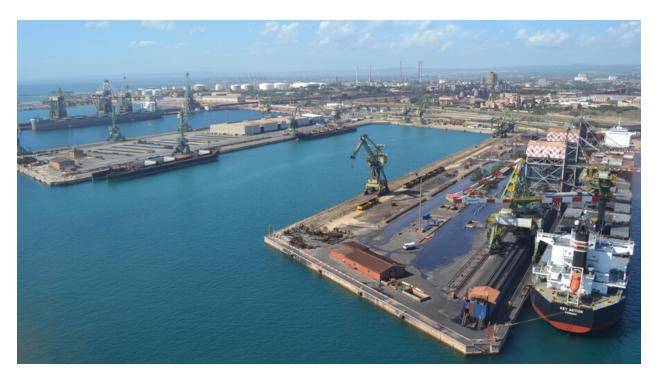


## Worker dies in the port of Taranto. A national strike is triggered

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Taranto - A worker, crane operator of the southern Peyrani, died this afternoon in Taranto after having fallen into the void and having made a flight of about twenty meters. The incident occurred at Pier 1.

The victim was 48 years old and died instantly: the help provided by the 118 staff was useless for him. Police officers investigate the incident. The worker, **Natalino Albano**, was loading wind turbines on a ship when the cargo moved. For fear of being hit by the load, he launched himself onto the dock. The unions have called a 24-hour strike in the port of Taranto.

## Strike throughout Italy

An hour of strike in all Italian ports to protest against the fatal accident that occurred this afternoon at the fourth protruding port of Taranto, was proclaimed tonight by the national transport federations of CGIL, CISL and UIL. **The articulation will be territorially** 

**decided port by port** and the strike time will be carried out by tomorrow. The national protest adds to the 24-hour strike since midnight today in Taranto.

For the national trade federations, "the day after World Security Day, we record the dramatic death of a port worker in the port of Taranto". "It is necessary to put an end to these tragic events - they affirm - and to draw the attention of all those in charge to the issues of safety in the workplace, which are so vital for workers. To lose his life following the fatal accident at work at the port of Taranto, was a worker of a company pursuant to article 16 of law 84/94". It is the article of the law on port authorities that governs port companies such as Peyrani, under which the worker who died today was employed. For national transport unions, "the lack of safety in the workplace is no longer tolerable, especially in areas, such as ports, where productive activities are carried out in which complex synergies exist between different worlds of work".

"It is urgent and necessary - they continue - that the institutions complete the reference legislation for ports, with particular attention to the risks of interference". "It is essential - the national trade federations still argue - that the business system invests in the culture of safety and prevention if you do not want to continue to witness a real massacre of people who go to work and you want to guarantee them the return home, to their families, at the end of the work shift ".