



We Stand Together

workers together

We won't let each other down, we are standing firm together.

In a dispute you have to take sides.

Who have we got more in common with?

Is it someone like Daniel Grollo, would-be union-buster, who will inherit a large construction company?

Is it George Bush Jnr., US President, who was also born to great wealth?

Or is it with an Iraqi construction worker, enduring an economic blockade and facing the prospect of war?

We are told that the choice is between dictators and terrorists on one side and democracies and the rule of law on the other.

But this is not true.

workers choose

They are two sides of the same coin.

In both cases you have a few rich capitalists at the top who make the big decisions, while the majority of us have little say and have to work to live.

In a war, capitalists stay at home and make money.

In a war, workers make sacrifices, fight and die.

Our interests are not in supporting dictators or democracies run by rich capitalists.

Our interests are in having jobs, good wages and safe working conditions for all workers.

workers strike

As workers our real power lies in solidarity and taking industrial action.

In industrial disputes, we have meetings, organise protests and have rallies.

We go on strike.

This war is a war against workers everywhere.

Strike against the capitalists.



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Workers Change the World

Support the right to organise



Dan Byong-ho, President of the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions (KCTU), was about to be released from jail in 2001 when he was sentenced to a further four years.

Dan's crime was to call for strike action against lay-offs. This is not the first time that Dan has been jailed for supporting worker's rights.



Li Wangyang was sentenced by the Chinese government in September 2001 to ten years jail for 'incitement to subvert state power'

Li Wangyang's trade union activities go back to the 1970s when he helped establish the Shaoyang City Zi Jiang Mingbao Society and in 1989 he helped organise the Shaoyang Worker's Autonomous Federation.



Tian Chua was jailed for two years under Malaysia's Internal Security Act (ISA) on 10 April 2001.

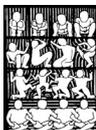
The ISA provides for 'preventative detention' without trial for an indefinite period.

Tian was the organiser of the Labour Resource Centre in Malaysia and a main activist in the democracy movement. He is in jail because he fights for the rights of all workers.

These workers went to jail for supporting workers' rights. We are working to get them out.

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Listen to AAWL's radio show *Asia Pacific Currents* on 3CR (855AM), every Saturday at 9am.



AAWL meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Trades Hall, 54 Victoria Street, Carlton South.