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Solidaires, a French trade union confederation, is organising a convoy to take aid to workers' organisations in Ukraine.

"We know that the real victims of war are the people, the working people", a statement from *Solidaires* says. It is Ukrainian workers who are under attack today, but "it could be us tomorrow".

Solidaires is appealing for cash donations from union organisations to buy whatever Ukrainian union organisations need. A list of necessaries – from medical equipment to bulletproof vests – is being drawn up by activists in Kyiv, mainly from affiliates of the Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine (CFTUU) and the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine (FTUU).

Solidaires is a <u>syndicalist union grouping</u>, also known as Solidaires Unitaires Démocratiques (<u>SUD</u>), with strong links to anti-capitalist movements.



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Solidaires is made up of federations of national, local and regional unions; it was formed in 2003 but has roots going much former back. It began with strong organisations among postal and telecoms workers in particular, but is also very active in the health care, education, transportation and other sectors.

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