

# International Day of Action



to support  
**Cambodian  
 garment  
 workers**



Solidarity protest outside H&M store  
 1pm Old GPO, Bourke St Mall  
 Wednesday 17 September  
**More events are planned globally**

Cambodian unions and workers in the garment industry are fighting to increase their minimum wage. In January this year, government forces attacked striking garment workers and their supporters, killing five, injuring many more and arresting dozens. Now, the major Cambodian union federations have agreed that the minimum wage must be increased to \$US177/month. A new campaign will start on the 17th of September.

In Cambodia, and in other countries including Bangladesh, the big global brands outsource garment manufacture to a chain of companies producing for the lowest costs. This sets up a 'Race to the Bottom' where workers lives are expendable for the sake of higher profits.

Workers and unions are calling on those brands and buyers who are key stakeholders and make millions of dollars in profits to pay their share so that Cambodian workers are paid at least \$US177/ month.

**The major brands targeted in this campaign are: H&M, Gap, Adidas, Inditex, Levis, and C&A.**

Cambodian workers and unions demand that these buyers negotiate legally binding collective bargaining agreements with unions that guarantee a minimum wage of at least \$US177/month in Cambodia. In addition, they must make a long-term commitment to sourcing their garments from Cambodia to guarantee workers' livelihoods. See also <http://www.union-league.org>.