



GRAND STATEMENTS CAN'T REPLACE SECURE COLLECTIVE WAGES

Just before leaving his position as CEO, Jeff Bezos, who will certainly continue to turn the steering wheel, made a surprising statement: Amazon is supposed to become the 'best employer and the safest workplace in the world'.

Great news at last, we would absolutely support that. However, maybe the Group CEO and his management should slow down for a moment, acknowledge the facts and tackle what can be improved immediately.

Good tips for an immediate program

How about guaranteed collective wages? After all, the employees are the ones who work extremely hard under difficult circumstances during the pandemic. They are the ones who drive the surges in revenue – currently 33 percent in Germany - and who risk their health for it on a daily basis.

The best way for Bezos & Co. to show **respect and recognition** for these huge achievements: a fast recognition of the collective wage agreements for retail and mail order trade and the payment of collectively agreed wages, including special payments and bonuses. But so far they won't hear of it.

Amazon employees also deserve real wage increases - that is, without offsetting them with the Covid bonus! That's why we keep going on strike for the collective agreement of the retail and mail order trade - also during the current round of collective bargaining, during which ver.di is demanding 4.5 percent more pay plus 45 euros as well as a minimum hourly wage of 12.50 euros.

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Amazon workers on strike in Bad Hersfeld

Throughout Europe and beyond, it has once again become clear how Amazon is straining the health of employees and limiting their rights through a lack of protection, extreme work pressure and constant surveillance of all work steps. When the EU Parliament held a hearing on these issues, ver.di was heavily involved - the Amazon boss, however, triggered protests by simply not showing up to testify.

Fighting against the ruthless inconsideration of the employees' health, ver.di continues to demand good and healthy working conditions, which must also be specified in a binding manner by a collective agreement.

Our promise: We will judge the Amazon management based on its own 'vision'. For now, they are still at the bottom end of the scale.

**A good reason
to increase
pressure
through new
strikes!**



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