudi citizens, but its implementation continues to bring great misery to undocumented foreign workers.

<http://www.equaltimes.org/in-depth/filipino-workers-deported-in-saudisation-fall-out>

Quote

“There is profound mistrust of governments and institutions. Leaders must stand by their promises to end speculative behaviour, stand up to the banks and end tax avoidance to demonstrate to working people they are acting in their interests.”

- Sharan Burrow, ITUC General Secretary -

Upcoming events

3-7 february 2014 - Brussels, Belgium

ITUC Planning days

2-3 April 2014 - Brussels, Belgium

ITUC 15th Executive Bureau Meeting

18-23 may 2014 - Berlin, Germany

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Economic Briefing #3 - The Future of Growth: Are we heading towards a lost decade?

<http://www.ituc-csi.org/economic-briefing-3-the-future-of>

ITUC Global Poll 2013 - Building Workers' Power

<http://www.ituc-csi.org/ituc-global-poll-2013-building>

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