

Croatia oil company INA which is majority owned by Hungary MOL Group was charged by labor union that they are breaching the labor law and that they are preparing massive lay offs due to the shut down of some refineries in Croatia.

The labor union "Nova solidarnost" held a press conference in Sisak and announced that Ina oil company, is not an idyllic company from TV commercials, and that it has become a place of anxiety and fear, due to lay off and reducing workers' wages.

This became especially evident during the recent separation from the composition of the Retail from INA into Retail Services, which left 800 employees without jobs since the beginning of February, while others have considerably reduced workers' rights and wages are reduced by 30 percent.

"The negotiations were conducted in complete secrecy, after which the employees are placed before a fait accompli - either sign an agreement or be out of work. At the same time several laws were violated, separation was not in compliance with the Government, the arbitration agreement of the Government and MOL was breached as well as inter-shareholder's contract, which for such a decision requires the consent of the Supervisory Board and the Law on labor provision on the co-decision procedure. They also violated some international conventions on the rights of workers," said the president of "Nova solidarnost" Predrag Sekulic.

The union "Nova solidarnost" sought a review of the decision on allocation of the Retail, and appealed to the new Government to stand up for the respect of Croatian laws and stop further destruction of Ina, which leads to energy dependence of the country. Those who oppose such a unilateral policy of the management have become undesirable and got fired. That was testified by former employees of the former Retail, Ivica Mikas and Ivica Plazanić, who warned of irregularities. As they say, all the decisions were made in agreement with the union "Inas" and other trade unions, which did not stand up for workers' rights. Moreover, trade union confederations have agreed with the abolition of the right to strike, by reference to the alleged protection of the economic and social interests of its members. Leaders of "Nova solidarnost" especially emphasized the role of the president of "Inas" Maja Rilović, in conjunction with management. Through this loop they interpreted the growing pressures on "Nova solidarnost".

Sabahudin Gašić and Marinko Karen also spoke of the situation in the Sisak oil refinery and warned of the problem of security of Refinery operation, due to the elimination of some key jobs. They warned of the consequences of the export of domestic oil to a processing plant in Hungary, at a time when the Sisak refinery is working with 30 percent of capacity. As emphasized, everywhere in the world today the refineries are compensator for losses in the extraction of oil, except in INA. They also warned that with the beginning of the peace conference on Syria, possibility of appropriation by MOL of INA petroleum fields in Syria, which are estimated at 20 billion dollars, opens up, transmits Serbia-energy.eu