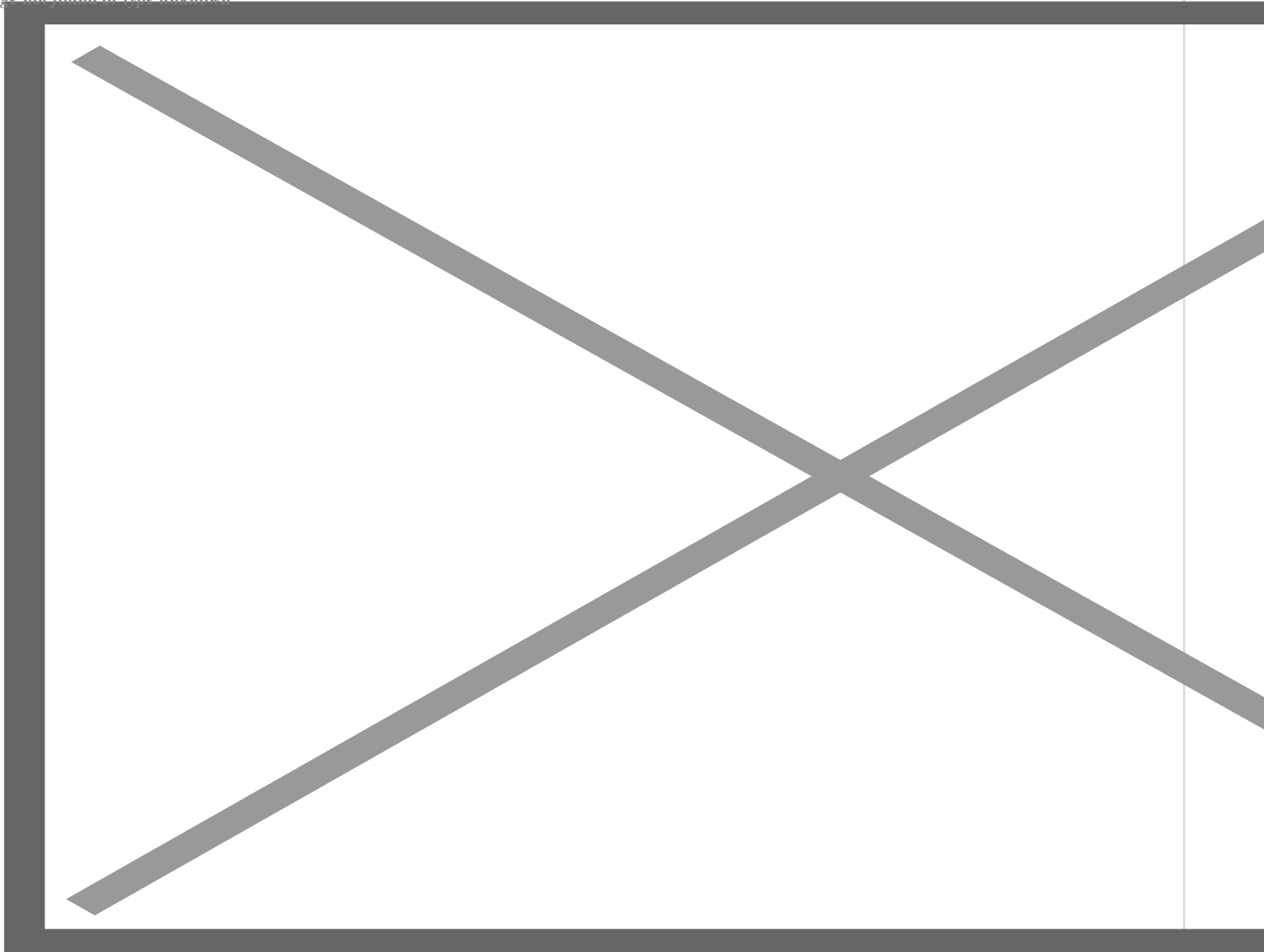


Indian workers refuse to handle weapons cargoes for Israel

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An Indian workers union says it will not be part of activities helping the Israeli war on Gaza. (File photo)

New Delhi, February 19 (RHC)-- An Indian workers union says its members will refuse to handle any potential cargo of weapons destined for delivery to the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories. Reports

say an Indian conglomerate has supplied arms to the Israeli regime for use in the war on the Palestinians in Gaza.

The Water Transport Workers Federation of India, a union of 3,500 workers at 11 major Indian ports, said in a statement it will refuse to load or unload weapons to Israel on any ships it may be asked to do so, according to a Sunday report by The Wire.

“... our Union members have collectively decided to refuse handling all types of weaponized cargoes. Loading and unloading these weapons helps provide organizations with the ability to kill innocent people,” read part of the statement dated February 14th. The union also called on all workers around the world to stand with the demand of free Palestine.

The statement came amid unconfirmed reports suggesting that Indian conglomerate the Adani Group has supplied military drones to the Israeli regime from a joint manufacturing site in India’s Hyderabad.

Reports in early February suggested that the company had supplied at least 20 Hermes 900 medium-altitudes, long-endurance (MALE) UAVs to the Israeli regime. A source at Adani has confirmed that the export has taken place despite the fact that neither India nor Israel have acknowledged the matter.

The Indian workers union’s statement also comes amid reports showing that the Israeli regime is planning to further escalate its aggression on Gaza by expanding the war to the southern city of Rafah where more than a million people are squeezed in dire humanitarian situation.

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