

Unions call workplace meetings as employer rejects bargaining demands

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The vida and GPA-djp private service unions have called for workplace meetings to take place in all Red Cross establishments on 29 March. This is a reaction to the employers' decision to call off the next bargaining round on 22 March and delay negotiations to mid-April. The employer has so far rejected the main demands from the union for unified, national collective provisions to ensure a five-day week for all, better shift arrangements, additional payments for night and Sunday work and more holidays. The unions are also concerned that in some regions employees don't get paid breaks or allowances for children. The 8500 Red Cross employees work in rescue services, blood collection, homes for the elderly, care homes and childcare.

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