

# Samsung's labor union says, 'Vice Chairman Lee's apology should be followed by proper steps to prevent recurrence'

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Regarding Vice Chairman Lee's apology to the public, Samsung's labor union warned of collective action on May 8, saying "A genuine apology should be followed by steps to prevent recurrence."

A civic group related to Samsung victims also held a press conference criticizing Lee's public apology and urged him to present specific solutions for victims of Samsung's crackdown on labor unions and illegal profit-seeking.

"We will hold a press conference at Samsung Electronics' Seocho office on May 11 to accuse Samsung of its ignoring labor unions and engaging in insincere negotiations," said the Samsung S 1 Labor Union of the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions.

"If Lee's apology is sincere, forward-looking measures should be taken from the immediate wage negotiations for the Samsung S 1 Union."

"The labor and management have been in wage negotiations for about five months since December 18 last year, but in 11 rounds of negotiations and mediation by the Central Labor Relations Commission, the management has completely ignored the labor union and repeatedly said that any consultation with the union is absolutely impossible except in the 'labor-management council'," the Samsung S1 labor union claimed.

Regarding Vice Chairman Lee's apology, the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions said, "It is deplorable that such a common sense and natural story becomes special news for Samsung chaebol," adding, "It is shocking to look back on how many workers Samsung has been appeasing, threatening and oppressing in defiance of the three labor rights."

Meanwhile, at a regular meeting on May 7, Samsung's law-abiding control committee evaluated Vice Chairman Lee's apology as meaningful and called for detailed action plans in the future.

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