

Ports stop in Rosario for the death of a worker

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The union released the measure of force after a labor accident in Puerto Rosario Terminal where a stevedore was killed and another injured

A labor accident at the Puerto Rosario Terminal left a worker dead and another injured, who recovered in intensive care in a private sanatorium in the city. After the death of the operator, who agonized for three days, the Syndicate United Portuarios Argentinos (Supa) launched a 24-hour strike from today's zero hour and will affect activity in all terminals in the Rosario department.

The episode occurred last Thursday at the local port when a large glass was detached from a crane located on the ship BBC Lisbon, originally from China, although it operates under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda, which unloaded rails for the Belgrano Cargas railway. The panel fell from a considerable height on the dockers, piercing the hull of one of them and severely injuring it, while the second only produced cuts. This was said by sources close to the activity in the port terminal Rosario.

Meanwhile, the other worker, Arnaldo Gauna, 48, suffered a traumatic skull and some cuts and also remains in intensive therapy, but stable and out of danger, added sources close to the port workers.

"The two of them were working in the hold, hooking the rails to the hoist of the crane to discharge the ground. At one point a window door of the machine came off and fell from 20 meters above them, striking them on the head. It is a thick, heavy glass, blind type," said the general secretary of the United Port Argentine Trade Union (Supa) in Rosario, César Aybar.

"Port activity has its dangers, but we work hard with the company on a joint committee to reduce risks to its minimum expression. From what we were seeing it can be determined that this occurred because something failed in the maintenance of the ship, that is under judicial investigation. There are colleagues who have worked 40 years in the field and have never seen such a disgrace," said the trade union representative.

Aybar said that they "strongly lament the death of the comrade," and by virtue of the fact they launched a general strike all day today, which will paralyze all the ports of the Rosario department. In this sense, the port terminals of the cities of Rosario, General Lagos, Arroyo Seco, Villa Gobernador Gálvez and Alvear will be affected by the measure of force.

Meanwhile, Justice is now investigating the responsibilities in the tragic fact. In this sense, the Investigative Police will today deliver the expert reports with the evidence and testimonies that took place at the place on the day of the accident, vital elements to define the course to the prosecutor involved in the Public Prosecutor's Office, Valeria Piazza Iglesias. For the moment, the driver of the crane was available to the Prosecutor.

A glass was detached from a crane located on a Chinese ship that brings rails for the Belgrano Cargas railway.

