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The IUF Women's Committee demands the release of trade unionists at the NagaWorld Casino Hotel

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The IUF Women's Committee is demanding the immediate release and the unconditional dropping of all charges against 8 union leaders involved in a strike at NagaWorld Casino Hotel in Cambodia, including one member of the Committee, Sithar Chhim.

On December 18, 2021, workers at NagaWorld Casino Hotel began a [strike in protest at management's refusal](#) to engage in good-faith negotiations over the forced mass redundancy of more than 1,300 workers, which has left many destitute.

On January 4, 2022, Sithar Chhim, President of the LRSU, the union representing NagaWorld employees, and a member of the IUF Women's Committee, along with other trade union leaders, was violently arrested on the picket line by plain-clothes police officers.

The ILO Director General, Guy Ryder, has expressed deep concern about the arrests and has demanded the immediate release of those arrested.

Sithar and the other 7 detainees are all accused of incitement offences under the Criminal Code, which carry a sentence of up to 5 years imprisonment. They are awaiting the final judgment.

"The IUF Women's Committee stands in solidarity with Sithar and her colleagues as well as with all the NagaWorld Casino Hotel workers who have now been on strike for more than 6 weeks. We condemn the arrest of trade union leaders, which is contrary to international ILO conventions, [the systematic violations of labour rights by hotel](#)

[management]{.underline} for more than 13 years, and the violence against trade unionists and women trade unionists, especially in the light of the recently adopted ILO Convention 190. We demand their immediate and unconditional release, their return to work and the opening of negotiations in good faith with LRSU."
On behalf of the IUF Women's Committee, Patricia Alonso, Chair

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