Over 100 arrested as Australian climate activists blockade world's largest coal port
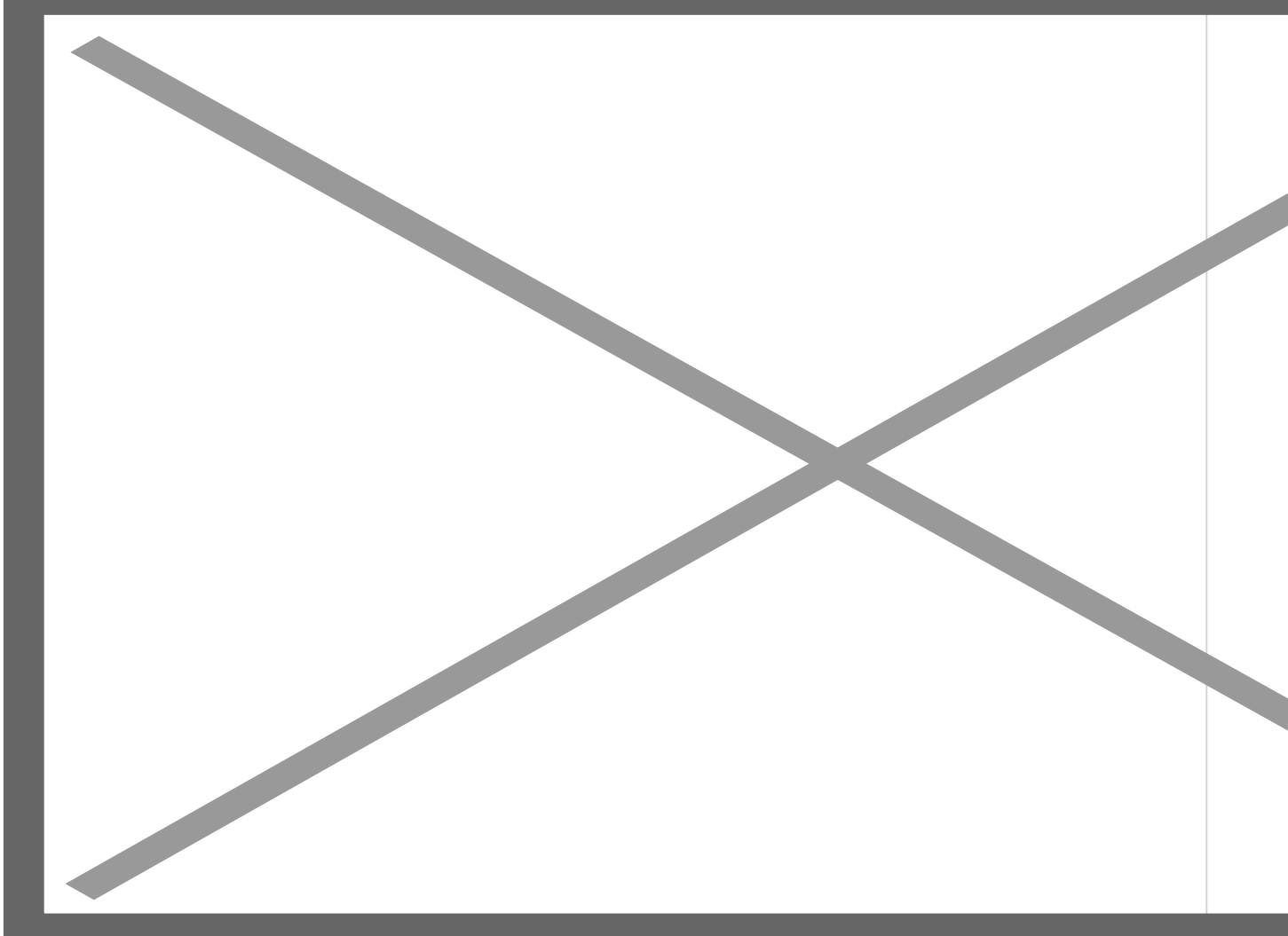
Sydney, November 28 (RHC)-- In Australia, police arrested over 100 climate activists who took part in a two-day blockade of the world's largest coal port. Thousands of activists participated in the blockade, occupying the Port of Newcastle by swimming or kayaking in the port's shipping lane.

Australia is the world's second-largest exporter of coal. Ninety-seven-year-old Reverend Alan Stuart was one of the detained activists. Organizers say he is the oldest person ever arrested and charged in Australia.

Reverend Stuart spoke to reporters after the action. "Whatever happens to me doesn't matter, but what happens to the climate, because the climate is going to affect future generations — my grandchildren and great-grandchildren and so on."

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