

Veerle Solia

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Dear Veerle,

I just watched this video of Chirari Mahato's wife, son and best friend recounting his last days.

After working a 12-hour shift in temperatures reaching 40 degrees, **Chirari Mahato died in his sleep in a blistering hot room in a Qatari labour camp.**



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Because Chirari died in his sleep and not during working hours, **his family were refused compensation.** His room was crammed with people and did not have proper ventilation.

It makes me angry that Chirari's family do not have a union to stand up to his employer in Qatar.

This week I'm in Doha talking to **migrant workers who do not have the right to form or join a union.** Hundreds of governments and thousands of people are also in Qatar for a UN meeting on climate.

They will be looked after by migrant workers who work for companies operating outside of international law, in a country

which does not respect UN standards on labour rights.

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P.S. - You can read more about Qatar in an Equal Times special report ***Grand Ambitions, Wretched Lives*** (available in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#) and [German](#)).

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