

6TH FEBRUARY - “DOCKWORKERS DO NOT WORK FOR THE WAR!”

International day of Struggle of ports

At an online conference on 27 January, the five trade unions representing port workers — Endep in Greece, LAB in the Basque Country, Liman-Is in Turkey, ODT in Morocco, and USB in Italy — confirmed the port workers' day of action on 6 February, under the slogan 'Port workers do not work for war'.

The protest will begin in 21 major European and Mediterranean ports, including Bilbao, Tangier, Piraeus, Mersin, Genoa, Livorno, Trieste, Ancona and Civitavecchia. We have also recently received support from the ports of Hamburg and Bremen, and several port cities in the United States are organising mobilisations and initiatives. This joint, coordinated action, with solidarity movements and associations joining forces, is unprecedented in decades. Next week, we will publish a complete overview of the initiatives that will take place around the world on 6 February.

The dockers are sending a strong signal of international solidarity against the militarisation of ports, the ongoing genocide in Palestine, the arms trade, and the current rush to war. This protest is a powerful statement against imperialism, the breakdown of international law, and in defence of the self-determination of peoples.

At the heart of the protest are workers' conditions. The war economy has already cut our wages, eroded our rights, and destroyed essential public services. The shift of economic resources to armaments and the war industry directly affects wages and working conditions, lengthening working hours and removing the possibility of having our work recognised as strenuous for pension purposes.

Furthermore, 6 February marks the opening day of the Winter Olympics in Milan and Cortina. The presence of the fascist ICE militia is an unacceptable provocation. In solidarity with those protesting against deportations and killings in Minnesota and other US states, we will be in Milan on 6 February shouting “ICE OUT” with Chris Smalls, founder of the independent Amazon union in the US. We will meet Chris at the University of Rome, Faculty of Arts, on Friday 5 February at 4 p.m. He will be in Italy from the 5th.

Appuntamenti in Italia del 6 febbraio:

Genova - ore 18.30 - Varco San Benigno

Livorno – ore 17.30 - piazza 4 Mori

Trieste – ore 17.30 – Cia K. Ludwig Von Bruck presso autorità portuale Trieste

Ravenna – ore 15.00 Via Antico Squero 31 (Autorità Portuale)

Ancona – ore 18.00 Piazza del Crocifisso

Civitavecchia – ore 18.00 – Piazza Pietro Gugliemotti

Salerno - ore 17.00 – varco principale al porto

Bari - ore 16:00 - Terminal Porto

Crotone – ore 17.30 - Piazza marinai d'Italia presso l'entrata del porto.

Palermo – ore 16.30 - Varco Santa Lucia

Cagliari - ore 17:00 - via Roma lato porto