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Onderwerp: A living nightmare in Qatar

Hello Veerle,

As a striker for football clubs in France, Malaysia and Switzerland I've trained hard to get where I am as a professional footballer.

Nothing could prepare me for the nightmare I've been living for the last two years.

I'm trapped in Qatar with my wife and two young daughters, and I need your help.



Please help by **sending this email to five friends** and **sharing my photo** on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

I signed a five-year contract with the Qatari club Al-Jaish and led them to the top of the division.

Then I was loaned to another club, but at the end of my loan period, they refused to honour the remainder of my five-year contract to 2015 and pay my wages.

I lodged a court case, but the club refuses to sign my exit visa to leave the country unless I drop the case – and the claim for the wages owed to me under the terms of my contract.

I need your help tell people about what is happening to my family.

I'll go on hunger strike if nothing happens, because that is the only thing I have left.

I have just one thing to say: listen to me, and open your eyes to what is happening to footballers and workers in Qatar.

Yours,

Zahir Belounis

P.S. - You can show your support for all workers in Qatar at www.rerunthevote.org