



**FIFA comment on the Middle East Eye article regarding the detention and deportation of a labour rights activist**

FIFA has taken note of the allegations published by the Middle East Eye about the detention and deportation of a safety inspector who was at an earlier stage deployed at the Lusail Stadium site in Qatar. We are in contact with our counterparts in Doha and other relevant stakeholders to better understand the allegations and the extent to which these may be linked to FIFA's operations.

As a general matter and in accordance with FIFA's Human Rights Policy (see [here](#)), FIFA is committed to uphold and promote the highest international labour standards for all workers contributing to the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™, in line with the eight core International Labor Organization conventions and other international human rights instruments. This includes the protection of those who advocate for respect for human and labour rights associated with FIFA's activities. In that respect, FIFA deems any limitation of the legitimate work of human rights defenders unacceptable.

FIFA encourages anyone who wishes to raise a complaint on human and labour rights violations possibly linked to the FIFA World Cup 2022™ to consider reporting such cases through the 24/7 Workers' Welfare Grievance Hotline by the SC or using FIFA's human rights grievance mechanism (see [here](#)).

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