



Internazionale

USB calls for solidarity and support for the next two fight days

USB calls for a new public industrial policy

Two days of fighting in Taranto

28th November workers' assembly

29th November general strike and demonstration



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The steel multinational ArcelorMittal signed an agreement two years ago that maintained the employment level of the Taranto company (formerly Ilva - the largest steel production plant in Europe) and that would secure and reclaim the factory itself (10,000 workers) and the surrounding area, which has been devastated from an environmental point of view by years of exploitation.

A few weeks ago ArcelorMittal declared that was leaving Italy, failing to reach an agreement and leaving a situation even worse than the one the multinational had acquired.

CGIL, CISL and UIL are dealing with thousands of layoffs and intervene

ntion with public money to save the multinational
USB has proclaimed a general strike and launched an appeal for Italy
to return to a true public industrial policy.
The Taranto case demonstrates both the umpteenth failure of private
individuals, their lack of interest in combining work, safety and he
alth, and the lack of public tools to address an economic crisis, em
ployment and the environment.

A country without authentically public structures, resources and sk
ills ends up being blackmailed by those who have technologies, marke
ts and financial resources. The solutions of parties, trade unions a
nd employers' organisations always follow the same cliché: downward
compromise or state economic support in preparation for a new sale t
o the best buyer. And in both cases there is always a staff cut.
We are tired of witnessing hundreds of business crises with the clos
ure of factories or the relocation of plants abroad, perhaps even in
this case with public contributions.

In the world, the countries with the highest rates of economic growt
h are supported by a strong public industry and Italy is among the c
ountries where the dismantling of state-
owned companies and privatizations have gone further.

As workers and trade union delegates we want to escape the condemnat
ion of blackmail: social security, early retirement, redundancies an
d plant downsizing. We want a project for the rebirth of the country
where industry is not synonymous with damage to the environment and
work regains full dignity.

We want to build a great movement of struggle in companies as in cit
ies for the revival of a healthy industry, modern and able to create
decent work.

USB asks for international solidarity, international solidarity mess
ages are welcome so we can share them during our assembly in Taranto
next 28 of November.

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