



Dear Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Transport of the United Kingdom

Re: Defend rail workers' jobs, pay, conditions and pensions

In light of this week's industrial action on the UK's railways and London Underground, we are writing to call on you to meet with the transport unions to discuss rail workers' concerns and enable the unions to reach a negotiated settlement to the disputes with rail employers.

As affiliates of the International Transport Workers' Federation, we are shocked that less than a year after hosting COP26, the UK Government is set to impose cuts to railway services and scrap infrastructure projects at exactly the time when it should be investing, expanding and promoting public transport, especially the railways to help reduce global emissions from transport.

Safe and sustainable railways can help power our world out of the economic, climate and social crisis we face.

We call on you to do what's right by these workers and their communities, and call on you to meet urgently with the transport unions.

Signed in solidarity with transport unions around the world,

International Transport Workers' Federation
European Transport Workers' Federation

**Alongside 105 affiliated unions in solidarity with
RMT, Unite the Unite, ASLEF and TSSA railway workers**



All India Railwaymen's Federation	Finnish Transport Workers' Union	Norsk Jernbaneforbund
All Japan Prefectural and Municipal Workers' Union (JICHIRO)	First Union	Norsk Lokomotivmannsforbund
All Pakistan Civil Transport Workers' Union	FNV	NSZZ Solidarnosc
Amalgamated Transport and General Workers' Union	Forward Seamen's Union of India	Pakistan Seamen's Union
Amalgamated Union of Seafarers	Gambia Maritime and Seafarers Workers Unions	Pan-Hellenic Seamen's Federation (PNO)
Artisans and General Workers' Union	Garuda Indonesia Flight Attendant Association (Ikatan Awak Kabin Garuda Indonesia)	People's Unity of PIA Employees
Asociación de Señaleros Ferroviarios Argentinos	General Union of Port Workers	Port Workers' Union of the Philippines (PWUP)
Asry Labour Union	Genereal Federation of Private Railway Workers' Unions of Japan (PRU)	Public Transport Operators Union
Associated Labor Unions	Georgian Railway Workers New Trade Union	Rail and Maritime Transport Union Inc.
Australian Maritime Officers Union (AMOU)	Georgian Seafarers' Union	Railway and Allied Workers' Union
Australian Rail, Tram & Bus Industry Union (RTBU)	Gewerkschaft vida	Rautatiealan Unioni (Railway Union) - RAU
Auto, Taxi & Private Sector Transport Workers HMS Federation	GMB	Romanian Seafarers' Free Union
Aviation Industry Employees' Guild	Independent Democracy of Informal Economy Association	Seafarers' International Union of Canada
Belgische Transportarbeidersbond Union Belge du Transport et de la logistique	Indonesian Railway Workers Union (Serikat Pekerja Kereta Api)	Serikat Karyawan PT Garuda Indonesia Tbk (SEKARGA)
Birlesik Tasimacilik /áalislanlari Sendikasi (BTS) (United Transport Workers' Union)	International Organisation of Masters, Mates & Pilots	Services, Industrial, Professional and Technical Union (SIPTU)
Bulgarian Seafarers' Trade Union	Iranian Merchant Mariners Syndicate	Shivsangram Taxi and Rickshaw Union
Cambodian Transportation Workers' Federation (CTWF)	Japan Confederation of Railway Workers' Unions (JRUI)	Sindicato Nacional dos Trabalhadores da Marinha Mercante e Pescas (SINTMAP)
Deniz Çalislanlari Dayanisma Dernegi (DAD-DER) Marine Employees' Solidarity Association (MESA)	Japan Railway Trade Unions' Confederation (JR Rengo)	Sindiklat Pomoraca Hrvatske (Seafarers' Union of Croatia)
Dock, Maritime, Shipyard and Warehouse Workers' Union of Turkey (LIMAN-IŞ)	Kapers Cabin Crew Union	South Asia Pakistan Terminal Ltd Democratic Workers Union (SAPTL - DWU)
Eisenbahn- und Verkehrsgewerkschaft (EVG)	Kaplanan ng mga Manggagawa sa GOCCs at GFIs - Transport Group	State Enterprise Labour Union of Expressway Authority of Thailand (LU-EXAT)
ELA-Zerbitzuak	Kenya Hotels and Allied Workers, Æo Union	State Railway Workers' Union of Thailand (SRUT)
Fagligt Fælles Forbund (3F)	Kenya Long Distance Truck Drivers & Allied Workers Union	Syndicate of Workers of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Sandikaye Kargarane Sherkate Vahed)
Federación Bolivariana de los Trabajadores y Trabajadoras de Transporte Afines y Conexos (FBTTT)	Korean Public Service and Transport Workers' Union	The Maritime Union of India
Federación Estatal de Servicios, Movilidad y Consumo de la Unión General de Trabajadores (FeSMC-UGT)	Korean Railway Industry Trade Union	The Railwaymen's Union of Malaysia
Federacion Nacional de Transporte Ferroviario de Pasajeros, Carga, Afines y Conexas (FNTF)	Labor Committee of Aden Container Terminal	The State Enterprise Electrified Train Workers' Union (SEETU)
Federatia Nationala a Sindicatelor Portuare (FNSP)	Lebanese Cabin Crew Association	Train Drivers' Union of Slovenia
Fédération CGT des Cheminots	Lebanese Seaman's Syndicate	Transport & Communication Workers' Unions Industrial Federation
Federation Nationale Travailleurs Ports Algériens (UGTA)	Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association	Transport Employees Union Bihar
Federation of Transport Trade Unions in Bulgaria	Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine	Transport Workers Union Kenya (TAWU)
Federazione Italiana Lavoratori dei Trasporti (FILT-CGIL)	Maritime Union of Australia	Transport Workers' Union of Australia (TWU)
Fiji Public Service Association	Merchant Navy Officers' Guild - Hong Kong	Türkiye Denizçiler Sendikasi (Seafarers' Union of Turkey) (TÜRK DENİZ-IŞ)
Finnish Seafarers' Union (FSU)	National Railway Workers' Union (KOKURO)	Tuticorin Port Mariners' and General Staff Union
	National Road Transport Section NSZZ "Solidarity"	UILTRASPORTI
	National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI)	Unifor
	Nautilus International (UK)	Union des Syndicats UMT des Transports
	New Maritime & General Kamgar Sanghatana	
	Nigeria Union of Railway Workers	