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Down with persecution and threats against workers organized by applications!

International solidarity against attacks

During the last few weeks, the argument regarding digital platform workers' rights has been at the center of the debate throughout the whole world (Latin America, Europe, USA, Asia). It so happens that the union organization which stands up for our recognition as workers, with all the rights that it entails, grows internationally.

Our success as workers on obtaining recognition as professionals, decent pay rates, workers' rights such as vacations, retirement or social security, strikes a blow on the millionaire business performed by digital platform companies when they deny us all those rights. That is why companies react and during the last few weeks they have been attacking us, the workers who are organizing internationally.

During the last few months, Ecuador has suffered a campaign full of lies and attacks from digital platform companies against the FRENAPP workers' union, regarding the debate for legal regulations for the industry sector. And so, through the voice of a lawyer and a group of alleged workers who initiated a slander campaign on social media against the FRENAPP union and its leaders, they went so far as to making death threats, all in defense of the companies' businesses and of those who subcontract accounts to immigrants.

In Paraguay, also some leaders of the SINACTRAM union were physically assaulted in mobilizations against the price of fuel. The same thing happened in Brazil against the workers who claim to take part in a democratic debate process regarding the regulation of work by digital platform, who have also suffered blocking of their accounts by the applications.

These attacks are unacceptable, and we at Alianza Unidxs World Action (AUWA) strongly reject them, while offering our international solidarity with all affected workers and organizations. We are holding the governments and companies liable for any attacks that the workers may suffer while organizing in defense of their rights.

We know that our fight challenges the enormous business performed by the digital platform companies, who amass great fortunes by denying labor rights to their workers. But by the same token we know they won't intimidate us and we are going to make our organization very strong so we can fight for our rights and get decent working conditions for all digital platform workers. That's the reason why starting on next April 24th, we will be meeting in California, USA, at the First International Congress of Digital Platform Workers, where we shall share experiences and strengthen the international fight for our rights.

Enough with the persecution, threats and attacks against digital platform workers all around the world! International solidarity with the workers who have been hurt. We make the governments and companies liable for their physical integrity.

Acknowledgment of the working relations and labor rights for all workers all around the world. We are workers, not collaborators, and we have rights!