

Samsung says 'no disruption' to production despite strike

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Members of the National Samsung Electronics Union stage a rally during their three-day general strike.

South Korean tech giant Samsung said Tuesday that production was not

being disrupted despite a three-day general strike by thousands of workers.

More than 5,000 members of the National Samsung Electronics Union stopped working Monday, the organization said, as part of a long-running battle over pay and benefits.

The union has more than 30,000 members—more than a fifth of the company's total workforce.

"There has been no [disruption](#) to production," local media quoted Samsung as saying.

Park Seol, a senior member of the union, told AFP Tuesday that production was being affected.

"But more importantly, the company should understand that we aren't trying just to affect their [production line](#), we want them to hear our voice and understand how desperate we are," she said.

The union has been locked in [negotiations](#) with [management](#) since January, but the two sides have failed to narrow differences on benefits and a 5.1 percent pay raise offer from the firm was rejected.

In a regulatory filing last week, Samsung Electronics said that its April-June operating profits were expected to rise to 10.4 trillion won (\$7.54 billion), up 1,452.2 percent from 670 billion won a year earlier.

Sales, meanwhile, are expected to rise 23.3 percent to 74 trillion won, Samsung said.

Samsung Electronics is the world's largest memory chip maker and accounts for a significant chunk of the global output of high-end chips.

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