



ver in response to P&O's decision to fire 800 staff without notice.

"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Amos 5:24

Ill-treating workers is not just business. In God's eyes it is sin.

P&O has sacked 800 people in Dover, a town dependent on shipping. Dover is a major part of the Diocese of Canterbury which we serve as Bishops.

The extraordinary move is at the command of DP World, the Dubai based and owned parent company, which made record profits last year. The move is cynically timed for a moment when world attention is on Ukraine. Done without warning or consultation it is inhumane, treats human beings as a commodity of no basic value or dignity and is completely unethical.

We call on Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Transport, to prevent P&O operating until proper consultation has been carried out. Consultation will have to be done with independent oversight as all confidence in P&O management is gone. We call on the UK Government to make urgent and forceful representations to the Government of Dubai, a historic and close ally of the UK.

It is essential that if this move cannot be prevented legally that Dover receive extraordinary financial and development assistance.

+ Rose Dover

The Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover

+ The Archbishop

The Most Reverend & Right Honourable

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

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