

A Rosario port worker died after falling into the river

Because of this, the dockers union started a strike to demand greater safety measures.

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The accident occurred in the TPR area. Photo: File.

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A port worker in his 60s died this Friday morning after falling into the Paraná River while working at a terminal in the port of Rosario. The Single Union of Argentine Port Workers

(SUPA) initiated a total stoppage of activities in demand of greater labor safety measures.

"It was around 4:30 in the morning and we were working on a ship and this man was on top of the truck. They put a platform on the water side where he gets on and there the line hooks the platform and makes him fall into the river," a colleague of the victim recounted.

In statements to a radio outlet, he described that when the worker fell, his body "bounced in the water" and then they went down "with a rope to rescue him." "But the man was already dead; he drowned," said the witness to the event, which caused consternation among the workers.

After the death of the operator, the union decided a total stoppage of activities for an indefinite period of time to demand greater work safety measures. "There was no ambulance and he (for the deceased operator) did not have a life jacket. We always work in the same way and there are no conditions", denounced the port stevedores.

The event was recorded at the port terminal located on Avenida 27 de Febrero, on the south coast of Rosario.