

Port union denounces business irresponsibility in the death of a worker

The Supra, faced with the loss of a new life in the port of Montevideo, carried out a 24-hour strike to express its discrepancy with the actions of a port operator.

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The Single Port and Related Branches Union (Supra) held a session of its secretariat last Monday to analyze the general situation of the sector, and especially what happened last week when a worker died in the port of Montevideo, and decided to carry out of a 24-hour strike, which took place between Monday and Tuesday, to denounce this situation, the union reported through a statement accessed by THE REPUBLIC.

The notice

“On Tuesday, July 7, another unfortunate accident happened in the port of Montevideo, again on the Independiente ship, this time operated by the Murchison company. A totally avoidable

accident, if the necessary preventive measures had been taken or the existing security protocols in the Port Security Regulation 394/18 had been respected, which was approved after the Port also lamented the death of two unprotected stevedores legal. Life is the highest good and not anyone's bargaining chip! What use are the laws if companies can play at will with the lives of workers?

Not only is the way in which this company operates in the port of Montevideo regrettable, but the attitude it took after the magnitude of the accident. A stevedore transferred urgently with head trauma, after a fall greater than 2.5 meters in height, whose rescue was difficult, quickly decided to replace him with another and continue operating as if nothing had happened here.

So much so, that the Supra upon becoming aware of the fact, immediately makes the complaint to the Prefecture and to the MTSS Inspection and thanks to this it was possible to delay the departure of the Ship until the corresponding inspections were carried out, since the ship was preparing to sail. with its full charge.

Since Tuesday, Ángel de Mello, 51, father of 4 children, fought a great battle at the CTI, dying on Sunday afternoon, paradoxically the day when we all celebrated Father's Day.

The Supra secretariat quickly met today (Monday, July 13) decreeing a 24-hour strike, as we have foreseen in our action protocol in the event of the death of a worker in these circumstances.

We know that any action we can take will not bring any worker back to life, but it is the only tool we have to report the abuses and abuse of a company that prioritizes income over life.

We demand that public authorities, such as ANP and the MTSS, demand compliance with current regulations for these types of companies. The Supra confirms its commitment to follow up the investigations until the last consequences and to maintain the necessary support for her family.