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To IndustriALL Global Union's Affiliates in Bosnia & Herzegovina

IndustriALL Global Union's Solidarity Message over recent social uprising in Bosnia & Herzegovina

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing this letter of solidarity to you on behalf of IndustriALL Global Union, which represents more than fifty million workers in the manufacturing, energy and mining sectors in 140 countries worldwide. IndustriALL Global Union has been closely monitoring this month's social uprising in Bosnia & Herzegovina, and it supports your peaceful, yet decisive, political actions to remove cronyism and redress social injustice in your country.

In the face of job losses, unpaid salaries, social benefit cuts, asset-stripping, and ultimately liquidation at the Tuzla Canton enterprises like Polihem D.D., chemical producers, and Polilchem D.D.O., consumer goods maker Dita, motor parts manufacturer Resod Guming, and kitchen, office, school furniture producer Koinjuh D.D., workers and their families, and all disenfranchised citizens of Bosnia & Herzegovina are standing firm and peacefully demonstrating in the streets calling for an end to political patronage, corruption, and dysfunctional units of government at all levels.

IndustriALL Global Union is calling, in a letter to the Prime Minister, to address immediately your legitimate demands and to refrain from the use of force against peaceful demonstrators. Furthermore, IndustriALL Global Union calls on its affiliated trade unions to work together and jointly demand, non-violently, political and social change in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

We stand firm in solidarity with citizens and workers in Bosnia & Herzegovina in their struggle for social justice.

In solidarity,

Jyrki Raina

General Secretary