

Qatar – a World Cup Graveyard?



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Plot to buy the World Cup

INSIGHT

Jonathan Calvert and Heidi Blake

THE secret payments that helped Qatar to win the World Cup bid are revealed for the first time this weekend in a bombshell cache of hundreds of millions of documents leaked to The Sunday Times.

The files expose how Qatar's astonishing victory in the race to secure the right to host the 2022 tournament was sealed by a covert campaign by Mohamed bin Hammam, the country's top football official.

The Qatari vice-president of Fifa, the governing body of world football, used secret slush funds to make dozens of payments totalling more than \$5m to senior football officials to create a groundswell of support for Qatar's plan to take world football by storm.

This weekend and over the coming weeks this newspaper will expose how Bin Hammam exploited his position at the heart of world football to help to secure the votes that Qatar needed to win from the key members of Fifa's 24-man ruling committee.

The files unlock the mystery of how a tiny desert state with no football infrastructure won the right to host the world's biggest sporting tournament. This week they reveal how Bin Hammam:

- Used 10 slush funds controlled by his private company and cash handouts to make dozens of payments of up to \$200,000 into accounts controlled by the presidents of 30 African football associations who held sway over how the

continent's four executive (Exco) members would vote

- Hosted a series of lavish junkets for football presidents across Africa at which he handed out almost \$400,000 in cash and met delegates privately to offer further payments while pushing for their support for the Qatar bid

- Paid out at least €305,000 in legal and private detective fees for Reynald Temarii, the disgraced Oceania Exco member, after he was suspended for telling undercover reporters that he had been offered \$12m for his vote. Temarii refused to resign as an Exco member, thus preventing his planned replacement from voting for Qatar's rival Australia in 2022 and England in 2018

- Funnelled more than \$1.6m directly into bank accounts controlled by Jack Warner, the Exco member for Trinidad and Tobago, including \$450,000 before the vote

- Used his position in charge of Fifa's Goal Programme funds to channel \$800,000 to the Ivory Coast FA, whose Exco member Jacques Anouma agreed to "push very hard the bid of Qatar". He also signed off two payments of \$400,000 each to the federations of two other voters

- Hosted Issa Hayatou, the president of the Confederation of African Football (CAF), on a lavish junket in Doha at which delegates were lobbied over the 2022 bid. A month later the Qatar bid committee announced an exclusive \$1m deal to sponsor CAF's annual congress in Angola, preventing rival countries including Australia from lobbying key figures from the continent.

This weekend football chiefs, politicians and anti-



corruption experts called for the competition to host the 2022 World Cup to be rerun.

The documents were described as a "smoking gun" by Alexandra Wrage, a former member of Fifa's independent governance committee.

John Whittingdale, chairman of the Commons culture committee, said: "There is now an overwhelming case that the decision as to where the World Cup should be held in 2022 should be run again."

The disclosures come as the

Qatar 2022 bid committee is facing a showdown with Fifa's top investigator Michael Garcia in Oman.

Sources say Garcia will interview the Qatar bid committee face to face for the first time as he nears the end of his two-

year investigation into allegations of corruption in the bidding contests to be the host nation for the 2018 and 2022 World Cups.

It is understood that Garcia has no plans to interview Bin Hammam because the official

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BRIBES, BUNGS AND SLUSH FUNDS

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Qatar bid committee has always insisted that he is an "entirely separate" individual who had nothing to do with the campaign to bring the World Cup to Doha.

The bid committee was quick to disown Bin Hammam publicly when he was banned from world football in 2011 after being caught bribing voters in his campaign to be elected Fifa president.

However, the leaked documents show how he worked with the leaders of the Qatar bid and lobbied the key voters, arranging lavish junkets paid for by the 2022 team at which he offered football officials large payments in exchange for their support.

Fifa's rules ban bid committees, or any of their associates, from "providing to Fifa or any representative of Fifa... any monetary gifts [or] any kind of personal advantage that could give even the impression of exerting influence, or conflict of interest, either directly or indirectly, in connection with the bidding process... and any benefit, opportunity, promise, remuneration or service to any such individual, in connection with the bidding process".

The revelations threaten to engulf Fifa as it prepares to gather for its annual congress in Brazil on June 10 ahead of the World Cup.

Facing pressure to return the bid, Sepp Blatter, the Fifa president, admitted last month that it had been a "mistake" to hand the tournament to Qatar after Fifa's technical assessors had said a Doha World Cup would be "high risk" because the searing desert temperatures of up to 50C could be harmful to the players.

The files chart how Bin Hammam sought to secure support from the African voters, lobbying them on a string of junkets at which he showered them with gifts, lucrative benefits, private jet travel and extraordinary hospitality.

Emails, faxes, accounts and dozens of bank transfer slips show he bought support across the continent by handing out hundreds of thousands of pounds in cash to African football officials and making payments directly

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Paedophile trial ruined by gardai delays

John Mooney

and raised the risk of an unfair trial.

children being sexually assaulted.

Cruelty to Children, which operates Childline, said she could not comprehend why

Burton vows EU bank debt deal

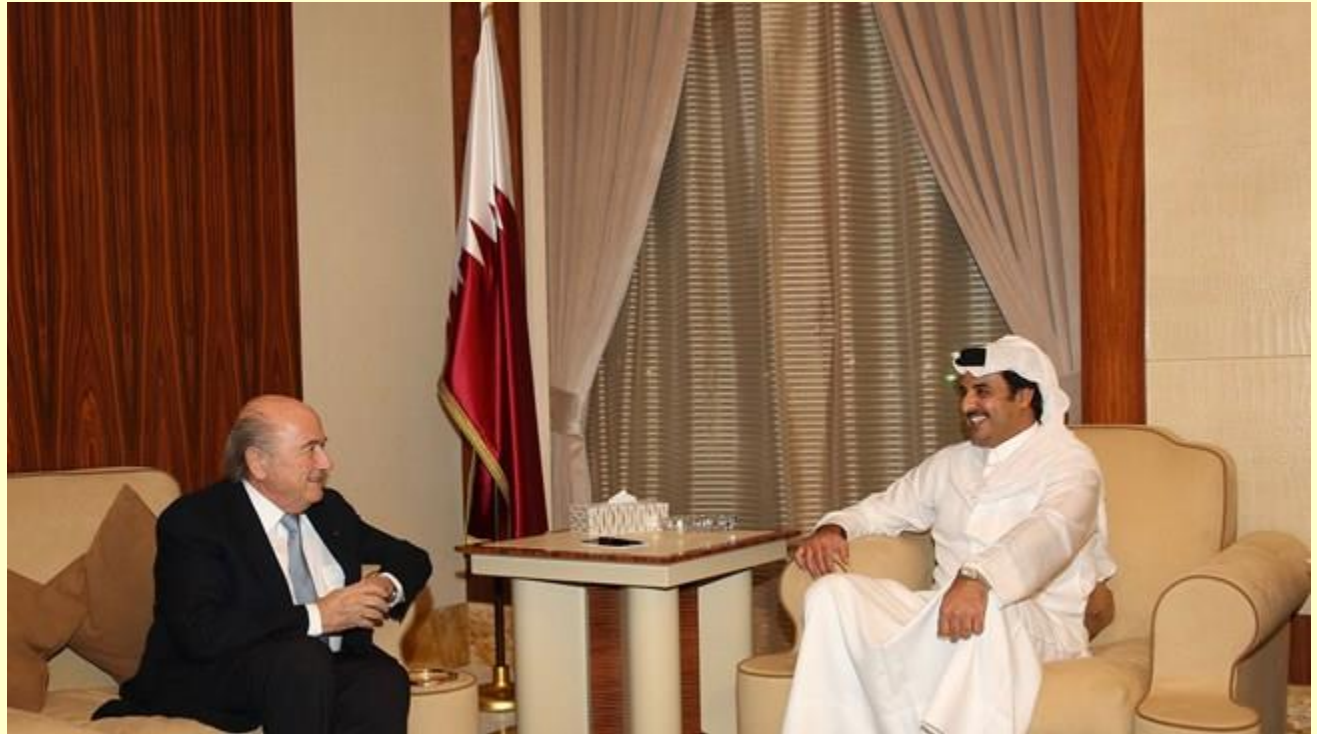
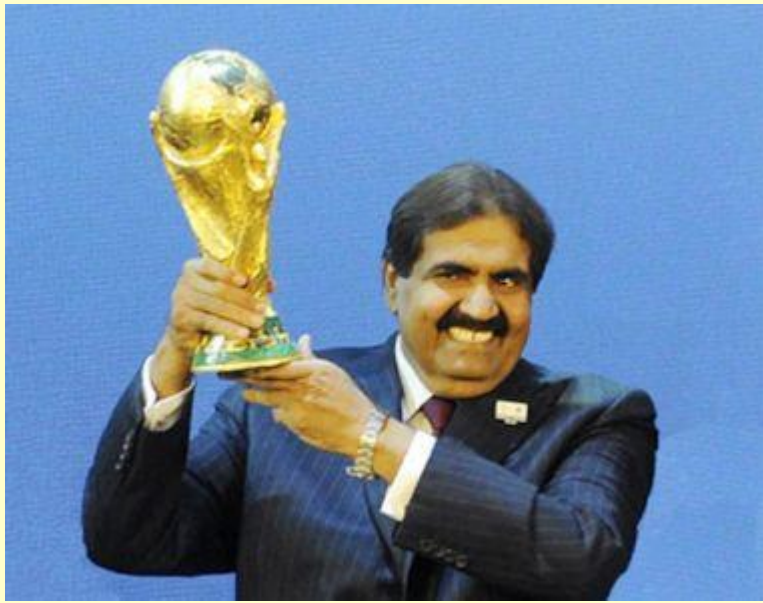
Sarah McInerney and Stephen O'Brien

Europe that we deserve a deal on our legacy debt," said a source close to Burton. "Joan

The EMC comprises Kenny; Michael Noonan, the finance minister; Brendan Howlin, the environment minister;

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The Case against Qatar

- The report “The Case Against Qatar” sets out the broken system for workers in Qatar, how Qatar fails the test of international law and provides new evidence on working conditions including:
 - salty water being provided to workers in camps for cooking and washing;

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- employers demanding deposits of US\$275 are paid by workers before they are allowed to leave for holidays;
- over 2500 Indonesian maids a year fleeing from abusive sponsors; and
- workers in squalid accommodation at the Al Wakrah Stadium

QATAR 2022

Migrant workers in Qatar can't change jobs without their employer's permission. Leaving - even to escape abuse - results in jail or deportation.

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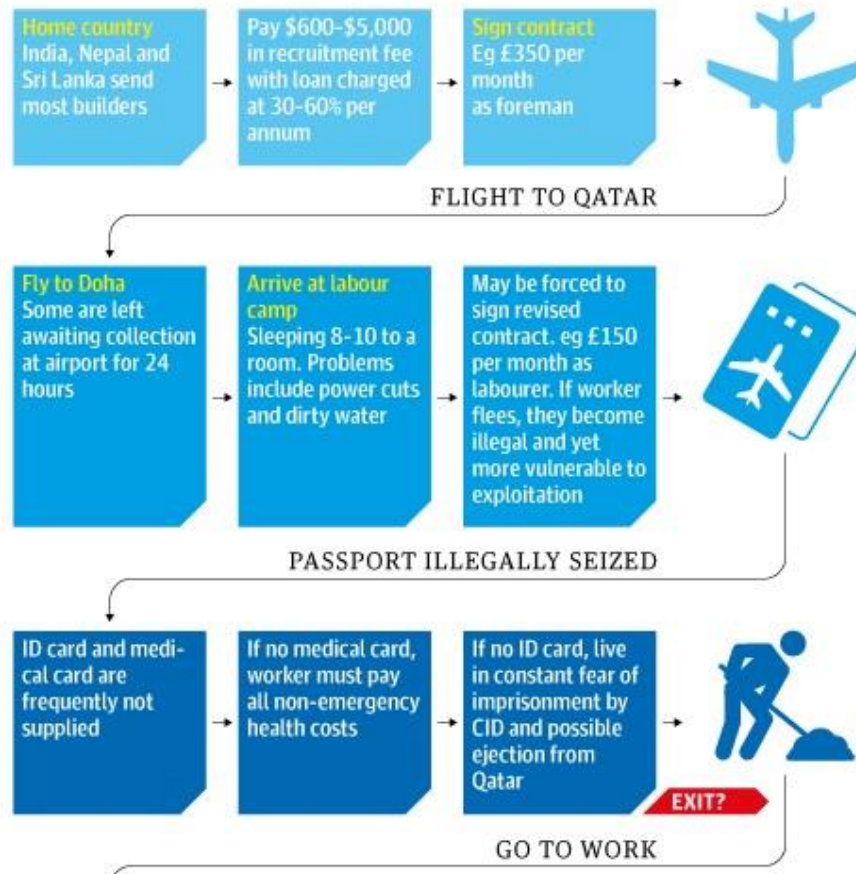


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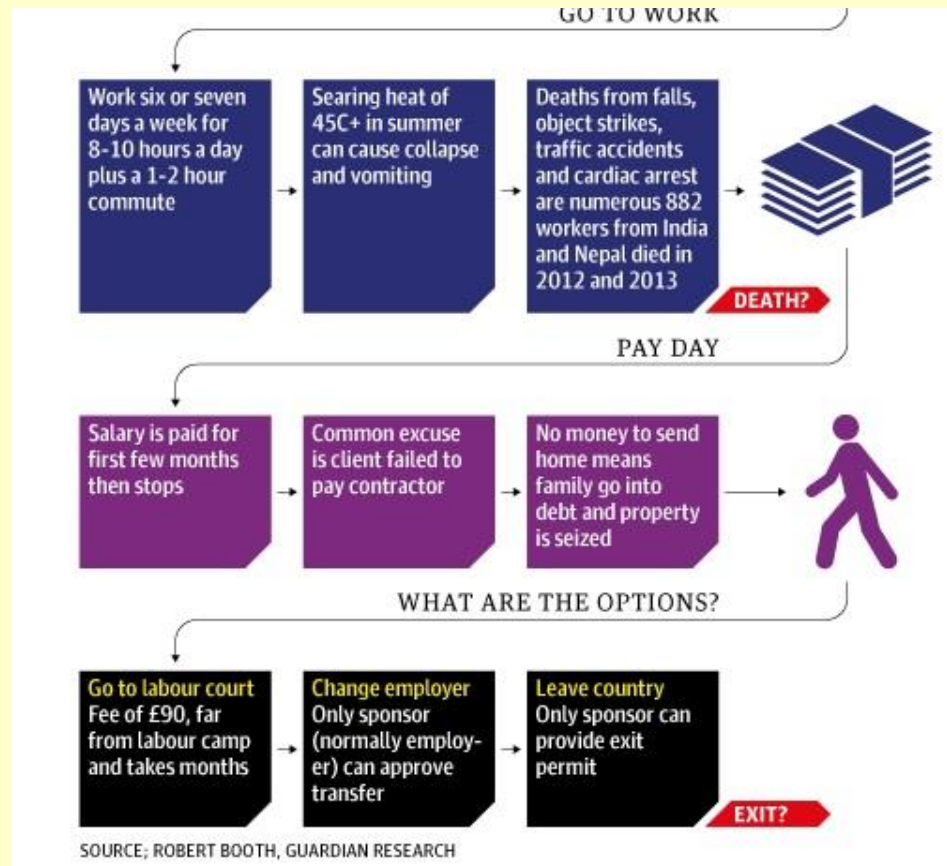
Kafala 1

Desert facts Lifecycle of a migrant in Qatar

Qatar's labour system causes many migrants to become victims of forced labour. This flowchart shows how the failure to enforce labour laws and the 'kafala' sponsorship system create pitfalls that trap thousands



Kafala 2



QATAR 2022

Migrant workers have no right to unionise or strike, though they make up 99 % of the private sector workforce.

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Migrants are segregated in remote camps and denied entry to stores, restaurants and other public places.

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QATAR 2022

Qatar expects 70% growth in luxury accommodation, while workers building those hotels are squeezed 14 to a room in squalid conditions.

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QATAR 2022

**Fatal construction work
injuries are 8 times
higher than the UK.**

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QATAR 2022

80% of workers' deaths
are from heart attacks,
suicide and workplace
accidents.

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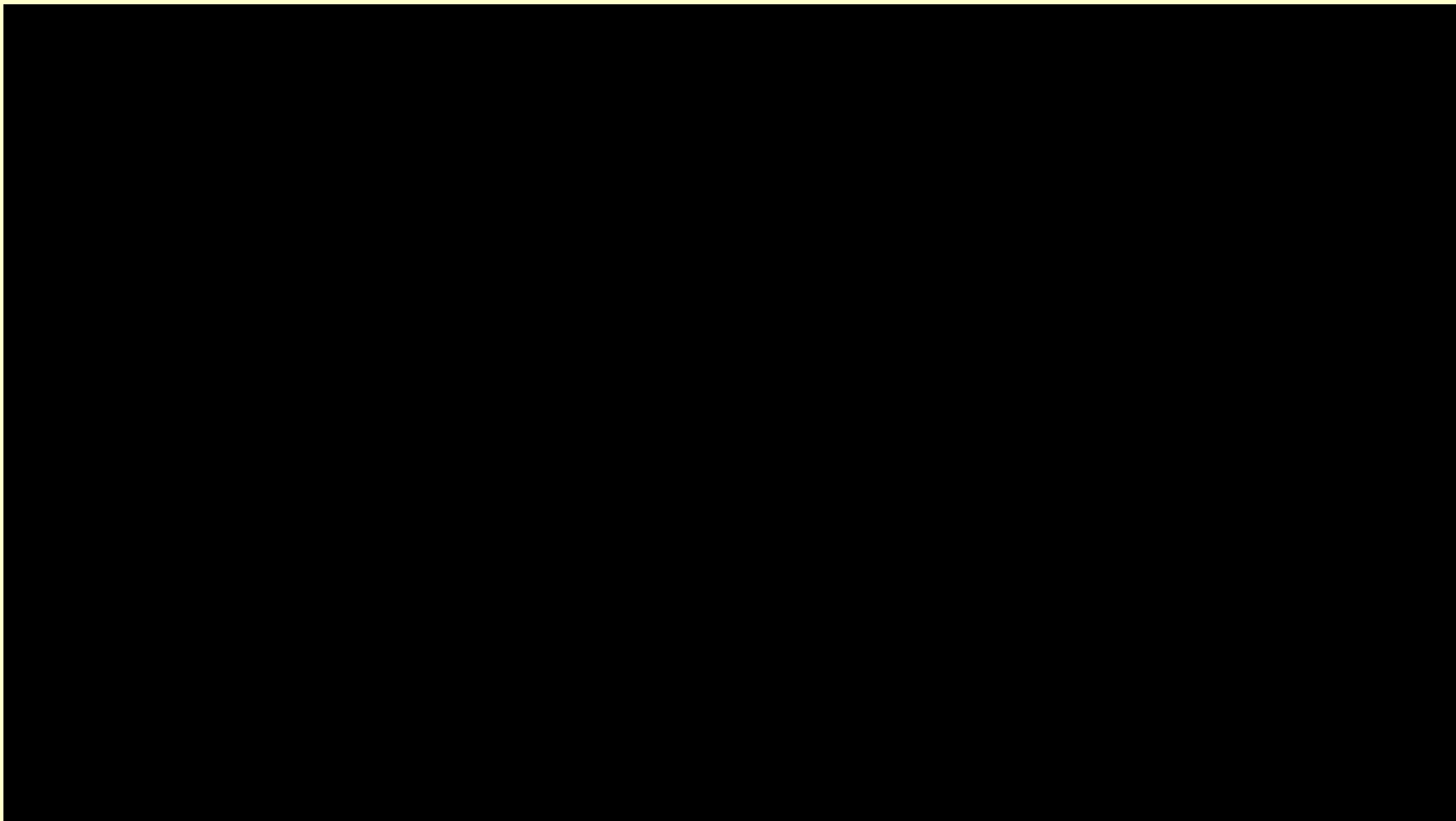
QATAR 2022

Qataris are the richest people in the world, but the average construction worker toils 15 hours, 6 days a week for only \$8 per day.

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Projects

- By 2022, an estimated US\$200 billion will be spent on:
 - eight new stadiums,
 - 92 training sites,
 - a new rail and metro system,
 - a port, an airport and
 - 100 Hotels

Projects ctd..

- Qatar estimates that half a million extra migrant workers will be needed to complete these works.
- But in the absence of concrete measures to improve their situation, the World Cup will trigger massive human rights abuses committed in the name of sport

FIFA

- Qatar's inertia on labour reform should concern Fifa and their sponsors just as much as allegations of corruption in the bidding process.
- ITUC Conditions for a Qatar World Cup 2022

ITUC Conditions

- an end to the kafala system and the right of workers to have a collective voice through freedom of association;
- the use of ethical recruitment companies;
- a non-discriminatory minimum wage,
- And a compliance system that is fast, independent and has appropriate power for sanctions.

Irish Connection?



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Date: 2nd October 2013

RE: Your correspondence

Dear Mr. Begg,

I refer to your letter dated 24th September 2013 relating to the 2022 FIFA World Cup preparations in Qatar which was discussed at our recent Board meeting.

We acknowledge the contents of your correspondence. We understand the nature of your concerns and indeed we have our own as well. The FAI is one of 54 National Associations who are members of UEFA. UEFA bring the various views from the 54 member National Associations to FIFA.

We will be bringing our concerns to UEFA.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John Delaney".

John Delaney
Chief Executive

Jim Boyce VP FIFA

- Expressed our concerns and urged him to propose our conditions at FIFA EXCO
- Approved approach of Qatar's Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy – agreed to “work with FIFA to guarantee welfare of all workers”
- Later supported revote if corruption proven...

Irish Companies?

- Belle Harvey, *Construction and Engineering*
- Bolger Construction, *Construction and Engineering*
- Byrne Looby Partners, *Construction and Engineering*

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- Duffy Consulting Engineers, *Construction and Engineering*
- Jones Engineering Group, *Construction and Engineering*
- Mercury Engineering, *Construction and Engineering*
- JOSAR HOLDINGS LTD

Irish Companies?

- No specific allegations
- KCC Architectural responded to “The Journal.ie”
 - “never seen anybody mistreated or heard about any complaints on site”
 - Sites “as good as you’d get in Ireland”
 - 8am to 6pm 5 days a week

Human Rights and Business?

- UN Guiding principles and OECD Guidelines for MNE's:
 - “Companies should respect Human Rights”
 - “independently of State's abilities/willingness to fulfil their HR obligations”
 - “state's role to protect against human rights abuses”
 - Role of “National Contact Point” (DJEI)?

Proactive agenda for Ireland?

- Commitment to work with companies operating in Qatar;
- Call on them to respect OECD Guidelines
- Convene meetings involving MNEs / TU's and investors with a view to addressing violations – “due diligence”

Need it be this way?



Community Links





LOCOG 2012

- Sourcing Code - international labour standards and applied to all companies it signed contracts with.
- Complaints mechanism for workers to report violations of this code.
- LOCOG agreement with Playfair 2012 - public disclosure of 72% of production sites for Olympic branded goods.

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In 2010, FIFA awarded the 2022 World Cup to Qatar - a country with few protections for migrant workers who face injury and death every day.

FIFA and Qatar have both pledged reform, but their record is full of broken promises.

Save lives, restore the game's integrity and the trust of fans: tell FIFA to choose a World Cup venue where workers' rights are respected.

It's Time for FIFA to Rerun the Vote

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Site Accidents Soar in Qatar

Injuries from falls by construction workers have reached record highs,

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Faces of Qatar: See what life is like behind the shocking statistics.



» ACT

How else can I help workers in Qatar?

Check out these campaign resources.



Trapped in Qatar: the migrants who helped build the “tower of football”



Conclusion

- “The elite tournament of the most democratic sport in the world should not be played in the midst of a medieval system of cruelty and certainly not in venues constructed on the lives of people who have sought nothing but a decent living”.

Thanks

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- #Qatar #Rerunthevote

