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Construction workers protest over unpaid wages

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More than 50 construction workers in Takeo province's Tram Kak district yesterday protested in front of the construction site after their manager failed to pay their wages for more than a month.



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The workers were building a factory for Outdoor Gear Cambodia in Tram Kak district's Uddom Soriya commune.

They said the manager promised to pay them on January 24 but failed to do so.

"We did not know what to do. We want relevant authorities to intervene because we, construction workers, are very poor and do not earn enough to support our families," he said.

"Most of us come from other provinces to work at this construction site in Takeo province. We hope that the manager will pay us but now he has disappeared," he said.

Moeng Viriya, chief of Takeo provincial labour department, said yesterday that labour officials met with workers yesterday. "We came to collect all the details first before we intervene," Mr Viriya said.

"We do not have monthly wages like garment workers. Our wages are paid weekly and it depends on the manager," Oun Van, another construction worker added, saying it could be \$7 a day.

He said the government should pay attention to construction workers because their jobs are risky and dangerous.

"We work hard under the sun and face dangers. We also need help from authorities to help make our working conditions better," Mr Van said.

Sou Chholnh, vice president of Building and Wood Worker Trade Union Federation of Cambodia, said yesterday a lot of construction workers have complained about late payment or not being paid at all.

"Generally, building owners hand over money to managers. However, they in turn do not pay workers or pay them late. This problem happens frequently," he said.











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