

Kav LaOved's e-News

Protecting the rights of
migrant workers, Palestinian workers, and local
disadvantaged workers in Israel

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NEWS

Supreme Court: Binding migrant workers to specific employers is slavery

The Israeli Supreme Court accepted the plea submitted by Kav LaOved and five other NGOs, and ruled that binding migrant workers to specific employers is a form of slavery and an infringement on their elementary rights to dignity and freedom. The court ordered the state to implement an alternative employment scheme within six months. Below are Kav LaOved's press release, analysis and response pieces, and a couple of case studies demonstrating the problems of binding.

Press release: Court rules binding is slavery, Kav LaOved

Slaves in Israel, Yuval Livnat, Haaretz

Once we were slaves, now we're slavers, Ruth Sinai, Haaretz

Portability cases, Yuval Livnat, Kav LaOved

Migrant worker gets a month's minimum wage for 6 months of work, Anat Gonen, Kav LaOved

Palestinian workers: A preliminary news report on Kav LaOved's pilot project

This news report describes the challenges and activities of Kav LaOved's recent pilot project in the Jericho and Jerusalem areas.

A limit to exploitation, Sharon Malki, Nana News

Israeli workers: between welfare cutbacks, labour rights violations and unemployment

The following stories and case studies describe contemporary unemployment in Israel, and the abuse of worker rights which is made possible due to the threat of unemployment. According to NGO "Labourer's Voice", the state's programme to integrate more people into the workforce appears to be nothing more than a means for cutting down on welfare and forcing people to accept substandard work terms.

Report: Real unemployment nearly double official statistic, Ruth Sinai and Eynav Ben-Yehuda, Haaretz

A worker sued by his employer ended up receiving money. His unrepresented colleagues had to pay, Khaled Duhi, Kav LaOved

Report: The Israeli "Wisconsin Plan" to reintegrate the unemployed into the work force, Labourer's Voice

Corporate responsibility:

Hashmira security company (71.5% owned by Group4Securicor) - a serial labour rights violator

The following report describes serial labour rights violation by Hashmira security company, and Kav LaOved's efforts to have its license revoked.

Renewal of a security company's licence, Eran Golan, Kav LaOved

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