

Five people were killed allegedly due to inhalation of poison gas on board the MV Sumiei

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Four port workers and a health worker who served as a health team of PT Pelindo Banjarmasin, South Kalimantan, were killed allegedly by inhaling poison gas at Palka ship MV SUMIEI.

Based on information in the field on Sunday (25/2), four workers were Mandor Madi (55) Pelambuan residents, Jani (48), David (30) and Syahrani (40). While one of the health team of PT Pelindo, died when rushed to Asahan Insan Hospital Banjarmasin.

The incident took place on the MV SUMIEI Ship containing kernil / palm kernel from Pelaihari 600 tons of Jambi destination with Hervraf Yuno Andreas captain, on Saturday at around 20:05 pm. Starting when the hold is opened, the victims immediately perform the demolition activity on the ship.

Some of the crew had warned not to do the unloading for three hours, but two people had already descended to the deck. They suddenly experience weakness and difficulty breathing.

Knowing his friend was limp, the other two tried to help, and went down to Palka, but suffered the same fate. Until the port health team arrived to try to rescue the victims by descending to evacuate, but he took a breath inhalation from the hold. After that, the joint emergency team came directly to the evacuation and the victim was taken to TPT hospital and Asahan Hospital.

According to one of the savings team of Untung Nur in Banjarmasin, when he came the condition of the ship was stuffy with a very stinging smell.

"When I want to go down, it smells amazing and the ship feels stuffy can not breathe, so it does not allow me to get on the boat," said Nur.

"Nobody dared to come down to help the victims, but lucky someone dared to come down, to rescue the five victims already on board," he added.

Thanks to one rescuer, the victims were evacuated and immediately rushed to the hospital, but in the end the fifth died.

"Of the victim in the medical team, I took to Asahan Insan Hospital, and he died on the way," he said.

Meanwhile, one other person who dared to help, his condition was also weak, but could be helped. **[ded]**