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## **IndustriALL Global Union Condemns the Deaths of 8 Workers in Tehsil Duki-Pakistan**

Dear Sultan Muhammad Khan,

It is with shock and sadness that IndustriALL Global Union received the news of the tragic mine accident at the Nasir coal mine in Tehsil Duki at which eight mine workers were killed and two seriously injured.

It is known fact, though highly regrettable and avoidable, that methane gas explosions are a common occurrence in underground coal mines around the world. It is unacceptable to IndustriALL Global Union that mine workers continue to die from methane gas explosions in the mining industry, in spite of available safety measures to combat this deadly occurrence.

IndustriALL Global Union condemns the deaths of the eight coal mine workers and the two seriously injured mine workers, and calls upon the Pakistan Government to urgently ratify ILO Convention 176 and, in the interim, to implement the Code of Practice on Safety and Health in Underground Coalmines, as recommended by the Meeting of Experts on Safety and Health in Coal Mines in its report of 2006.

IndustriALL Global Union is dedicated to support unionization, promote ILO Convention 176, and bring to an end the scourge of deaths in the mining industry in the belief that the “the stronger the union, the safer the mine.”

On behalf of IndustriALL Global Union, I wish to extend our collective condolences to PCMLF, the deceased workers’ families and their colleagues. We call upon the authorities to take the lives of mineworkers seriously and to place them above profit.

In solidarity,



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General Secretary  
IndustriALL Global Union