

Hero: before dying he saved 20 young people



Domingo Ramón Giménez died Wednesday in the explosion of Cofco cereal, former Nidera. He was the only fatal victim of a disaster that left another nine seriously injured, three of whom are in intensive care. He was 61 years old and had an extensive career within the exporting port of the Gran Rosario. He had two years before retirement, according to his brother Juan Carlos.

Sr. Gimenez should not have been in the area of the explosion. He worked in the offices above the port terminal, at an operations desk. But minutes before the largest explosion went down to the tunnels to see if everyone below had escaped.

"He was going out and went down to look for about 20 guys from 20 to 22 years old, who are from a company that hires them to clean, to see if everything was fine and told them to go eat. But everything exploded and he took it," said his brother in dismay.

"He is a hero, he saved many lives," he added with a mixture of sadness and pride. "He advanced a lot at the company, starting as a cleaner and promoted to the offices above, in an operations capacity, where the entrance and exit of the ships are handled", he told about the career of Domingo.

Juan Carlos affirmed that the tragedy could be much worse. "Thank God he did not grab the part where the solvents are; today Puerto General San Martín would not be on the map, there would be a crater," he explained. According to workers and trade unionists, the explosion was caused by the poor safety conditions of a plant that had been paralyzed for months and that had already suffered incidents with the spread of fire in recent times. "This is money, in these big companies you are a number", Juan Carlos graphed about this situation.