



# LUFTHANSA CABIN CREW UNION SAYS PAY TALKS HAVE FAILED

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**Talks between Lufthansa and its main cabin crew union have failed, the union said on Saturday, raising the prospect of more strikes at the German carrier.**

Lufthansa is in talks with various staff groups as it seeks to cut costs in order to compete better with low cost carriers and Gulf rivals.

A long-running dispute with its pilots over pay and conditions has already resulted in more than a dozen strikes over a period of 18 months.

The cabin crew union, which represents 19,000 staff had given Lufthansa until Nov. 1 to put forward a better offer in long-running talks over pay, retirement benefits and working conditions.

Despite a constructive start to talks over the weekend, Lufthansa refused to reconfirm agreements it had previously made verbally, Nicoley Baublies, head of the union, told Reuters.

"Strikes are a possibility," Baublies said, adding that the union would announce its next course of action on Monday.

Lufthansa was not immediately available for comment.

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