

# Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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006. cable	re labor dialogue (2 pages)	06/15/1994	P1/b(1)

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**DTG:** 041549Z FEB 93  
**ORIG:** AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
**TO:** RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 7871  
**INFO:** RUEHGV/USMISSION GENEVA 0076  
**SUBJ:** LEBANON: TEXTILES: GIRL'S AND WOMEN'S  
COATS  
**TEXT:**  
UNCLAS BEIRUT 00539  
GENEVA FOR USTR MR. ROBERT SHEPHERD  
E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: ETRD, KTEX, LE  
SUBJECT: LEBANON: TEXTILES: GIRL'S AND WOMEN'S  
COATS  
REF: (A) STATE 9818 (B) BEIRUT 432  
WE ARE TOLD THAT LEBANON'S PRODUCTION OF GIRL'S AND  
WOMEN'S COATS IS INSIGNIFICANT. WHAT PRODUCTION  
OCCURS IS FOUND IN SWEATSHOPS IN THE SOUTHERN  
SUBURBS -AN AREA WHERE UNCERTAIN SECURITY MAKES  
FACTORY VISITS INADVISABLE. NO EXPORTS OF THESE  
ITEMS ARE REPORTED. CROCKER  
BT  
#0539  
NNNN  
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RUFJCX/AMCONSUL BORDEAUX 8878  
RUFJCX/AMCONSUL STRASBOURG 1049  
**SUBJ:** QUARTERLY FRAUD REPORT: JANUARY - MARCH 1993  
NEW 1993 PASSPORT, THE MRV, AND FRAUD DETECTION OF  
I-551 ALIEN RESIDENT CARDS AND U.S. PASSPORTS. THE  
SESSION WAS HELD AT THE EMBASSY, WHERE THE OFFICIALS  
ALSO WERE ABLE TO MEET LOCAL STAFF (WITH WHOM THEY  
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\*\*\*\*\* INCOMPLETE MESSAGE \*\*\*\*\*

UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 05 PARIS 10307  
E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: KFRD, FR  
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ALSO WERE ABLE TO MEET LOCAL STAFF (WITH WHOM THEY  
FREQUENTLY DISCUSS VISA AND PASSPORT CASES BY  
TELEPHONE) AND OBSERVE HOW A VISA IS MADE. THE  
PAYOFFS FOR ALL THESE TRAINING SESSIONS HAVE BEEN  
IMMEDIATE, WITH FEWER IMPROPERLY DOCUMENTED PASSENGERS  
ARRIVING AT POES. THE LONG-TERM BENEFITS WILL BE  
REFLECTED IN CLOSER TIES WITH AND BETTER TRAINING OF  
FRENCH OFFICIALS.  
21. POST THIS QUARTER ALSO HELD AN ANTI-FRAUD LUNCH  
WITH OUR COUNTERPARTS AT THE CANADIAN AND BRITISH  
EMBASSIES. THE MEETING WAS EXTREMELY USEFUL AND THE  
PERSONAL CONTACTS MADE WILL BE A VALUABLE ASSET IN THE  
FUTURE. INFORMATION WAS EXCHANGED CONCERNING CONTACTS  
WITH THE FRENCH IMMIGRATION POLICE, RECENT MALAFIDE  
CASES, AND NEWS ABOUT CHANGES IN FRENCH IMMIGRATION  
POLICIES. THE BRITISH TOLD US THAT THEY, TOO, WERE  
GIVING ANTI-FRAUD TRAINING TO THE AIRLINES -- FOR A  
FEE.  
22. OF NOTE, WE LEARNED THAT THE FRENCH IMMIGRATION  
POLICE FOR THE FIRST TIME BEGAN CHARGING A 10,000FF  
FINE TO AIRLINES FOR IMPROPERLY DOCUMENTED TRAVELLERS  
ARRIVING IN FRANCE. AIR FRANCE WAS FINED FOR TWO

MALAFIDE TURKISH PASSENGERS WHO ARRIVED IN PARIS DURING THE LAST WEEK OF MARCH.

23. PRE-CLEARANCE: WE ALSO LEARNED THAT, DURING THE PAST YEAR, BOTH THE BRITISH AND CANADIAN IMMIGRATION SERVICES REQUESTED PERMISSION TO PRECLEAR TRAVELLERS AT THE FRENCH AIRPORTS. THE BRITISH REQUEST WAS DENIED; BUT THE CANADIANS RECEIVED PERMISSION, PERHAPS BY MISTAKE.

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 FRAUD IN THE FRENCH PRESS  
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24. POST ALSO SUMMARIZES THIS QUARTER NOTABLE FRAUD CASES REPORTED IN THE FRENCH PRESS: AN ARTICLE IN THE FRENCH NEWSPAPER, "LIBERATION", REPORTED THAT TWO OFFICIALS AT THE PREFECTURE IN ANTHONY (A SUBURB OF PARIS WHERE MANY VISA APPLICANTS WITH 214B PROBLEMS RESIDE) HAD BEEN SELLING DOCUMENTS PERMITTING FOREIGNERS TO LEGALLY RESIDE IN FRANCE.

25. AN ARTICLE MARCH 11TH IN "LE MONDE" NEWSPAPER REPORTED AN EMPLOYEE OF THE PREFECTURE IN STRASBOURG HAD BEEN ARRANGING MARRIAGES FOR A 15,000FF (APPROXIMATELY USD 3,000) FEE. ACCORDING TO FRENCH LAW, A FOREIGNER WHO MARRIES A FRENCH CITIZEN MAY OBTAIN IMMEDIATE PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN FRANCE. IN THIS CASE, AFTER PAYING HIS/HER FEE, THE FOREIGNER WOULD OFTEN MEET HIS/HER MARRIAGE PARTNER FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE STEPS OF THE TOWN HALL.

26. CHINESE SMUGGLING RINGS AND THEIR VICTIMS: A FEBRUARY ARTICLE IN THE DAILY "LIBERATION" DESCRIBES HOW CLANDESTINE CHINESE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ARE MORE AND MORE TURNING TO THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES FOR HELP. THE ARTICLE DETAILS A CHINESE COUPLE WHO PAID FF120,000 EACH (APPROXIMATELY USD 24,000) TO A CHINESE UNDERGROUND NETWORK TO BE SMUGGLED INTO FRANCE. WHEN THEY FAILED TO COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE RACKETEERS' DEMANDS, THEY WERE KIDNAPPED, BEATEN, AND TORTURED FOR THREE DAYS IN A PARIS APARTMENT. THIS INCIDENT WAS THE SECOND OF ITS TYPE IN A WEEK. ILLEGALS FROM THE SOUTHEAST PART OF CHINA, THE ZHEJIANG REGION NEAR TAIWAN, COME TO WORK IN PARIS IN GARMENT SWEATSHOPS AND AS COOKS IN CHINATOWN RESTAURANTS.

BOHLEN

AUDIPHONE - APRIL 1993  
 LOST PASSPORT MESSAGE  
 TEL #40.39.82.91

HELLO, BONJOUR,  
 BT  
 #0307  
 NNNN

**SECT:** SECTION: 04 OF 05  
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**OSRI:** RUEHSA  
**DTG:** 260804Z OCT 93  
**ORIG:** USIS PRETORIA  
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 RUEHIA/USIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE  
 RUEADWW/NSC WASHDC IMMEDIATE  
 RUCNDT/USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE  
 RUEHTO/AMEMBASSY MAPUTO  
 RUEHBG/AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG  
 RUEH DU/AMCONSUL DURBAN  
 RUEHTN/AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN  
 RUEHWD/AMEMBASSY WINDHOEK  
 RUEHLS/AMEMBASSY LUSAKA  
 RUEHLO/AMEMBASSY LONDON  
 RUEHSB/AMEMBASSY HARARE  
 RUEHOR/AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
 RUFHFR/AMEMBASSY PARIS  
**INFO:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**SUBJ:** PRETORIA MEDIA REACTION  
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 SUMMARY  
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 THE STAR (LIBERAL, INDEPENDENT) CRITICIZES REVEREND  
**TEXT:**  
 UNCLAS PRETORIA 015659  
 USIA  
 USIA FOR P/M, B/VOA/A, P/PFA, AF  
 STATE FOR AF/S, AF/P  
 LONDON FOR POL  
 PARIS FOR ARS  
 CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY  
 E.O. 12356: N/A  
**SUBJECT:** PRETORIA MEDIA REACTION  
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 SUMMARY  
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 THE STAR (LIBERAL, INDEPENDENT) CRITICIZES REVEREND  
 SULLIVAN'S PROPOSAL TO MONITOR THE COMPLIANCE OF  
 AMERICAN AND OTHER COMPANIES WITH SOUTH AFRICAN  
 CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY LAWS. END SUMMARY.  
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**QUOTES**  
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 -----THE STAR UNDER THE HEADLINE "DROP IT, REV",  
 EDITORIALIZES: "CALL US INGRATES, REVEREND SULLIVAN,

BUT YOU ARE KILLING US WITH KINDNESS.

"YOUR 1977 INVESTMENT CODE WAS A USEFUL INSTRUMENT IN GUIDING AMERICAN INVESTORS ON THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICAN WORKERS IN THE APARTHEID ERA. IT HAS DONE ITS WORK AND YOU HAVE ACHIEVED YOUR OBJECTIVE BY WORKING YOURSELF OUT OF THIS JOB.

"BY PROPOSING, AS YOU DID LAST WEEK, TO MONITOR THE COMPLIANCE OF AMERICAN AND OTHER COMPANIES WITH SOUTH AFRICAN CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY LAWS, YOU ARE SEEKING TO MAINTAIN A ROLE IN DETERMINING CONDITIONS OF FURTHER INVESTMENT IN OUR COUNTRY, WHERE YOU NO LONGER HAVE A ROLE.

"WHAT SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT NEED NOW ARE AMERICAN MONITORS NANNYING INVESTORS AND CREATING ADDITIONAL OBSTACLES FOR THE ENTRY OF THEIR CAPITAL. WE NEITHER NEED NOR WANT THIS KIND OF SINGLING OUT.

"WHAT THE COUNTRY DOES NEED NOW IS JOBS. WHILE WE MAY ESCHEW THE SWEATSHOP AND CHILD LABOUR, AND WILL SEEK SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ECONOMIC EQUITY FOR OUR WORKERS, THE FEWER RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON JOB CREATION THE BETTER. IN WHICH CASE WE WOULD PREFER THE LIBERTY, NOW WE HAVE EARNED IT, OF CHOOSING OUR OWN. "

BURNS

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**TOR:** 931026040519 M0683418

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**DTG:** 050851Z MAY 94  
**ORIG:** USEC BRUSSELS  
**TO:** RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC  
**INFO:** RUEHC/DOL WASHDC  
RUEHXI/LABOR COLLECTIVE  
**SUBJ:** 1994 ICFTU ANNUAL SURVEY OF VIOLATIONS OF  
TRADE UNION RIGHTS  
AFRICA  
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**TEXT:**

\*\*\*\*\* INCOMPLETE MESSAGE \*\*\*\*\*

UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 05 BRUSSELS 04998  
DEPT FOR HA/IL  
DOL FOR ILAB  
DEPT PASS TO HHIMBERG OPIC  
E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: ELAB, PHUM, ICFTU, XA, XB, XC, XD, XE, XF, XG,  
XH, XK, XL, XM,  
SUBJECT: 1994 ICFTU ANNUAL SURVEY OF VIOLATIONS OF  
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AFRICA  
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10. DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA SUGGEST THAT THE  
DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS, WHICH STARTED AT THE BEGINNING  
OF THE 1990'S AND IN WHICH TRADE UNIONS OFTEN PLAYED A  
LEADING ROLE, HAS NOW SLOWED DOWN CONSIDERABLY. IN MANY  
COUNTRIES TRADE UNIONS WHICH HAD STRUGGLED FOR  
INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY FROM ONE-PARTY SYSTEMS ARE NOW  
FACED WITH GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE THEIR  
ACTIVITIES OR TO REASSERT CONTROL OVER THE LABOR  
MOVEMENT. ATTEMPTS TO FORM NEW TRADE UNIONS HAVE BEEN  
REPPRESSED. THIS HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY THE CASE IN  
COUNTRIES WHERE THE FORMER RULING CLIQUE HAS BEEN ABLE  
TO HOLD ON TO POWER THROUGH FRAUD IN PRESIDENTIAL OR  
LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS.

11. THE ICFTU'S AFRICA REGIONAL SUMMARY NOTES THAT:  
-- IN CAMEROON, GABON, KENYA AND LESOTHO TRADE UNIONS  
HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES SUBJECTED TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL  
AND HARASSMENT;  
-- IN TOGO THE GOVERNMENT SET UP ITS OWN CONFEDERATION  
WITH 52 PHANTOM TRADE UNIONS;  
-- IN SUDAN THERE WERE WIDESPREAD ARRESTS OF TRADE

UNIONISTS;

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-- IN MOROCCO TRADE UNIONISTS ARE FREQUENTLY DISMISSED, FINED OR IMPRISONED FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES AND ARE OFTEN THE OBJECT OF SYSTEMATIC POLICE BRUTALITY;

-- IN ZIMBABWE AND THE IVORY COAST HEAVILY ARMED POLICE OR ARMY PERSONNEL ARE USED TO DISPERSE STRIKERS;

-- IN GHANA AND CHAD PUBLIC WORKERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM ORGANIZING;

-- IN SOUTH AFRICA THE PICTURE IS PRESENTED AS MIXED: MANY UNIONS HAVE GAINED RECOGNITION BUT POLICE FREQUENTLY USED RUBBER BULLETS, TEAR GAS AND DOGS AGAINST STRIKERS.

12. THE SURVEY NOTES THAT AFRICA'S TRADE UNIONS HAVE BEEN CONCERNED WITH THE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM THE AUSTERITY AND ADJUSTMENT MEASURES IMPLEMENTED BY GOVERNMENTS IN ORDER TO MEET CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. THE RESULT, THE ICFTU CLAIMS, HAS OFTEN BEEN REPRESSION AND ARRESTS, HARASSMENT AND DISMISSALS OF WORKERS FOR LEGITIMATE TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES.

13. IN A SPECIAL SECTION ON SOUTH AFRICA THE ICFTU NOTES THAT UNIONS HAVE REGISTERED PROGRESS IN EXTENDING LEGAL RIGHTS TO PUBLIC SERVANTS, AGRICULTURAL AND DOMESTIC WORKERS. VIOLENCE HAS DECREASED IN INTENSITY IN MOST PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, WITH THE NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF NATAL. DESPITE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK, HOWEVER, TRADE UNIONISTS HAVE CONTINUED TO FACE REPRESSION FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES AND COLLUSION BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND POLICE IN CASE OF WORK STOPPAGES REMAINS A FEATURE OF THE COUNTRY'S INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. REPRESSION HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY HARSH IN THE SO-CALLED HOMELANDS AND IN PARTICULAR IN BOPHUTHATSWANA.

THE AMERICAS

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14. AS NOTED, IN THE ICFTU'S VIEW LATIN AMERICA REMAINS THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS REGION FOR THE EXERCISE OF TRADE UNION RIGHTS. THE CONFEDERATION SAYS INFORMATION IT COMPILED FOR 1993 SHOWS NO DECREASE OF ACTIVITIES BY PARA-MILITARY GROUPS, DEATH SQUADS OR HIRED KILLERS IN THE PAY OF EMPLOYERS OR LANDLORDS WHO SEEK TO SUPPRESS ANY FORM OF COLLECTIVE ACTION BY WORKERS. GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION HAVE CONTINUED TO PROVE UNWILLING TO STOP THE VIOLENCE TARGETED AGAINST WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES. IN CERTAIN CASES CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE PERPETRATORS AND OFFICIAL CIRCLES HAVE BEEN EXPOSED. IN MOST CASES UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 BRUSSELS 04998

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MURDERERS HAVE CONTINUED TO ACT WITH IMPUNITY. WHILE FAILING TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF TRADE UNIONISTS, THE GOVERNMENTS OF MOST COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA HAVE BEEN

CONSPICUOUS FOR THE REPRESSIVE TREATMENT OF LEGITIMATE TRADE UNION ACTION AND FOR INTRODUCING NEW AND FAR-REACHING LEGISLATION AIMED AT FURTHER RESTRICTING LABOR RIGHTS. AS A RESULT IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR WORKERS TO CARRY OUT TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES AND INCREASINGLY EASY FOR GOVERNMENTS TO INTERFERE IN THEM.

15. ACCORDING TO THE ICFTU, THE PATTERN OF VIOLENCE AND ANTI-UNION REPRESSION IS LINKED TO THE RISING TIDE OF NEO-LIBERALISM IN THE REGION AND THE PROMOTION OF CONSERVATIVE ECONOMIC POLICIES WHICH NOT ONLY RUN CONTRARY TO WORKERS' INTERESTS BUT ALSO HAVE WORSENERED POVERTY AND EXACERBATED THE DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH. IT HAS BEEN A FEATURE IN LATIN AMERICA THAT REPRESSIVE MEASURES, INCLUDING ANTI-UNION ACTION, HAVE BEEN ADOPTED TO PREVENT THE EXPRESSION OF POPULAR DISCONTENT STEMMING FROM AUSTERITY MEASURES.

16. THE MOST ACUTE EXPRESSIONS OF THE PREVAILING NEO-LIBERAL ORTHODOXY HAVE BEEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES AND "MAQUILADORAS" AND OF EMPLOYER-SPONSORED WORKPLACE ASSOCIATIONS, KNOWN AS "SOLIDARIST" GROUPS. ATTEMPTS TO FORM TRADE UNIONS IN THE ZONES AND IN THE MAQUILADORAS HAVE OFTEN BEEN CRUSHED BY REPRESSION, WHILE WORKERS IN THE FACTORIES ARE EXPOSED TO SERIOUS EXPLOITATION. MOST OF THESE WORKERS ARE YOUNG WOMEN. A MAJORITY OF COMPANIES OPERATING THERE ARE OWNED BY MULTINATIONAL GROUPS.

17. THE ICFTU OBSERVES THAT THREATS BY AMERICAN TRADE UNIONS, NAMELY THE AFL-CIO, TO SEEK THE WITHDRAWAL OF BENEFITS UNDER THE U.S. GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) HAVE LED IN CERTAIN CASES TO SIGNS OF IMPROVING LABOR SITUATIONS ON THE CONTINENT.

18. IN ADDITION TO THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES LISTED IN THE SUMMARY, THE ICFTU PRESS CONFERENCE SINGLED OUT HAITI, WHERE VIOLENCE AGAINST TRADE UNIONISTS HAS CONTINUED, PRECLUDING NORMAL UNION ACTIVITY, EVEN THROUGH SOME UNIONS CONTINUE TO FUNCTION UNDERGROUND. ASIA AND PACIFIC

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19. THE ICFTU ASSETS THAT LABOR DEVELOPMENTS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC IN 1993 HAVE CONFIRMED THE TREND OF MOST OF THE GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION TO INSULATE THEMSELVES FROM DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESSES AND, AT THE SAME TIME, PAY SCANT REGARD TO UNIVERSALLY-RECOGNIZED HUMAN AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS. THE NOTION THAT INTERNATIONAL LABOR STANDARDS DO NOT REFLECT OR TAKE ACCOUNT OF THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, AND THAT THEY CANNOT THEREFORE BE EXPECTED TO OBSERVE THEM HAS INSPIRED A DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE BY ASIAN GOVERNMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL GATHERINGS IN 1993. THIS VIEW HAS BEEN CONTESTED AT HOME BY LOCAL TRADE UNIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS. HENCE REPRESSION HAS BEEN ON THE INCREASE, THE ICFTU ASSERTS.

20. IN OTHER POINTS, THE ICFTU STATES THAT:  
-- CHINA AND BURMA (MYANMAR) HAVE CONTINUED TO REGISTER THE MOST OUTRIGHTLY REPRESSIVE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS;

-- ANTI-UNION LEGISLATION IS USED IN PRACTICALLY ALL COUNTRIES IN THE REGION TO LIMIT THE SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES OF THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT;

-- EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES ESTABLISHED IN ASIA'S DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE STILL BASTIONS OF ANTI-TRADE UNION REPRESSION. THEY ARE ALSO NOTABLE FOR SWEATSHOP WORKING CONDITIONS;

-- ANTI-UNION LEGISLATION REMAINS IN FORCE IN NEW ZEALAND;

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-- TRADE UNIONS IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS VANUATU AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA ARE FACED WITH INCREASING REPRESSION;

-- ENCOURAGING SIGNS IN THE REGION ARE THAT, DESPITE DIFFICULTIES AND THE EXISTENCE OF GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED TRADE UNIONS IN THE MOST REPRESSIVE COUNTRIES, WORKERS CONTINUE TO JOIN AND TO FORM INDEPENDENT TRADE UNIONS AND THESE HAVE BEEN REMARKABLY ACTIVE IN 1993.

EUROPE

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21. IN ADDITION TO MASSIVE AND GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THAT SHOULD CLEARLY BE CONSIDERED AS CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, THE WAR IN EX-YUGOSLAVIA HAS ALSO BROUGHT WITH IT MAJOR VIOLATIONS OF TRADE UNION RIGHTS, MAINLY AGAINST INDEPENDENT TRADE UNIONS IN SERBIA AND KOSOVO.

22. INDEPENDENT TRADE UNIONS IN RUSSIA AND OTHER FORMER REPUBLICS OF THE EX-USSR HAVE CONTINUED TO EXPERIENCE SERIOUS OBSTACLES IN CARRYING OUT THEIR ACTIVITIES. IN MOST OF THESE COUNTRIES THE EX-OFFICIAL NATIONAL CENTERS HAVE CONTINUED TO ENJOY THE PRIVILEGES OF THEIR PREDECESSORS. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING HAS REMAINED AN UNKNOWN PHENOMENON IN MOST OF THE REPUBLICS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE MAINTAINED A HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARDS INDEPENDENT TRADE UNION GROUPS, RESULTING AT TIMES IN HARASSMENT AND PERSECUTION. LABOR LEGISLATION ALSO LIMITS THE SCOPE OF NORMAL TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES.

23. IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK HAS REMAINED INAPPROPRIATE FOR NORMAL TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES AND NEW LEGISLATION IN SOME COUNTRIES HAS ADDED, RATHER THAN ERADICATED, OBSTACLES TO THE FREE EXERCISE OF TRADE UNION RIGHTS. CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT AND FACTORY STRUCTURES INHERITED FROM THE OLD TRADE UNIONS SYSTEMS CONTINUE TO JEOPARDIZE GENUINE TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES IN MOST ENTERPRISES AND MAKE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT. EMPLOYERS IN NEWLY-PRIVATIZED COMPANIES HAVE SECURED POWERS OVER THEIR WORKFORCE AND USE THEM. ATTEMPTS BY WORKERS TO MONITOR OR INFLUENCE THE PRIVATIZATION PROCESSES HAVE LED TO REPRISALS.

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24. IN WESTERN EUROPE, BRITAIN HAS CONTINUED TO LEAD THE ANTI-TRADE UNION CAMPAIGN DESPITE HAVING BEEN REPEATEDLY CALLED TO ORDER BY THE ILO. IT EVEN ADDED IN 1993 TO THE BODY OF ANTI-TRADE UNION LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN 1980 AND HAS CONTINUED TO REFUSE TO ADMIT THAT EMPLOYEES AT THE GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN CHELTENHAM (GCHQ) SHOULD BE ABLE TO JOIN A UNION OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING.

25. ATTEMPTS AIMED AT UNDERMINING TRADE UNIONS, PARTICULARLY BY LIMITING THE RIGHT TO STRIKE OR RESTRICTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, ARE A TREND IN MOST COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE. THESE ATTACKS ON RIGHTS HAVE OFTEN COINCIDED WITH ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE THE SCOPE OF, OR DISMANTLE, EXISTING SOCIAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.  
MIDDLE EAST  
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26. THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE ICFTU OBSERVES, IS BOUND TO HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE SITUATION OF TRADE UNION RIGHTS IN THE REGION. THE SURVEY REFERS TO THE OFFICIAL RECOGNITION BETWEEN HISTADRUT AND PALESTINIAN TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN THE TERRITORIES. THE ICFTU ORGANIZED A MEETING IN OCTOBER 1993 ATTENDED BOTH BY THOSE FROM PALESTINIAN TRADE UNIONS, INCLUDING THE GROUP BASED IN TUNIS, AND LEADERS FROM THE TERRITORIES. THE HISTADRUT AND PALESTINIAN UNIONS HAVE AGREED TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS IN JOINT COMMITTEES. THE ICFTU HOPES THESE TALKS WILL LEAD TO IMPROVEMENTS IN THE RESPECT OF TRADE UNIONS RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN WORKERS IN THE TERRITORIES AND THOSE WORKING IN ISRAEL.

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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY MANAMA'S SUMMER INTERN MICHAEL RUBIN PAID A VISIT TO WAQIF GARMENTS, A MEDIUM-SIZE BAHRAINI GARMENT PLANT, TO CONFIRM FACTORY OPERATIONS FOR U.S. CUSTOMS. A TOUR WITH THE OWNER CONFIRMED WAQIF GARMENTS TO BE A GENUINE GARMENT FACTORY, WITH 120 EMPLOY  
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BE ADDED, ALTHOUGH WORKING CONDITIONS ARE BELOW BAHRAINI NORMS. MANAGEMENT EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER GOVERNMENT-MANDATED REQUIREMENTS ON HIRING. END SUMMARY.  
CONFIRMATION OF FACTORY STATUS FOR WAQIF GARMENTS  
2. THE INTERN'S TOUR OF WAQIF GARMENTS WAS CONDUCTED AT THE REQUEST OF THE OWNER, HAMID MANDEEL, AS U.S. CUSTOMS HAD RECENTLY HELD UP A SHIPMENT OF GARMENTS AT JFK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SINCE THEY WERE NOT FAMILIAR WITH WAQIF GARMENTS AND WANTED CONFIRMATION OF COMPLETE PRODUCTION AT WAQIF'S PLANT.  
3. INTERN OBSERVED COMPLETE PRODUCTION OF SHIRTS AND BLOUSES FROM ROLLED MATERIAL PROVIDED BY ATRACO OF DUBAI WHICH HIRED WAQIF GARMENTS AS THE SUBCONTRACTOR. PATTERN TRACING, CUTTING, SEWING, SORTING, AND PACKAGING OCCURRED IN THE PLANT. WAQIF GARMENTS APPEARS TO BE A LEGITIMATE MANUFACTURING OPERATION.  
WAQIF GARMENT'S WORKFORCE  
4. WAQIF GARMENTS, OPEN SINCE FEBRUARY, 1994, CURRENTLY EMPLOYS 120 PEOPLE TO MAKE SHIRTS AND BLOUSES. MANDEEL SAYS 30 MORE WORKERS WILL SOON BE HIRED, ALTHOUGH HE IDENTIFIED THE OPTIMUM WORKING FORCE AS 170.  
5. THE WORK FORCE IS PREDOMINATELY SRI LANKAN, ALTHOUGH MANDEEL, WHO IS BAHRAINI, COMPLIES WITH LAW WHICH STIPULATES THAT 20 PERCENT MUST BE BAHRAINI. MOST OF WORKFORCE WAS

FEMALE RANGING IN AGE FROM MID-TEENS TO MIDDLE AGE. MANAGEMENT WAS MALE, AND THERE WERE SOME MEN IN THE FACTORY COURTYARD CONSTRUCTING WORK BENCHES. THE MANAGER ON DUTY APPEARED TO BE SOUTH ASIAN.

6. MANDEEL ALSO OWNS A TAILOR SHOP AND A CLOTHES SHOP. HE SAID HE WORKS PART-TIME FOR GULF AIR, ALTHOUGH HE PLANS TO QUIT WHEN WAQIF GARMENTS STARTS MAKING A PROFIT. HE HOPES EVENTUALLY TO BECOME A FASHION DESIGNER.

MANAGEMENT COMPLAINTS ABOUT BAHRAINI WORKERS

7. MANDEEL COMPLAINED ABOUT GOVERNMENT MANDATED HIRING OF BAHRAINI WORKERS. HE CHARACTERIZED BAHRAINIS AS LAZY, UNWILLING TO WORK LONG HOURS, UNWILLING TO ACCEPT THE MORE STRENUOUS WORK, AND UNWILLING TO WORK FOR AS LOW A SALARY AS NON-BAHRAINIS. HE SAID THAT BECAUSE OF BAHRAIN'S SOCIAL WELFARE SYSTEM, LOW-INCOME BAHRAINIS WERE NOT AS DESPERATE AS SOUTH ASIAN WORKERS TO PLEASE THEIR EMPLOYERS AND WORK HARD.

8. IN THE FACTORY, BAHRAINI WORKERS WERE ONLY VISIBLE IN THE SORTING PROCESS WHICH IS LEAST STRENUOUS, AND REQUIRES LEAST SKILL.

9. THE OWNER ALSO COMPLAINED THAT THE NECESSARY CERTIFICATION THAT 20 PERCENT OF THE WORKFORCE BE BAHRAINI HAD DELAYED HIS OPERATION FOR MONTHS, SINCE HE HAD TO PROVE CERTIFICATION TO MULTIPLE MINISTRIES WHICH DO NOT EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER. HE ALSO SAID THAT MACHINERY HAD TO BE PLACED ON THE FLOOR BEFORE CERTIFICATION COULD BE RECEIVED.

CONDITION OF FACTORY

10. THE FACTORY WAS HOT AND CROWDED. IT WAS HOUSED IN A WAREHOUSE DIVIDED INTO TWO FLOORS. THE BOTTOM FLOOR HOUSED THE OFFICE, A SORTING ROOM, AND A CUTTING ROOM. THE UPPER FLOOR HOUSED THE ASSEMBLY ROOM, WITH APPROXIMATELY SIX GROUPS OF TEN SEWING MACHINES.

11. THE OWNER HAD RECENTLY INSTALLED A FIRE EXIT AT THE INSISTENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT. THIS CONSISTED OF AN ADDITIONAL INTERNAL STAIRWAY FROM THE SECOND FLOOR TO THE FIRST FLOOR, ALTHOUGH THERE STILL WAS ONLY ONE DOOR LEADING FROM THE FACTORY.

12. COMMENTS: ALTHOUGH IT IS A BONAFIDE FACTORY, WAQIF GARMENTS APPEARS TO BE A SWEATSHOP THAT DEPENDS ON CHEAP SOUTH ASIAN WORKERS

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COMPLAINTS ABOUT MANDATORY HIRING OF BAHRAINI WORKERS ARE LIKELY TO INCREASE AS THE HIRING QUOTA IS GRADUALLY INCREASED EACH YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOB POLICY.

CONDITIONS IN THIS PLANT ARE BELOW AVERAGE FOR BAHRAIN.

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