

**worker to worker solidarity fund**



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN GAZA!**

**HELP A WORKER FROM GAZA STAND UP  
TO HIS/HER FORMER ISRAELI EMPLOYER**

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## **Sawt el-Amel launches worker to worker solidarity fund**

*...Thousands of workers from Gaza spent years working for private Israeli employers...When the Gaza Strip was sealed off, they lost their jobs, and the money owed to them, without any compensation...Today they are trapped in Gaza, unemployed, their families dependent on foreign aid...Sawt el-Amel is taking their cases to the Israeli labour courts...and determined to win...*

### **WHAT WE DO:**

As of November 2009, Sawt el-Amel's lawyers have submitted compensation claims of 54 workers from Gaza, totaling more than 5 million shekel (USD 1.3m) worth of severance pay, unpaid holiday and overtime work and compensation for work below the national minimum wage. Another 130 cases are under investigation. Since the beginning of this solidarity project, we have faced bureaucratic obstacles in the legal process, and the latest challenge is of a financial nature: the employer's lawyers have asked labour court to demand a 1,500 shekel (USD 400/EUR 270/GBP 240) security deposit from each worker as a condition to continue dealing with their cases. Deposits will have to be paid within 60 days of notification. Neither the workers themselves nor Sawt el-Amel can put up this amount.

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

Help us raise the money for the workers' security deposits by

- Fully or partly covering a worker's security deposit;
- Getting your organisation or department/branch to support a worker;
- Telling your colleagues and friends about the worker to worker solidarity fund.

To find out how, visit the *worker to worker solidarity fund* website at:

[www.gaza-worker-fund.org](http://www.gaza-worker-fund.org)