

Trade union protests against the government package are escalating: OS KOVO is calling a massive demonstration



The unions defied the consolidation package promoted by the government of Petr Fiala. The OS KOVO is calling a massive protest in this context. On Tuesday, June 27 at 3 p.m., trade unionists will demonstrate in Ostrava Vítkovice on Jiřího z Poděbrady Square. This was announced by the president of OS KOVO Roman Ďurčo at the press conference in České Budějovice, where the OS KOVO Council took place last week.

Members of other unions will also join them. The event follows the announcement of a strike alert, which was announced in mid-May by the chairman of the Czech-Moravian Confederation of Trade Unions (ČMKOS) Josef Středula. "The demonstration is our response to the antisocial and, in our opinion, senseless actions of the government of Prime Minister Petr Fiala. The reason for this step is the continuous disruption of social peace by the government as a whole and by individual ministers," said OS KOVO president Bc. Roman Ďurčo.

"The last straw was the last government's meeting with union representatives. It was clearly communicated there that practically nothing would change in the government package. The government is abusing the fact that it has 108 votes in the Parliament and will enforce whatever it wants. We did not notice any effort on its part to deal seriously with partners and perceive their arguments. We see it as incredible arrogance of the government," adds the president of OS KOVO, which is the largest trade union in the Czech Republic.

"We have also called other trade unions united in the Czech-Moravian Confederation of Trade Unions to participate in this demonstration and to support with other activities the strike alert declared by our confederation after the announcement of the government package," said ČMKOS president Josef Středula in connection with the upcoming OS KOVO protest.

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