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Amazon

[Spain's Amazon workers call first ever strike at Madrid hub](#)

By Alejandro López, 19 March 2018

For more than a year, Amazon has been negotiating with the unions to impose a new agreement that would drastically reduce workers' rights.

[Amazon set to open new depot in Sheffield—“low pay capital of the UK”](#)

By Danny Richardson, 20 February 2018

Sheffield and its surrounding area was previously a major steel producing region with Amazon building its “Fulfilment Centres” in the South Yorkshire area on shuttered steel plants.

Another \$6 billion for Bezos overnight

[Amazon reports record profit in final quarter of 2017](#)

By Will Morrow, 3 February 2018

Amazon's profits are the outcome of the brutal exploitation of the company's global workforce of over 550,000 people.

[Corporate giants announce partnership to cut employer health care costs](#)

By Barry Grey, 31 January 2018

The initiative heralds a further monopolization of health care by a handful of billionaire-run corporations and a further subordination of social needs to Wall Street.

[Amazon narrows rat race for second HQ to 20 cities](#)

By Mark Ferretti, 23 January 2018

Twenty cities and regions are entering a second round of jockeying, flattery and bribery to woo the mammoth retailer.

[It's the most exhausting time of the year: Amazon, UPS workers denounce grueling holiday conditions](#)

By our reporters, 30 December 2017

Amid reports of deaths at Amazon and UPS, workers at Amazon, UPS, FedEx, US Postal Service, and other logistics and delivery companies have been under immense pressure to meet increased demand during the Christmas holiday.

[Amazon begins operations in Australia](#)

By Patrick Kelly, 28 December 2017

Amazon is notorious internationally for its appalling treatment of warehouse workers.

Amazon worker dies after vomiting blood at Sacramento, California fulfillment center

By Kristina Betinis, 23 December 2017

This is at least the third death in recent months for the world's largest online retailer, and the company has nearly doubled its workforce for holiday sales.

OSHA dragging its feet investigating death of Pennsylvania Amazon worker Devan Shoemaker

By Douglas Lyons, 20 December 2017

28-year-old Devan Shoemaker was run over by a tractor-trailer while working for Amazon. He leaves behind a young son and wife.

Amazon conducts total surveillance of workers in new German plant

By Marianne Arens, 16 December 2017

“One speaks of robots becoming more and more like humans, at Amazon it's the other way round: humans become robots.”

Amazon workers ask “\$100 billion man” Jeff Bezos: where's my cut?

By our reporters, 9 December 2017

When reporters for the International Amazon Workers Voice interviewed part-time Amazon workers in Baltimore to discuss their attitude toward Bezos' ill-gotten fortune, they were met with a torrent of disgust and calls for sharing the wealth.

“We're human beings, not slaves and animals”

UK newspaper exposé details Amazon's super-exploitation of workforce

By Robert Stevens and John Newham, 30 November 2017

A *Sunday Mirror* reporter conducted a five-week undercover investigation at Amazon's Tilbury fulfillment centre

Amazon builds low-wage Maryland plant on ashes of largest steel mill in US

By Adam Soroka, 27 November 2017

The construction of the facility on the site of a former Bethlehem Steel mill is indicative of the decline of American capitalism.

Jeff Bezos' \$100 billion: The case for expropriation

By Eric London, 27 November 2017

The wealth of Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, together with the trillions of dollars hoarded by his fellow billionaires, could be used to wipe out poverty, disease, and social misery.

Amazon announces new cloud to host “Secret” government data

By Evan Blake, 24 November 2017

The creation of the AWS Secret Cloud places Amazon at the center of the global surveillance operations of American imperialism.

House to vote on giving Amazon \$53 billion deal to become main Pentagon supplier

By Evan Blake, 11 November 2017

If the bill becomes law, Amazon will be providing hundreds of thousands of CIA agents, military personnel, prosecutors, and immigration agents with their pencils, desks, and chairs.

Temp work past the age of retirement

Amazon’s CamperForce program exploits elderly workers

By Evan Blake, 6 November 2017

Every year, Amazon hires thousands of temporary workers in their 50s, 60s and 70s to carry out backbreaking labor during the holiday season.

With Amazon stock surge, Jeff Bezos becomes richest person in the world overnight

By Evan Blake, 30 October 2017

Following a strong earnings report, Bezos amassed more money in a day than his entire warehouse workforce earns in a year.

Trudeau courts Amazon CEO to locate its second headquarters in Canada

By Laurent Lafrance, 27 October 2017

In a “Dear Jeff” letter, Trudeau served up Canadian workers on a silver platter to the mega-billionaire Jeff Bezos whose giant conglomerate ruthlessly exploits its global workforce.

Amazon workers force company to rehire unjustly fired worker after IAWV exposure

By Samuel Davidson, 10 October 2017

The re-hiring may seem like a small victory, but it is an indication of the strength Amazon workers have when they unite to protect one another’s rights.

Is \$12 an hour a fair wage for Amazon workers?

By Samuel Davidson, 4 October 2017

An *International Amazon Workers Voice* investigation reveals that the prevalence of temporary and part-time work means most Amazon workers struggle to make poverty-rate wages.

Workers denounce Amazon for speed-ups after two die on the job

By Christopher Davion, 2 October 2017

Phillip Terry was crushed by a forklift at the plant outside Indianapolis, and Devan Shoemaker was run over by a truck in South Middletown Township, Pennsylvania.

Why is Amazon deleting negative reviews of Hillary Clinton's new book?

By Andre Damon, 15 September 2017

Amazon has deleted over a thousand negative reviews of *What Happened?*, Hillary Clinton's account of the 2016 presidential election.

Price gouging at Amazon and the case for public ownership

By Eric London, 8 September 2017

The world's most powerful and wealthy corporations are taking advantage of desperate people in Florida who are trying to buy bottled water online as store supplies run out.

Single mother in Pittsburgh fired by Amazon for not working forced overtime

By Samuel Davidson, 1 September 2017

The mother of two was fired even after a supervisor told her it was okay not to work overtime at the end of her 4 am to 8 am shift.

It's like an "early 1900s factory"

Walgreens pharmacy workers in Michigan speak out against harsh working conditions

By George Kirby, 29 August 2017

The WSWS spoke to workers at Walgreens' Specialty Pharmacies, who face similar working conditions to Amazon warehouse workers.

Protests against Amazon's bid to seize land from historic African-American community in Virginia

By Nick Barrickman and Alex González, 21 August 2017

As if returning to feudal times, Amazon, with billionaire CEO Jeff Bezos at its helm, is upending communities with historic ties to the great democratic gains from the American Civil War.

Working life at a Pittsburgh Amazon warehouse

By Samuel Davidson, 10 August 2017

"You are not supposed to talk, just supposed to work in this hive. That is what it looks like in there, a beehive, and we are working in a honeycomb."

Amazon and Foxconn in Kenosha, Wisconsin: The new American "special economic zone"

By Christopher Davion, 8 August 2017

Local and state officials plan to transform the region into a platform for low wage manufacturing and distribution giants.

"It's like we are going back to the early 1900s before workers had any rights"

Amazon job applicants speak on social crisis in US

By Isaac Finn, 4 August 2017

Workers at Amazon's job fair described living and working conditions in Ohio and Massachusetts to the *World Socialist Web Site* and *International Amazon Workers Voice*.

Tens of thousands line up at Amazon job fairs as Dow tops 22,000

By Eric London, 3 August 2017

The long lines of job-hungry workers encircling buildings and stretching across parking lots recall scenes from the Great Depression.

"I've read about revolutions. If you ignore the lower class long enough they'll rise up"

Amazon Jobs Day applicants speak out

By our reporters, 3 August 2017

Reporters from the *World Socialist Web Site* and *International Amazon Workers Voice* spoke to applicants in Illinois, Wisconsin, New Jersey, New York and Ohio.

Amazon Jobs Day: A Tale of Two Americas

By Eric London, 2 August 2017

The job fairs are being held in some of the most economically distressed regions of the country that have been hard hit by deindustrialization and corporate plunder.

Amazon to seize the land of freed slaves' descendants to lay power lines

By Nick Barrickman and Alex González, 28 July 2017

American capitalism has come full-circle: the government is stealing land from the descendents of slaves and giving it to one of the world's most powerful corporations.

Amazon CEO Bezos makes \$1.4 billion Thursday morning, briefly becoming world's richest person

By Evan Blake, 28 July 2017

Bezos's ascension to the heights of society rests on the exploitation of Amazon's hundreds of thousands of workers worldwide.

Government gives Amazon millions in free money for Romulus, Michigan warehouse

By Robert Verdine, 25 July 2017

The multi-billion corporation is pocketing millions in investments and tax breaks from Detroit area suburbs for the building of new fulfillment and warehouse facilities.

"When they pay a contract worker it's like they're giving money to a beggar"

Amazon investing billions in India to extract super profits

By Moses Rajkumar and Sasi Kumar, 21 July 2017

Amazon has become the second largest global investor in India's digital economy.

AmazonFresh worker reveals: Amazon illegally keeps workers in a freezer for over two hours at a time

By Alex González, 18 July 2017

A worker reported that Amazon's food delivery service forces many of its employees to work in sub-freezing temperatures for longer than legally allowed.

Jeff Bezos's Washington Post delivers a hypocritical sermon on American values

By Andre Damon, 14 July 2017

The *Washington Post*, owned by Amazon CEO and billionaire Jeff Bezos, declares Russia a "hostile power" because it is opposed to "bedrock American values" like self-determination and a free press.

Amazon and the CIA: a match made in hell

Part Two: Amazon, war propaganda, and the suppression of free speech

By Evan Blake, 14 July 2017

Amazon won the confidence of the CIA through its suppression of WikiLeaks, and since constructing the C2S cloud has become ever more deeply connected to the military-intelligence apparatus.

Amazon and the CIA: a match made in hell

Part One: Amazon cashes in on war crimes and mass surveillance

By Evan Blake, 13 July 2017

Since signing a \$600 million deal with the CIA in 2013, Amazon has become ever more integrated with the American state apparatus and implicated in its crimes.

Virginia and Maryland Amazon workers denounce speed-ups as company profits from millions in government giveaways

By Nick Barrickman and Brad Dixon, 8 July 2017

As the mega-corporation rakes in free money from state and federal services, grants and tax breaks, thousands of its regional employees face grueling work conditions and low pay.

"The company is a prison"

Fall River, Mass., Amazon worker says company forces workers to grab heavy pallets 50 feet in air

By John Marion, 2 July 2017

The government gave Amazon millions of dollars to set up its sweatshop-like operation in the deindustrialized Northeast.

Canadian Amazon workers face low wages and constant speed-up

By our reporters, 1 July 2017

A WSWS reporting team distributed copies of the International Amazon Workers Voice at a fulfillment centre in Brampton, Ontario, where workers reported earning low wages and being

exploited twice over by labour contractors.

Amazon pays warehouse workers \$233 per month in India

By Sasi Kumar and Moses Rajkumar, 28 June 2017

It would take an Indian worker 1,001,430 years to earn what Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos made on a single day, when Amazon announced the purchase of Whole Foods.

Amazon's purchase of Whole Foods and the case for public ownership

By Eric London, 22 June 2017

The expansion of the Amazon corporate behemoth is an expression of the unprecedented concentration of economic power among a handful of corporations that dominate the world capitalist economy.

California Amazon worker speaks out:

"Amazon fired me because I complained about age discrimination"

By Evan Blake, 20 June 2017

The former Amazon employee described a climate of favoritism and abuse against older workers at the multinational behemoth's warehouses.

Amazon's monopoly swells with \$13.7 billion offer to buy Whole Foods

By Evan Blake, 17 June 2017

Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos made \$1.88 billion in a single day as the corporation's octopus-like control expanded into a new segment of the world economy.

Amazon workers speak out

Amazon forced pregnant woman off the job due to physical, emotional stress

By our reporters, 12 June 2017

Workers tell their Amazon horror stories: "Amazon is the most miserable place I have ever worked."

Ex-Amazon worker: I was fired for picking too slow

By our reporters, 10 June 2017

A former "picker" was given little training and did not meet Amazon's required time targets, so he was fired.

California Amazon worker speaks out

"They told us to work harder, promised 'a cookie' to fastest worker"

By Marc Wells, Toby Reese and Kevin Martinez, 7 June 2017

In this video, a worker who wished to remain anonymous spoke to our reporters about working in one of the Amazon warehouses or "fulfillment centers."

Striking German Amazon workers describe grueling conditions and digital surveillance

By Dietmar Henning, 7 June 2017

Around 500 workers conducted a three-day strike at an Amazon facility in Rheinberg in the Lower Rhine region of Germany last week.

In move to compete with Amazon, Walmart asks workers to make deliveries during commute

By Evan Blake, 6 June 2017

The two companies are competing with one another to cut costs and boost profits by increasing the exploitation of their workforces.

Ex-Amazon worker in Spain speaks out: “My life has been destroyed by Amazon”

By Eric London, 2 June 2017

Thirty-year-old José Antonio Rueda Bermudez’s horror story shows how Amazon’s temporary workforce is exploited and abandoned by the corporate giant.

German Amazon worker denounces company’s collective punishment tactics

By our reporters, 31 May 2017

The *International Amazon Workers Voice* (IAVW), launched by the WSWS to unite Amazon workers worldwide in a fight against the company, has met with great interest among Amazon workers in Germany.

Amazon ordered employee to work despite heatstroke risk, sought to cover up incident

By Eric London, 30 May 2017

The young Virginia worker told the *International Amazon Workers Voice* that she has still not received medical attention despite suffering long-term health effects.

Amazon workers speak out

Ex-worker: I was close to heatstroke and Amazon forced me to keep working

By our reporters, 29 May 2017

Amazon workers are sharing their horror stories of exploitation by the corporation and discussing how to unite internationally to fight back.

Striking Amazon workers in Germany support call for international cooperation

By our correspondents, 27 May 2017

A flyer announcing the creation of *International Amazon Workers Voice* was distributed during yesterday's strike at Amazon in Bad Hersfeld. The initiative for the coordination of resistance globally met with widespread support.

“This is modern day slavery”

Amazon workers worldwide denounce dictatorial working conditions

By Eric London, 26 May 2017

Workers flooded the *International Amazon Workers Voice* with exposures of horrible conditions at the company’s plants across the world.

Socialist Equality Party launches *International Amazon Workers Voice* newsletter

By the Socialist Equality Party, 24 May 2017

The newsletter will be a platform of opposition for Amazon workers, exposing dictatorial working conditions, introducing workers to socialism, and providing regular news and analysis of world politics.

Billionaire Bezos’s cash bonanza

Amazon CEO makes \$3.3 billion in a few hours

By Evan Blake and Eric London, 6 May 2017

Jeff Bezos has accumulated \$22.4 billion over the past year by exploiting Amazon's 341,000 workers who struggle to make ends meet.

Amazon workers denounce working conditions

By Evan Blake, 17 April 2017

Workers at Amazon distribution centers describe a stifling atmosphere of intimidation by company management, while denouncing the Trump administration and the drive to war.

Amazon worker attempts suicide at Seattle headquarters

By Jerry White, 30 November 2016

Monday’s tragedy sheds light on the realities of the “new economy” and the extreme exploitation facing employees of the online retail giant.



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