

# **South Korea: Stop the Outsourcing of Danger - Justice for Kim Yong-gyun!**

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**Kim Yong-gyun, a 24-year-old subcontracted worker was killed after getting stuck in a coal conveyer belt at the Taeon Power Plant. Kim was working alone in the dark, doing extremely dangerous work. According to the occupational health and safety rules in the manual, Kim should have been working in a team of two.**

Excessive cost-cutting following the outsourcing of power plant fuel operations and maintenance means that this work is now done alone. This shocking event has sparked a national movement in Korea against the 'outsourcing of danger' endemic in the power plant industry and throughout the Korean economy. The KPTU President and 5 other coalition leaders have been on an unlimited hunger-strike since 22 January, calling for an investigation into the incident and punishment for those responsible. PSI and KPTU have launched a campaign calling on the government to carry out an investigation, make the necessary safety improvements in the power plant industry and carry out the insourcing and direct permanent employment for subcontracted workers in the industry.

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Message:

*"I call on the Moon Jae-in government, the South Korean Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy and Korea Western Power Co. to stop the outsourcing of danger and allow Kim Yong-gyun's parents to hold his funeral by: Carrying out a special investigation into Kim's death, make necessary safety improvements in the power plant industry and carrying out the insourcing and direct permanent employment for subcontracted workers in the power industry."*

**Campaign launched by Labourstart in partnership with Public Services International (PSI)**

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