

Pain in the Port of Bilbao due to the death of a stevedore



The rally took place next to the headquarters of Bilbo-Estiba, where the victim was working. / Borja Agudo

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The pain was evident this morning in the Port of Bilbao. More than a hundred workers have gathered together at the headquarters of Bilbo-Estiba as a sign of mourning and rejection for the death of Enrique A., a 43-year-old neighbor of Portugalete who yesterday rushed to the void from an 8-meter crane of height when unloading coal in the dock Nemar.

Kike, as his relatives called him, had been a stevedore for two decades and yesterday was working for SLP (Port Logistics Services). For causes that are investigated, he fell from the machine in a lethal blow that ended his life. His colleagues are dismayed and have stopped their activity today to show solidarity with the family and demand better security measures in the port area.

A spokesman for the works council of Bilboestiba has read a statement in which they have demanded that the administrations «enforce the labor protection laws». As noted, the sanctions are economic and not enough. Workers have recalled that four people have died in a work accident in the last three and a half years. «They are alarming data. Today we are here for Kike, but also to remember Luis Alberto, Antón and Roberto ». After the rally, the assistants have toured the facilities of the Port until arriving at the place of the fatal accident. In the jarrillera village, where Kike was originally from, the flags are flying at half mast.