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Facebook Cleaners Strike, London, December 1st 2017

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Cleaners at Facebook's Central London HQ are to stage a one-day strike on December 1st against bullying, intimidation, racism, nepotism, and the possibility of redundancy.

The cleaners, members of the Cleaners and Allied Independent Workers Union, have been campaigning against the behaviour of Peartree Cleaning services and its managers at Facebook HQ, 10 Brock Street, London NW1 3FG since March of this year. And it has recently transpired that their jobs may be under threat when Facebook relocates to its new central London offices at One Rathbone Place, just off Oxford Street.

The cleaners have received notices that redundancies are necessary due to the imminent closure of parts of Facebook's present HQ at 10 Brock Street. But the letters make no mention of the fact that Facebook is about to move to vast new premises, and Facebook itself has not responded to enquiries about its cleaning and maintenance plans for the new building.

A CAIWU spokesperson said, "Our members have faced an extremely difficult time recently at Facebook. They've had to put up with bullying and nepotism from their duty managers and failed leadership from both Peartree and Facebook, who have repeatedly broken their promises to address these problems. On top of all that, they now face the prospect of losing their jobs at Christmas. After months of campaigning, they've had enough. They realise that resorting to industrial action is a drastic step, but they feel that going on strike is the only way to get their concerns taken seriously."

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