



## Cuban dies in accident at the port of Montevideo, Uruguay

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A **Cuban lost his life in a tragic accident** after finishing his work shift at the port of Montevideo, Uruguay, early Saturday morning.

**Yasmani Echeverría Ramírez**, 37 years old, originally from Las Tunas and father of an eight-year-old boy, was the victim of a terrible accident while leaving work, falling onto a rail that served as a perimeter fence in the port's storage area.

Around 4:00 a.m. on February 8, Echeverría, who was an employee of the company Bomport, along with other colleagues, decided not to take the pedestrian path to "shorten the route," as reported by the National Navy of Uruguay.

On the way to the exit, the worker fell and violently struck a rail that served as a perimeter fence in front of warehouse number 20, dying instantly, reported the newspaper [El País](#).

However, other [news outlets](#), including the local station [Telemundo](#), reported that Echeverría had passed under a railing made of a railway track, which fell on him, causing his death instantly.

The ambulance from the Medical Service of the National Administration of Ports (ANP) confirmed the death of the [Cuban](#). **The medical personnel were unable to do anything to save his life because the injuries he sustained were fatal.**

The Prosecutor's Office has launched an investigation to determine the exact causes of the [accident](#) and has called for the involvement of forensic experts, the carrying out of technical inspections, and the taking of statements from witnesses and the person responsible for managing the perimeter fencing, according to press reports.

Until Saturday, Echeverría's body was in the judicial morgue, according to information from the Navy.

The investigation into the events will focus on determining whether there were security failures or negligence that contributed to the fatal accident.

A [statement](#) from the labor organization Coordinadora Marítima Portuaria PIT CNT, published this Sunday on Facebook, reported that "this death was completely preventable, but for various reasons, it could not be avoided."

That statement follows:



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### Comunicado a la opinión pública

Desde la **Coordinadora Marítima Portuaria** ante el fallecimiento de un trabajador en el recinto portuario le enviamos saludos a la familia y amigos del trabajador **Yasmani Echeverría** de la empresa Bomport fallecido en el Puerto de Montevideo en la madrugada del 8 de febrero de 2025.

La muerte nuevamente de un trabajador demuestra que todavía hay muchas cosas por resolver en el Puerto de Montevideo en cuanto a la seguridad laboral.

Este fallecimiento era totalmente evitable pero por distintos motivos no se pudo prevenir, el trabajador fue a pasar por debajo de una "baranda" y la misma se cayó y era hecha con un riel de ferrocarril, lo que causo el accidente y que falleciera en el acto. Exigimos y denunciamos a la **Administración Nacional de Puertos** que tome los recaudos necesarios para evitar todo tipo de accidentes y para el cumplimiento por partes de las empresas que operan en los puertos del país de toda la normativa de seguridad y prevención laboral vigentes.

Yasmani tenía un hijo de 8 años de edad, una familia, sueños y objetivos por cumplir, pero el trabajo le trunco la vida. Desde la Coordinadora solicitamos a todas las y los trabajadores que denuncien los riesgos de seguridad laboral y también les recordamos que según el Decreto 394/018 ante un riesgo de accidente se puede detener la operativa.

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That entity echoed the version that “the worker went to pass underneath a ‘guardrail’ and it fell down; it was made with a railroad rail, which caused the accident and resulted in them dying on the spot.”

"Yasmani had an 8-year-old son, a family, dreams, and goals to achieve, but work cut his life short," lamented the coordinator of maritime and port workers' unions.

The Cuban influencer [Niover Licea](#) reported on his digital platforms that Echeverría's family is seeking help to **repatriate his body to Cuba** and give him a final farewell in the municipality of Amancio, in Las Tunas.

Individuals who can provide financial assistance to help the family with expenses should contact the number 786-915-0718 in Miami. Licea stated that the Uruguayan authorities only allow 10 days to claim or transfer the body to the burial location.

### **How did the accident of a Cuban worker at the port of Montevideo, Uruguay, occur?**

**The accident occurred when Yasmani Echeverría Ramírez decided not to use the crosswalk and fell onto a rail that served as a perimeter fence in the cargo area of the port of Montevideo, dying instantly.** There are reports suggesting that he attempted to pass under a handrail, which collapsed on top of him. The Uruguayan Prosecutor's Office has launched an investigation to clarify the exact causes of the accident.

### **What measures are being taken to investigate the accident at the port of Montevideo?**

The Prosecutor's Office has ordered the involvement of forensic experts, the conducting of technical examinations, and the taking of statements from witnesses and the person responsible for the perimeter fencing control. **The aim is to determine whether there were security failures or negligence that contributed to the fatal accident.**

### **What complaints have arisen following the accident of the Cuban worker in Montevideo?**

**The labor organization Coordinadora Marítima Portuaria PIT CNT reported that Echeverría's death was entirely preventable.** It is indicated that the lack of adequate

safety measures was a determining factor in the accident. This complaint points to possible negligence in the maintenance and oversight of the infrastructure at the port.

### **How can people help the family of the deceased Cuban worker?**

The relatives of Yasmani Echeverría have requested assistance to repatriate his body to Cuba. **Those who wish to contribute financially can contact the number 786-915-0718 in Miami.** This assistance is crucial as Uruguayan authorities only allow 10 days to claim or relocate the body to the burial site.