

A 43-year-old stevedore dies in the Port of Bilbao when he falls from the crane

The worker, according to ELA, rushed through the cabin after a sudden movement of the coal load that moved

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DONOSTIA- A worker in the stowage sector died yesterday in a work accident in the Port of Bilbao after falling from a crane to the dock, for causes that are investigated, according to the Port Authority of Bilbao (APB).

This is E.A., a 43-year-old man domiciled in Portugalete (Bizkaia), who belonged to the Bilboestiba society since July 1998.

The incident was recorded at 11:30 hours at the Nemar wharf when the worker carried out the coal unloading work from the crane.

The port's medical services, as well as Osakidetza personnel, attended to the port stevedore, although without success.

Sources of the union ELA indicated that, apparently, some sudden movement of the load caused that the worker, an experienced professional and trained in the handling of the crane, to precipitate to the emptiness from about 5 or 6 meters of height, breaking and crossing the glass window of the vehicle.

As a result of the loss, the activity of the company was paralyzed yesterday as it will also happen today.

In this sense, the works council called the workers of the stowage to support a morning mobilization at the entrance of the port of Bilbao by Santurtzi.

ELA conveyed its condolences to relatives and friends of the deceased operator, affiliated with that union, and noted that so far this year there are already 7 workers killed in a work accident in the Basque Country.

The union demanded the Basque institute of occupational health and safety Osalan and the Labor Inspectorate to determine the causes of the accident and purge the corresponding responsibilities and said that "behind any work accident is precariousness."

In the port, according to ELA, "there are disastrous working conditions such as the high work rates to which the workforce is exposed and the dangerous nature of the activity itself, where a lot of different high risk activities are mixed". - N.G.