

# Fruit of the loom

## CRUSH

### worker rights!

#### Fruit of the Loom subsidiary closes Honduran factory to stamp out union

A Workers Rights Consortium report has found that Russell Corporation, a Fruit of the Loom subsidiary, announced the **closure** of a University apparel assembly facility in Honduras because of **workers attempts to unionise**. This is a **serious violation** of both *Fair Labour Association* and *International Labour Organisation* standards concerning freedom of association.

Because of the closure "**1,800** families are losing their livelihoods and their ability to **feed their children**. Among them are **single mothers** who are being condemned to live in misery. Many will go hungry because of this unethical and inhumane decision."

*-Leadership Committee of SITRAJERZEESH, a Honduran garment union*



"These people from the union are going to be left eating shit."

*Supervisor - Jerzees de Honduras facility*

The People & Planet Redress Education campaign is calling for **UK Universities, Colleges and Schools to boycott Fruit of the Loom & Russell Corporation** in support of the *Jerzees de Honduras* workers' struggle.

The boycott will be called until the following **demands** are met, Russell Corporation and Fruit of the Loom must:

1. **Reverse its decision to close the plant** and reinstate workers laid off as part of the closure
2. **Cease harassment of workers** and disciplines managers and supervisors who have been engaged in harassment
3. **Cease acts of interference with workers decision** concerning collective representation
4. Issue both a **verbal and written statement** to the workforce, stating that Russell Athletic and Fruit of the Loom respect workers' right to engage in associational activities, including joining a union

John McDonnell MP has launched a parliamentary Early Day Motion (833) condemning Russell Corporations union repression

In the US already a total of **18 universities** have cut ties with Russell Corporation, causing over **\$5 million dollars of supply contacts to be lost**. This pressure will continue until worker demands are met.

**STOP THE UNION REPRESSION!**

Full WRC report and further updates can be found at:

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