

outsourced!



support the
locked out
philippine
airlines
workers

More than 2000 ground staff at Philippine Airlines need our solidarity. They have spent the last six months on picket lines, having been locked out and then sacked in a major dispute over outsourcing.

The workers were required to reapply for their old jobs, with “new” companies that have been contracted to supply baggage handling, catering, check in, call centre and ramp services to Philippine Airlines. - In fact these “new” companies are owned by some of the same businessmen who hold large stakes in Philippine Airlines.

Many workers for the “new”, outsourced companies would see their wages cut by half or more. And under Philippines law, they would lose the protection of their union, the Philippine Airlines Employees Association (PALEA).

On 27 September 2011, thousands of workers were forcibly removed from the Philippine Airlines terminals at Manila and elsewhere. Since then they have maintained protest camps at the

airports of Manila and Cebu, the two largest cities of the Philippines.

PALEA members have maintained their protest despite multiple typhoons and attacks by armed thugs. They have had a major impact on the profits of Philippine Airlines, which has recently been forced to bring in a new major shareholder and sack many senior managers. The workers have vowed to continue their protest until they are reinstated, and negotiations are opened for a new Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Employers from Japan Airlines to Qantas to Philippine Airlines are using outsourcing to boost profits at workers' expense. Rather than being picked off one by one, we all know that we are much, much stronger if we stick together.

Support our brothers and sisters at Philippine Airlines.

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