

Serious accident at work at the port of Taranto: 31-year-old worker dies crushed by an ecobale

Tragedy at the port of Taranto, where 31-year-old Antonio Bellanova lost his life in an accident at work: investigations are underway to clarify what happened



The Public Prosecutor's Office will shed light on the sad story. the investigation, which has just begun, will be coordinated by the substitute Antonio Natale. All the investigations were carried out on the spot and the carabinieri, the harbor master's office, the Spesal of the ASL and the port authority immediately.

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Crushed by a load of about 1000 kilos. **Thus died Antonio Bellanova, 31 years old** , victim of a dramatic accident at work which occurred on the afternoon of today 25 July in the port of Taranto. The worker was working on the protruding quarter when **he was hit by an ecobale** that left him no way out.

Bellanova was in force at the Ecological company with an administration contract: he was engaged in loading the ecobales. That is, large cylinders, in which solid waste is compacted once treated so that it becomes RDF, waste-derived fuel. The Turgut Sahin ship, flying the Panamanian flag, was supposed to load 3,000 tons of these eco-bales.

The dynamics of the terrible accident that cost the life of the young worker have yet to be reconstructed. At the moment, only hypotheses can be made. It could have been caused by a bad stacking of the eco-bales, or by a sudden yielding of the load. Or, again, from a failure to comply with the safety requirements.

Previously

What happened today is the [third accident on the same quay](#). **In fact, in March of last year, it was Massimo De Vita, 45**, who lost his life. The man, father of two children and former employee of TCTA (that is, the former concessionaire of the container terminal), was loading, on a ship, some steel structures which support the wind turbines during transport. One fell on him, killing him.

In April 2021, then, the second accident. **Natalino Albano, 49**, a worker at Peyrani Sud himself, fell on deaf ears after being hit by a sudden movement of a wind turbine, just as he was fixing it.