

manager of the company had taken the passports of the workers, and returned them only when the protests started.

Over the months, the company has only been paying its workers a monthly subsistence allowance of around 200 euros. However, the representatives of the Lithuanian "Kayi" branch state that it does not have any unfulfilled obligations to the workers, as all the wages, according to the Lithuanian contracts, have been paid. According to them, it is the main Turkish company that did not fulfill their agreement, therefore, the workers should demand their wages not in Lithuania, but in Turkey.

The representatives of the company do not respond to the May 1st Labor Union calls for negotiation. The representatives of the Turkish company have made it clear that they will not pay the promised wages to the workers. They are offering only a meager sum of 400 euros in exchange of the workers leaving Lithuania and bringing the matters to the Turkish courts. The representatives of the Lithuanian company have also neglected the union representatives.

The Lithuanian Trade Union Confederation notes that the company "Kayi construction" is an international contractor, which works in different countries and similar bad practices may be also spread in other places. We invite trade unions for solidarity to seek that those companies, which exploit workers, would not be able to get deals, especially, in a public sector.

Sincerely,

Inga Ruginienė,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Inga Ruginienė', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

President of the Lithuanian Trade Union Confederation