

British Airways furlough 'relief' but GMB calls for more government intervention



Current deal gives security for BA staff now but Government can't take eye off the ball says GMB Union

GMB says the announcement of furlough for more than 30,000 British Airways workers is a 'relief'

The union has been at the forefront of campaigning for the people's bailout package which has formed the basis of ongoing negotiations with BA.



Nadine Houghton, GMB National Officer said:

“GMB members working for BA are relieved to finally have some certainty after what has been an extremely worrying time.

“GMB was at the forefront of campaigning for the people’s bailout package which has formed the basis of ongoing negotiations with BA.

“GMB and our sister union Unite have fought hard to secure members terms, conditions and job security. We believe the current deal secures this including guarantees of 80% of pay whilst furloughed, protection of terms and conditions and a 'pause' on the current redundancy consultation.

“But there are significant challenges for the aviation industry and whilst this current deal gives security for BA staff now, the Government can’t take its eye off the ball.

“GMB is calling for more Government intervention to protect the livelihoods of many more workers across the sector.”

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