

Ramadan headscarf workers vote to strike



Ramadan headscarf workers have voted to strike over poor pay and punishing targets.

Dozens of worker at Lappet Manufacturing, in Carlisle, will walk out on the following dates:

- 30 and 31 October
- 2 and 3 November
- 6 and 7 November



- 9 and 10 November
- 13 and 14 November
- 16 and 17 November

These skilled workers – who specialise in weaving high end headscarves for the Saudi Arabian market – need years of experience to meet required standards.

Michael Hall, GMB Regional Organiser, said:

“Weaving these headscarves is incredibly skillful, but these workers are paid very poorly.

“During peak times they are given punishing targets and work their fingers to the bone for no reward.

“The company can afford to do better – but these workers have been left with no choice but to walk out.”

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