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His Excellency Mohamed Morsi  
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt  
Cairo, Egypt  
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## **Brutal Attacks on Workers at Portland Cement in Alexandria**

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you on behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union](http://www.industrial-all-union.org), which represents more than fifty million workers throughout mining, energy and manufacturing industries in some 140 countries throughout the world.

IndustriALL Global Union is shocked and outraged to hear that workers at Portland Cement Factory located in Alexandria were brutally attacked by the security forces on Sunday morning while they were conducting their early prayers. It was reported that the Central Security forces raided the workers sit-in with unmuzzled police dogs, and at least 150 workers were injured; several were bitten on their legs by the dogs. In addition, approximately 30 workers were arrested and taken to an unknown location.

IndustriALL Global Union condemns and deplors the blatant disregard of the human rights and trade unions rights of workers, who were peacefully raising their legitimate demands for decent working and living conditions.

I urge your Office to intervene to ensure the immediate release of all the workers, and to launch a full investigation on the police brutality.

Sincerely yours,



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General Secretary  
IndustriALL Global Union

CC: Dr. Hisham Mohamed Qandeel, Prime Minister  
Mr. Khaled AlAzhari, Minister of Manpower and Immigration  
Mr. Hatem Saleh, Minister of Industry and Trade  
Mr. Osama Abdel Moneim, Minister of Investment