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Press Release

The Algerian Union of Industries (UAI) Announces its Disaffiliation from IndustriALL Global Union

The Algerian Union of Industries (UAI), affiliated with IndustriALL Global Union, officially announces its decision to disaffiliate from this international organization due to serious violations and unacceptable practices that contradict the principles of solidarity and defense of trade union rights, for which the UAI has always advocated.

Reasons for Disaffiliation:

1. Harassment and Non-implementation of the Congress Resolution on Solidarity

IndustriALL Global Union has failed in its commitment to support trade union leaders and respect the emergency resolution of its last congress, which was intended to demonstrate concrete solidarity with Algerian activists. Instead, we have witnessed persistent harassment from this organization against UAI leaders.

2. Discrimination in International Solidarity

While IndustriALL displays strong solidarity with Belarusian unions (Europe) facing similar persecution to that of Algerian unions, this solidarity is completely absent in the case of Algeria (Africa). This bias is accompanied by a continuous harassment policy targeting the UAI, clearly aimed at pushing us towards disaffiliation.

3. Interference in Internal Affairs and Regional Harassment

IndustriALL hired a lawyer to investigate the payment of reaffiliation fees for an Egyptian independent union that was unjustly excluded from IndustriALL. In this matter, IndustriALL accuses a UAI leader of paying the contributions of this vulnerable organization. Furthermore, despite the wrongful dismissal of the Egyptian union representative by his employer, IndustriALL took no action to defend him. Instead of fulfilling its supportive role, the organization is sowing further discord in the Arab region through its regional secretary.

4. Change in Support Policy in the MENA Region towards Pro-government Unions

The Algerian Union of Industries believes that IndustriALL has shifted from its traditional role of supporting independent unions and redirected its efforts towards pro-government unions in the MENA region, and particularly in Algeria. This shift was evident after the visit of IndustriALL's Deputy General Secretary to Algeria and his meeting with government officials, without informing the affiliated independent Algerian unions. The Algerian Union of Industries perceives this approach as an alarming sign of IndustriALL abandoning the fundamental principles of trade unionism.

Ongoing Actions

The UAI strongly condemns these practices and is engaging in discussions with Swiss and Belgian human rights organizations to assess the legality of these actions under Swiss and international law and to defend vulnerable organizations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America that may face similar practices. The UAI also expresses its unwavering support for SNATEG, which is undergoing unprecedented harassment in an attempt to force it towards disaffiliation from IndustriALL, in an effort to silence a highly sensitive case related to the American multinational General Electric.

Call for Solidarity and Support

The Algerian Union of Industries calls on all Algerians and human rights organizations to contact it and provide their support and advice to help face this unprecedented attack on independent organizations in the Arab region.

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