

Amazon's 'dehumanising' conditions require parliamentary inquiry



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GMB calls for a parliamentary inquiry into 'dehumanising' working conditions at Amazon warehouses as the company enjoys mammoth Black Friday sales

GMB has projected a huge 'Make Amazon Pay' banner on the online giant's London HQ as part of the Black Friday protests.





The union has now joined a global coalition including Amnesty International, Oxfam and War On Want aiming to curb the firm's 'monstrous' power.

An **investigation by GMB** earlier this year revealed ambulances were called out to Amazon warehouses 600 times during just three financial years, while 602 serious injuries and near misses were reported at Amazon warehouses to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

Meanwhile GMB members working in Amazon warehouses **report working in constant agony**, not having time to go to the toilet and a heavily pregnant woman being forced to work standing.

Mick Rix, GMB National Officer, said:

"Amazon is well known for unsafe, dehumanising work practices which see our members break bones, fall unconscious and have to be taken away in ambulances.

"They pay a pittance in tax while taking millions from the taxpayer in lucrative Government contracts.

"Now, during a pandemic which has made the world's richest man even more money, they've been packing workers into warehouses like sardines in a tin.

"Enough is enough. It's time to curb the power of this monstrous company. It is high time this Government heeded the growing chorus and held a parliamentary inquiry into Amazon's activities."

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