

Govt must step in as BA puts 30,000 jobs at risk



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GMB, the union for aviation workers, says the Government must step in after British Airways put 30,000 jobs at risk.

Britain's national carrier took the unprecedented step of issuing a HR1 consultation notice for redundancies without specifying the number of jobs at risk.



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This means all 30,000 members of staff could face redundancy.

GMB Union says any Government bailout must come with iron guarantees from aviation employers that jobs and pay will be protected.

Nadine Houghton, GMB National Officer said:

“British Airways appear to be putting all staff on notice of redundancy.

“That's 30,000 people whose livelihoods are at immediate risk as a result of this global pandemic – with tens of thousands more supply chains and wider economy jobs in danger.

“It's clear the Government must step in to save this crucial plank of the UK economy.



“But British Airways can't be given carte blanche to use bail out cash to line the pockets of fat cats.

“Any state intervention must come with a rock solid commitment to save the jobs and pay all British Airways workers.

“We will need skilled aviation workers to reinvigorate the industry when we come out of this crisis.”

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