



PRESS RELEASE

NATUC CONDEMS THE LOCKING OUT OF OVER 100 WORKERS FROM GRENADA BREWERIES LIMITED IN GRENADA

The National Trade Union Centre (NATUC) condemns the lockout of the over 100 (over one hundred) workers employed by Grenada Breweries Limited, a subsidiary of the ANSA Mc AL Group of Companies.

NATUC further condemns the excessive use of force by the Grenada police to break up the peaceful picketing of the Company. The arrest of the President of the Grenada Technical and Allied Workers Union (GTAWU), Senator Chestar Humphrey is also unreservedly condemned by NATUC.

However, NATUC sees it as strikingly strange that a subsidiary of the ANSA Mc AL Group is now involved in locking out workers at Grenada Breweries in light of the public condemnation of the recent withholding of labour by dockers at the Port of Port of Spain and the Port of Point Lisas by the Chairman Emeritus of ANSA Mc AL, Dr. Anthony Sabga and the business community.

NATUC therefore condemns the continued refusal of the management of Grenada Breweries Limited to honour the agreement that was signed between the Company and the Union on December 22nd 2011 through the auspices of the Grenada Ministry of Labour that allows for the workers to return to work on signing the said agreement.

Finally, NATUC calls on Dr. Anthony Sabga to use his good office to bring about an immediate resolution of the impasse in the interest of all concerned and NATUC will hold itself available to offer whatever assistance it can to ensure a speedy resolution of the dispute.

For further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 625-1351/1352 or 748-2877.

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