



New amazon CEO has ‘historic opportunity’ to improve working culture

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GMB, the union for Amazon workers, has told the company’s new CEO he has an ‘historic opportunity’ to improve the working culture.

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos is to step down as chief executive of the e-commerce giant that he started in his garage nearly 30 years ago - to be replaced by Andy Jassy.

While Amazon profits have soared, an investigation by GMB Union found ambulances were called out 600 times to 14 Amazon warehouses in just three financial years.



Laurence Turner, GMB Research and Policy Officer, said:



“A change in the face at the top isn't enough - it is time for Amazon's whole working culture to transform.

"While Amazon's profits have soared, warehouse workers in the UK have been forced to suffer inhumane working conditions - breaking bones, being knocked unconscious and being taken away in ambulances in the company's ruthless pursuit of cash.

"Amazon's new CEO has a historic opportunity to draw a line under Jeff Bezos's intense ideological hostility to unions, and instead make improving the conditions for workers a top priority.”

