



Public Statement

Maquilas Close and Open Without Control by the Authorities, Playing with the Lives of Working Women

The Honduran Women's Collective CODEMUH, issues its public position, before the inauguration and opening of the Northern Spinning Mills textile plant in Cofradía, Cortés. Led by GK Global and its founder, Yusuf Amdani.

With great fanfare, the mass media highlighted the inauguration, with the presence of the President of the environment conducive, accompanied by the Private Secretary environment conducive, the Minister of Labor and Social Security SETRASS, **Sarahí Cerna** and the Head of Government, Justice and Decentralization, **Tomás Vaquero**. Along with them, the executives of **GK Global, led by its founder, Yusuf Amdani**, to whom the president showed her support and generated trust, highlighting that **it represents the investment of 82 million dollars, which will mark a milestone in economic development. . of the country by creating 725 new direct jobs** and contributing to the sustainable growth of the nation.

It is important to clarify that, when the maquilas close operations to get rid of workers with seniority and who have health problems caused by work, there are NO authorities that respond to workers' demands, much less that accompany them **The Minister of Labor Sarahí Cerna** is invisible and oblivious to this problem, despite the multiple attempts by CODEMUH to meet with her and find a way to solve the different situations that affect **the LIVES of the maquila workers**.

President Castro and her Private Secretary celebrate that "The opening of Northern Spinning Mills symbolizes NOT only investment and industrial development in Honduras but also the government's commitment to creating a conducive environment to national and foreign investment. But they never referred to the working population, who are the ones who generate production and make the accumulation of wealth possible for economic power, especially the transnational maquiladoras.

Although 66% of the maquila worker population suffers from Musculoskeletal-Occupational Disorders TMEO, this is not a topic of analysis in job creation.

President of the Republic Xiomara Castro, Minister of Labor Sarahí Cerna, Did you know that **GK Global and its founder, Yusuf Amdani, closed the Pride Manufacturing company in 2021, citing the lack of contracts, leaving a number without employment and Social Security? similar number of workers to the one they now announce, in addition, hundreds of them with health problems caused by work?** What they did was close a company and open another that guarantees them hiring young staff without health problems. What authority accompanies the workers? And what development are they talking about?

The maquila workers demand the President of the Republic Xiomara Castro and the Minister of Labor Sarahí Cerna:

1. Investigate the transnational maquiladoras closing operations under the argument of lack of contracts and then opening with another COMPANY NAME.
2. Guarantee job stability and the working hours established in Article 128, paragraph 1 of the Constitution of the Republic and Articles 321 and 322 of the Labor Code to avoid occupational risks.

EMPLOYMENT YES, BUT WITH DIGNITY!

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