



16 of july: 4 hours strike in all Fiat group plants against dismissals and to protect wages

Today, 16th of july, Fiom-Cgil called for a 4 hours strike in all the group Fiat against 4 dismissals: one, n Mirafiori (Torino) plant, where a young professional white collar has been dismissed because he circulated, through the internal company mail, the letter of the Tychy polish workers in solidarity with the struggle of the workers in Pomigliano (Naples); in Melfi, two Fiom delegates and one worker Fiom member, have been dismissed by Mr. Marchionne, Ceo of Fiat Group, because accused to put obstacles to working in the plant, during a strike against the increase of the working rhythms.

Fiom considers unacceptable the dismissals and will contest them, by lawsuit (Workers Statute, art.28).

Enzo Masini, Fiom national coordinator for Fiat group, declared that "the reasons given by the Management in order to justify the dismissals are instrumental and without any real fundament"; he also added that during the annual meeting of all the Unions with Fiat management, about the PdR (premio di risultato i.e company level bonus) Fiat declared that they will not pay one euro this year: that means that Fiat workers' salary in july will have a cut of 600 euros in 2010, compared with last year and 1100 euros compared with 2008. And that, in addition to the fact that the wages are lower because of the Cassa integrazione (suspension of work).

Maurizio Landini, Fiom General Secretary, declared that "Fiat has been passing from the black mail - as it was on Pomigliano plant workers, willing to oblige them to accept its conditions (including to prevent strike, constitutional right) - to the retaliation and intimidation of workers. Addressing Fiat management and the Governement, he said" it would be necessary that Fiat management becomes wise and responsible, because in order to deal with the heavy current crisis, it is needed the consensus of all workers and a dialogue with all the trade unions on equal basis. Moreover, it is time that the Governement and the political forces become aware that what happened in Pomigliano plant, is not an isolated case, as Fiom is saying since a long time"