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Services union ver.di has organised a series of protest actions in the run up to the third round of collective bargaining at the private health company Helios. The union is demanding a significant improvement on the company's 1% pay offer. The negotiations cover around 21,000 employees (excluding doctors) in 34 clinics. Ver.di initiated a range of actions including beaming slogans onto Helios buildings. It is highly critical of the way the company is treating its workforce in view of the extra efforts made during the pandemic. Ver.di argues that Helios is attempting to make savings to compensate for the economic difficulties faced by its parent company, Fresenius. According to the union Helios posted a pre-tax profit of around EUR 600 million last year and so all the more outrageous that it wants to restrict pay increases. Ver.di also expects Fresenius to increase its dividend and calls on the company not only to think of the shareholders, but above all to ensure good working conditions and decent pay.

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