



Support the fired Shopstewards from Rössing Uranium Mine in Namibia!

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION - ALL CHINA EMBASSIES - 28 MARCH 2023!

We warn workers of the war against trade unions that foreign investment is waging on workers, particularly miners. We give full solidarity with Namibian Rössing mine shopstewards who were fired for fighting to safeguard trade union rights.

On March 28, 2023, we call on unions to protest at all Chinese embassies and consulates demanding that CNUC reinstates the dismissed mineworkers.

Who was fired?

The entire MUN Rössing branch executive of elected shopstewards: Johannes Hamutenya, Julius Ashipala, Albertos Alexander Hennes Haraseb, George Martin, Fillemon Ihuhwa, Paulus Shikongo, Hafeni Nalusha.

Who fired all the shopstewards?

The **China state owned China National Uranium Corporation Limited (CNUC)** fired the whole branch executive committee of the Mineworkers Union of Namibia on 29 September 2020, after it bought Namibia's Rössing mine. The CNUC has been stalling the case in the courts ever since.

Why were all the shopstewards fired by the CNUC?

CNUC insisted on changing MUN's recognition agreement with the Rössing Uranium Mine, which had been in place for 33 years. CNUC demanded to renegotiate the recruitment policy and to do away with mine safety officers.

The CNUC also wanted to do away with affirmative action monitors; to shut down the union office; amend the performance and conduct procedure and the disciplinary code. CNUC wanted to reduce annual and sick leave days, rewrite the retrenchment policy and do away with the wage scale and pay any wages as they saw fit.

How is Chinese 'investment' affecting Namibian workers?

"A pattern is emerging of retrenching Namibian employees and outsourcing the retrenched employees' work to Chinese companies. This is what happened with blasters and drillers as their work is being outsourced to Beifang Mining Technology Services" says labour activist Hewat Beukes.

We call on all trades councils and union locals and branches globally to adopt resolutions in support of the Namibian Rössing miners.

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