

Statement from Union syndicale Solidaires to support the Egyptian naval dockyard workers

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This statement had been used as a basis to write letters to the Egyptian President and the Egyptian Minister of Labour.

These two letters have largely circulated in Egypt. They are in particular available:

- on CTUWS website

<http://www.ctuws.com/en/content/international-solidarity-navy-shipyard-workers>

- on "Al Badaiah", the most read website by egyptian activists

<http://albedaiah.com/news/2016/09/27/121682>

Fifteen employees of the Alexandria naval dockyards have been held in custody for more than four months.

The « crime » of which they are accused is that of having perpetrated acts which are in conformity with current international conventions on workers' rights, and to which Egypt is a signatory.

They are indeed accused of "having incited workers in various divisions of the enterprise to stop work as well as of calling meetings, and of organising a mobilisation inside the enterprise, with the aim of stopping production and of sowing disorder."

After several delays, on 18th October the military tribunal will deliver its judgement on the fifteen detained employees.

For more than four months, their families no longer have anything to live on, because the payment of their wages has been suspended.

Furthermore proceedings have been initiated for the same reasons against 11 of their colleagues.

Together with the Egyptian organisations who are supporting them the Union Syndicale Solidaires requests :

- the halting of all proceedings which have been initiated.
- the immediate freeing of the detained workers.

Please use this text as the basis for sending messages to:

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