**Media: employee of plant in Lviv region died because she was afraid to take sick leave over threat of dismissal**

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A worker of the Fujikura [automobile parts] plant in Lviv region lost consciousness at the workplace and died in a hospital two weeks later, according to information agency Cynical Lviv.

In the hospital, a 40-year-old woman was diagnosed with bilateral pneumonia. Her colleagues reported that she did not want to take sick leave because workers are threatened with dismissal if the number of "deviations from work" exceeds four per year.

The worker was engaged in the assembly of the wired network. She had three children.

Violation of working conditions at the Fujikura plant was reported earlier. The plant was opened in 2016 in the village of Pidryasne in the Lviv region. At the same time, journalists complained that the management of the plant refused to communicate with them.

In March 2018, Vholos newspaper reported that a 31-year-old factory employee tried to cut her throat with a stationery knife after she was fired. The police did not comment on the information for a long time, but subsequently opened a criminal proceeding on suicide. After this incident, the newspaper published a detailed report about working conditions at the plant, in particular: lack of proper medical care; lack of technical breaks; no fixed lunch; excess of production norms; unsanitary conditions; excess room temperature; sexual harassment; opaque payroll; closed accounting, etc.

"Prior to employment I and other female applicants were warned that during probationary period it is undesirable to become pregnant, and a hospital manager called pregnancy "a violation of discipline," one of the employees said on condition of anonymity.

"Very often workers on the evening shift have to work for 12 hours, because the bus just doesn't take them home. There was an incident when our boss closed toilets at the plant. He explained this by the fact that we had to meet our production targets and endure, "said another worker.

The workers tried to create a trade union but a few days later the plant management fired a head of the newly formed trade union and his deputy.

The Fujikura plant produces electrical equipment for automobiles, including Volkswagen. Director General - Jorge Garcia Puente. The founders are the Spanish and Romanian branch of the Japanese company Fujikura.