

Workers' rights: Statement on Myanmar

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The ILO has issued a statement following allegations of harassment and intimidation of trade unionists in Myanmar by police and military authorities.

The ILO has received allegations that the police and military are conducting door to door searches for trade unionists at their dormitories and hostels in the Hlaingtharyar industrial township, Yangon.

It is alleged that these acts of harassment and intimidation have largely targeted young female workers working in the private sector industries of Yangon, who are living far away from their families in the rural areas.

The ILO urges the military authorities to cease all acts of harassment and intimidation against these workers, in particular young female workers, and ensure that all workers can exercise their rights to freedom of association, assembly and expression as well as other human rights in a climate free of violence, pressure, fear and threat of any kind.

The UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, has reiterated his call on the military leadership to respect the will of the people of Myanmar and to adhere to democratic norms, with any difference to be resolved through peaceful dialogue and condemned the use of deadly violence in Myanmar.

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