



## **Bezos can give each Amazon worker £43k covid bonus & keep pre-pandemic wealth**

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**Time for the Crassus-like multi-billionaire to step up, stop being cheap and start investing in Amazon workforce**

Astounding figures from GMB union show that Jeff Bezos, the multibillionaire behind Amazon has seen the value of his shareholding grow a staggering \$70.2 billion during this crisis.

If this increase in value was shared equally among Amazon's 1.2 million global workforce, Bezos could give every single worker a £43,000 bonus and still have more money than when the pandemic started.





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Following the boom in his personal wealth during the pandemic, GMB union are calling on the world's richest man to use his Crassus-like wealth to fund proper terms and conditions to Amazon workers

Last year figures released by GMB union showed that Amazon warehouses had been hit by more than 600 serious injuries or near misses in the previous three years.

Staff have also suffering convulsions, electric shocks, major traumas and getting knocked unconscious while working for the supercharged commercial giant, according to health and safety reports.

**Mick Rix, GMB organiser said:**

“We’re sure Jeff is having a very happy Birthday, after all his Crassus-like wealth has multiplied during this crisis.

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“It’s clear that that the financial regulations are the laws of the jungle. How can Jeff Bezos can become so rich from his share of the business, whilst conditions are so bad at his warehouses that on average there was an ambulance call out to an Amazon warehouse once every two days?

“It’s time for him to step up, stop being cheap and start investing in his workforce so that staff leave start leaving with smiles on their faces rather than in the back of an ambulance.”

*Contact GMB Press Office for calculations*