

Qatar Worldcup Costs 6500 Workers Their Lives
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The Guardian newspaper broke the story of Qatar's world cup slaves.

It is a story involving Qatar.

Tens of thousands of workers are living in squalored, slave-like conditions, dozens being worked to death every month.

A country where modern-day slavery has ensued.

Do you think Qatar's had a fair ride in the press in terms of its publicity and the build-up to date? Was Qatar treated unfairly?

Yes, in my opinion very much so. Where the 2022 Qatar world cup CEO Nasir al-Qatar ~~says this~~ [said that].

5200 is the number of workers expected to die building the infrastructure for the games by 2022.

Sometimes I feel like I'm in prison while workers live in horrendous inhumane conditions, their passports stripped, they're forced to work not knowing if they will ever be compensated.

Together we are 125 workers who are stuck here, we're prisoners every day, we eat bread and drink water, without money we can't afford anything else.

Month after month our situation is getting worse.

I can't do it anymore, I just want to go home.

We can't even call our families in Nepal.

The winner to organize the 2022 FIFA world cup is Qatar.

It all started here, the DOJ found Qatar paid bribes of at a minimum one million dollars and as much as 15 million to three officials, Brazilian Ricardo, Tashera Paraguayan Nicolas Leoz and Julio Grandona for their respective votes to be awarded as hosts.

The host nation is receiving rightful criticism for what the Qatari government has allowed to occur in their country.

According to recent studies conducted by Qatar University Social and Economic Survey Research Institute, despite laws against passport confiscation, 86 to 90 percent of expatriate workers as passports are in their employer's possession.

This exploitation is via the kafala system where workers hailing from outside countries like Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka for example are legally bound to their employers.

This is the same set of standards the country of Saudi Arabia deploys.

It is a cruel and brutal way to conduct business, forcing labor trafficking and slavery-like conditions.

When in their home country these workers are sold a dream.

They are sold on how lucrative it is, that they must go to support their families.

The wages were BS, some workers make one dollar to two dollars an hour if they are indeed lucky enough to get paid at all.

According to Amnesty International, tons of workers went months without receiving a single dime for their treacherous work in inhumane conditions.

Again we shoot with hidden camera.

The outside toilets for almost 200 residents.

In the corner discarded broken beds.

On the way to the first floor, dirty walls, dead cockroaches.

Dill shows us his room: small, dark, eight of them live here.

It is very dangerous for these workers to speak out.

One Nepalese construction worker spoke out in regards to their current conditions.

He was fired, ordered to get on a plane back to Nepal.

However, because he no longer had a work sponsor, through the kafala system he was arrested and imprisoned.

Even the media are in deep if they report from the host nation.

Our arrest was dramatic. Eight cars drove us off the road as we left the center of Doha.

The cameraman, driver, translator and I were treated like spies and interrogated separately by security officers.

Our camera and footage were seized.

In handcuffs we were hauled in front of a prosecutor.

He accused us of disrespecting Qatar and threatened us with a spell behind bars to teach us a lesson.

Then, after two nights in a filthy prison, just as suddenly as we've been arrested they let us go.

Qatar continues its efforts to hide the atrocities.

The latest numbers from the host country are depressing and dire.

More than 6500 workers have now died building stadia for the world's greatest players to compete in, along with airports, roads, hotels and public transit.

Qatar continues to report deaths are deemed natural causes which is utter crap and they know it.

These are not natural causes, rather [they are] caused by the country's own doing.

Such classifications, which are usually made without an autopsy, often fail to provide a legitimate medical explanation for the underlying cause of these deaths, wrote the Guardian.

This is what FIFA allows.

From South Africa's human rights violations when they hosted in 2010, to the favelas in Brazil when they hosted in 2014, Russia's torture, decriminalization of domestic violence and anti-LGBTQ laws in 2018, to modern day slavery in Qatar.

This is no longer a grand sporting event.

Yes the players play, but the goals are not coming out as victors, no its goal is coming out alive.

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