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Dear President Martin Berg,

On behalf of almost 500,000 dock workers globally the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) Dockers Section condemns the measure taken by Gothenburg RO/RO Terminal when dismissed a Union elected senior leader in Swedish Dockworkers Union (SDU). This after members of SDU voted in favour, with a 68% majority, to launch a six-day boycott of military goods to and from Israel in response to the genocide in Gaza. The boycott was not only declared legal but upheld by a unanimous preliminary ruling from Sweden's labour courts. Yet, on the very day of this legal victory, the vice chair of SDU was dismissed by his employer.

This dismissal clearly represents an attack on trade union rights, freedom of speech and the democratic decision-making of dockworkers, a move that seems designed to silence union voices and intimidate workers. This could have reverberations more widely and therefore is not acceptable to the ITF.

Therefore, the ITF consider the dismissal of SDUs vice chair to be an attack on all of us who believe in the right to organise, to bargain collectively and speak out and take action against injustice. We support the demand for immediate reinstatement.

In solidarity!

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