

SUPPORT THE

HUNGER STRIKE

**Betrayed and lied to by our union
We demand justice Now!**

Sacked Belfast airport shop stewards

Gordon McNeill, Madan Gupta and Chris Bowyer say

- ▶ Gordon McNeill is on hunger and thirst strike at Transport House.
- ▶ Six years ago we went on strike for a 50p an hour pay rise.
- ▶ Our union official, backed by the leadership of the union, colluded with our employer, ICTS, to have 24 of us sacked.
- ▶ We were told by the union that we had no legal case against the company.
- ▶ We took our own case - and won!
- ▶ As a result we have been left with crippling legal bills. Our homes are now on the line as we are faced with debts we can never pay.
- ▶ We have faced paramilitary death threats against us and our families, warning us to drop this issue or else!

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▶ We will not walk away. We are demanding that the union pay our legal bills and compensate us for the hardship their actions have put ourselves and our families through.

▶ Four times in the last eight months the Unite leadership has promised to pay the legal bills and make an offer of compensation but failed each time to stick to their word.

▶ We were on hunger and thirst strike in April, but suspended this action after five days because the Union leadership again promised to pay our legal bills and offer compensation and to do so by 30 April.

▶ They have reneged on this. No offer has been made. The legal bills are still not paid.

▶ Instead they have moved the goalposts and are now saying that any offer they make will be subject to strings. Their first condition is that we issue a statement saying that the General Secretary, Tony Woodley and the Irish Regional Secretary, Jimmy Kelly, have acted "honourably" in this dispute.

▶ We are suggesting instead that there be a full public inquiry into what the union leadership have done over the six years of the dispute so that Unite members can judge for themselves.

▶ We are left with no choice but to begin a new hunger and thirst strike which will continue until the Unite leadership implements the promises they made to us, no matter what the consequences.

▶ We appeal to every Unite member, and to all trade unionists, to support us by contacting Tony Woodley and Jimmy Kelly and demand that they stick by the commitments they have already made.

▶ Then let us all Unite to build a strong union that can defend us against the attack on on services, on jobs, on wages and on conditions.

Support our fight for justice - Send messages of protest to:
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