

OFFICE OF THE LEADER OF OPPOSITION

Gujarat Vidhansabha, Gandhinagar.

Press Note

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Around 40 youngsters from Gujarat are trapped at the **Sumbe Cement Plant** located 40 Kms away from Sumbe City in Angola, Africa. **Chennai based company ETA Star International L.L.C Company had lured these 40 youths to Angola with the promise of high salaries.** The workers of the Cement plant were on a strike as they had not been given salaries since six months. Following the strike, the police fired bullets on the workers and beat them up. While some of the workers were put in jail, others have taken shelter in the forests. On receiving the information about these events, Leader of Opposition in the Gujarat Assembly Shaktisinh Gohil personally met the family of Mr. Vijay Chimanbhai Valmiki, one the youths stranded there, at Petlad. Mr. Vijay was taken to Africa with the promise of getting Rs 32,000 each month. Satishbhai Marfat, the Baroda based agent of ETA Star International had sent youths from Gujarat to Africa. The Leader of Opposition personally visited Petlad and took stock of the situation. After talking to several of these youths stranded in Angola on the phone, Mr. Gohil has requested the Foreign Minister of India and the Indian Embassy in Angola to help them immediately. The Leader of Opposition was joined by local MLA Niranjnabhai Patel and other leaders to offer solace to the effected families in Petlad.

To,
The Editor,

Hon'ble Leader of Opposition has requested to kindly publish this press note in your esteemed newspaper.

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Personal Secretary