

# You Can Help Stop Sweatshops!

Please take a letter from the person who handed you this leaflet, sign it, and hand it to staff of the nearest sports store. You can also download the letter from the website below.

As a result of campaign pressure in the past, Nike, Reebok and Adidas have made some improvements in some of their suppliers' factories.

But all sportswear brands have a lot more to do.

They should make sure that the people who make their goods:

- are paid enough to meet their basic needs and those of their children
- are free to form unions.
- receive severance pay if they lose their jobs.

Companies will only make these changes if they believe that people like you care. Let them know that you don't want your sports gear made in sweatshops.

For more information check out this website:

[www.campaignforlaborrights.org/campaigns/sweatshop\\_week/](http://www.campaignforlaborrights.org/campaigns/sweatshop_week/)



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## What's the story behind your sport shoes?

A security guard attempts to block a photo of the Nikomas Gemilang factory in Indonesia. The factory makes sport shoes for Nike and Adidas.

# She made our shoes.

This is Ida Mustari. She worked for nine years in the Doson factory in Indonesia, making Nike sport shoes.

Like most people who make our sports gear, Ida was not paid enough to meet her family's basic needs. Her wages were less than \$US3 per day. Even though Ida and her husband both worked full-time plus a lot of overtime, they still could not afford to pay for child-care.

They had to send their two children to live with Ida's parents, two days travel from the factory. Ida could only get time off to see her children once each year.

In September 2002 Nike stopped ordering from the factory and it shut down, putting Ida and 7,000 other workers out of a job.

They believe Nike cut its orders because they had held a short strike for better pay. They suspect Nike has moved orders to factories in countries where independent unions are illegal.



*"Nike has profited from our hard work for many years. Now we are having to borrow money to support ourselves and our families." - Ida Mustari*

The owner of the factory is only willing to pay them half the severance pay they should receive under Indonesian law. He says that is all he can afford.

Nike insists it has no responsibility to pay the Doson workers the rest of what they are owed. Nike has offered them some access to health care and retraining, but this falls well short of what they are legally entitled to receive.

## Now she needs our help.



# JUST STOP IT.