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Magacaygu waa Agostino, waxaan ahay 51 jir. Shaqadaydu waa in aan cuntada ku geeyo baaskiil. Waxaan leeyahay laba gabdhood, laakiin badanaa ma wada hadalno. Sababtoo ah Aniga iyo hooyadood hadda ma wada noolin oo waanu kala tagnay.

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My name is Agostino and I am 51 years old. My job is delivering food by bicycle. I have two daughters, but we hardly ever speak. Their mother and I no longer live together because we are divorced.

I live with my mother, as I cannot afford to pay rent after the divorce. Rent is very expensive in this city.

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Waxaan la noolahay hooyaday, maadama aanan awoodin inaan bixiyo kirada furinka ka dib. Kiradu aad bay qaali ugu tahay magaaladan.





Dhawr bilood ka hor waxaan ka shaqaynaayey goob shirkad ah sidii shaqaale waardiye ah. Waxaan dib u hagaajiyay waxyaalihii jabay, waxaan u qaadaayey sanduuqyo, oo caawinayay marka qof kastaa u baahdo caawinaad. Maalin maalmaha ka mid ah shirkadii ayaa shaqada iga eriday. Maan fahmin sababta.

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A few months ago I was working as a janitor for a company. I repaired things that were broken, carried boxes, and helped when anyone needed it. One day the company fired me. I did not understand why.



Wakhti dheer kadib dedaalkayagii oo dhan waa noo hirgalay. Mid ka mid ah shirkadaha waaweyn ee keenista alaabada ayaa ku qasbanaaday inay bixiso ganaax aad u weyn oo ay siiso shaqaalaha shaqooyin joogto ah. Waxay ahayd markii ugu horeysay ee ay ka dhacda meel kasta oo adduunka ah. Waxay u egtahay in arrimuhu ay bilaabmeen inay horumaraan.

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After a long time all our hard work paid off. One big delivery company had to pay a huge fine and to give workers permanent jobs. It was the first time that had happened anywhere in the whole world. It looks like things are starting to improve.

I saw many people delivering food by bicycle. I can ride a bicycle, so I knocked on the door of a big delivery company. They offered me three euros for each delivery. I make 40€ per day, 60€ if I am very lucky and the customers tip me.

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Waxaan arkay dad badan oo cunto ku keenaya baaskiil. Anna waan kaxayn karaa baaskiilka, marka waxaan garaacay albaabka shirkad weyn oo alaabaha gada. Waxay ii soo bandhigeen saddex Euro oo halkii mar ee alaab gayn ah. Waxaan sameeyaa 40 € maalinti, 60 € haddii aan aad u nasiib badanahay oo macaamiishu igu tilmaaman.



Together with delivery people from other companies, I took a course on workers' rights with a local union. They offered us legal advice free of charge. We struggled to get more recognition and rights.

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Si wada jir ah oo ay weheliyaan dad kale oo gaarsiiyayaal ah oo ka socda shirkado kale, waxaan koorso ku saabsan xuquuqda shaqaalaha ka qaatay urur maxalli ah. Waxay noo soo bandhigeen la talin sharci oo bilaash ah. Waxaannu u halgamnay sidii aan aqoonsi iyo xuquuq badan u helli lahayn.





Ma helo fasaxa wax lacag ah, ma jiro mushahar markaan xanuunsado, wax xuquuq ah oo dhan ma haysto. Uma maleynayo inay taasi sax tahay, balse waxaan u baahanahay shaqada. Inta badan shaqaalaha kale waa muhaajiriin ka kala yimid adduunka oo dhan.

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I get no paid holiday, no sick pay, hardly any rights at all. I do not think that is right, but I need the job. Most of the other employees are immigrants from all over the world.



Kadib, markii nin 25 jir ah oo gaarsiiye ahaa uu gaadhi ku dhuftay oo uu dhintay. Maamulka ayaa bilaabay inay na ogaadaan markaa. Waase ceeb inay na ogaadaan marka uu dhintay, waxay ahayd ka hor inta aanay dhicin.

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Many delivery people are injured in accidents every day. Then, when a 25-year-old deliveryman was hit by a car and died, the authorities started noticing us. It is a shame he had to die before that happened.