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## Calling to put an end to persecution of labour activists

Dear Mr. Prayuth Chan-o-cha and Mr. Suchart Chomklin,

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union](http://www.industrial-union.org), representing more than fifty million workers in the manufacturing supply chain, including the garment and textile sector, in 140 countries, including Thailand, to call on the government of Thailand to ensure the full respect of fundamental human rights and labour rights. In consequence, we urge you to put an end to the persecution of labour activists, including Sia Jampathong, who is the President of the Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation of Thailand (TWFT).

Please note that the Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation of Thailand (TWFT) is affiliated with IndustriALL Global Union through the Confederation of Industrial Labour of Thailand (CILT).

We strongly condemn the police harassment and legal persecution of Sia Jampathong, Suthila Leunkam, Tanaporn Wijan and Sriprai Nonsee. These labour activists have exercised their legitimate rights concerning freedom of peaceful assembly and association, and freedom of opinion and expression by participating in peaceful demonstrations.

Furthermore, we understand that the Emergency Decree and the Disease Control Act are being misused to suppress people participating in pro-democracy rallies.

Therefore, IndustriALL Global Union calls on the government of Thailand to guarantee the right of people to participate in peaceful demonstrations, as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and respect of international core labour standards.

I anticipate your swift response and action.

Yours sincerely,



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General Secretary