

To: ITF Arab World
ITF and Lebanese affiliates.
General Confederation of Drivers and Transporters of Lebanon (GCDTW)
Port workers' union (UPBE)
Union of Middle Eastern Airlines and Affiliates (MEA)
Lebanese Cabin Crew Association (LCCA)
Seafarers' Union (LSS)

Dear colleagues:

It is with sadness that we have received the news of the terrible explosion in the port of Beirut for which we must mourn hundreds of lives although the authorities estimate the loss at a greater number.

We have also learned that, so far, eleven members of the Beirut port union and seven of the Lebanese seafarers' union have lost their lives, in addition to the hundreds of injured.

In addition, the headquarters of the seafarers' union has been destroyed in the explosion.

We at the CCOO Federation of Citizenship Services hope for a speedy recovery of the injured but would like to send our sincere condolences to the families of the victims, as well as our solidarity with the hundreds of thousands of people who have lost their homes as a result of an explosion that could probably have been avoided.

Pending what the investigations say, unfortunately on this occasion the most absolute negligence on the part of the authorities has led to a tragedy that has hit hundreds and even thousands of workers on the front line.

We are firmly convinced that international solidarity, through the International Transport Workers' Federation, will play a fundamental role in the reconstruction process and in establishing measures to ensure that a tragedy of this kind does not happen again. Count on that to do so.

A big hug on behalf of the FSC-CCOO Executive Committee



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