

## Global Day of Action against Unilever International industrial action & solidarity



### Support Unilever mercury workers in Kodaikanal India Friday 7 March at 10 am Unilever offices - 990 Toorak Road Camberwell

Unilever bought a thermometer factory in Kodaikanal in 1986. The factory was on a mountain in Tamil Nadu in South India, to take advantage of the low wages and the cold climate suitable for mercury manufacturing. But they neglected to tell the workers that mercury is a poison! Workers were breathing mercury vapours, handling mercury and scooping up spills with bare hands, no personal protective equipment was provided. Mercury waste was dumped in the forests near the factory and in town.

When workers became aware of the dangers they started a campaign to demand clean-up and compensation. In response Unilever closed the factory on 7 March 2001 and dismissed all workers. Some cleanup has now occurred. At least 19 workers have died and hundreds of workers and their families are suffering. They have received no compensation.

**The workers at Kodaikanal ask you to support their demands:**

- Clean up all mercury from Kodaikanal's environment
- Pay compensation to the workers exposed to mercury and their families
- Long term medical monitoring and assistance for Kodaikanal workers and residents

More information on Kodaikanal dispute: [kodaikanalstruggle.blogspot.com](http://kodaikanalstruggle.blogspot.com)

More information on Unilever: [www.iuf.org/www/en](http://www.iuf.org/www/en)



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## aawl meetings

Tuesday 11 March 08  
Tuesday 1 April  
Tuesday 6 May  
Tuesday 3 June  
Tuesday 1 July

Our public meetings  
are at 6 pm in the  
Evatt Room Trades Hall  
54 Victoria Street  
Carlton South

## radio

Asia Pacific Currents is our radio programme that can be  
heard every Saturday morning at 9:00 am  
on Melbourne Community Radio 3CR - 855 AM

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## join aawl

Membership: \$50 solidarity / \$30 full / \$10 concession

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# struggle song

Workers across the world united  
Stand up for justice & what's ours  
With my comrades beside me  
See the power of our class

Dare to fight ! Dare to win !  
March together arm in arm  
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### the story of the struggle song

On 17 May 1980 martial law was declared in South Korea. In the industrial city of Kwan-ju protests continued for nine days. The government sent in troops. More than 2000 workers were killed. The Struggle Song was written to commemorate this massacre. Korean unions have said that the Struggle Song belongs to all workers. They ask all unions in the Asia Pacific region to sing it. Already Korean, Indonesian, Taiwanese and Thai workers sing versions of this song. This is the Australian version

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