

Bangladesh, one year after the industrial disaster: Rana Plaza brands must pay compensation now

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We cannot allow the one-year anniversary of one of the worst industrial accidents, Rana Plaza, to pass on 24 April without compensation being paid to the injured and victims families.

All the work has been done to build the Donor Trust Fund. An inclusive process was run under the stewardship of the ILO during the second half of 2013, achieving a final agreement in December 2013 with the signed commitment from all parties. Cosigning partners of the Rana Plaza Coordination Committee and the Arrangement framework include the Bangladeshi government, Bangladeshi unions, Bangladeshi manufacturers, IndustriALL Global Union and the Clean Clothes Campaign, as well as four key brands.

The total needed is US\$40 million for correct levels of payments to be made to the families of those 1,138 workers and rescue workers crushed to death at their workstations in Rana Plaza, and also to the survivors, thousands of whom lost limbs and their ability to work when the factory fell.

The Fund is open for anyone to make a humanitarian contribution, and all clothing brands sourcing Bangladesh are encouraged to do so.

However this long list of brands connected with Rana Plaza MUST pay their share as a matter of urgency.

Adler Modemrkte, Auchan, Ascena Retail, Benetton, C&A, Carrefour, Cato Fashions, Children's Place, Grabalok, Gueldenpfennig, Kids for Fashion, KiK, LPP, Manifattura Corona, Matalan, NKD, Premier Clothing, Primark, PWT, Walmart and Yes Zee.

You and your organization can also make a solidarity payment into the fund by following the instructions on the dedicated website of the Rana Plaza Arrangement.

Support IndustriALL Global Union, UNI Global Union and the Clean Clothes Campaign in ensuring all these brands pay.

The letter

Dear Rana Plaza brands,

There is no excuse for your company to still be on this list. This message is being sent to all brands connected to Rana Plaza that have not made public contributions into the Donor Trust Fund for the survivors and families of the dead.

If your company is still on this list on 24 April, the one-year anniversary of the disaster, your message to consumers everywhere will be clear regarding conditions in your supply chain.

No more excuses. The fund is set up, the management of the fund is reliable, and every part of the mechanism has been negotiated and agreed by all concerned.

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