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## **WORLDWIDE NEWSFLASH**

### **Royal Mail Workers Vote in Favor of National Strike**

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The Communication Workers Union (CWU) announced today that 61,623 out of a total of 80,830 Royal Mail workers who voted (or 76%) were in favor of national strikes over jobs, pay and working conditions. However, according to the Royal Mail, 60% of the total number of postal workers working in the UK did not vote to strike. 121,000 members were balloted, but there are an additional 20,000 postal workers who are not members of the union.

The union is required to provide seven days' notice of any strike action. Strikes held are expected to be one or two days in length. Dave Ward, deputy general secretary of the CWU, indicated that the union will give the Royal Mail the next ten days to resolve the dispute. Royal Mail's Managing Director, Mark Higson, has called on the CWU to return to the negotiating table.

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