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Protest at AMAZON HQ in Luxembourg announced

## "Make AMAZON shareholders pay!"

The International ethecon Dead Planet Award names and shames AMAZON's Jeffrey Bezos

ethecon Foundation Ethics & Economy, together with UNI Global Union and the campaign "Make Amazon pay!", announced protest at the European headquarters of the online trade corporation on 26.05.2021 on the occasion of the AMAZON's shareholders' general meeting. ethecon Foundation Ethics & Economy publicly pilloried founder and major shareholder Jeffrey Preston Bezos in 2020 with the international ethecon Dead Planet Award 2020 for his union-busting, tax evasion, exploitation in the shadow of the pandemic, environmental destruction amongst other crimes.

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**26/05/2021, 12 noon**

**38 Avenue John F. Kennedy**

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With the support of the international trade union federation UNI Global Union, ethecon Ethics & Economics Foundation and the "Make Amazon Pay!" campaign are calling for protests in front of AMAZON's European headquarters in Luxembourg on the day of the online retailer's shareholder meeting. In November 2020, ethecon pilloried Jeffrey Bezos, the founder, main owner and then CEO of AMAZON, with the International ethecon Dead Planet Award 2020.

The Corporate Crime Award annually shines a spotlight on board members and major shareholders for crimes committed in the service of profits and shocking irresponsibility towards humanity and the planet. Those so reviled are always confronted personally, usually in front of their assembled shareholders.

In the pandemic, the general meeting takes place online behind closed doors. The excluded critics of the company, together with colleagues from various European AMAZON locations, trade unionists and environmentalists, are therefore marching in front of the company's European headquarters.

"Amazon established its headquarters in Luxembourg in order to avoid taxation, and from here, to cash in, under cover of the pandemic and on the backs of warehouse employees, parcel carriers and dependant retailers. From here, lousy working conditions are settled Europe-wide." - so ethecon secretary Niklas Hoves justifies the protest.

On the same day, AMAZON workers are also holding protests in Dheli, London, New York, Sydney and Berlin. "An international monopoly can only be put in its place through transnational solidarity," said Hoves. "On this day, our motto worldwide is: >Make AMAZON Shareholders pay!< Primarily responsible for AMAZON's decisions and actions are not only the leading managers around Bezos but also the other major

shareholders such as the financial groups BLACKROCK and VANGUARD. They own significant parts of the group."

The Foundation's comprehensive dossier on AMAZON can be ordered free of charge or [downloaded here](#).

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