## **Court ruling disappoints union**

## Germany

Ver.di has expressed its disappointment that the labour court in Bielefeld has ruled that the special status of church organisations means that their employees do not have the right to strike. The church employers took the issue to court following strike action by ver.di members last year that put pressure on church organisations to accept a new collective agreement. The union hopes that Germany's main constitutional court will take a different approach and rule that the special status of church employment does not undermine workers' right to strike. Read more at > ver.di (DE)

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