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Germany's trade union Ver.di Nord is launching a broad and escalating strike in Northern Germany this week that will close the Kiel Canal and impact parts of the Port of Hamburg. Officials are warning that, even after the three-day strike, there are expected to be lasting repercussions and delays.

A vital waterway for short sea and feeder shipping in the Baltic region, the Kiel Canal closed Monday evening, March 10, and will remain closed through the day shift on Thursday, March 13.

"Nothing will be moving," warned a spokesperson for Ver.di. "No ships will be able to go in or out." In addition, the spokesperson said, "Ver.di has called on the employees of the Waterways and Shipping Office to go on a warning strike so that the federal government can also feel the effects."

Read more in an [article from The Maritime Executive](#).