



Vice-President of the ITUC and a member of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization. Among the imprisoned are women trade unionists and elderly people. And many of them are labelled extremists, some even terrorists. We hear that the robes of political prisoners, whose number has reached 1500 fifteen hundred, are also labelled. Sadly, with yellow labels. Forced labour of political prisoners without any trace of occupational health and safety, often in the wood industry, is widely used in prisons to convert the prisoners into law obedient citizens, the state says.

Nowadays Belarus workers who had been in the ranks of independent unions are being laid off, their contracts are not renewed. Recently there were noticeably many arrests at workplaces, when the police would handcuff workers and take them away. Of course, in such circumstances the remaining activists cannot act freely under the threat of being prosecuted.

The regime has gone so far in its fight against the freedom of association that this years' International Labour

Conference in June 2023 has voted for a resolution to apply art.33 of the ILO Constitution to make the government of Belarus return to respect the International Labour standards.

Salidarnast

Many trade unionists had to flee from the dictatorial regime, and continue their work in exile. Thus, in exile in the free city of Bremen in Germany we founded an association and called it **Salidarnast** – it's solidarity in Belarusian – to support trade unionists arrested and convicted by the Lukashenko regime.

We are campaigning to release our comrades from jail, we spread the news from Belarus, collect donations to our solidarity fund to help the families, children of our comrades, maintain networking and start providing union education.

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