

Two port workers die inside the ship's hold in Coronel

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Two port workers, identified as **Fabián Garay** and **Alejandro Camaño**, died inside the holds of the ship **Sakizaya Miracle**, which was moored to one of the docks in **Puerto Coronel**, Bio Bio Region.

The foregoing was confirmed by the **Coronel Communal Port Union**, which stated that "with great regret and deep sorrow, we regret to report the death of our two colleagues Fabian Garay and Alejandro Camaño RIP who were unloading at the coal dock. Therefore, it is declared in the first instance that the Works are suspended today for the third shift and tomorrow for the first shift.

"In a meeting that will be held tomorrow morning between company leaders and executives, the operational continuity will be evaluated," he added.

Preliminarily, it is presumed that the causes of the death of the port workers were due to the inhalation of gases accumulated in the hold of the coal ship, the space in which they were carrying out their duties.

Firefighters from the commune, through their twitter account, reported that it was a key emergency "10-6 possible emission of carbon monoxide, located in Puerto de Coronel bulk sector."

SAMU personnel from the Coronel commune and from the Maritime Authority, specifically, from the Harbor Master's Office, arrived at the scene of the emergency.

The bodies of the two workers, according to different records circulating on social networks, were rescued from the hold of the ship using a basket that was later raised by a crane.

According to data obtained by PortalPortuario, the investigative proceedings of the event are already under way, while the company initiated contact with the relatives of the two workers.

Due to this accident, port operations have been stopped. The stoppage of work extends during the third shift and the first of Tuesday, August 8.

Meanwhile, in a public statement, Puerto Coronel reported that "the accident occurred at one of the docks, while coal unloading tasks were being carried out, which ended with the deaths of Fabián Garay Reyes and Alejandro Camaño Ramírez."

"The team of our company is in contact with the family of our collaborators. Puerto Coronel deeply regrets the accident, and sympathizes with his family and co-workers," added the company.

"The corresponding investigation began, an instance in which Puerto Coronel will provide all the collaboration that is required," the company concluded.