

## ALL EYES ON GREECE AFTER GUEST WORKERS SHOT



Bangladeshi worker Mohamed (C), 25, is helped by colleagues into a tent in the southwestern Greek town of Manolada, following a shooting incident on Wednesday evening. Photo: REUTERS

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With children going hungry, high youth unemployment, a reduction in the public sector, no jobs, a brain drain of its young people, and accelerated rise of extremist groups on either side of the political spectrum is not an endearing sight to those who wish to make Greece their holiday destination. For a country that is credited with being the birth place of democracy, it is demonstrating a poor example of its heritage.

The eyes of the world are now being firmly focused on Greece and the manner in which it is able to cope under the austerity measures. During the past few months the world has witnessed attacks against illegal migrants (in the main cities) working at jobs that other Greeks do not want or have entered the country seeking employment.

Last week a hospital in Messenia was targeted for employing staff that were not permanent residence. This latest attack against guest workers in the agricultural sector may be just the tip of the iceberg. It is not whether it is racial based attack, politically motivated or plain avarice on the part of the employers.

Who is at fault, the employers, the government, the people or is it a worldwide phenomenon? Whatever the case may be, the world is now shifting from the North Korean crisis to focus once gain on the humanitarian problems facing Greece. This embarrassing for Greece and for the EU who are grappling with an economic crisis that appears to running out of control. The Hellenic people need answers and the need answers quick. Investment is slow and other countries are taking advantage of a country that desperately in need of support.



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