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Tragedy in the port of Trieste, he dies in a truck crash

The victim, 46 year-old Roberto Bassin from Trieste, was on duty as a fire guard on a ship at the Samer terminal

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TRIESTE Tragedy in the harbor. Yesterday, Saturday September 28th, a fire guard was hit by a truck and died. He is from Trieste, Roberto Bassin, forty-six years old, an employee of the Cooperativa Servizi Portuali-Coosp. The accident occurred around seven-thirty on board the ship "Ephesus", moored at the Samer terminal in Riva Traiana.

The truck driver, a semi-trailer, was doing a maneuver - apparently in reverse - and hit the 46-year-old. It seems that the fire guard at that time was positioned to one side. Ambulance and medical equipment intervened. The victim's condition immediately appeared desperate. The 118 health workers practiced cardiac massage. They tried in every way to save the person. But there was nothing to do. The fire brigade, the Harbor Master's Office and the inspectors of the healthcare company are also on site.

The dynamics of the investment is quite clear: Roberto Bassin, whom his colleagues knew as "Roby", was crushed between the moving semi-trailer and a "buffer", an iron tube anchored to the ship that separates the maneuvering area of the trucks from other areas. The 46-year-old found himself with no escape between the semitrailer and the tubular. As mentioned, the drama occurred on the "Ephesus", one of the Ro-Ros that transports trucks and connects Trieste with Turkey.

Bassin had been working in port for years. From what emerges at the time of the accident other personnel were also present. In all probability the ship will be subjected to detention, pending judicial checks.

The confederal unions and the Usb have proclaimed the general strike in port. "This terrible tragedy that concerns our port and our city - is the accusation contained in a statement of the coordination USB Sea & Ports of Trieste - is the umpteenth of this country in which the murders on the job grow numerically in front of the incapacity companies to really take responsibility for the constant deterioration of conditions ". The union, in expressing condolences to the family, increases: "Workers' safety and prevention are seen as a burden, a tinsel, a nuisance to which we can devote the minimum possible attention".

In the evening the note of condolence of Jens Peder Nielsen, managing director of Samer Seaports & Terminals. "We are deeply affected and saddened by what happened. Our thoughts and condolences go to the family and loved ones of the person who lost his life in this incident. We are close to all the Terminal workers who we know are deeply shaken by this tragedy. The company, to the extent of its competence, is available to the authorities that are working to rebuild the dynamics ».

Economic Development Minister Stefano Patuanelli spoke on the episode yesterday in Trieste: "I am shocked by the tragedy," he said. «I want to express my closeness to the family, we must work with all our strength for workplace safety at the government level. You cannot lose your life by working ». -