

UK clothing brands: cut ties with Myanmar dictatorship!

In April, trade union leader Khaing Zar Aung described the situation for workers in garment factories:

"Many workers are afraid to go back to work, because of the total lack of security in the industrial zones. Thousands of workers have returned to their home villages during the violent crackdown..."

Many trade union leaders had to go into hiding...For many of them it is now difficult to return to work, due to lack of transportation and due to the many military checkpoints on the roads, where people are checked and arbitrarily detained or shot... The military regime cut phone lines and mobile internet, so it is nearly impossible for workers to inform their employers if they cannot return to work."



HOW YOU CAN HELP

- 1** Add your name to our statement and stay in touch with our campaign: bit.ly/MyanmarSol
- 2** Donate to this fund appeal and ask your friends, family and colleagues to all do the same, or ask your trade union to donate: <http://bit.ly/Myanmarfund>
- 3** Write to H&M's customer complaints dept demanding they take steps to stop trading with all supplier factories based in Myanmar
- 4** Post about this issue (and post the fundraiser link) on hashtags like #payup #whomademyclothes and #fastfashion on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook

H&M's factory workers are fighting for democracy in Myanmar



In February 2021, the military in Myanmar carried out a coup and **abolished the elected government**. Since then, **millions of people have taken to the streets** to demand an end to dictatorship and democracy for Myanmar. This street movement, calling itself the **Civil Disobedience Movement**, has been led by trade unions and workers' organisations.

Many workers in Myanmar's garment factories, especially Yangon, have been out on strike. The army and police has met these protests with violence and live bullets.

In May, the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners said that 802 people had been killed by the military for participating in the movement, 4,120 detained and 20 sentenced to death. **Those numbers are much higher now.**

Many UK clothing brands use garment factories in Myanmar. But the army has driven garment workers' and other trade unions underground. **It is now extremely dangerous to be a trade unionist in Myanmar.**

Trade unionists in Myanmar and around the world are **demanding that global brands like H&M, Primark, C&A and M&S cut all ties with the country in order to put pressure on the coup government.** That means stopping placing orders with Myanmar-based factories.

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