

PRESS REVIEW 6/2016

Minimum Wage Talks Scheduled

The Ministry of Labor has instructed employers and unions in the country's crucial garment sector to begin preparations for the next round of minimum wage negotiations. The initial talks should be held in August, with a final round of negociations involving factory owners, unions and government scheduled for October, and a new minimum wage being set in January.

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Scores faint in KSpeu

More than 100 garment workers at Orient International Enterprise factory in Kampong Speu's Samrong Tong district fainted yesterday, blaming pesticide which had been sprayed at the factory on Sunday.

In 2015, there were a total of 1,806 workers who fainted in 32 factories in the garment and footwear sector, according to the Ministry of Labour. The number represented a 5, 8 per cent decrease from 2014.

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"Defend the factory" PM said

At the Sihanoukville Special Economic Zone, Prime Minister Hun Sen appealed to workers to "defend the factory" by avoiding strikes and protests that he said create "turmoil" and frighten business away from the Kingdom. He has worked to attract investors from China to the SEZ. In 2015, there were 336 strikes a dip of 2 per cent from the year before. W Conklin, from workers advocacy NGO Solidarity Center , said the large labour actions have not materialised in 2016—only factory-level strikes.

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Workers protest for back pay after work

stoppage

With their factory's owner gone and the production stopped, some 600 workers protested outside the RCI garment factory, in Sihanoukville SEZ, Preah Sihanouk province, yesterday saying they had not been paid since May.

In a separate protest, 100 workers from Dali International Garment in Kampong Speu's Samrong Tong district, protested the sacking of three union leaders and two workers.

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Council drops case over Global Apparels strikes

The Arbitration Council this week terminated the case involving the ongoing dispute between workers and the Malaysian-owned Global Apparels Limited factory in Phnom Penh, citing employees' refusal to stop striking while the case was in arbitration.

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Workers hospitalised in truck accident,

faintings

Nineteen garment factory workers were injured yesterday in Kampong Speu province when a truck overturned on National Road 44.

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