



**UNION INTERNATIONALE DES
SYNDICATS DE PENSIONNÉS
ET RETRAITÉS DE LA FSM**



**COMMUNIQUE OF SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS AND EMPLOYEES OF NEPAL
AND DENOUNCATION OF THE VIOLENCE USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT TO
REPREND THE TEACHERS' PROTEST IN THE CAPITAL OF NEPAL.**

Dear comrades,

The UIS of P&R, first of all, wishes to express its solidarity with the teachers and employees of Nepal who are continuing their 27-day strike and denounces the violence used by the security forces to reprimand the demonstration that took place on April 27 in the state capital to demand guaranteed job security, promotions and career prospects, respect for trade union rights and guaranteed social security. Yesterday, the 26th day, the police used water cannons and indiscriminately charged the peaceful procession of teachers. Sixty to 70 teachers were injured and hospitalized as a result of baton blows. Most of the injured teachers suffered serious injuries to the left head, eyes and back.

The UIS of the P&R wishes to reiterate that freedom of expression and demonstration are guaranteed by international legislation and by the conventions signed by governments with the ILO. The teachers who demonstrated after 27 days of strike action have the right to demonstrate to draw the government's attention to the implementation of previous agreements. The current government, led by the NCP UML, must initiate formal negotiations to address the teachers' demands and not resort to violence to silence teachers and employees; this situation will only lead to chaos in the education sector.

The UIS of P&R, while remaining in solidarity with the teachers and employees of Nepal, denounces this method of violent reprimand used by the police, who are responsible for securing the demonstrations and not for using violence to cause injuries.

The UIS of the P&R of the WFTU presents this communiqué to the Nepalese Prime Minister to denounce the method used by the government to reprimand the protests and demonstrations of teachers and employees in Nepal.

We call on the government to immediately address the teachers' legitimate demands through negotiations to defuse the situation. We are attaching these photos to this statement to demonstrate the violence our fellow Nepalese teachers have suffered.



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Secretary of the Organization
From the UIS of the P&R of the
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