

Namibian miners, Chinese investors, corrupt government

The Mineworkers Union of Namibia (MUN) Rossing Branch & The Struggle of The Namibian Working Class

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The state owned China National Uranium Corporation Limited (CNUC) has terminated the contracts of nine labor leaders in Namibia, when they had refused to accept concessions including healthcare benefits and bribes. In this video, Namibian labor lawyer Hewat Beukes talks about this classic union busting struggle. He puts the local struggle in the broader history of the Namibian and South African working class and the role of international capital in Southern Africa. He also discusses the Namibian SWAPO government's proclamation that they are building "Socialism With Namibian Characteristics". He reports that the Rossing miners have also linked up with the Namibian fisherman whose jobs were wiped out by SWAPO officials taking bribes to give contracts to an Iceland fishing company to take over fishing rights in Namibia.

Additional media:

Namibian Rössing Mine Workers Face Covid-19 & Attacks From State Owned China National Uranium Corporation Limited (CNUC)

Namibia Rössing, union in wage deadlock

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China and Namibia Rössing Workers on Collision Course

<https://www.facebook.com/informantenam/posts/3090166147716991/>

Namibia MUN claims China National Nuclear Corporation is falling short of its Rossing promises

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Namibia Rössing uranium mine union members face dismissal by Chinese owners

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Swapo, what is 'Socialism with a Namibian Character'?

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Namibia says China can buy Rio's uranium stake if it respects laws

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