



Never on our knees!

The fact that the Minimum Service Bill has made its way to the House of Lords so rapidly is worrying because it's a very important stage on the progress of this proposed law.

The present Cost-of-living crisis is a driving factor for the public sector union strike(s) and the draconian decision of the government to bring in statutory minimum service for key workers, so called "minimum safety service" is just a political ploy to make the Minimum Service Bill look about public safety, whereas, in fact the Bill, would prevent our ability to strike and lead to those choosing to go on strike facing the sack.

Politics is essential because that's the only way the difference in status between a worker and a higher-class person is balanced. Our standard of living is not purely because we are a product of our environment, it is dictated by laws and policies like the minimum service bill, zero hours contracts, rest days working, terms and conditions of employment contracts.

Let's not forget that even though we are at the ground level in the elevator of the power, nothing gets done without us and RMT channels the hopes and political energies of the working-class people leading the way during these waves of strikes amid the cost-of-living crisis.

We desperately need a better way to meet the challenges of today and those that lies ahead so the clashes RMT (and the other unions) are going through will determine the future.

We should be unstoppable now with the public support holding up when RMT is in the thought and conversations of common people as we stage such a wonderful resistance. During the pandemic it was recognised that we are the key workers keeping the world going and taking the society forward.

The government should know that this bill will lead to an escalation of industrial actions if they go ahead with the Bill, because we won't have our spirit crushed, we know that the alleged budget deficit is rational but is also deeply incorrect for us to bear the burden of rebuilding it. The money for wages in line with inflation will only exchange hands going back into economy.

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