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Stevedores pay tribute to fallen comrades in display of unity

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Bermuda's stevedores joined port workers across the Caribbean region to pay tribute to two fallen comrades who lost their lives while performing their duties in Antigua and Barbados.

The Port Managers Association of the Caribbean, representing the maritime industry in the region, organised a moment of silence to honour the memory of Antiguan Denroy "Waka" Harrigan and Jeffrey "Milk" Broomes, from Barbados.

Randy Rochester is the chief executive of Polaris Holding Company, the parent company to Stevedoring Services Limited.

He said: "With over 90 per cent of Bermuda's imports passing through its docks, Stevedoring Services Limited understands the crucial role of port workers in sustaining the nation's economy.

"SSL is deeply saddened by the recent loss of our colleagues in Antigua and Barbados, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to their families and friends during this difficult time."

He added: "In light of these recent incidents, SSL will actively participate in additional health and safety training programmes offered to ports throughout the Caribbean region. Our aim is to improve safety standards, reduce risks and enhance the wellbeing of all those who labour tirelessly on our docks.

"While each loss is deeply felt, it also serves as a stark reminder of the importance of continuous vigilance in maintaining a safe working environment for port workers.

"Decades ago, SSL experienced its own loss of a dock worker, and we are committed to honouring the memory of all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice by ensuring that every worker returns home safely at the end of their shift."