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ITUC-Africa Condemns Execution of Farm Workers

The African Regional Organization of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC-Africa) strongly condemns the execution of four farm workers by members of Alshabab Islamist group in the District of Wanleweyn of the Lower Shabelle region in southern Somalia.

Information reaching us state that the four men, all in their 30s, were arbitrarily arrested at their home on the night prior to their murder and were presented before an “Islamic court” after they refused to give “Jihad contribution” and to take up guns to fight for “jihad”. The mock judgment sentenced the four to death and they were all executed on 31st July in the outskirts of the district.

Efforts must not be spared in ensuring the prosecution of perpetrators of this act. We demand justice for the victims and their families.

This dastardly action is a sad reminder of the profound sectarian crisis situation in Somalia that has continued to expose workers and citizens daily to life threatening dangers. We call on the Somali Transition Government and the African Union to dedicate more effort towards the resolution of the protracted conflict and to secure peace and security in Somalia.

ITUC-Africa extends its solidarity to all Somali workers and sends profound condolences to the families of the victims as well as to the Federation of Somali Trade Unions (FESTU) for this unpardonable act.

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