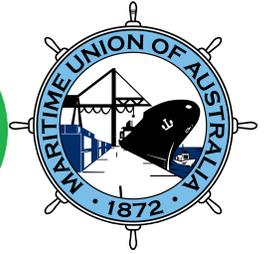


# Solidarity With Hong Kong Dockers!



## Dispute Fact Sheet

- Since the 28th of March Hong Kong Dockers have been on strike demanding better pay and decent conditions.
- The conditions the workers endure at the port are inhumane. During a 12-hour shift operating the cranes workers are not allowed to leave their cabins - even to use the bathroom.
- The company has also introduced surveillance cameras in the cabins to spy on workers at all times. Workers are flashed or alarmed if they slow down.



**On the Picket Line: Workers complain of poor salaries and conditions including not being allowed to use the bathroom on long shifts.**

***"When you get into that metal cage, there's no difference between you and a dog,"***

— Cho Wai-Kei, Hong Kong Crane Operator

- The company and sub-contractors have attempted to intimidate workers by threatening to dismiss strikers as well to replace them with scabs.
- Hong Kong, the world's third largest port, is operated by Hutchison International Terminals, which is controlled by Asia's richest person Li Ka-shing.
- The ITF has been calling on HIT to put an end to its subcontractors' exploitation of outsourced dockers who are earning less for working longer, and to discuss the reinstatement of the hourly overtime rate for contracted dockers.
- Paddy Crumlin, President of the ITF and Dockers' Section Chair, said: "This dispute has reached a critical stage. The ITF is calling on Hong Kong International Terminals and on the Hutchinson Port Holdings Trust, to put health and safety, decent working conditions and respect for union rights first."
- The strike is reported to be costing Hutchinson \$644,000 a day and berthing times have gone up from 3 hours to 50–60 hours.

# Accusations from the Crane Drivers



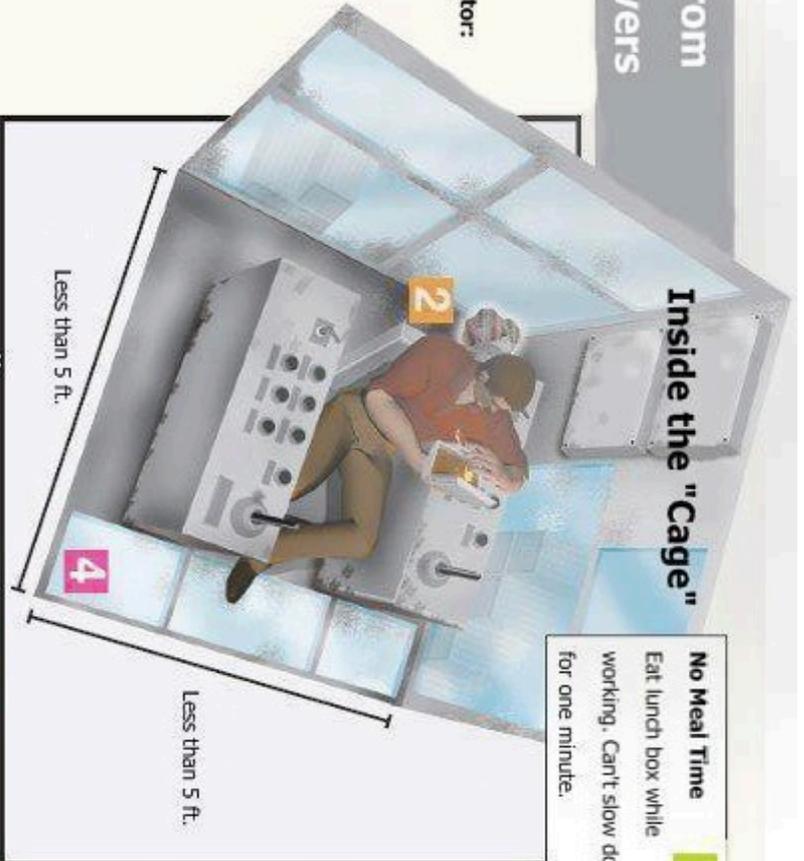
Salary of gantry crane operator:

- USD60 (8 hours)
- USD90 (12 hours)

Surveillance cam

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## Inside the "Cage"

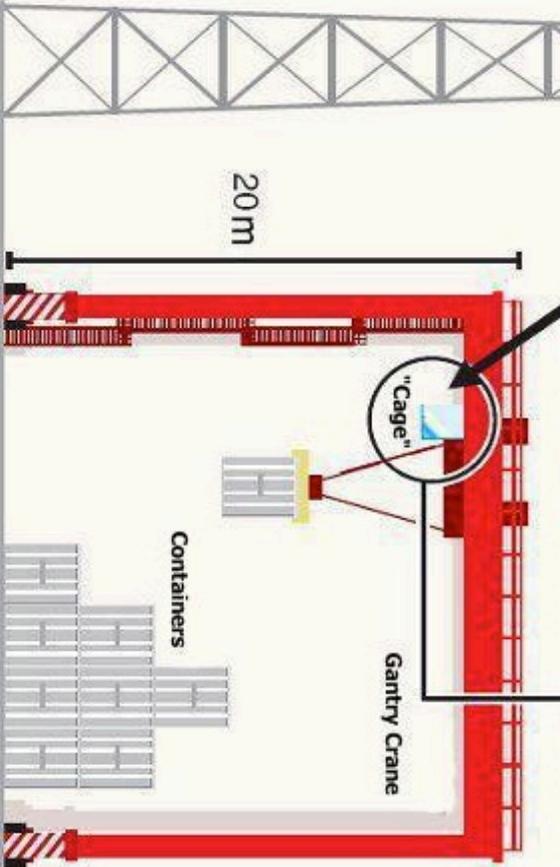


**1** No Meal Time  
Eat lunch box while working. Can't slow down for one minute.

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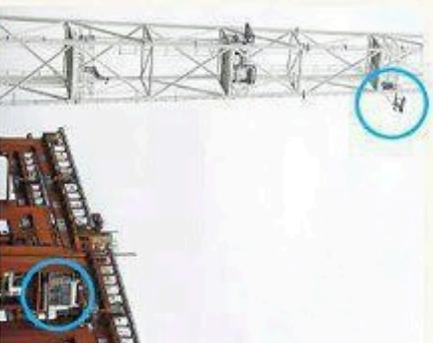
**2 Eat and Shit at the same place**  
No toilet inside the cage and no time to walk down the ground, so drivers pee out of the window, wrap their poo with newspaper (arrow) and bring it away after duty.



Source: Crane drivers

From Ming Pao

**3** No privacy



Surveillance cam monitors driver's action at all time, whom will be "flashed" or "alarmed" if he slows down.

**4** Chronic occupational injury



Chronic back pain and hyper blood pressure due to a non-stop bowing position when piling up the containers, inside a 5 ft x 5 ft "cage"