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RMT TO STRIKE!

Get ready to take action to defend pay, pensions and agreements

RMT has announced plans to call industrial action for two 24 hour periods on the 1st and 3rd of March. These strikes on a Tuesday and Thursday, incorporating all grades striking alongside train operators, will cause massive disruption across an entire week.

Now is not the time to sit on the fence and hope for the best. Time and again we have seen the only language that management respond to is strike action. All grades will be standing together to stop the biggest onslaught on our terms and conditions in a generation.

We must clearly tell management to take their hands off our hard earned pension and agreements that have been built up over decades to make the driving job one of the most sought after in the country. ***This action has to be taken now before changes to our pensions and other conditions are presented as a fait accompli.***

RMT are defending pensions

Although we are awaiting the pension report outcome, it is down to our management to confirm that they will not make any detrimental changes. They now have to immediately confirm that this is the case if they want to reduce the likelihood of a week of disruption.

Remember it is not the review that will cut our pensions, but our management. They can say at anytime that they will not do so although they have indicated in talks that they need to make cuts of £100m to our fund. This threat has to be removed if they don't want us to walk out and strike.

RMT are protecting jobs

In the train grade we have already seen 200 part time jobs slashed as a part of the Night Tube betrayal, and elsewhere management continue to show how ruthless they are prepared to be with plans already launched to cut 600 station jobs. Announcing action now makes absolutely clear that we won't stand back and do nothing.

RMT are demanding management uphold agreements

Our train side agreements were won over decades, and we aren't prepared to give them up now, with management trying to get the upper hand at our expense using Covid as cover.

Trains' management have hinted at some of the areas they wish to attack our grade. The announced dates for industrial action make clear to management; step back or we will withdraw our labour and shut the Tube down.

These are some of the areas our managers, lined up for a £12m bonus, are looking to attack us:

Night Tube betrayal

Drivers' see what LU has done here, forcing us to work more nights and weekends and ripping up a 2016 agreement. RMT continues to fight for better work life balance. 200 NT jobs have gone with establishment figures potentially cut on NT lines.

Flexible spares

Tube bosses are looking to change our booking on times with minimal notice, 2 hours either way, to improve their coverage, but it would

ruin our work life balance.

Booking on locations

Fancy booking on an hours travel from where you used to, at the other end of your line? It's a big saving for the bosses, but much more work for us. We must resist this sort of increased 'flexibility'.

Overtime

OT might sound attractive to some but it will enable management to bring in more flexible working and it drives up hours when we want a shorter working week. We wrote a whole newsletter on this important issue, which you can read here - bit.ly/3Gr5MTB

Flash and Dash

Our safety is at risk if we have to walk through a train in a siding alone that hasn't been emptied of passengers. LU plan to cut detrainment staff as they want to save money. We must fight this attack for our own safety.

We need to be united, militant and on the front foot to defend what we have. Let's send a strong message to management now: listen to drivers' concerns, or we strike.

Strike details

All LUL members are instructed to refuse to book on for any duty that commences between 00:01 on Tuesday 1st March 2022 and 23:59 on Tuesday 1st March 2022.

All LUL members are instructed to refuse to book on for any duty that commences between 00:01 on Thursday 3rd March 2022 and 23:59 on Thursday 3rd March 2022.