

Anti-Union Repression

In July 2013, the Fiji Sugar and General Workers' Union (FSGWU) filed a legal notice to hold a secret ballot to authorise a strike in the nations' sugar mills. It came after the Fiji Sugar Corporation (FSC), a public entity, had continuously refused to bargain with them.

The company held meetings to intimidate union members not to vote, threatening to turn their names over to the government. The Attorney General even said on the media that the regime would intervene using replacement workers.

Trade unions have stepped up pressure at the ILO and Fiji could soon be the target of a Commission of Inquiry, the highest level of all investigative procedures.”

With your help, we have obtained a Governing Body decision to establish a commission of inquiry unless the government allows a direct contacts mission back into the country in time to report to the October Session of the Governing Body.

With the ACTU, we have launched the Destination Fiji campaign to raise awareness among the public of the situation in Fiji.

Targeting the major players in the global sugar sector, Fairtrade and Tate & Lyle, we have pressed for respect of workers' rights throughout the supply chain.

With the AFL-CIO, filed a GSP petition against Fiji, which is under review, and which we are utilizing as a source of leverage on legal issues.