

# Countries at Risk: BURMA

## Responsible Investment

Anyone who has recently visited the country will notice substantial new investment in hotels, energy, mining and telecommunications. But there are not many serious efforts to ensure that businesses in Myanmar don't violate human rights.

While the United States requires companies to disclose their human rights due diligence policies, it does not require any investors to carry them out. And the European Union has no binding policy for Myanmar .

Unions remain vigilant to ensure that workers' rights are respected by multinationals. ITUC and FTUM are monitoring investments and developing a plan for good industrial relations.



## Forced Labour:

In spite of some progress, forced labour remains a problem. Even in 2014, there were reported cases in conflict areas such as Arakan State. The military continues to recruit children and, recently, a child soldier was arrested for desertion.

There is an increase in the number of forced labour complaints related to land confiscation. To make matters worse, impunity for such crimes remains extremely high.