



Global Day of Action against Anti-Union Repression

Why do we face anti-union repression?

The attacks against unions are aimed at stopping workers from organising. Workers join unions to improve their wages and conditions: Unions defend workers' rights. But capitalists want profits. To increase their profits capitalists try to cut their costs: they try to cut workers' wages and conditions. So companies and governments attack unions to stop workers organising for better wages and conditions. We are now in a global struggle: International companies against all workers.

Companies have developed global production lines, from mining and agriculture to factory production, distribution, communication, retail and finance. More and more sectors are being added to this global system, like health and education. Economic, social and environmental safeguards are abandoned to meet the demands of the global production and distribution system—for the global marketplace. Companies organise their production lines internationally to increase profit. They move production to countries where costs are low; Where local laws don't protect workers' wages, safety and conditions. Where workers' organisations are weak, because of repression or anti-union laws. Companies can make bigger profits if they can pay workers less for doing the same work.

But workers can fight back. As workers we need to organise our resistance internationally also. We need to defend our wages, safety and conditions as an international working class. We need to fight in an organised way. We need to join with other workers along the global production lines. Global Picketline is a strategy to support workers involved in major disputes by coordinating industrial action and solidarity actions, across workplaces, industries and countries.

Global Picketline means using international workers' solidarity to win disputes.

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