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Court blames all three vessels in Tricolor loss

By Rajesh Joshi.

BLAME for the loss of the car carrier **Tricolor** lies with all three ships involved in the casualty and the **Tricolor's** own actions contributed to its fate, a US appeals court has held.

The Wilhelmsen-operated **Tricolor** violated International Regulations for Preventing Collisions (Colregs) on overtaking as well as safe speed as it tried to pass the containership **Kariba** in dense fog in the English Channel on December 14, 2002, a three-judge panel of the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit ruling found.

The verdict noted the 1987-built, 15,543 dwt, NIS-flag **Tricolor** was aware at the time that the **Kariba** was on a collision course with the **Clary**, but failed to alter its own actions based on this information.

The appeals court has remanded the case back to the district court for allocation of liability, directing the lower court to undertake fresh findings that would help establish whether the "Tricolor's unsafe speed was a cause of the collision".

The appeals court concluded that the **Kariba**, **Tricolor** and **Clary** all committed Colregs violations and that each vessel

committed at least one Colregs violation that constituted a cause of the collision.

While affirming the 1982-built, 26,288 dwt, 988 teu, Bahamas-flag **Kariba's** responsibility in the case, the verdict overturned a US District Court for the Southern District of New York ruling that had held the **Kariba** solely responsible for the sinking of the **Tricolor** after a collision between the two ships.

The appeals court also implicated the passing bulker **Clary**, holding that its role in the casualty was culpable enough for it to share the blame.

The 1979-built, 16,227 dwt, Singapore-flag **Clary's** failure to have a lookout at the time of the accident and the ship's admission that its logbook was altered after it passed the collision site without stopping to offer help should count towards calculating the ship's share of the blame, the appeals court directed. The ruling stopped short of computing the percentage of blame attributable to each party.

However, instead of presupposing equal shares, it has asked the district court to consider US Supreme Court case law that mandates allocation "proportionate to the comparative degree of [each party's] fault".

In so doing, the appeals court directed the district court to consider the relative culpability of each vessel and the relative extent to which the culpability of each caused the collision.

The appeals court held that the district court correctly disallowed the application of the so-called 'Pennsylvania Rule' in this case. This rule, established by the US Supreme Court, requires that when a party is in violation of a regulation, it bears the heavy burden of proof to show its actions could not have caused the collision.

In this case, the three parties had mutually agreed that the 1910 Collision Convention would apply. Since the Pennsylvania Rule conflicts with this convention, it does not apply in this case, the appeals court confirmed.

The ruling upheld the district court's decision to refuse limitation of liability accruing against the responsible parties outside the US, rejecting the **Kariba** owner's contention that liability must be capped globally.

The next development in the case will now partly depend on the district court judge's take on the appeals court verdict.

A few notations in the 40-page appeals court verdict suggest that the existing record does not answer some key questions regarding the **Tricolor's** role.

Should this belief be substantially confirmed, it could open the door for a new trial.

However, John Kimball of the **Kariba's** law firm Blank Rome said his client plans to dispute the assertion that the existing evidence on record is insufficient to resolve the case.

Orchid Sun: 13 missing

writes Dominic Ellis in Dubai.

THIRTEEN crew have not been accounted for following the sinking of the bulk carrier **Orchid Sun** 94 miles off Oman. Nearby ships and helicopters rescued 10 crew from the distressed vessel, which was nearing the end of its voyage after carrying 42,000 tonnes of iron products from China to Iran.

Omani coastguards said it took four hours to reach the scene and that it had drafted in support from the Oman navy.

The crew evacuated the 26,000-tonne ship after the No 1 hold began taking in water. They sent out an SOS at 0300 hrs local time.

Crew had checked holds and tanks after sailing for a week in rough weather but could not find the source. **Orchid Sun** is owned by KD Capital and managed by SW Shipping.

It is the second major incident in the region in as many months after Cyclone Gonu killed 49 people, caused more than \$1bn worth of damage and brought Oman's ports to a standstill.

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Summary of Major Cases in this week's issue of Lloyd's Casualty Week

Vessel	Type	Flag	Class	GT	DWT	Bit	Casualty
<i>CLINKER CARRIER</i>	bulker	PAN	BV	34,764	61,418	1980	Took on water and sank in lat 19 02.1N, long 71 41.81E, Jul 4. All crew rescued.
<i>CMA CGM FIDELIO</i>	container	RIF	BV	107,898	113,889	2006	Three small explosions occurred in container on board vessel while it was berthed at Yantian Jul 4. Container offloaded and contents, believed to be pesticides, inspected.
<i>KAIGATA MARU NO.78</i>	fishing	JPN	—	349	388	1990	Grounded on reef at Duroc Pass Jun 30-Jul 2. Diver's inspection found no hull damage. Tug proceeded to assist with refloating. Refloated Jul 2. To be taken to Noumea for inspection.
<i>KHANH HOI 7</i>	general	VNM	—	828	1,181	1972	Sank at Dong Nai port Jun 28. Salvage operations in hand Jun 29. Investigation under way.
<i>LINN KRISTIN</i>	general	NOR	—	299	765	1962	Struck bridge in Drammen Jun 28. The foremast broke. Berthed at Drammen same day.
<i>MARIA S.</i>	container	PAN	—	2,614	3,645	1977	Sank off Kochi, in lat 09 58.22N, long 76 10.87E, Jun 30 following leak in hull. All crew rescued and taken to shore.
<i>MIERCOLES SANTO</i>	fishing	ARG	—	449	—	—	Reported Jul 5 adrift in lat 46 08S, long 64 40W.
<i>MIR DAMAD</i>	container	IRN	GL	4,276	5,012	1997	Reported Jul 1 taking water in Bay of Bengal, 35 km SW of Mongla, through crack in hull and sinking slowly. Rescue operation under way. Crew attempting to restart engine Jul 2. Pumping continuing Jul 3. Repaired at sea and proceeded.
<i>NAVITAS</i>	general	NLD	LR	3,995	5,000	2005	Had engine failure in River Weser Jun 30 and drifted aground. Refloated and anchored same day. Towed to Bremen. Failure caused by software problem. Prohibited from departing, pending repairs. Sailed Jun 30.
<i>POMAH</i>	general	GHA	—	434	396	1972	Lost engine power Jun 24. Drifted for 4 days. Taken in tow by diving support vessel and towed to Boony Island.
<i>RONGA</i>	bulker	KHM	—	19,978	32,404	1972	Grounded in lat 20 45.20N, long 70 38.43E, Jun 30. All 15 crew rescued. Still aground Jul 5.
<i>SEA GLORY</i>	general	MNG	—	3,067	5,950	1972	Grounded in lat 23 34N, long 68 13E, Jun 28. Still aground Jul 3. Listing 25 deg and reported sinking. Abandoned by crew. Lying in same position Jul 5.
<i>SOUTHERN CROSS</i>	general	ITA	RI	4,391	4,900	2000	Arrived Brisbane Jul 1 after encountering heavy weather. Cargo damaged. All cargo to be discharged at Brisbane for assessment.
<i>TEVFIK KAPTAN I</i>	general	TUR	—	496	1,036	1977	Sank 0.5 nautical miles off Jonian Apulia coast in lat 39 49.20N, long 18 16.57E, Jun 28.
<i>THORFINN</i>	passenger	FSM	—	599	864	1954	Grounded on reef outside Sokehs harbour, Pohnpei Island, Jun 8. Salvage operation commenced but halted due to legal problems.

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ACCORD (Philippines)

Manila, Jul 2 -- The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) is looking into reports that general cargo *Accord* has polluted the waters outside Philippine Trigon Shipyard, where it is now docked for repairs. A MARINA inspection team was sent last Thursday (Jun 28) to Philippine Trigon Shipyard following a complaint from the Green Forum, a Cebu-based environmental group, that oil was leaking from *Accord* and was contaminating the coastline of nearby San Fernando town. The MARINA inspection team found only broken and minimal spread of oil being carried from the shipyard to San Fernando. When the inspection team arrived at the shipyard to inspect *Accord* they found workers pumping out water mixed with fuel oil from the cargo hold area. The waste water was not being dumped into the sea, however, but being collected in large containers, the inspectors said. The inspection team took seawater samples around the shipyard to determine if oil pollution had indeed occurred. If the tests are positive, the shipyard could face administrative penalties from the MARINA, the inspectors said. -- Correspondent.

ALEXIS T. (Guyana)

Port au Prince, Jul 3 -- General cargo *Alexis T.* sailed Haiti 0645, Jun 26, for Rio Haina. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ALKISTIS (Panama)

Conakry, Jul 5 -- General cargo *Alkistis* completed her commercial operations at 1700, Jun 29. She left Conakry roads during the evening of Jul 2, bound for Dakar, where repairs will be carried out. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ALMIRANTE IRIZAR (Argentina)

Buenos Aires, Jul 4 -- Icebreaker *Almirante Irizar*. There is presently no news regarding repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

AMADEO (Panama)

Bucharest, Jul 3 -- Product tanker *Amadeo* is still at Constantza Shipyard. The fire-damage repairs and conversion works have nearly been completed and estimated that sea trials will proceed by the end of this week. -- Lloyd's Agents.

AMBAR (Honduras)

See "Albania" under "Political & Civil Unrest".

ANG PANGULO (Philippines)

Manila, Jun 29 -- Yacht *Ang Pangulo* is now at Pier No. 13, South Harbour Terminal, Port of Manila, where it is in the final stage of afloat repairs. The vessel has been undergoing repairs for more than a year since it was damaged

by fire at Keppel Batangas Shipyard on January last year. "All machinery and electrical components damaged by the fire have been repaired," Philippine Navy spokesperson Commander Giovanni Carlo Bacordo said. The *Ang Pangulo* is a commissioned vessel of the Philippine Navy "The only item that needs to be repaired is the air conditioning system providing ventilation to the VIP areas," he added. He explained that this would require the installation of three brand new condensers. Work on the air conditioning system is currently on hold, however, pending the release of funds by the Philippine Navy for the purchase of the condensers. "This is the only machinery that needs to be fixed in order to regain full mission status," he said. -- Correspondent.

ANGELA (Antigua & Barbuda)

Port Said, Jul 1 -- Container Carrier *Angela* completed repairs Jun 28 and sailed to its destination at 0900, Jun 29. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Angela* was reported moored at Istanbul at 0850, UTC, today.)

AQUA-BOY (Norway)

London, Jul 4 -- A Marine Accident Investigation Branch investigation report, dated today, states: General cargo *Aqua-Boy* ran aground about 20 metres from Ardtornish Point Lighthouse in the Sound of Mull at approximately 0115, Nov 11. The accident occurred following the master's failure to take evasive action on account of his having fallen asleep and then remaining asleep on watch. The following safety issues were identified: The master's hours of rest did not meet the statutory minimum. In choosing to work more hours than were necessary, and restricting his intake of food, the master exacerbated his level of fatigue without taking full account of the probable consequences. Although a watch alarm was fitted, the alarm system was turned off. No lookout was posted and so the master was alone on watch. The vessel was operating below her minimum safe manning level. Actions have since been taken by the MCA and the vessel's owners. A recommendation has been made to the owners of *Aqua-Boy* on the provision of formal instruction to the vessel's master on action to be taken if it becomes apparent to him/her that the statutory minimum hours of rest requirements may not be achieved.

ARCADIA PROGRESS (India)

London, Jun 28 -- A press report, dated today, states: Rescue operations continued into the fourth consecutive day today off the Porbandar coast, where bulker *Arcadia Progress* and general cargo *Shujaa 3* continue to remain grounded. However the focus now appears to have shifted, after ensuring the safety of those on board, to securing the vessel's fuel so as to prevent an oil spill that could cause widespread ecological damage.

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According to reports as of 1700 this evening, a meeting of *Shujaa 3* agents and Coastguard officers was followed by one with the collector of Porbandar to whom the agents were scheduled to give a statement on their plan of action. Besides this, the owner of *Shujaa 3* will be arriving at Porbandar tomorrow from Dubai with a team of insurance agents and representatives from a salvage company, to meet the coastguards. Salvage work is expected to start after the meeting. Strong winds blowing over 100km an hour had grounded the two ships near Porbandar for over 96 hours, till today. Over the course of four days, coast guards, with the help of helicopters, initiated rescue operations and were successful in rescuing 11 out of 29 crew members on board *Shujaa 3*. Another 11 have been rescued from *Arcadia Progress*, leaving 16 more still on the vessel. However, according to the Commandant of the Coastguard, the people still left on board the two vessels were "safe and comfortable", with all those who wished to leave having been transported ashore. No rescue operations were to take place today, said the commandant. He added that now the Coastguards' first priority was to extract all the oil from the ship which would start sometime tomorrow. Negotiations with a fuel barge in Kandla are also reportedly on with vessel's crew, and the former is expected to come in to Porbandar tomorrow to start the extraction process.

London, Jun 29 -- Understand salvage services are being rendered to bulker *Arcadia Progress* by SMIT Singapore Ltd under Lloyd's Open Form dated Jun 28.

London, Jun 29 -- Understand salvage services are being rendered to general cargo *Shujaa 3* by Loucas G. Matsas under Lloyd's Open Form.

Piraeus, Jul 2 -- Loucas G. Matsas Salvage and Towing have been awarded an LOF Contract under Scopio for general cargo *Shujaa 3*, partly laden, which grounded at the Porbandar area, in India. Formulation of a salvage plan and bunker removal operations are under way. -- Loucas G. Matsas Salvage and Towing.

London, Jul 3 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1201, UTC: General cargo *Shujaa 3* is still aground.

London, Jul 3 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1203, UTC: Bulker *Arcadia Progress* is still aground.

London, Jul 4 -- A SMIT Salvage BV report states: Bulker *Arcadia Progress* grounded on the beach off Porbandar due to stormy winds. SMIT Salvage was contracted to refloat the vessel and immediately dispatched a team of five people from our Singapore premises. Our first concern is to remove the remaining bunkers on board the vessel. Further actions are to be determined.

Mumbai, Jul 5 -- Bulker *Arcadia Progress* remains aground with efforts being made to refloat the vessel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 5 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1131, UTC: Bulker *Arcadia Progress* is still aground. Refloating operations are expected to commence shortly.

London, Jul 4 -- A SMIT Salvage BV report states: General cargo *Shujaa 3* grounded off Porbandar due to stormy winds. SMIT Salvage was contracted under ISU sub and immediately dispatched a team of six people from our Singapore premises. Our first concern is to remove the remaining bunkers on board the vessel. Further actions are to be determined.

Mumbai, Jul 5 -- General cargo *Shujaa 3* remains aground with efforts being made to refloat the vessel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 5 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1130, UTC: General cargo *Shujaa 3* is still aground. Refloating operations are expected to commence in the near future.

ASIAN VENUS (South Korea)

Yokohama, Jul 3 -- General cargo *Asian Venus* (1497 gt, built 1993), Kure for Ningbo, sustained holding damage to cooling water pipe in lat 33 43.8N, long 131 27.9E, at 0430, Jun 29. At the time of making emergency repair to her cooling water pipe, its generator was stopped. Since the generator could not be repaired, the vessel called for rescue. The repair was carried out by salvors at 1630 hrs and the vessel resumed voyage at 1840, Jun 30. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ATHENA (French Southern Territories)

London, Jun 29 -- Understand salvage services are being rendered to supply *Athena* by SMIT Salvage BV, under Lloyd's Open Form sub-contracted to Les Abeilles.

ATLANTIC (Marshall Islands)

Port Said, Jul 1 -- Bulker *Atlantic* (39017 gt, built 1996), which entered the Suez Canal at 0320 today with the southbound convoy, went aground at Km 47 in the canal due to engine troubles. Suez Canal Authority tugs went alongside trying to refloat vessel and succeeded at 1030 today. Vessel was moored for inspection. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Atlantic*, Yuzhnyy for Zhanjiang, had passed Istanbul 1355, Jun 27.)

London, Jul 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: Traffic on the Suez Canal was moving freely again today after a cargo ship (bulker *Atlantic*) ran aground, blocking the vital waterway for over five hours, an official said. "The traffic on the canal has resumed after a disruption of five and a half hours," the official with Egypt's canal authority said. Traffic was interrupted from 0300, UTC, until around 0830, UTC, after the vessel with a 40,000-ton cargo ran aground halfway along the canal near the port city of Ismailiya. The ship, which was heading southwards to the Red Sea, was pulled by tugs, and is undergoing repairs, the official said. At least 10 ships had been lined up behind the grounded vessel.

Port Said, Jul 2 -- Bulker *Atlantic* resumed transit at "1120 today Jul 1" bound for its destination. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ATLANTIC SEAHUNTER (Canada)

Taipei, Jun 30 -- According to the Webnews issued from the Port of Kaohsiung, the new building, fishing (general) *Atlantic Seahunter* (Hull No.: H057 / owner: Clearwater seafood Limited) sank in the Kaohsiung port channel, between quays Nos.121 and 122, at 1350 hrs, Jun 25. The fishing vessel, built by the Ching Fu Shipbuilding, was to be towed to CSBC Corp., Taiwan for further fabrication/installation. While the fishing vessel (no power) was being towed in the Kaohsiung port channel, between the quays Nos.121 and 122, she suddenly listed and sank. A pilot and 43 shipyard workers were rescued by four tugs. Only the pilot was slight injured. Only 1,000 litres of diesel oil were onboard and the rescue/salvage work is now in progress. The initial judgment of the accident made by the Kaohsiung Harbour Bureau was the poor stability/G.M. (ie the upper section equipment was installed, but the lower section equipment was not). -- Lloyd's Agents.

ATLANTIC TRAVELLER (DIS)

Sandnes, Jun 28 -- Passenger ro/ro *Atlantic Traveller* (16794 gt, built 1993), when sailing from Hanstholm this morning, bound Egersund, it made hard contact with the pier in Hanstholm. The ferry was moored back at the quay for inspection. The vessel has a four metres tear, two metres above the waterline on starboard side. Vessel is now undergoing repairs alongside quay in Hanstholm and ETC is about Jul 4. About 5,000 passengers will be affected by this accident. -- Correspondent.

Copenhagen, Jul 2 -- Passenger ro/ro *Atlantic Traveller*, OUZ12, hit the inner breakwater on arrival at Hanstholm from Haugesund, on Jun 28. The collision caused a small hole in the bow area (size 20 by 30 cm). After consultation with the classification society it was decided to renew a large area of the bow as there was structural damage to frames in the bow. Repair has been arranged alongside in Hanstholm and Fjord Line is expecting the ferry to be back in service on Wednesday (Jul 4). -- Correspondent.

Sandnes, Jul 3 -- Passenger ro/ro *Atlantic Traveller* will complete repairs tomorrow evening and will be back in normal service between Denmark and Norway early Thursday (Jul 5). -- Correspondent.

London, Jul 5 -- Passenger ro/ro *Atlantic Traveller* left Hanstholm at 0730 today and is now back in service.

AURELIA M (North Korea)

Bucharest, Jul 3 -- General cargo *Aurelia M* sailed Midia Jun 16 for Mariupol. -- Lloyd's Agents.

AVANTIS IV (Greece)

Piraeus, Jul 4 -- General cargo *Avantis IV* is still under repair at Volos. The repairs are expected to be

completed at the beginning of August. - Lloyd's Agents.

BADRINATH (Liberia)

Falmouth, Jul 2 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Badrinath* is still under repair at Falmouth but is expected to sail late tomorrow. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BALKAN (Bulgaria)

Varna, Jun 29 -- Bulker *Balkan* was anchored at Bosphorus, due to disputes between the shipowners and the Turkish salvage company. It was reported that all issues were resolved today and the vessel will proceed to Varna. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 30 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 0620 today bulker *Balkan* was in lat 42 21.37N, long 29 12 13E, proceeding on a course of 247 deg, at speed of 12.2 knots.

London, Jul 5 -- Bulker *Balkan* arrived Varna Jul 2 from Bandirma.

BALTIC SEA (Singapore)

London, Jul 3 -- Crude oil tanker *Baltic Sea* arrived at Tuapse on Jun 25 and, according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 0428, today, the vessel was in lat 43 34.21N, long 36 37.4E, on a course of 256.3 deg, speed 12.7 knots.

BARRI (Latvia)

Riga, Jul 3 -- Pollution control vessel *Barri* is still alongside the same berth, because permission for towage has still not been received. Vessel's owners are now preparing to cut it up for scrap at the berth. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BEREKET KA (Turkey)

Istanbul, Jul 2 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Bereket KA* (5209 gt, built 1982), La Skhira for Izmit, while transitting Dardanelles, experienced engine breakdown at 0740, local time, Jul 1 and anchored Dardanelles. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Istanbul, Jul 2 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Bereket KA* completed necessary repairs by own means and, upon inspection/formalities, sailed from Canakkale at 2240, Jul 1. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BEWA (NIS)

Poznan, Jul 5 -- General cargo *Bewa* is still under repair (at Szczecin). Repairs ETC Jul 12. Final destination unknown. -- Lloyd's Agents.

CAPADOCIA (Netherlands Antilles)

See "United Kingdom" under "Port State Control".

CARMEN DEL MAR (Canary Islands)

See "Spain" under "Port State Control".

CASPIAN MARINER (Malta)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 3 -- Product tanker *Caspian Mariner* (4606 gt, built 2000) had engine failure and collided with a Coastguard vessel which was moored at Taganrog today. No one was injured. An investigation has started into the cause of the incident. -- Correspondent. (Note -- According to

Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Caspian Mariner*, which sailed Diliskelesi Jun 29, passed Istanbul east 0730, Jun 29, and passed Kerchenskiy north 0925, Jul 1, was reported stationary in lat 47 12 5.88N, long 38 56 54.6E, at 1422, UTC, Jul 3, two nautical miles from Taganrog.)

CLINKER CARRIER (Panama)

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: A vessel (bulker *Clinker Carrier*, 34764 gt, built 1980) sailing from Singapore to Jebel Ali sank at 1800 yesterday (Jul 4), 63 nautical miles west of Mumbai, due to flooding on board. According to the Indian Coast Guard, the vessel was carrying 60,000 tonnes of clinker as well as 350 tonnes of fuel oil and 100 tonnes diesel oil. All the 22 crew were rescued by container carrier *Maersk Dhaka*. The Indian Coast Guard received the distress signal at 1400 hrs after which they launched an aircraft from Daman for immediate assistance.

London, Jul 4 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 2155, UTC: Bulker *Clinker Carrier* sank in lat 19 02.1N, long 71 41.81E, at approximately 1800, local time. All crew were rescued by container carrier *Maersk Dhaka*.

London, Jul 4 -- Bulker *Clinker Carrier* sailed Lanshan May 27 and was last reported according to Lloyd's MIU AIS in lat 01 10 10.86N, long 103 47 10.38E, at 0945, Jun 22, speed 12.1 knots, course 239 degrees, bound Jebel Ali.

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: A major disaster was averted at the Bombay High oil field when crippled and drifting bulker *Clinker Carrier* sank a mere 25 kilometres away from the rig *Mukta Panna*. The vessel sank after a high-sea drama spanning two hours. The Coast Guard got a distress call at "1600" yesterday that the hull of the vessel, carrying 60,000 tonnes of coal ash, had been breached and it had started listing. "We diverted Coast Guard ship *Kanla Devi* and a navy vessel to scuttle the cargo carrier in case it did not sink on its own," said Mumbai Coast Guard officials. Two Oil and Natural Gas Corporation tugs were also deployed. Coast Guard officials had estimated the vessel would hit the rig in 17 hours and contingency plans were ready. To their relief, the front of the vessel flooded and it sank on its own at 1800 hrs. The vessel was crippled after it encountered a three-metre-high sea swell and strong winds. The Coast Guard diverted another merchant vessel to the area, which rescued 20 of the 22 crew members within 30 minutes of the SOS call, said Commandant A. Rajashekhar, Inspector-General of the Coast Guard, Western Region. The master and chief engineer of *Clinker Carrier* opted to stay on board initially, but were rescued later. "Our aircraft took off from Daman within an hour-and-a-half to survey the area, 128 km from Mumbai's coast," said Rajashekhar. *Clinker Carrier* is carrying 450 tonnes of fuel oil and Coast Guard helicopters are keeping a watch for spills. The vessel, on its way from "Thailand" to the United Arab Emirates.

CLIPPER (Malta)

London, Jul 2 -- General cargo *Clipper*, Novorossiysk for Ravenna, passed Dardanelles Jul 1.

CMA CGM FIDELIO (RIF)

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: Three small explosions occurred yesterday in a container on Container Carrier *CMA CGM Fidelio* (107898 gt, built 2006) that was berthed at Shenzhen's Yantian port. The container was offloaded and its contents, believed to be pesticide, were inspected. No injuries were reported and a Shenzhen Maritime Safety Administration official said the explosion was "probably due to the hot weather."

CS CIHAN (Turkey)

Portsmouth, UK, Jun 30 -- General cargo *CS Cihan* (6390 gt, built 2007), Novorossiysk for Ravenna, ran aground in the Bosphorus southwards at 1520, Jun 29. Two rescue tugs were sent to its aid and the vessel was assisted from the sandbar at 1547 hrs. -- Correspondent.

London, Jul 1 -- General cargo *CS Cihan*, Novorossiysk for Ravenna, ran aground in front of Ortakoy, Istanbul Strait, at approximately 1520, Jun 29. Patrol vessel *Kiyi Emniyeti 4* and tug *Kurtarma 3* were immediately sent to the scene. *CS Cihan* refloated at 1547 same day by own means. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *CS Cihan* was in lat 40 54 21N, long 28 44 23E, at 2201, UTC, Jun 30. speed 13.1 knots, course 258 deg.)

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London, Jul 2 -- General cargo *CS Cihan*, Novorossiysk for Ravenna, passed Dardanelles Jul 1.

CSO WELLSERVICER (U.K.)

Sandnes, Jul 3 -- Diving support *CSO Wellservicer* completed repairs and sailed Stavanger at 2000, local time, today, bound Leith, where ETA 1200, Jul 5. -- Correspondent.

DAIJUHACHI KYOUEI MARU (Japan)

See *Sunrise Suzuran II*.

DAISAN YUTAKA MARU (Japan)

See *Meerkat*.

DENDEN (Eritrea)

London, Jun 30 -- A press report, dated Jun 29, states: The process to save the capsized Eritrean general cargo *Denden* off the Mangalore coast at Taneerbavi has begun. Though physical salvaging of the vessel or extraction of the oil will begin later, the paperwork is being done and consultation, inquiries and talks are being held between the district officials, New Mangalore Port authorities and other agents. According to chairman of the New Mangalore Port Trust Tamilvanan, the surveyors and the members of the Protection and Indemnity Club arrived and had two

rounds of talks with the officials of the NMP. Tamilvanan said he was satisfied with the speed at which matters had been working out to resolve issues pertaining to the salvage of the ship and issues regarding control of oil pollution. Deputy Conservator of the New Mangalore Port K V Vaswani said that two representatives of two different salvaging companies had taken a preliminary look at the site where the vessel capsized. One was a Dutch company and the other a Mumbai-based one. Captain Bhandary of the J B Boda Company of Mumbai will survey the hull and machinery. Senior marine experts including Sathish Kulkarni and Amithav Majumdar, a leading Marine legal expert from Bose and Mitra of Mumbai, also took part in the meeting. Vaswani said extraction of the furnace oil and marine diesel from the tank of the capsized vessel will begin earlier than expected and since the vessel was lying near the coast it was possible to have land based extraction. Things were moving smoothly on the issue of repatriation of the crew, he said. Captain of the vessel Abraham Kwawos interview has taken place and once the inquiry was over it was left to the district administration to secure their repatriation, he added. According to the Headquarters Assistant at the Deputy Commissioner's office Ashok G Bhat the bodies of all the three Eritrean sailors recovered from sea had been sent to Eritrea via Mumbai.

London, Jul 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: Two companies have been entrusted with the task of extracting marine diesel and furnace slag from general cargo *Denden*. According to a press release issued by the deputy commission of Dakshina Kannada M Maheshwar Rao yesterday evening, two companies -- one from Netherlands and one from Mumbai had been entrusted the work of extracting the furnace slag and marine diesel from the ship. Meetings were held on Jun 27 and 28 in which the owner of the ship and officials from the insurance companies participated and discussions held on removing the vessel. He clarified that no incident of leakage of furnace slag or marine diesel was found so far from the vessel. All precautionary measures had been taken by officials from fisheries department, police, Port and the members of district pollution control board camping at Tannirbavi keeping constant watch, he said. Meanwhile, the four experts who were expected from Mumbai -- two from Holland and two from Mumbai for conducting survey and prepare plan of action for extracting marine diesel and furnace slag from the ship and salvage of ship, could not arrive here in Mangalore as no flights could take-off from Mumbai airport due to heavy rains and bad weather conditions.

Kochi, Jul 5 -- A local press report, states: In a major mishap in the Arabian Sea near the port of New Mangalore, general cargo *Denden* sank due to strong winds on Jun 23. Twenty-one crew members swam safely to

shore while two were killed and one went missing. The vessel arrived New Mangalore port at 0141, local time, Jun 17, from Mumbai, to load about 7500 tonnes of furnace slag for Jebel Ali. The vessel berthed at 1942, local time, Jun 17, at berth No.4, and shifted to berth No.5 at noon on Jun 19. The vessel sailed from berth No.5 at 0700, on Jun 20, to Jebel Ali, after loading. However, due to engine failure, the vessel was forced to drop anchor at New Mangalore port anchorage and wait for spares to effect repairs. On the night of Jun 22 heavy wind cut the anchor, the vessel started drifting and moved towards the channel. The Port Authorities made attempts to rescue the 24 crew on board with a port tug, but all attempts were in vain as the tug could not approach the vessel due to the strong waves. The vessel moved towards Thannirbavi Beach side, which is located on the right side of the port's approach channel, and at around 0015, Jun 23, the vessel grounded near Thannirbavi Beach with its port side alongside the shore, and slightly listing to starboard. Coast Guard vessel *Savithribhai Phule* reportedly tried to approach the vessel but halted its efforts due to the rough sea. Coast Guard personnel then started working to reach the vessel from the shore with the help of fishermen and locals, but repeated attempts were unsuccessful. At around 1200, Jun 23, the vessel's crew opened two liferafts and about seven crew members jumped into them, but were all thrown out. The seven crew members then swam to shore, but two of them did not survive. Later, five more crew members swam safely to the shore. The vessel was gradually tilting towards the starboard side and at around 1500 hrs completely sank, leaving only the keel above water. The 12 crew remaining on board jumped in to the sea and 11 of them swam safely to the shore with the help of lifejackets. Some of them took nearly three hours to reach the shore, and one went missing. All those rescued were treated at NMPT hospital, KMC and A.J. hospital in New Mangalore. All the hatch covers were detached from the vessel and, according to sources, bunkers started leaking from the sunken vessel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

DS MONTROSE (Bahamas)

Ponta Delgada, Jun 30 -- Bulker *DS Montrose* arrived Ponta Delgada as a port of refuge at 1400 today, under tow of tug *Braveheart*, for the necessary inspections and repairs. It is understood that the vessel is loaded with steel pipes and that General Average has been declared. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Ponta Delgada, Jul 3 -- Bulker *DS Montrose* is still at Ponta Delgada outer roads under inspections and repairs to the main engine damage. The vessel is expected to be berthed alongside the quay by tomorrow in order to proceed with the repairs in port. Time expected to complete the repairs has not yet been ascertained. -- Lloyd's Agents.

EAGLE OTOME (Singapore)

London, Jul 2 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1445, UTC: Crude oil tanker *Eagle Otome* (52504 gt, built 1994), bound Houston, with 91,000 tons of bunker C on board, grounded in Galveston South Fairway at 0215, UTC, today. Tugs are required and Coast Guard vessel *Skipjack* is on scene.

London, Jul 2 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1915, UTC: Crude oil tanker *Eagle Otome* refloated at 1226, UTC, and is now at the South Fairway Anchorage pending underwater survey. (Note -- *Eagle Otome*, Kerch for Houston, had passed Gibraltar at 1701, Jun 15, and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was stationary in lat 29 05 16N, long 94 15 05W, with restricted manoeuvrability.)

London, Jul 2 -- Following received from AET, operators of crude oil tanker *Eagle Otome*: *Eagle Otome* was involved in a grounding at approximately 0130, UTC, today, some 25 miles south of the Galveston pilot station. All crew members are well and accounted for. There has been no pollution, and the vessel's hull remains intact and structurally sound. The US Coast Guard were immediately informed following the incident and have been working in close co-operation with the vessel's crew and management. *Eagle Otome* is no longer aground and is sailing to a safe anchorage for follow-on inspections by Coast Guard personnel and marine surveyors. There have been no reports of injuries or pollution. AET would like to thank the USCG for their swift and professional response in this matter and will work in close co-operation with concerned parties to establish the cause of this incident.

London, Jul 4 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS crude oil tanker *Eagle Otome* was moored in lat 29 44 56N, long 95 06 03W, (Houston area) at 1625, UTC, today.

EK-STAR (NIS)

London, Jun 29 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Ek-Star* arrived Le Havre Jun 26, from St. Petersburg, and subsequently passed Dover Strait eastbound Jun 27.

ELLIDA ACE (Panama)

Brisbane, Jul 2 -- Bulker *Ellida Ace* has departed Gladstone (on Jun 24), bound for Kashima with a load of coal. It is not known if any repairs were carried out there. -- Lloyds Agents.

FA JY MAAN

Lima, Jul 3 -- Fishing (general) *Fa Jy Maan* is still approximately half a mile from shore about four kilometres north of Pimentel at a small fisherman's bay called San Jose. We have received instructions to sell the vessel for salvage; however, due to its location and weight, we do not expect to receive high offers. To be able to sell the vessel, many procedures have to be carried out and we expect to have it sold this week. -- Lloyd's Agents.

FARAH-3 (Jordan)

Colombo, Jul 5 -- Local agents of general cargo *Farah-3* have advised that the vessel is still aground at Mulaittivu. They also said that they have been informed that the vessel has been stripped bare and that currently no-one has access to the vessel or its vicinity. -- Lloyd's Agents.

FILIPINA PRINCESS (Philippines)

Manila, Jul 3 -- The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has allowed passenger ro/ro *Filipina Princess* to resume normal operations, after the vessel passed sea trials supervised by a MARINA inspection team. *Filipina Princess* became the subject of an inspection by MARINA safety officers after its sister ship *Princess of the Ocean* stalled in mid-voyage on Jun 29. Both vessels are owned by Cebu-based shipping operator Sulpicio Lines. The MARINA is the state agency regulating the Philippine domestic shipping industry. -- Correspondent.

FRAU NANCY (North Korea)

London, Jul 4 -- General cargo *Frau Nancy* remains at Valletta.

FREEDOM LILY (Hong Kong)

Yokohama, Jul 4 -- Bulker *Freedom Lily* (31227 gt, built 2005) in tow of four tugs from No.1 dock of Mitsubishi Heavy Industry, Yokohama, came into contact with their No.3 dock, resulting in holing damage to its starboard stern. The dock sustained scratching damage. No water ingress or oil spill. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 4 -- Bulker *Freedom Lily* arrived Yokohama Jun 22.

FREITIND (Norway)

Trondheim, Jul 5 -- General cargo *Freitind*: Kvernhusvik Shipyard, Hitra, inform there is no change in the situation. -- Lloyd's Agents.

GAS SHANGHAI (Marshall Islands)

London, Jun 29 -- A press report, dated Jun 28, states: Stealthgas Inc announced today that Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Gas Shanghai* was involved in a collision on May 15 when it struck a local vessel that came across its bow as *Gas Shanghai* was leaving the port of Ho Chi Minh City, with a pilot on board, after discharging its cargo. While *Gas Shanghai* sustained only minor damage, the other, smaller vessel sank and eight of its seamen were regrettably lost. On Jun 27, *Gas Shanghai* was permitted to leave the port and has re-entered the company's service. The vessel's master and chief officer have been requested to remain in Ho Chi Minh City to assist in the completion of the investigation by the port authorities. The company has reached settlements with the families of six of the lost seamen and has secured the claims of the remaining two. The company has confirmed that its protection and indemnity insurers have provided security to cover the vessel's third party liabilities and will settle them according to the vessel's

proportion of liability as and when they become due. The company does not expect these events to materially affect revenues for the second quarter.

GOLDEN SKY (Cyprus)

Riga, Jul 3 -- Bulker *Golden Sky* is still under arrest, alongside at Ventspils. Vessel to be sold for scrap and to be towed. Due to permanent slow ingress of water to the engine-room, within the next 30-40 days it will be aground. Water in engine-room is polluted and can only be pumped out to collectors. Port authorities are concerned with the situation. Owners insist that the arresting party must bear responsibility for keeping vessel. The arresting party, Lattelecom, despite a Letter of Undertaking issued by the P&I Club, are claiming not only real losses but also the works for future protection of the cable by burying it. The P&I Club have already paid all proofed claims and are demanding proof of the claim of Lattelecom. The court hearing will be in September. -- Lloyd's Agents.

GREEN MALOY (U.K.)

Dover, Jul 2 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Green Maloy* (5084 gt, built 1990) experienced engine problems in the Princess Channel on leaving Sheerness Jun 26. As it was not considered practical to effect any repairs at sea, the vessel made its way under its own power to Dover. Vessel arrived at 2037, Jun 29, and was assisted to berth by the Dover Harbour Board tug. After repairs were effected she departed at 0852, Jun 30, to sea to await orders. -- Lloyd's Agents.

HANNA (Faroe Islands)

London, Jul 4 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 0900, UTC: General cargo *Hanna* is still at Randers. Classification society inspectors have been on board and have cleared vessel to proceed, however, it is still detained by Danish Maritime Authorities. It is hoped it will be allowed to sail later today.

London, Jul 5 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 1137, UTC: General cargo *Hanna* sailed Randers yesterday, destination unknown.

HARPOON (Philippines)

Manila, Jul 3 -- Repair work on general cargo *Harpoon* has temporarily stopped as workers wait for the arrival of a replacement engine-room part which has been ordered from overseas. The vessel is undergoing repairs at Tsuneshi Heavy Industries (Cebu) Inc shipyard in Cebu island. -- Correspondent.

HELIOS 3 (Panama)

Kochi, Jul 4 -- General cargo *Helios 3* sailed Kochi at 1900, IST, Jul 3, for Kandla, after successful completion of cargo rearrangement and MMD clearance. -- Lloyd's Agents.

HUMBOLDT REX (Philippines)

St. Petersburg, Jun 29 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Humboldt Rex* is undergoing loading operations in Port of St.Petersburg. -- Lloyd's Agents.

INDEPENDENT (Barbados)

London, Jun 28 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Independent* was located 15.5 nautical miles from Portland, in lat 50 23 38.7N, long 02 37 45.18W, at 1353, UTC, today, course 75.2 deg, speed 8.9 knots.

IROISE (France)

London, Jun 28 -- Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRCC, timed 1534, UTC: Falmouth MRCC reported the fishing (general) *Iroise* (226 gt, built 1991) had sustained engine failure and was being towed by fishing *Gothard*, at 1412, UTC, in lat 56 27.5N, long 07 52.5W, south-west of Isle of Barra, speed seven knots, bound for Concaeneau.

London, Jun 29 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, fishing (general) *Iroise* was located 9.5 nautical miles from Portavogie, County Down, in lat 54 25 13.88N, long 05 16 38.89W, at 1037, UTC, today, course 170.8 deg, speed 8.6 knots.

London, Jul 2 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, fishing (general) *Iroise* was located 7.8 nautical miles from Concarneau, in lat 47 46 26.5N, long 04 00 26.45W, at 0349, UTC, today, course 36.9 deg, speed 4.9 knots.

Brest, Jul 4 -- Fishing (general) *Iroise* was taken in tow by fishing vessel *Saint Gothard* following main engine breakdown. The convoy arrived Concarneau at 0830, local time, Jul 2. Repairs are due to last approximately one week. -- Lloyd's Agents.

JACOB 1

See *Cheryl Anne*.

JAVA BEAGLE (Singapore)

See *Java Basset*.

JEAN CLAUDE COULON II (France)

London, Jul 3 -- Following received from Stornoway Harbour-master, dated today: A diver's inspection of fishing (general) *Jean Claude Coulon II* found no damage and the vessel sailed Stornoway shortly after 1400, Jun 13.

KAIGATA MARU NO.78 (Japan)

Noumea, Jul 2 -- During the night of Saturday to Sunday (Jul 1-2) fishing (general) *Kaigata Maru No.78* (349 gt, built 1990), call sign JRLI, grounded on reefs of Duroc pass, about 200 miles from Noumea. Apparently no damage to the hull was discovered by the divers. Last night the tug *Tamanu* sailed to the site to pull *Kaigata Maru No.78* off this morning. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Noumea, Jul 2 -- An attempt to refloat fishing (general) *Kaigata Maru No.78* failed this morning. Another try will be made tonight when the tide will be at 1.55 metres. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Manila, Jul 3 -- Fishing (general) *Kaigata Maru No.78* was pulled out from the reefs last night by tug *Tamanu*. The vessel will be safe at Noumea harbour at the end of this afternoon. She will be inspected as soon as possible. -- Correspondent.

KHANH HOI 7 (Vietnam)

London, Jul 1 -- A press report, dated Jun 29, states: General cargo *Khanh Hoi 7* (828 gt, built 1972), carrying 15,000 litres of diesel fuel, suddenly sank at Dong Nai port late yesterday. Thanks to a fast acting crew that locked the fuel tank, the gas has not spilled. None of the vessel's crew was hurt but the loss of fuel, the vessel, and the 900 cubic metres of lumber it was carrying could total hundreds of millions of dong. The ship was preparing for a trip to Qui Nhon port. Director of Dai Minh Rescue Company Hoang Van Loc said it would take at least 10 days to haul the vessel and its cargo out of the water. At present, four rescue vessels are attempting to bring the ship up before the fuel leaks. The vessel, from Ho Chi Minh City of Nha Rong Sea Transports Company, was piloted by Huynh Tien Dung and had arrived at Dong Nai port on Monday (Jun 25). Authorities are currently investigating the cause of the accident.

KIMITSU MARU (Japan)

See *Tomei Maru*.

KLOAR KIMMING (Germany)

London, Jun 29 -- Ferry *Kloar Kimming* according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, in lat 53 33 12.78N, long 8 33 20.94E, speed 8.5 knots, at 0734, today.

KOZNITSA (Bulgaria)

London, June 28 -- Following received from Coast Guard Miami, timed 1335, UTC: Understand bulker *Koznitsa* was inspected, no serious damage was found and vessel was released.

LADY HAMMOND (United Arab Emirates)

Karachi, Jul 3 -- Local port authorities and handling agent of the tug *Lady Hammond* advised that the tug had some engine problem and, due to the said problem, she was towed to Karachi Harbour on Jun 26 and berthed at PICT berth No.9, East Wharf, Karachi. They further stated that the tug is under repair and will sail within a couple of days, as soon as she completes the repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Karachi, Jul 4 -- Port Authorities advise tug *Lady Hammond* has moved from PICT berth No.9 to berth No.17 East Wharf for repairing. -- Lloyd's Agents.

LAURANA (Italy)

London, Jun 29 -- A press report, dated today, states: Siremar's passenger ro/ro *Laurana* (10977 gt, built 1992), travelling to Naples, has struck a dock in the port of Panarea. There are no injuries among the crew and the 130 passengers on board. Last night the ship had carried out the manoeuvre in order to get into the harbour, it slowed down but when came the moment to stop something did not work and the vessel struck the dock. The structure at the port and the ship have been damaged. The vessel has a rip of 90 centimetres at the stern. Therefore there was no journey to Naples. The local sea office in Lipari

has immediately started an investigation. Among the 130 passengers there are many tourists. They have remained on the island together with the vehicles on board -- approximately 60 cars and trucks which were unloaded in an area of the port in San Pietro. This morning the Siremar's fast ferry *Isola di Stromboli* has arrived Panarea and will take care of the trip to Naples. *Laurana* has left Panarea for a shipyard for repairs. Also in the previous days *Laurana* had not carried out a voyage to Naples -- with 300 passengers on board it did not leave the Eolie islands because of an engine problem. These Siremar incidents are risking to compromise the tourist season and therefore administrators, hotel owners and tourist operators at the Eolie are getting angry: "We cannot face the tourist season with these old vehicles," said the mayor of Lipari Mariano Bruno who asked the ministry of transport to carry out an investigation and put some pressure on Siremar so that it can guarantee four services per week to and from Naples with fast ferries.

Naples, Jul 3 -- Passenger ro/ro *Laurana* is expected to arrive in Naples late this afternoon. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 4 -- Passenger ro/ro *Laurana* arrived Naples Jul 3 from Panarea and sailed same day for Milazzo.

LEIF ERIKSON (Canada)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 5 -- The Crown corporation that runs the ferry service between southern Newfoundland and Nova Scotia has temporarily pulled Roll On Roll Off *Leif Erikson* (18523 gt, built 1991) out of service. Marine Atlantic says the vessel has a broken rudder. Passengers with reservations for yesterday and today have been given alternate bookings. "In the next 36 hours, the *Leif Erikson* would have made two round trips, so we're going to add another sailing, a new sailing of the *Caribou* and that sailing will accommodate the traffic that we would have had to carry," communications director Tara Laing said yesterday. The vessel is expected to be back in service tomorrow. -- Correspondent.

LINN KRISTIN (Norway)

Kiel, Jun 29 -- General cargo *Linn Kristin* (299 gt, built 1962) struck a bridge in Drammen in the forenoon hours of June 28. The foremast broke. After the incident it was berthed in Drammen harbour. Police started investigations regarding a technical failure and drug testing of the crew. *Linn Kristin* also just run aground at Svelvik some days ago. -- Correspondent.

Drammen, Jun 29 -- General cargo *Linn Kristin* arrived Drammen, from Svelvik, yesterday, with a cargo of sand for discharge at Holmen south, Drammen. The vessel, which had been berthed near the main motorway, E18, bridge, sailed and a few minutes after departure, 1130 same day, struck the motorway bridge. Vessel sustained damage to fore mast. New alloy panels covering the bottom of the bridge construction was damaged. According

to local press the vessel grounded at Verket, Svelvik, last weekend. Press also reports the vessel had earlier received instructions from the Norwegian Maritime Directorate to make repairs regarding its reliability of service. Vessel stopped and was collected by tug *Stone* and berthed at Drammen at 1810 same day. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

LUKORAN TRI (Belize)

Lima, July 2 -- Demolition of fishing (general) *Lukoran Tri* still not commenced. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MARE LIBERUM (Germany)

Portsmouth, UK, Jun 28 -- On Tuesday (Jun 26) evening fishing (general) *Mare Liberum* (82 gt), home port Sassnitz-Ruegen, encountered rudder problems in bad weather in the North Sea, 29 miles north of Schiermonnikoog, Netherlands. The vessel requested assistance and rescue vessel *Koning Willem I* and a helicopter were despatched, at 2300 hrs. The rescue operation lasted a few hours due to the heavy seas. Tug *Oceanic* was in the area and successfully managed to take the fishing vessel in tow, on Jun 27. Accompanied by the German rescue vessel, *Oceanic* towed *Mare Liberum* to Borkum. Just outside the port, the tow was taken over by tug *Finn*, which completed the tow into Borkum (on Jun 27). -- Correspondent.

MARIA S. (Panama)

London, Jun 30 -- A press report, dated today, states: Fifteen crew members, including five Indians, of container carrier *Maria S.* (2614 gt, built 1977) were rescued today after it sank off Cochin port. All the crew members, which also included 10 Albanians, were rescued and brought safely to the shore, Cochin Port Trust spokesman said. The vessel, bound Albania from China, had developed a leak in the hull and was anchored in the outer anchorage of Cochin Port for the last three days, he said. As the vessel began to sink today, the master sent a distress message, following which two tugs were sent for rescue operations. All the rescued crew members were sent to the Port Trust Hospital for medical check up and no injury was reported, the spokesman said. Meanwhile, the Coast Guard and Navy had been informed for further course of action, especially for anti-pollution activities. The Customs and Immigration Departments as well as the Nautical Advisor to the Government of India had been notified about the incident, he said.

London, Jul 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: Coast Guard today carried out an aerial surveillance of the area where Container Carrier *Maria S.* sank off Kochi last evening, but no oil spill has been detected so far. Coast Guard sources said that the force was monitoring the situation and would carry out another surveillance of the area tomorrow morning. *Maria S.* on way from China to Albania with a consignment of steel billets and trucks, sank some eight and a half km from

Kochi last evening, after developing a leakage in its hull. However, 15 crew members were rescued by a Cochin Port Trust (CPT) tug and brought ashore. The sailors, found to be fit after a medical check up last night, had been handed over to the agents of the ship, CPT sources said. Coast Guard officials said no oil spill had been detected from the ship. "There is a chance of oil spillage and a threat to the environment. We are monitoring the situation," they added. The ship is believed to have been carrying 40 tonnes of gas oil and two tonnes of lube oil. The bow of the ship had touched the sea floor in the shallow area in which it sank and only the navigation bridge was visible. "It is possible to save the cargo, but it will be for the ship's agents and owners to decide whether it would be worthwhile to save the cargo," the sources said. The ship was steered out of the port's channels by the CPT rescue team, led by senior pilot Captain Jerry, last evening. The port's channels were thus clear and there was no obstruction to traffic, port officials said.

Mumbai, Jul 2 -- Container Carrier *Maria S.* sank off Kochi about 500 metres north of the channel, on Saturday night (Jun 30). Due to the leak, the vessel had diverted from its voyage and had been anchored at the outer anchorage of Kochi port of the shelter since Jun 26. The vessel, carrying 3000 tonnes of steel billets and six trucks, was on its way to Albania from China when it developed a leak in the hull. It had picked up anchor and was proceeding to the port. The master of the vessel informed the port that the vessel was sinking. Immediately on receipt of the distress message, the port sent a senior pilot with two tugs, *Bali* and *Balwan*, for assistance. The pilot boarded the vessel and, while transiting the channel, noticed that the bow of the vessel had started going down and that the vessel had lost speed, indicating that it was about to sink. The pilot immediately altered course and steered the vessel outside the channel on the northern side to avoid blockage of the channel. The crew of the Panamanian registered vessel including five Indians and 10 Albanians, were rescued and brought to CPT Hospital for check-up. Meanwhile, senior port officials said that the Coast Guard and the Navy have been informed for further course of action, especially for anti-pollution activities in view of the oil spillage in the channel. The Coast Guard has started spraying of oil spill dispersal on Sunday as there is a slight spillage of oil in the channel. Since the vessel was a small one, the spillage has been minimal, consisting of only 40 tonnes of gas oil and two tonnes of lube oil. This can be contained with the existing facilities of the Coast Guard here, the officials added. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Kochi, Jul 2 -- Container Carrier *Maria S.*, China for Greece with a cargo of 3,750 tonnes of iron pellets and trucks, sank eight nautical miles off Kochi port Jun 30. Understand fuel started leaking out, causing serious

threat to the environment. All 15 crew members, including the master, were rescued by the rescue team of the Kochi port using port tugs *Bali* and *Balavan*. Understand the vessel was reportedly trying to enter Tuticorin port for repairing a crack and holes through which water was entering. However, the vessel was reportedly repaired while at Tuticorin outer anchorage. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 4 -- Following notice to mariners issued at 1003, UTC, Jul 3: Container Carrier *Maria S.*, cargo steel rods and trucks, sunk in lat 09 58.22N, long 76 10.87E. Wheelhouse and foremast visible. Mariners to exercise caution.

MEERKAT (Philippines)

Yokohama, Jul 3 -- Collision occurred between general cargo *Meerkat* (4560 gt, built 1996), Fukuyama for Philippines, and bulk cement carrier *Daisan Yutaka Maru* (607 gt), Kagoshima for Kanda, in position 5,800 metres and 80 deg from east side of Mukushima, at 0655, Jun 29, in limited visibility of 100 metres. No water ingress or oil spill or personal injury has been reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Moji, Jul 4 -- General cargo *Meerkat* arrived Oita Jun 29 and sailed Jul 3 for the Philippines. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MIERCOLES SANTO (Argentina)

London, Jul 5 -- Following navigation warning dated yesterday, states: Fishing (general) *Miercoles Santo* (449 gt) adrift in lat 46 08S, long 64 40W.

MIKHAIL DUDIN (Malta)

London, Jun 30 -- General cargo *Mikhail Dudin* sailed Hull Jun 28 for King's Lynn.

MIR DAMAD (Iran)

Dhaka, Jul 1 -- Container Carrier *Mir Damad* (4276 gt, built 1997), Chittagong for Kolkata with 18 crew members on board, has sent a distress signal after taking water in the Bay of Bengal, prompting a rescue operation by Bangladeshi naval vessels, port officials said. The vessel was some 35 km south-west of Mongla port. "The ship is taking water and started sinking slowly," a Mongla port official said. -- Reuters.

Dhaka, Jul 1 -- Iranian crew, with help from the Bangladesh Navy, were struggling today to keep their ship, Container Carrier *Mir Damad*, afloat in the Bay of Bengal after it started taking water, port officials said. "Several machines have been put in operation to pump out water and efforts are being made to seal the crack in the bottom of the ship," said an official of the B.S. Cargo Limited, the local agent of the ship. The rescuers were also trying to reignite the engine of the ship after it went out of order following a crack in the bottom. The cause of the crack was not immediately known. -- Reuters.

London, Jul 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: Iranian container carrier *Mir Damad*, which was reported sinking in the Bay of Bengal yesterday after cracks developed on its lower

deck, is now no longer in danger, private news agency UNB reported today. "The ship is safe now," Mongla Harbour Master/Port Captain Shariful said, adding that the cause of the cracks was not immediately known. The vessel's 17 crew have been using pumps to remove/contain the water. It is reported that the vessel will be taken to the Chittagong for repairs. The vessel's main engine and two generators have been damaged by water. The Naval vessel *BNS Karotoa* arrived on scene yesterday night to salvage the vessel. *Mir Damad* sailed from Chittagong on Thursday (Jun 28) for India with 91 empty containers on board.

London, Jul 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: Bad weather conditions in the Bay of Bengal have hampered operations to rescue Container Carrier *Mir Damad* off Mongla port. Bangladesh navy vessels were assisting the vessel after it sent a distress signal yesterday. "The crew is now trying to restart the engine of the ship after pumping out water that it had taken in," said Mongla port official Mohammad Sharif. The crew hopes to return the vessel to either Mongla or Chittagong port, the ship's local agent said. The ship, which has a cracked hull, was bound for the Indian port of Kolkata from Chittagong, was some 35 km south-west of Mongla port.

Karachi, Jul 3 -- Understand from BS Cargo Agency of Bangladesh that Container Carrier *Mir Damad* has been rescued by Bangladesh Navy from capsizing in Bay of Bengal. BS Cargo Agency official said that efforts are being made to pump out water from vessel. Hopefully, it would be done by today or tomorrow. Later, an inspection will be carried out to ascertain vessel's condition and nature of repair. If repairs are needed, it could done at Chittagong port, otherwise, vessel will proceed to Chennai. -- Correspondent.

Chittagong, Jun 3 -- Container Carrier *Mir Damad* sailed from Chittagong port Jun 28 with 89 empty 20-foot containers, one loaded 40-foot container and one loaded 20-foot container for Chennai. During its voyage, vessel was reported to have developed leakage/hole on main C cooling pump discharge valves. As a result, water has leaked inside vessel's engine-room, as stated by vessel's local agents BS Cargo Agency, Chittagong. Above incident was said to have occurred 132 nautical miles south-west from Chittagong, in lat 20 43.4N, long 89 58.70E. Present location of the vessel is 115 nautical miles south-west of Chittagong pilot station and 50 nautical miles south-east of Hiron Point pilot station. Reportedly vessel has undertaken temporary repair works with the assistance of its crew to stop the leakage of water. However, pumping of water is said to be continuing. A total of 17 crew members are on board the vessel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Dhaka, Jul 4 -- Iranian Container Carrier *Mir Damad* has been repaired at sea, officials said. The vessel which

sent a distress signal on Sunday (Jul 1), received assistance from the Bangladesh navy and has resumed its journey to Paradip, a local shipping agent said. © Reuters.

MOBRO 139 (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 1 -- A press report, dated Jun 30, states: In answer to the towing company's claim that a barge company should be held partly, if not fully, responsible for damage to the J.E. McTeer Bridge, Charleston-based Marinex Construction Co. "vehemently denied" any negligence. The company filed an answer Thursday (Jun 28) to a federal lawsuit filed by Savannah Marine Services, which owned tug *Sara Kaitlin* towing the Marinex-operated barge *Mobro 139* whose crane damaged the steel support beams of the bridge, causing it to be closed for almost two months. Savannah Marine Services claimed a Marinex crew member assured its crew that the crane was low enough to clear the bridge, but Marinex said it was the responsibility of the tug master to determine whether the crane was stowed properly. Three Savannah Marine Services crew members have been charged by the Coast Guard with negligence and operating outside the scope of their licences. No other charges have been filed in the incident. Savannah Marine Services is also trying to limit its liability in the incident as it faces about six claimants, including the S.C. Department of Transportation and Beaufort County, seeking damages in the case. No hearings had been set as of yesterday.

MOL SPRINGBOK (Liberia)

London, Jul 1 -- Container Carrier *MOL Springbok* arrived Antwerp 1723, Jun 29, from Thamesport and, according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, was in lat 51 24 52N, long 01 29 42, at 0835, UTC, today, speed 13.7 knots, course 206.7 deg.

London, Jul 4 -- Container Carrier *MOL Springbok* sailed Antwerp 2130, local time, Jun 30, arrived Le Havre Jul 2 and sailed same day for Cape Town.

MSC LEANNE (Panama)

Zeebrugge, Jul 4 -- Container carrier *MSC Leanne* (17702 gt, built 1983) anchored between Wandelaar Pilot Station and Flushing Roads at 0723, local time, today, due to engine trouble. Docking priority requested for loading/unloading as of 0900 hrs. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

Zeebrugge, Jul 4 -- Container carrier *MSC Leanne* heaved anchor at 1111, local time, today. The vessel is expected to arrive Flushing Roads at 1245 hrs. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

MSC NAPOLI (U.K.)

London, Jun 30 -- Following received from Coastguard Portland MRCC, timed 1744, UTC: Information received from member of public ashore at Littlecombe Shoot. Sea is blackened and smells of diesel. Area checked by Beer Coastguard Rescue Officers and Sidmouth Inshore Rescue boat. Found 30-metre-wide film of diesel from

container carrier *MSC Napoli* starboard quarter to beach. Anticipated spill will disperse. (See issue of Jun 28.)

London, Jul 1 -- A Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* Response Centre situation update, dated Jun 29, states: Preparations to remove the wreck have continued this week, but there is still no confirmation of a date. The Secretary of State's Representative, Robin Middleton, has met with the vessel owners and officials to discuss the fate of the ship, but no final decision has been made. Further meetings are planned.

London, Jul 4 -- A Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* Response Centre situation update, dated Jul 3, states: Further meetings are planned this week to discuss the removal of the wreck of the *MSC Napoli*. Despite adverse weather at the weekend (Jun 30-Jul 1), the vessel remains relatively stable, although some damage has occurred to the starboard side hatch cover to No 7 hold. This will be replaced, with preventative measures taken to avoid further damage. Skimming is continuing as required in the engine-room, passageway and holds. Gas oil sheen was reported on Saturday by a member of the public at Littlecombe Shoot. This was investigated and the sheen was found to be dispersing naturally. There was no oil reaching the shoreline. There is no evidence to suggest that the oil came from the *MSC Napoli*. The dredger *Mannin*, expected to help with the recovery of submerged items from the side of the vessel, has been temporarily weatherbound in Dartmouth.

MSC TURCHIA (Liberia)

London, Jul 5 -- Container Carrier *MSC Turchia* (66280 gt, built 2006) had machine problems off Vlissingen today. The tug *Multratug 7* accompanied it to Antwerp. (Note -- *MSC Turchia* according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, in lat 51 20 48N, long 4 16 37.8E, 1.9 nautical miles from Doel, Speed 2.8 knots.)

MUSTAFA F. (Syria)

Istanbul, Jul 3 -- General cargo *Mustafa F.* is floating at 1330, today and anchored one mile out from its first position. -- TurkishStraits.com.

London, July 4 -- General cargo *Mustafa F.*, Constantza for Limassol, passed Dardanelles 1430, Jul 3.

MUSTERU (Cape Verde)

Praia, Jun 28 -- Passenger ro/ro *Musteru* sailed from Port of Praia to Fogo Island at 0252, Jun 5, but on the way to Fogo, at 0400 hrs, one truck caught fire on board, causing damage to the electrical systems of vessel and was taken in tow, back towards to port of Praia. Vessel arrived at Praia, same day, at 1550 hrs. The reparation of electrical systems is under way and expected to complete at end of this week. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

NAVITAS (Netherlands)

Kiel, Jun 30 -- General cargo *Navitas* (3995 gt, built 2005) experienced engine failure on River Weser morning of Jun 29 and drifted aground at Km

11. The rising tide refloated the vessel, which was then secured by emergency anchoring. The vessel had departed from the industrial harbour in Bremen with 6,000 tons of sand destined for Boulogne. Two tugs towed the vessel into the Europa harbour in Bremen at 0845 hrs. Here it was found out that software problems had caused the failure. The vessel is not allowed to leave port until a solution is found. -- Correspondent.

London, Jul 2 -- General cargo *Navitas* sailed from Bremen at 1450, Jun 30, bound for Boulogne.

NEPTUNE THALASSA (Panama)

London, Jul 4 -- Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 0655, UTC: Vehicle carrier *Neptune Thalassa* (6655 gt, built 1979) currently has main engine problems in the Dardanelles and is drifting. The vessel is in no danger and is in a safe area. (Note -- *Neptune Thalassa*, Illichevsk for Gemlik, passed Istanbul Jul 2.)

Istanbul, Jul 4 -- Vehicle carrier *Neptune Thalassa*, Gemlik for Algeria, experienced engine breakdown at 0130 today, while transiting the Dardanelles and anchored at the entrance to the Dardanelles. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Istanbul, Jul 4 -- Vehicle carrier *Neptune Thalassa* completed necessary repairs by its own means and, upon inspection/formalities, sailed from Canakkale at 1640 today. -- Lloyd's Agents.

NEPTUNIA MEDITERRANEO (Brazil)

Buenos Aires, Jul 3 -- Container Carrier *Neptunia Mediterraneo* is still aground at Ushuaia Roads under custody of the Argentine Coast Guard. No repairs have been carried out. There are rumours that the vessel will soon be sold at auction and that it also has a debt of approximately two million dollars. -- Lloyd's Agents.

NICOLAS DELMAS (Bahamas)

Brest, Jul 3 -- Container carrier *Nicolas Delmas*: Discharge of containers was completed at 1300, local time, today. A total of 814 units were reloaded on board container carrier *Nordriver*, which departed Brest Jul 2 for Dakar. Container carrier *Marie Delmas* is due to arrive Brest during the evening of Jul 4 in order to load the 277 further units remaining on the port terminal. Main engine repairs to the *Nicolas Delmas* are expected to last until the beginning of September. -- Lloyd's Agents.

NIKOLAOS P. (Cyprus)

See "United Kingdom" under "Port State Control."

NOORAANEE QUEEN

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 1 -- Passenger (cruise) *Nooraanee Queen* (built 1999, length over all 139 ft) has burnt completely after it caught fire at about 2225 Friday (Jun 29). The vessel then sank at 0700 yesterday. The US\$ 4.7 million luxury vessel has 34 beds for tourists was anchored in Male Atoll Guraidhoo (lat 03 49N, long 73 23E)

had no tourists when it caught fire. But reports say one of the 12 members of the crew is missing. Coast guard and divers have searched for the missing person but the search has not been successful. The cause of fire has not been confirmed. Police are investigating the matter. *Nooraneer Queen* is owned by Mr. Zahir Adam of Moving International. According to information, *Nooraneer Queen* is fully insured. -- Correspondent.

NORTH SPIRIT (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Kiel, Jul 3 -- General cargo *North Spirit* (6395 gt, built 1989) had to anchor for repairs to its engine near City Terminal at Kotka. A few hours after departing Kotka for Kemi, the vessel had major engine problems. The master decided to bring it back to Kotka in tow of tug *Viikari*. It arrived at the anchor position the following night. The vessel proceeded to Kemi. -- Correspondent.

London, Jul 4 -- Contrary to our report in yesterday's edition, the managers of general cargo *North Spirit* report that the vessel arrived Kemi on Jul 2 for loading timber and departed on Jul 3. It is presently at Haraholmen. The vessel has not sustained any major engine problem, the managers report.

OOCL KEELUNG (Liberia)

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: Six people were hospitalised when chemicals spilling from a container being offloaded at Hong Kong's Kwai Chung port sparked a huge emergency services response. An estimated 20 tonnes of methyl methacrylate, a Category 5 dangerous goods chemical used in making paint, is believed to have gushed from the box while it was being lifted from Orient Overseas Container Line Container Carrier *OOCL Keelung* (32322 gt, built 2000) at Modern Terminals' Container Terminal I. Two vessels from the Fire Services Department and 12 fire engines responded to an emergency call from the ship at 1706 hrs, a government spokesman said. Local press reports said more than 80 firemen were still cleaning up the spill late last night. Two of the hospitalised men were part of the 23 OOCL crew evacuated from the vessel and the other four were pier workers who inhaled the fumes. Even some residents living a kilometre away complained of being forced from their homes by a foul and irritating odour. A Modern Terminals spokesman said a section of CT1 was closed temporarily, but she said operations were expected to resume soon. OOCL spokesman Stanley Shen said the chartered in *OOCL Keelung* departed Hong Kong at 1400 today, only a few hours behind schedule. He said the company was relieved that the ill crew and MTL employees had all returned to work. (Note -- *OOCL Keelung* arrived at Hong Kong at 0424, Jul 4.)

OTAPAN (Mexico)

Maassluis, Jul 4 -- The removal of asbestos from chemical tanker *Otapan* was completed on Jun 28. She is

currently at another berth in the Rotterdam port area awaiting her final destination. She will probably be demolished in Turkey and should have left Rotterdam before January 1, 2008. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

OTM 3072 (Canada)

Montreal, Jul 3 -- Barge *OTM 3072* was declared a constructive total loss and sold to a company in Newfoundland, who righted vessel last autumn. Its name was changed and understand it was towed to Newfoundland. -- Lloyd's Agents.

OTTON (Panama)

Bilbao, Jul 2 -- Fire fighting tug *Otton* remains at Bilbao, under repair. -- Lloyd's Agents.

P 7 (Sweden)

Gothenburg, June 28 -- Dredger *P 7* was brought to the surface yesterday by owner and in port for clean-up/repair today. -- Westax Marine Services AB.

PALAWAN (Liberia)

London, Jun 28 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulker *Palawan* was located 49 nautical miles from Shantou, in lat 22 43 39.74N, long 117 17 51.04E, at 1820, UTC, Jun 24, course 211.9 deg, speed 13.3 knots.

PASHA BULKER (Panama)

See "Australia" under "Weather & Navigation."

POMAH EXPRESS (Ghana)

Port Harcourt, Jul 4 -- Distressed general cargo *Pomah Express* (434 gt, built 1972), with 242 African migrants on board, has been towed to safety in Nigeria by oil firm Shell after drifting for four days due to engine failure, a Shell spokesman said today. The Ghana-registered *Pomah Express* left Benin bound for Gabon on Jun 22 but lost power two days later. It was towed to Bonny Island in the Niger Delta by a support vessel working for the Nigerian arm of Shell. "We got a distress call from the stranded boat on Thursday (Jun 28) and directed a diving support vessel working nearby to rescue it," said spokesman Precious Okolobo. He said some of the passengers looked ill and traumatised and the company had asked the Nigerian authorities to take over attending to them. "We gave them food and water and attended to the primary needs of the people, many of them women and children, and we have been supporting them since Jun 28," Okolobo said. The passengers are from Nigeria, Ghana, Benin, Togo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, Gambia and Ivory Coast. Nigerian media reported that *Pomah Express* was overloaded with some passengers stuck on deck at all times. Cargo included 30 heads of cattle and three cars, according to media reports. -- Reuters.

PORTLAND CASTLE (Malta)

Chittagong, Jul 4 -- The manager of the local agents of bulker with

container capacity *Portland Castle*, United Shipping Lines, has advised that, after completion of the necessary repairs, the vessel left Chittagong outer anchorage at 1600, Jun 21, for Singapore. -- Lloyd's Agents.

PRINCESS OF NORWAY (DIS)

Kiel, Jul 2 -- Passenger ro/ro *Princess of Norway* (31356 gt, built 1986) is at presently undergoing repairs in Ymuiden, as during a survey at Bergen on/about Apr 30, some damage was found to the bow doors. Vessel is now having the doors and associated machinery cleaned ready for a detailed inspection, to enable plans to be drawn up for a full repair. Sailings from Ymuiden thus had to be cancelled. The vessel is expected in Tyne again on Jul 4. -- Correspondent. (Note -- *Princess of Norway* arrived at Ymuiden at 1916, Jun 29.)

Kiel, Jul 2 -- The survey of passenger ro/ro *Princess of Norway* at Ymuiden has been completed, and the vessel has been authorised to make one round trip Ymuiden-Newcastle-Ymuiden, subject to a maximum speed of 12 knots and also to being routed along the "sheltered area" along the English coast. Condition of the bow doors is to be monitored at all times. Any failure to do this will lead to suspension of the classification certificate. -- Correspondent.

London, Jul 4 -- Passenger ro/ro *Princess of Norway* sailed Ymuiden 1906, local time, Jul 3, for Tyne.

PRINCESS OF THE OCEAN (Philippines)

Manila, Jun 29 -- Passenger ro/ro *Princess of the Ocean* (6150 gt, built 1975) stalled between Bohol and Leyte in central Philippines at around 0200 hours today (Jun 29). Sulpicio Lines, owner and operator of the vessel, reported that the vessel had originated from Cagayan de Oro in southern Philippines and was bound for Cebu in central Philippines when it developed engine trouble. The vessel is now stranded off Siquijor island as the engine crew has been unable to get the engine running. Sulpicio Lines said that it had dispatched one of its cargo vessels, *Sulcon 12*, to tow the vessel to Cebu. -- Correspondent.

London, Jun 29 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passenger ro/ro *Princess of the Ocean* that had a generator failure is now being slowly towed to port, and is expected to reach its destination at midnight. "Sister ship" *Solcon-12*, of Sulpicio Lines, started towing *Princess of the Ocean* towards Cebu, but only at a speed of five knots. Coast Guard officials said 451 passengers and 56 crew members on board the vessel. The ship left Cagayan de Oro at 1930 yesterday for Cebu, but its generator failed at 0200 today, when it stalled 4.5 nautical miles northeast of Siquijor.

Manila, Jun 30 -- Passenger ro/ro *Princess of the Ocean* arrived at Cebu at 0500 today, under tow of the container carrier *Sulcon 12*. Sulpicio Lines, owner and operator of the vessel,

said all 481 passengers arrived in safe condition. *Princess of the Ocean* stalled yesterday after the vessel's main generator shut down and cut off power to the engine as well as other parts of the ship. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jun 30 -- The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has issued a cease-and-desist order against passenger ro/ro *Princess of the Ocean* after the vessel stalled yesterday while on its way to Cebu from Cagayan de Oro. The order is intended to ground the vessel to enable the Maritime Industry Authority to conduct a safety inspection and determine why the vessel stopped in the middle of its voyage. A safety inspection team is scheduled to board the vessel this afternoon, which is now docked at the port of Cebu. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jun 30 -- Philippine-registered passenger ro/ro *Filipina Princess* (13,705 gt, built 1973) and *Princess of the Universe* (11,919 gt, built 1983) have been confined to port pending an inspection by safety teams from the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA). The MARINA has ordered an inspection of the two vessels following the stalling of their sister vessel, passenger ro/ro *Princess of the Ocean*, yesterday. The three vessels are owned and operated by Cebu-based Sulpicio Lines. The MARINA has decided to inspect the *Filipina Princess* and the *Princess of the Universe* because the two vessels have also had a history of stalling. "We have had reports that the engines of the two vessels would fail for one or two hours during a voyage," Arnie Santiago, Chief of the MARINA Enforcement Office said. The MARINA teams will board the two vessels and take them out on trial runs to determine the cause of the breakdowns, Mr. Santiago said. The two vessels are now at the port of Cebu awaiting the arrival of the MARINA inspection teams. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jul 3 -- Passenger ro/ro *Princess of the Ocean* is now at FF Cruz Shipyard in Cebu, in central Philippines. The vessel is undergoing repairs to its three generators, which broke down on Jun 29 while traveling between Cagayan de Oro and Cebu. *Princess of the Ocean* lost all power and had to be towed to Cebu. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jul 4 -- The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) disclosed in its official investigation report that the use of substandard reconditioned spare parts in repairing the generators of passenger ro/ro *Princess of the Ocean* was the primary cause of its stalling on Jun 29. The vessel, which was traveling between Cagayan de Oro and Cebu, stalled when its three generators died and cut off power to its main engine. "We discovered that there was inadequate preventive maintenance on the generators. Contrary to the vessel's safety management procedures for machinery maintenance, reconditioned, second-hand spare parts were used during previous repairs. This was the reason for the frequent breakdowns," MARINA Enforcement Office chief

Arnie Santiago explained. The MARINA, in the meantime, has cancelled the vessel's safety certificate until the generators are repaired and approved by MARINA engineers. -- Correspondent.

PRINKIPO (Panama)

London, Jun 30 -- Following received from Coastguard Humber MRSC, timed 0304, UTC: Vessel Traffic Services Humber have advised that at 0205, UTC, today, there was a minor collision involving combined chemical and oil tank *Prinkipo* (7286 gt, built 1982) and container carrier *WMS Harlingen* (7545 gt, built 2007). Inbound *Prinkipo* experienced steering gear failure and as a result, went hard to port, contacting *WMS Harlingen*, which was outbound from King George V Dock in Hull for Southampton. *WMS Harlingen* briefly went aground on a bank near buoy No.20, before proceeding to an anchorage, to wait for class approval before continuing on passage. The was no pollution or injuries to either crew. *Prinkipo* is proceeding to King George Dock. (Note -- *Prinkipo* sailed from Ghent at 2007, Jun 28.)

London, Jul 2 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Prinkipo* sailed from Hull at 2227, Jun 30, bound for Antwerp, where she arrived at 1500, Jul 1. Container Carrier *WMS Harlingen* arrived at Southampton at 2318, Jul 1.

QUEST (Bahamas)

Gothenburg, Jun 29 -- Passenger *Quest* is still aground but attempts were made to get it off at highwater twice but failed. Result of last night's attempt, not known. It is said a statement to be made at pm today. Vessel has a hole/damage in its bulb, which will be repaired as soon as it is refloated and can be trimmed. At the time of grounding the vessel and passengers were looking for whales and therefore moving at a low speed. Class and Flag authorities will attend/inspect/survey for approval. Diver has been down, but except from bulb nothing reported. Passengers left the vessel and will not return to this vessel in this condition. -- Westax marine Services A/S.

London, Jun 29 -- Following received from Greenland RCC, timed 0905, UTC: As far as we are aware passenger *Quest* is still aground.

Gothenburg, Jun 29 -- Passenger *Quest* remains aground as yesterday evening's refloating attempt failed. Vessel is now awaiting this evening's high water, which will be slightly higher than previous, according to tables. Tonight passenger *Ocean Nova* will attend the scene and assist to pull vessel off the ground. After refloating, the vessel will be repaired where it is. Class and other representatives will attend accordingly for approval of vessel to proceed into Greenland waters. Vessel is expect to resume schedule at the end of next week at the latest. -- Westax Marine Services AS.

London, Jun 29 -- At 1855, UTC, Greenland police advised that ferry *Quest* remained aground.

London, Jul 1 -- Following received from Greenland MRCC, timed 1105, UTC: Passenger *Quest* has been refloated and was reported yesterday in Qeqertarsuaq harbour.

Copenhagen, Jul 2 -- Ferry *Quest* was refloated during the evening of Jun 30, by ferry *Ocean Nova*. The vessel has a 70-centimetre-long crack, caused by touching a rock. The vessel will undergo repairs. Understand Class and flag representatives are present. -- Lloyd's Agents.

QUINAULT (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 2 -- Roll On Roll Off *Quinault* (1490 gt, built 1927), which serves Washington State's San Juan Islands, is out of service and inter-island service is limited today. Adjustments to other scheduled service will be made until a replacement vessel arrives. Delays are expected all day.

REPUBBLICA DI GENOVA (Italy)

London, Jul 2 -- A Svitzer Salvage report, dated Jun 25, states: Svitzer Salvage has been awarded the contract to right Roll On Roll Off Container Carrier *Repubblica di Genova*. The vessel capsized in the port of Antwerp during loading operations on Mar 8, having on board around 7,137 tons of cargo, consisting of containers, cars, trucks, heavy machinery and general cargo. A further 2,340 tons of fuel was reported still on board. During the last few weeks site preparations were made, oil assessment was concluded and divers have started to remove the ramp, all in preparation for the parbuckling operation. In the coming weeks more equipment and craft will be mobilised in order to have the parbuckling operation completed in the coming two months.

ROBERTSON II (Canada)

London, Jul 3 -- A press report, dated today, states: Wooden training *Robertson II* (98 gt, built 1940), a tall ship, went down on a reef off Saturna Island on Sunday (Jul 1). None of the approximately half-dozen crew members and passengers was injured in the accident but damage to the vessel was significant, according to Canadian Coast Guard maritime controller Darren Morley. The vessel, which was sold by SALTS in 2003, has spent the last few days listing at a near-90 deg angle near the entrance to Saturna's Winter Cove. "It looks like it's taking on water, so it looks like it's probably going to sink," said Toby Snelgrove, a Mayne Island trauma counsellor and photographer who came upon the wreck while setting crab traps. "If you get water in the hull, and with the tide going down, the risk is pretty high." The Coast Guard sent out a vessel to help rescue the crew but wasn't able to do much else. The owners called in private salvage operators, while Transport Canada environmental response crews arrived on scene to contain an oil leak. Salvage attempts on the 67-year-old heritage schooner hadn't been successful. Morley said the vessel probably foundered on the reef at high tide

because of the strength of the tides in that area at this time of year. The vessel was reportedly heading for Saturna Island.

London, Jul 3 -- Following received from Victoria, BC, RCC, timed 1745, UTC: Wooden training *Robertson II*, 130 feet long, grounded at Winter Cove, Saturna Island, in lat 48 48.7N, long 123 12.67W, on Sunday morning (Jul 1). No injuries. Understand vessel will be a constructive total loss.

London, Jul 4 -- A press report, dated Jul 3, states: If all goes well training *Robertson II* will soon be sitting upright on its keel and on its way to a shipyard for repair. On the other hand, the 29-metre-long schooner, built in 1940, may still be on the rocks and could be refloated during tomorrow night's high tide, the highest of the summer. The vessel went aground on a reef at 0200, Jul 1, as it was preparing to anchor near Winter Cove on Saturna Island. Humphrey Killam, a director with the Victoria-based Merchant Marine Sail and Steam Society said: "They actually didn't hit any rocks, I gather, they just got stuck in the mud. Then when the tide went out, it rolled onto a rock or something." None of the four to six crew members on board at the time was injured in the mishap. The area where the reef is located is notorious, said Troy Haddock, marine controller with the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre, adding much smaller boats have difficulty navigating through the rocky passage. Fuel from the schooner created a slick around the vessel, said Saturna crab fisherman Bill Douglass, who worries the vessel could become derelict. "It's a very large-scale piece of wooden hull that's full of toxic material. Killam suspects the area of damaged hull may turn out to be above the water-line, "but when it's lying over on its side it's a problem." Douglass is anxious to see the schooner removed. "I really expected to see a barge here two days ago with a crane. It's good to hear that somebody is going to be actually responding."

RONGA (Cambodia)

London, Jul 1 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 0730, UTC: Bulker *Ronga* (19978 gt, built 1972), cargo approximately 30,000 tons of bulk cement, grounded in lat 20 45.20N, long 70 38.34E, at 0015, IST, Jun 30. The 15 crew on board have been rescued and now with customs authority. Vessel is still aground.

London, Jul 5 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1128, UTC: Bulker *Ronga* is still aground.

RTS SINDBAD NUI (St. Kitts-Nevis)

London, Jun 29 -- General cargo *RTS Sindbad Nui* sailed Dubai Jun 22.

RUTH (Denmark)

London, Jul 5 -- Fish carrier *Ruth* arrived Skagen 0155, local time, Jul 4.

SALMO (Bahamas)

Copenhagen, Jul 2 -- General cargo *Salmo* arrived at Frederikshavn at

1800, Jun 30, in tow, to undergo repairs at B&W/Alpha-Diesel. -- Correspondent.

Copenhagen, Jul 3 -- General cargo *Salmo* was towed from Dania to Hobro on Jun 29, in order that her cargo could be discharged. On Jun 30, the vessel was then towed to a shipyard in Frederikshavn. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SAMUEL J (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 2 -- A press release, issued by the US Coast Guard at Louisville, Ky, dated Jun 29, states: Following an unreported incident on Mar 29, that resulted in substantial damage to the R.J. Corman Railroad Bridge on the Cumberland River near Clarksville, Tenn, the Coast Guard signed a consent order agreement which resulted in the suspension of a mariner's license. The suspension is the result of a Consent Order Agreement between the Coast Guard and the mariner, where the mariner was found guilty of negligence as a mariner and failure to report a marine casualty incident. "When this type of incident occurs and is not reported, we contact the locks and dams, so we can narrow our search down for a possible vessel, said Chief Warrant Tim Smith, investigating officer from Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Nashville, when asked how the mariner (tug *Samuel J*) had been located. The R.J. Corman Railroad Bridge is currently being repaired and the current waterway restrictions remain in effect, until repairs are completed and it has been deemed safe to transit.

SARA KAITLIN (U.S.A.)

See *Mobro 139*.

SEA BAISEN (Panama)

London, Jul 3 -- Bulker *Sea Baisen* (17172 gt, built 1998) lost its anchor off Ilets Dombourg, Quebec, in lat 46 41N, long 31 00W, at 0223, local time, Jul 1. (Note -- *Sea Baisen* sailed Nador Jun 8, arrived Gibraltar Jun 8 and sailed Jun 9 bound for Sorel.)

SEA DIAMOND (Greece)

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated Jul 4, states: Pollution around the shores of the Greek island of Santorini in April following the sinking of passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* is "nearly minimal," the vessel's owners said today. A study conducted by the state Hellenic Centre for Marine Research based on water samples taken shortly after the shipwreck showed that "the effects on the area's marine environment are nearly minimal," Cyprus-based Louis Hellenic Cruises said in a statement. The study was commissioned by Louis Hellenic Cruises, which has been accused by Santorini authorities of polluting the island just ahead of the busy tourist season that draws thousands of visitors every year. The Greek government has imposed a euros 1.174 million fine on Cyprus's largest tourism and leisure firm, saying "large sections" of the coast near the site were stricken with pollutants and that rare marine species

are at risk. The port authority of Santorini has levelled a separate fine of euros 9,000-17,000 per day, totalling over euros 560,000 so far. The company counters that the fine is "entirely unfair and unfounded" and will contest it, arguing that it had already spent more than over euros four million on clean-up operations and another euros 4.3 million to create a fund for plaintiffs of the shipwreck. *Sea Diamond* originally had 500 tonnes of fuel on board and more than two thirds have since been collected from the surface according to the merchant marine ministry. The ministry insists that the situation is "under complete control" but has itself come under criticism for failing to quickly organise a fuel removal operation. Louis last month said that pumping out oil remaining in the wreck would be "extremely dangerous" given the depth and condition of the vessel and that salvaging the cruiser is also viewed as a non-starter.

SEA GLORY (Mongolia)

London, Jun 29 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1210, UTC: General cargo *Sea Glory* is still aground with all crew remaining on board.

London, Jul 1 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 0730, UTC: General cargo *Sea Glory* is still aground. Vessel's agents are arranging salvage.

London, Jul 3 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1202, UTC: General cargo *Sea Glory* is presently listing 25 deg and is sinking. The crew have safely abandoned the vessel.

London, Jul 4 -- A press report, dated today, states: The 18 crew of general cargo *Sea Glory* were airlifted off the vessel yesterday afternoon by two Mi-8 Indian Air Force (IAF) helicopters, Indian defence sources in Ahmedabad said today. The crew were safely landed at the forward IAF air base at Naliya in Kutch.

London, Jul 5 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1133, UTC: General cargo *Sea Glory* is still lying in the same position.

SEABULK NEVADA (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 3 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, anchor handling tug/supply *Seabulk Nevada* was in lat 60 43 59.94N, long 151 25 04.43W, at 1122, UTC, Jul 3, proceeding on a course of 36.4 deg at 14.3 knots.

SHAH BADAR-I

Chittagong, Jul 4 -- There have been no further developments regarding vessel *Shah Badar-I*. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SHARK (Lebanon)

Beirut, Jul 3 -- General cargo *Shark* is still lying sunk and under arrest at Beirut. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SHUJAA 3 (Panama)

See *Arcadia Progress*.

SIR MICHAEL (Honduras)

St. Vincent, CV, Jul 4 -- Anchor handling tug *Sir Michael* is still under arrest. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SONATA (Dominica)

London, Jun 30 -- General cargo *Sonata* arrived Rotterdam Jun 28 in tow of tug *Multratug 7*.

Kiel, Jun 30 -- General cargo *Sonata* was towed to Seabrex in Rotterdam. The vessel has sustained a broken "krukas" (? crankshaft) off England. -- Correspondent.

Maassluis, Jul 4 -- General cargo *Sonata* was towed in to Rotterdam on Jun 28 with a damaged crankshaft. Repairs have already commenced, but are not expected to be completed within the next two weeks. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

SORMOVSKIY 3053 (Russia)

London, Jun 29 -- Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 0740, UTC: General cargo *Sormovskiy 3053* is still aground. The plan is to try and refloat the vessel this afternoon.

London, Jun 29 -- Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 1900, UTC: General cargo *Sormovskiy 3053* remains aground. A diving inspection has been completed and water is filling the fuel tanks. A further refloating attempt will be made during the night.

London, Jun 30 -- Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 0525, UTC: An attempt to refloat general cargo *Sormovskiy 3053* at high water overnight was unsuccessful and the vessel remains aground.

London, Jul 1 -- Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 1400, UTC: General cargo *Sormovskiy 3053* is still aground. Coast Guard is still awaiting a salvage plan.

London, Jul 2 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 1150, UTC: General cargo *Sormovskiy 3053* remains aground, with salvage plan still awaited.

London, Jul 4 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 0910, UTC: General cargo *Sormovskiy 3053* remains aground. Neolithic implements, such as axes, etc, have been found at the grounding site and the operation to refloat may be held up while archaeologists carry out some work there.

London, Jul 5 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 1137, UTC: General cargo *Sormovskiy 3053* remains aground. Salvors are seeking permission to use an island near the casualty site to store equipment. If permission is granted, a refloating attempt may be made tomorrow but it is unlikely.

SOUTHERN CROSS (Italy)

London, Jul 4 -- Cargo was damaged on board the Pacific Islands trade general cargo *Southern Cross* (4391 gt, built 2000) when she encountered severe sea conditions, following her departure last week from Melbourne, en route to Sydney, causing the vessel to delay her departure from Brisbane to Noumea until Friday (Jul 6). The vessel's operators, Reef Shipping, Pacific Direct Line and Sofrana, reported that *Southern Cross* endured 48 hours of gale-force winds and huge swells of up to 12 metres, causing the vessel to roll and pitch heavily. The

operators said that while some visible damage was evident to containers at the aft end of the vessel's hold, due to the short duration of the Sydney port call, it wasn't possible to discharge all cargo off the deck, in order to make a full assessment of Melbourne origin containers, stowed in the vessel's hold. *Southern Cross* continued onto Brisbane, arriving late on Sunday evening. A full inspection of the vessel's hold was made during the daylight hours on Monday and it became clear that the shifting of cargo in stow was more extensive than first thought. All *Southern Cross* cargo will be discharged in Brisbane, in order to inspect the containers for any structural damage and to undertake a further inspection and cleaning of the vessel's hold. At this stage, the operators anticipate *Southern Cross* (voyage 52) to finish loading operations on Friday. "If it is possible to achieve an earlier departure from Brisbane, we will be doing everything we can to fast track the vessel's arrival in Noumea," the operators said in a notice to customers. "The integrity of your cargo and expedient delivery to Noumea is our primary concern and we will endeavour to turn the vessel around in Brisbane in the shortest possible time."

SOUTHERN MOANA (Italy)

London, Jul 5 -- Pacific Direct Line yesterday issued a notice to customers advising them that general cargo *Southern Moana* (4391 gt, built 2000) had been delayed in Port Vila with generator problems. The company reported that repairs were completed and the vessel began discharge late on Monday (Jul 2), with the intention of sailing late the following day. Logistical problems on the wharf meant the discharge could not be completed by the deadline. Yesterday, the vessel was asked to vacate the berth, as a cruise liner was due. The vessel was scheduled to return to the berth last night and complete cargo and sail for Suva by midnight. PDL advises that the forward schedule has been revised to: Suva (Jul 7), Wallis Is (Jul 9), Funafuti (Jul 13), Futuna (Jul 16) and Auckland (Jul 21). The company notice pointed out that this was a different rotation to normal, but PDL was mindful that the Wallis Island service had been significantly affected of late and this rotation allowed the vessel to discharge at Wallis Island as close to the original date as possible and also avoid further delays with public holidays.

SPIRIT OF LAHAINA (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated Jul 4, states: Passenger *Spirit of Lahaina* (49 gt, built 2002) ran aground on the reef in the Lahaina Harbour channel yesterday morning as it was leaving for a snorkel trip, said Lahaina Harbour-master Hal Silva. Silva said there were no injuries in the 0800 hrs incident and the seven passengers on board were safely evacuated. The vessel was pulled from the reef at around 1345 hrs by catamaran *Kaulana*, said Dave Jung,

owner of *Kaulana*. Jung said there was high surf and "incredible current" around Lahaina Harbour and the *Spirit of Lahaina* was "pounding severely with the big surf." Silva added that the tide was "extremely low" Tuesday morning and could have been a contributing factor to the grounding. Jung said there was no oil spilled and the hull of the vessel was not punctured. Prior to the removal of the vessel from the reef, Silva said arrangements were being made to remove about 1,000 gallons of fuel from the *Spirit of Lahaina*. Coast Guard Marine Safety personnel were on the scene monitoring the situation. Silva said the running gear of the vessel probably sustained substantial damage.

STEFANIA I (Malta)

Troy, Mich., Jul 2 -- Bulker *Stefania I* sailed from Windsor(CAN) on Jun 28, bound for Thunder Bay, where she arrived on Jul 1, to load wheat. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping News.

SUNRISE SUZURAN II (Panama)

Yokohama, Jul 4 -- Chemical tanker *Sunrise Suzuran II* (4191 gt, built 2002) at the anchorage K1 in Kawasaki, was in contact with bunkering barge *Daijughachi Kyouei Maru* (197 gt), which was alongside the tanker on its starboard side for bunkering, at 0600, Jun 22. *Sunrise Suzuran II* sustained holing damage to its starboard stern and sailed Jun 27 after repairs. *Daijughachi Kyouei Maru* sustained peeling off of paint on its starboard bulwark. No water ingress or oil spill. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SUPERFERRY 9 (Philippines)

Manila, Jul 4 -- Roll On Roll Off *Superferry 9* has left Keppel Cebu shipyard, after repairs were completed on its engine. *Superferry 9* was towed to Keppel Cebu shipyard in February, because of an overheating crankshaft bearing. The defective crankshaft bearing was replaced and repairs on its 13,500-hp, 18-cylinder Pielstick engine were completed in early June. The vessel is now operating between Manila, General Santos and Davao ports. *Superferry 9* stalled while traveling between Bacolod and Iligan on Feb 20 and had to be towed to Keppel Cebu Shipyard for repairs. -- Correspondent.

TAHAROA EXPRESS (Panama)

London, Jun 29 -- A press report, dated today, states: The list affecting bulker *Taharoa Express* has now been reduced to four degrees, as the slow and careful operation to pump excess water from the vessel's cargo holds continues. The pumping operation is expected to continue over the weekend. Once the remaining excess water has been pumped off, Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) inspectors will be carefully checking over the vessel to make sure it is safe before the next phase of the operation can continue. This will involve the slow and careful pumping of sea water ballast into holds on the opposite side of vessel to the list

to even it up. A decision will then be made whether to take the vessel into port for further work. However, MNZ says the vessel will not move until it is satisfied that it is safe to do so. A further update will be provided if or when the situation changes.

London, Jul 2 -- Following received from Wellington MRCC, timed 0135, UTC: Bulker *Taharoa Express* is still anchored off Nelson. The list has now been reduced to 0.1 deg.

London, Jul 4 -- A press release, issued by Maritime New Zealand, dated today, states: Efforts to correct the listing bulker *Taharoa Express* have been successful, with the vessel now back on an even keel. However, after meeting with the vessel's owners, Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) has imposed conditions on the vessel to ensure that it is safe before moving from its current position. The 275-metre-long vessel has been anchored in Tasman Bay, near Nelson, since Jun 22, after arriving with an 18-deg list. The crew have been working steadily since then to bring the vessel back onto an even keel, after its cargo shifted in heavy seas near Cape Egmont. MNZ's key condition is that the remaining iron sand cargo must now be levelled off as much as possible to ensure that the least amount of counter-ballast is required to keep the vessel upright. The vessel will not move until MNZ is satisfied that this has been done and it is safe for it to depart. In the meantime, diggers will be flown via helicopter out to the vessel to help even up the cargo, which may take a few days. The crew are also today continuing to pump off excess fresh water used to help load the iron sand into the cargo holds, which is a normal part of loading operations. Damage to some of the vessel's electrical systems caused by fresh water leaking during loading will also need to be repaired before it can depart. Once MNZ is satisfied that the ship is safe, plans at this stage are for the vessel to return to Port Taharoa to complete loading.

London, Jul 5 -- A statement issued by Hachiuma Steamship Co Ltd, the technical managers of bulker *Taharoa Express*, anchored in Tasman Bay, confirmed that the ship has now been fully righted. In a final stage, before approval to continue loading is expected from the NZ authorities, the technical manager, Hachiuma Steamship Co Ltd, Japan confirmed that four excavators and four bobcats were flown to the ship today, by heavy-lift helicopter, to level the iron sand cargo and prevent any possibility of further problems; as well as damage to part of the ship's electrical system being repaired. To assist in the work to be done to ensure safety and stability of the ship, Hachiuma Steamship Co has flown a number of people to New Zealand from Japan, including engineers and electricians who are familiar with the vessel, to assist the crew and local workers. This final stage should be completed within a few days depending on weather conditions. On completion of the cargo levelling, there will be a final ship survey by the ship's

classification society, NK of Japan and Maritime NZ, following which the ship is expected to return to Taharoa to complete loading and resume normal operations. The actions taken to correct the original list through re-ballasting and pumping out excess free water, as well as the use of earthmoving equipment to level the iron sand cargo, was implemented only after approval from NZ's maritime authorities and the ship's classification society, NK of Japan.

TAKU (U.S.A.)

Seattle, Jul 3 -- Passenger ro/ro *Taku* is now back in service. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TAMGOUT (Algeria)

See "Belgium" under "Port State Control."

TEVFIK KAPTAN I (Turkey)

Taranto, Jun 29 -- General cargo *Tevfik Kaptan I* (496 gt, built 1977), Ortona for Oran cargo approximately 1,000 tonnes of steel wire, sank 0.5 nautical miles off Jonian Apulia coast between Cape Santa Maria di Leuca and Torre Vado at 2130 yesterday. At 0830 hrs vessel sent a distress signal and Gallipoli Harbour-master sent cutters to assist. All 10 crew, Turkish, were rescued and are now being interviewed at harbour-master. Vessel has about 19 tonnes gas oil on board and about 0.5 tonnes of lubricating oil which are causing concern in a tourist area. Specialised personnel and means are going to take care of this threat. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 29 -- Following received from Rome RCC, timed 1015, UTC: General cargo *Tevfik Kaptan I* reported listing about 40-deg in lat 39 49.20N, long 18 16.57E, yesterday. Vessel sank about 2130 hrs.

London, Jul 2 -- Following received from Rome MRCC, timed 1020, UTC: General cargo *Tevfik Kaptan I*: Minor pollution occurred after the sinking of the vessel and clean-up operations are still in hand.

Taranto, Jul 3 -- General cargo *Tevfik Kaptan I*: From 1520 to 1730, Jul 1, divers managed to recover the full content of lubricating oil (about 500 litres) stored in the lubricating oil tank. Paint, thinner and radio accumulator were recovered the same day. Divers tried to open access to engine-room/machinery spaces to recover remaining six tonnes of gasoil contained in the service tank Jul 2. -- Lloyd's Agents.

THORFINN (Miconesia)

London, Jul 2 -- A press report, dated Jun 29, states: Diving passenger *Thorfinn* (599 gt, built 1952) grounded on a reef just outside the main pass of Sokehs harbour, Pohnpei Island, Jun 8. The vessel had struck the outside of the reef and as a result the vessel was holed in the engine-room. The vessel's master then had to put the vessel on the reef to avoid the vessel sinking in the channel and causing a worse problem than currently exists. Considering its load of over 80,000

gallons of waste oil that is essentially the consistency of diesel fuel, which it uses to fire its boilers, it is a significant problem. The vessel sat for days on sandy bottom listing 15 deg or more to starboard, with ocean swells pouring over its deck. The entire first deck is full of water. There has been oil leakage from the engine-room itself but so far the completely full tanks are not leaking. Pohnpei Port Authority has no equipment to deal with salvage operations. Adams Brothers Construction, a local construction company, was chosen to get the *Thorfinn* salvage operation under way. The company is the only local operator that has the equipment and manpower to take care of the problem of the *Thorfinn*. Though they could not begin the actual salvage until liability issues were cleared they did install a temporary patch on the hole in the engine-room wall that minimised the leakage even if it did not entirely resolve it. According to Attorney Fredrick L. Ramp, attorney for the insurance company that insures the vessel, there were very complex issues of liability to resolve. Additionally he said that salvages of this magnitude might cost multiples of a hundred thousand dollars and that all options had to be considered. The EPA, lawyers for the insurance company, lawyers for the Adams Brothers, and lawyers for *Thorfinn* finally came to agreement on the liability issues on Jun 18. Ramp said that one issue came up over night but it was resolved by morning and work started on Jun 19. Larry Adams of Adams Brothers said that the first thing they had to do was rebuild the patch so that it sealed better. The position of the hole made that operation difficult and left them only a bit more than a foot of space to apply the heavy steel patch which made it difficult for divers to get the job done. The operation was compounded by engine-room oil leaking from the vessel that nauseated the divers. On Wednesday (? Jun 20), the Adams Brothers barge which had been thoroughly inspected by Allied Marine of Guam and certified to be seaworthy and watertight was towed to the *Thorfinn* and began pumping the oil out of the vessel. Before it became too dark to operate, the pumping operation had retrieved approximately 10,000 gallons of the oil and *Thorfinn* now sits flatter on the water. The barge is being towed by one of the skiffs from a fishing vessel currently in port. The skiff developed mechanical problems late in the week and the barge has not yet been able to return to work. Other options are being sought. Another legal problem developed on Jun 22 that has stopped the salvage operation. All of the parties involved had made agreement on where liabilities lay except for one -- PPA. When the parties involved in rescuing *Thorfinn* were approached by PPA about who would be held responsible if after they pull the vessel from the reef it sinks while entering the port, they brought a stack of papers for legal counsel to review that asked PPA to hold the parties

harmless. A vessel the size of the *Thorfinn* sinking in the channel would effectively shut down the port. Since PPA's responsibility is for the safety of the Port they want agreements from the operators that they will be held responsible if after entering the port the vessel sinks. Legal Counsel for the Port Authority said that if they signed an agreement releasing the parties from responsibility and something catastrophic happened they would be held financially responsible for potentially millions of dollars of damages. Iehse said that they may be filing a complaint with the *Thorfinn* for violation of Port regulations. When asked if the *Thorfinn* might be expected to file a counter to the charges for lack of a defining beacon on the reef since according to their legal counsel the Port Authority is responsible for maintenance and placement of warning beacons or markers, he said, that they were checking on that and doing their research. *Thorfinn* does not carry pollution or indemnity insurance. It would cost upwards of \$20 million to replace the *Thorfinn* in today's market and if oil spillage causes ecological damage to Pohnpei the cost would be inestimable. It would be insensitive to even try to do so. Legal counsel for Sokehs Municipal Government has already suggested in a letter to parties involved that \$1.5million might be sufficient for damages. Acting Sokehs Chief Magistrate Michael Liemen was not aware of the request. At least one of the lawyers involved has said that Sokehs does not control the reef.

TINA M. (Malta)

London, Jun 28 -- A press report, dated Jun 27, states: The Greek shipping company Calypso Marine has agreed to pay a \$1 million fine for dumping oil waste on the high seas. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the company pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Tacoma to the dumping. A portion of the \$1 million fine will be used for environmental restoration projects in the Columbia River estuary and the coasts of Oregon and Washington, government officials said. When the Coast Guard conducted a May 21 inspection of bulker *Tina M.* (35063 gt, built 1982) while it was anchored in Kalama, government officials said, inspectors found that pipes were used to bypass an oil-water separator so that oily waste could be dumped directly overboard on the high seas. The chief engineer who directed the discharge activity also pleaded guilty and is scheduled to be sentenced next month. (Note -- *Tina M.* arrived Kalama May 20, arrived Vancouver(USA) May 22 and subsequently arrived Kalama May 27.)

TIRTA NIAGA I (Indonesia)

Karachi, Jul 4 -- Product tanker *Tirta Niaga I* is said to be waiting for settlement of dispute with Cargil and Customs department. Vessel arrived Jun 16 and now is expected to sail on Jul 15 if the dispute is resolved. -- Correspondent.

Visakhapatnam, Jul 4 -- Product tanker *Tirta Niaga I*: There is no change in the situation of the vessel and last month we sighted it secured at the cargo jetty in Paradip port. We understand that the legal dispute is still not resolved between the owners, charterers and consignees and partly (? not resolved) with the port authorities. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TOMEI MARU (Japan)

Yokohama, Jul 2 -- Bulker *Kimitsu Maru* (10747 gt, built 1991), Kochi for Kimitsu, in collision with general cargo *Tomei Maru* (499 gt, built 1993) which left the wharf No.5 of Nippon Steel for Shiogama port, in lat 35 23.8N, long 139 49.1E at 1147, Jun 27. *Kimitsu Maru* sustained holing damage to its starboard bow and *Tomei Maru* sustained cracking damage to its bow. No oil spill or water ingress. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TORM SIGNE (Singapore)

Rio de Janeiro, Jul 2 -- Product tanker *Torm Signe* is presently at Enavi/Renave repair yard. The extent of damage has not been reported. Repairs are in progress, but there is currently no ETD. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TRINITY SIERRA (Cyprus)

See "Portugal" under "Port State Control."

UNIQUE PRIORITY (Hong Kong)

See *Vertigo*.

VERTIGO (Jamaica)

Busan, Jul 3 -- Bulker *Vertigo* is still lying afloat, anchored at the site for water tight work, in order to discharge her cargo at Ulsan. The loading schedule of crude oil tanker *Unique Priority* at Ulsan was cancelled and, at about 1942, Jun 29, the vessel sailed from Ulsan for Fujairah to load cargo, after completion of temporary repairs. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

WILSON MUUGA (Cyprus)

Beirut, Jul 5 -- Bulker *Karim*, ex *Wilson Muuga*, arrived at Tripoli, Lebanon, on Jun 23, from Reykjavik. She is currently at the slipway, carrying out repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

WILSON TRENT (Cyprus)

Poznan, Jul 4 -- Repairs to bulker *Wilson Trent* are expected to be completed on Jul 9. However, her local agents do not yet know what her destination will be. -- Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Jun 4.)

WMS HARLINGEN (Cyprus)

See *Prinkipo*.

YM LONGEVITY (Taiwan)

London, Jun 28 -- Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 2035, UTC: Container Carrier *YM Longevity* completed repairs and towage by tug ceased. Understand vessel is now proceeding to Istanbul under own power.

London, Jul 4 -- Container Carrier *YM Longevity* arrived Ambarli Jun 30 and sailed Jul 2.

YONG TONG (Cambodia)

Yokohama, Jun 28 -- Dredger *Yong Tong* arrived Osaka Jun 27 from Matsuyama. -- Lloyd's Agents.

YUNG CHANG

See "Typhoon 'Haitang' " under "Weather & Navigation."

ZIM HAIFA (Israel)

London, Jul 2 -- Container Carrier *Zim Haifa* (54626 gt, built 2004), which had loaded cargo at Shekou, Hong Kong and Keelung, bound for Halifax, experienced a severe fire immediately before transiting the Panama Canal. The vessel was laid up at the Canal for nearly a week in order to effect temporary repairs. A significant number of containers were destroyed or otherwise damaged. (Note -- *Zim Haifa* arrived Balboa Jun 4 and sailed Jun 11, passed Panama Canal east Jun 11, subsequently arriving Kingston (Jam) Jun 13.)

Balboa, Jul 3 -- Container Carrier *Zim Haifa* had a fire break out in No 5 hold at 1600, local time, Jun 3. The vessel arrived at Balboa and was docked at the container terminal for the purpose of pumping carbon dioxide into the hold. Hatch cover was removed on Jun 8 and the fire was found extinguished. Cargo was discharged and vessel transited the Panama Canal afterwards. -- Lloyd's Agents.



SOMALIA

Dar es Salaam, Jul 4 -- General cargo *Rozen* arrived Dar es Salaam Jun 26 and sailed Jun 29. -- Lloyd's Agents.



BELGIUM

Zeebrugge, Jul 3 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Tamgout* (3116 gt, built 1995) arrived Antwerp Jun 24, departure suspended due to detentions Jun 26. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note -- *Tamgout* remains in port at Antwerp.)

PORTUGAL

Ponta Delgada, Jun 28 -- Bulker *Trinity Sierra*, fully loaded with a cargo of Cuban cane sugar, is still berthed alongside the quay inner Ponta Delgada, under arrest for several deficiencies not yet complied with Port State Control recommendation. Understand that the vessel is also facing other, not specified, problems. Understand that another arrest against the vessel is underway through local Court actioned by local creditors. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SPAIN

London, Jul 4 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Ministry for Development has taped up passenger ro/ro *Carmen del Mar* (6367 gt, built 1970) in Denia port and ordered that it not be moved. It comes on concerns for safety and hygiene on the *Carmen del Mar* which covers the route to Ibiza. Inspectors found only half of the liferafts operational and cockroaches were found in the fridges in the kitchen of the vessel. The order came as the ferry was about to leave for Ibiza with 200 on board yesterday. (Note -- According to Lloyd's LIU AIS *Carmen del Mar* stationary at Denia at 0614, UTC, today.)

UNITED KINGDOM

London, Jul 2 -- General cargo *Capadocia* sailed Mistleley Jun 27 and arrived Bruges Jun 28.

London, Jul 5 -- A press release from the Maritime & Coastguard Agency, dated today, states: On Jul 3, the Maritime & Coastguard Agency detained bulker *Nikolaos P.* (20280 gt, built 1984). She had berthed in Cardiff to discharge a cargo of steel rods and plywood and was boarded by surveyors from the MCA's Cardiff Marine Office, who arrived to conduct a Mandatory Expanded Inspection of the vessel as part of their regular Port State Control inspection duties. The inspection of the vessel revealed that she was in very poor condition, and was therefore detained. In total the inspection revealed in excess of 30 deficiencies, the most serious and detainable being: Severe wasting to the starboard lifeboat forward keel bracket lifting link, severe wasting of the starboard lifeboat aft keel bracket lifting link plate and bolt and severe wasting of the port lifeboat forward keel bracket. In addition to the technical detainable deficiencies, three major non-conformities were raised against the vessel's ISM - Safety Management System: Maintenance of the ship due to the large number and serious nature of deficiencies, emergency preparedness due to a substandard fire drill and resources and personnel due to the crew not having carried out sufficient drills or refresher training. The vessel will remain under detention until the deficiencies are rectified. Pat Dolby, Head of the MCA's Inspection Branch said: "Operators have a duty to ensure that vessels are equipped and crews are trained to deal with a variety of emergency situations. Both the unacceptable state of the vessel's lifeboats and the inadequate response of its crew in a drill are cause for major concern, as a real-life emergency would find the vessel ill prepared for an effective response. We will not hesitate to detain vessels such as this one which pose a serious threat to the safety of its crew." (Note -- *Nikolaos P.* arrived Cardiff Jul 1 from China.)

Seizures & Arrests



ALTRANS (Slovakia)

Beirut, Jul 3 -- General cargo *Altrans* remains seized at Beirut for breaching the rules of the Israeli Boycott Regulations. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BIGA (Canary Islands)

Bilbao, Jul 2 -- General cargo *Biga* is still under embargo at Bilbao. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BOREAS (Cyprus)

Bilbao, Jul 2 -- General cargo *Boreas* is still under embargo at Bilbao. -- Lloyd's Agents.

CHERYL ANNE (Philippines)

Manila, Jun 29 -- Tug *Jacob 1* is now anchored near Mactan bridge between the islands of Mactan and Cebu in central Philippines. The *Jacob 1*, which arrived from Surigao Port after being detained for 10 months for bringing in hazardous waste into the country without a permit, is in Cebu to be dry-docked. The vessel has a cracked propeller blade and a damaged rudder strut which need to be repaired. The vessel is laying at anchor while it's owner, OSM Philippines, looks for a suitable shipyard. -- Correspondent.

JAVA BASSET

Karachi, Jul 3 -- Anchor handling tugs *Java Basset* and *Java Beagle* are both still under court arrest and both are presently moored at "shipyard channel," Karachi. -- Lloyd's Agents.

LAMA (Belize)

Beirut, Jul 3 -- General cargo *Lama* is still lying sunk and under arrest at Beirut. -- Lloyd's Agents.

PLAVA (Albania)

Bari, Jul 4 -- General cargo *Plava* is still under arrest at Bari, with no prospect of release in the foreseeable future. -- Lloyd's Agents.

POLONUS (Poland)

London, Jul 5 -- Trawler *Polonus* sailed Tromso Jun 19.

SEA EAGLE II (Malta)

London, Jul 5 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS Roll On Roll Off *Sea Eagle II* was reported still in port at Zeebrugge at 0605, UTC, today.

TIBER (Albania)

Bari, Jul 4 -- General cargo *Tiber* is still under arrest at Bari, with no prospect of release in the foreseeable future. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Pipeline Accidents



ARSK DISTRICT, TATARSTAN

London, Jul 4 -- An explosion and ensuing fire at an underground section of a gas pipeline occurred in the Arsk district in Tatarstan yesterday evening, the local Emergency Situations Ministry department told Interfax. The incident was reported at 1810, Moscow time. "The fire is big, and the sound of burning is audible in Arsk, which is located 10-15 kilometres from the scene of the accident. The flames can be seen dozens of kilometres away," the department said.

UNITED KINGDOM, NORTH SEA

Portsmouth, July 2 -- BP Plc halted flows of natural gas through a UK North Sea gas pipeline after a ship dragged its anchor over the pipe's concrete covering. BP decided "to temporarily suspend operation" of the Central Area Transmission System, or CATS, pipeline, which carries supplies of gas to the Teesside sub-terminal in north-east England, Joanne McDonald, a spokeswoman for the company based in Aberdeen, said today. "It's related to the incident whereby a large vessel dragged its anchor in the vicinity of the gas pipeline of the Teesside coast," McDonald said. "It's too early to say when it may start, she said. -- Correspondent.

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AUSTRALIA

London, Jun 28 -- A press report, dated today, states: New South Wales Ports Minister Joe Tripodi says there is no chance the stranded bulker *Pasha Bulker* will be refloated tonight at Nobby's Beach at Newcastle. Mr Tripodi says the ship has moved 6 to 8 degrees. He says that is good progress, considering the task was hindered by a snapped cable that reduced the number of tugs from three to two. Mr Tripodi says salvage crews will keep working for a few hours tonight, but the ship will not be refloated. The Minister says he has been advised workers will try to reconnect the missing cable to the third tug tomorrow before starting the process all over again at high tide tomorrow night. (See issue of Jun 29.)

London, Jul 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: New South Wales Ports Minister Joe Tripodi says the Japanese owners of the stranded bulker *Pasha Bulker* will pay the entire costs of the salvage operation. It is hoped a second refloating attempt will go ahead tonight after the operation was postponed during the last two days. Mr Tripodi says the ship's owners will be

asked to pay for all expenses relating to the operation, including costs to Newcastle Port Corporation and the State Government. But he would not comment on how much the salvage is costing. Mr Tripodi will not be drawn on whether the team trying to salvage the *Pasha Bulker* will use thicker tugboat cables for tonight's planned refloating attempt. A second attempt to refloat the ship planned for last night was postponed, because the salvage team ran out of daylight to reconnect cables to two tugs which had snapped in the first attempt. Mr Tripodi would not say whether thicker cable will be used this time. "The salvage master's used his discretion on what is the best cable to use, he's very confident of the decision he's made," he said.

Sydney, Jun 29 -- Salvage crews will wait until Saturday night to make a second attempt to refloat the stranded bulker *Pasha Bulker*. NSW Ports Minister Joe Tripodi said a 1.9-metre high tide was forecast for 2013. AEST, Saturday, which would provide optimal conditions to refloat the vessel, which ran aground on a Newcastle beach in a storm on Jun 8. A first attempt to shift the ship failed and three cables attaching the ship to tugs or sea anchors have snapped. Mr Tripodi said that *Pasha Bulker* had steadied after an initial attempt to move it on Thursday night, and preparations would continue on Friday ahead of Saturday's attempt. "Further progress overnight, including another one degree of movement, has taken total movement to nine degrees since yesterday's even high tide," Mr Tripodi said. "The salvage team has advised it will concentrate on preparing *Pasha Bulker* today ahead of the attempted refloat on Saturday." Newcastle Ports Corporation chief Gary Webb said the next attempt to move *Pasha Bulker* would be made on high tide at about 1930 hrs, Friday. On Thursday night the tow line to tug *Keera*, snapped as the salvage team was attempting to turn *Pasha Bulker* around on the high tide to point seaward. Early Friday, the line to tug *Pacific Responder* snapped as the tug struggled in strong winds. Later, cables attaching a sea anchor to *Pasha Bulker* also parted, Mr Tripodi said. *Pacific Responder* will bring the sea anchor into port for assessment on Friday and it will be repositioned on Saturday ahead of the attempted refloating. The tow line from *Keera* will be reconnected Friday, and *Pacific Responder* will be reconnected on Saturday, Mr Tripodi said. "A helicopter will be used to reconnect the tow lines," he said. Three cables remain attached to *Pasha Bulker*, one connecting it to tug *Woonah* and two holding it to sea anchors. Newcastle Port Corporation chief executive Gary Webb said the salvage team was now pumping more water ballast into the ship to stabilise it on the sandbank. The ballast will be pumped out again before any attempt to refloat the ship. Mr Webb said the tides would remain favourable for the salvage operation until Jul 4. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: Aerial surveillance of the ocean around the stranded bulker *Pasha Bulker* has detected oil leaking from the vessel, New South Wales Ports Minister Joe Tripodi has said. The thin slick is travelling in a line some 75 metres north-east, away from nearby Nobbys Beach. "I have been advised that a sheen of oil a micron thick, which is 0.001 of a millimetre, was observed on the surface of the water at the stern of the ship," Mr Tripodi told reporters in Newcastle today. "However, it is dissipating." Mr Tripodi said the authorities were taking the matter seriously and an oil spill response vessel *Shirley Smith*, was en route to clean up and investigate. "We have always said that the risk of oil coming from the vessel was high, that's why we have the best oil response team in place." Tonight's attempt to refloat the vessel remained on schedule, and a team of 60 oil spill experts were assessing the situation, Mr Tripodi said.

London, Jul 1 -- A Newcastle Port Corporation press release, dated today, states: Preparations for a refloat attempt this evening of bulker *Pasha Bulker* are continuing on schedule today. A trace of oil was observed during this afternoon's aerial monitoring. Oil response vessel *Shirley Smith* has been deployed. More than 60 members of the advanced oil response team continue to assess the situation, assisted by the aerial surveillance team. Ports Minister Joe Tripodi said, I have been advised that a sheen of oil a micron thick, which is 0.001 of a millimetre, was observed on the surface of the water at the stern end of the vessel, however it is dissipating. We are taking this event very seriously, he said. We have always said that the risk of oil coming from the vessel was high. The successful reconnection of salvage tug *Pacific Responder* took place earlier today, completing the preparation of the three tugs. The salvage team is pressurising the bottom tanks and deballasting is progressing well. Weather conditions today include westerly winds and a swell of about two metres. Tonights high tide of 1.9 metres at 2054 hrs will be of assistance in the refloat attempt. It may take several high tides to complete the operation. Circumstances will strongly determine progress.

London, Jul 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: Attempts to pull the stranded bulker *Pasha Bulker* have halted for the night while specialist teams respond to an oil leak that has been detected on the vessel. New South Wales Ports Minister Joe Tripodi will not confirm the size of the oil spill, saying only that crews are continuing their on-board operations. He is standing by the decision not to pump oil off the ship after it ran aground. "We believe that every measure to date has been an intelligent, well informed move based on lots of experience," Mr Tripodi said. Crews managed to move the carrier 90 degrees to face it towards the ocean, but were unable to free the stern from the reef before the tide

receded. The bulk carrier is now facing out to sea and tug crews are expected to resume the salvage on tomorrow evening's high tide. It is not known at this stage how long it will take to winch the bulk carrier off Nobbys Beach.

London, Jul 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: Bulker *Pasha Bulker* is less than 50 metres from water deep enough to refloat it, New South Wales Ports Minister Joe Tripodi has said. The grounded carrier is facing out to sea after being spun 135 degrees during yesterday's salvage work, during which it sprang a double oil leak. Oil containment teams arrived at Nobbys Beach, in Newcastle, before dawn today, to assess the possible environmental damage caused by the leak, which was noticed at 2100, local time, last night. Mr Tripodi said black fuel oil was spotted spilling from both sides of the vessel, which is loaded with 700 tonnes of fuel. The oil was in addition to a smaller spill reported yesterday afternoon. Westerly winds had pushed the oil to sea, averting a land-based environmental disaster, he said. There is no indication of how much oil was lost. "After successful repositioning of the vessel last night, the salvage team is now preparing *Pasha Bulker* for towing to sea, if and when conditions are suitable," Mr Tripodi said. While the salvage team concentrates on refloating the vessel, the oil that was observed last night remains the priority of the oil response teams. More than 60 oil spill experts are monitoring the situation with the assistance of the oil response vessel *Shirley Smith* and aerial surveillance will continue throughout the day. For the first time, the vessel's propeller and rudder are clearly visible and show signs of severe damage. It is still unknown when the next attempt will be made to free the vessel but it could be with tonight's high tide of 1.88m at 2135, local time. At one point yesterday, progress was so fast that some onlookers mistakenly believed the vessel was moving ahead under its own steam. But moments after the tide's peak, Mr Tripodi reported that oil had been detected on both sides of the vessel. The vessel's progress stalled after the slick was detected. Mr Tripodi said the oil leak had been anticipated and the response team was fully prepared.

Sydney, Jul 2 -- Bulker *Pasha Bulker* leaked oil into the sea as it was partially dislodged from an Australian beach, but the impact of the spill was minimal, authorities said today. Salvage crews using three tugs and winching equipment dragged the bow of the *Pasha Bulker* away from the beach, although the vessel's stern remains stuck. Salvage workers hope to make a new attempt to drag the vessel back into deeper water at the next high tide, but were working today to assess an oil spill from the 40,000 tonne vessel. "More than 60 oil-spill response experts are monitoring the situation," state Ports Minister Joe Tripodi said, adding the spill appeared minor and was unlikely to reach the shoreline. A

spokeswoman for Newcastle Port Corporation said the vessel had been turned to face the sea but operations had "paused." Authorities have said the *Pasha Bulker* is holding up well since it was beached, although it has a hole in its hull. The full extent of any damage will only be seen when divers examine the hull after refloating of the vessel. -- Reuters.

Sydney, Jul 2 -- Experts believe that during movements of bulker *Pasha Bulker* last night, the propeller rotated, which caused a small amount of lubricating oil to be expelled. Authorities maintain that two separate oil leaks yesterday posed no threat to the environment because the oil was blown out to sea. Asked if precautions were in place to keep the oil from the paths of migrating whales, Mr Tripodi said only that oil spill response teams were on stand-by for any event. Newcastle Ports Corporation chief executive Garry Webb said everything was ready for tonight's attempt to free the vessel. The salvage operation of the *Pasha Bulker* grounded at Nobbys Beach 25 days ago will continue this morning following significant progress yesterday. Aerial surveillance this morning reported a sheen at the stern of the vessel and oil-spill response teams believe the impact is minimal and is unlikely to impact on the shoreline. Ports Minister Joe Tripodi said the salvage team estimates the vessel is less than 50 metres from deepwater. After successful repositioning of the vessel last night, the salvage team is now preparing the *Pasha Bulker* for towing to sea if and when conditions are suitable. Whilst the salvage team concentrates on refloating the vessel, the oil that was observed last night remains the priority of the oil-response teams. More than 60 oil-spill response experts are monitoring the situation with the assistance of the oil-spill response vessel, Shirley Smith, and aerial surveillance will continue throughout the day, he said. Weather conditions today include westerly winds and a swell of about two metres. The salvage team will continue to assess every opportunity to continue the refloat. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 2 -- Bulker *Pasha Bulker* has been pulled free from Newcastle's Nobbys Beach. The vessel was guided to deeper water by three tugs about 2137, AEST, today. An oil spill response team on stand-by is monitoring the vessel closely. Tomorrow divers are expected to examine the vessel's hull for damage. The vessel appeared to be about 500 metres offshore by about 2141, AEST, and was still moving.

London, Jul 2 -- A Svitzer Salvage report, dated today, states: At about 2130, local time, this evening the heavily grounded bulker *Pasha Bulker* was successfully refloated by the Svitzer Salvage. The vessel had run ground during extreme weather conditions near Newcastle, Australia, about a month ago. Preparations for this salvage took about a month and included laying out groundtackles, preparing the vessel for the use of

regaining buoyancy techniques and oil transfer to reduce chances on pollution. In the meantime the vessel was ballasted down, inclusive of filling up holds, to allow it to survive further storms. All preparations were aimed at a refloating attempt on Jun 28, whereby the attempt itself was divided in two stages: pulling the bow to sea and subsequently, after internal movement of the centre of gravity more forward, refloating the vessel to sea. The first attempt succeeded in turning the vessel lightly but considerable swell and breakers resulted in two of the three tug wires breaking and one of the three groundtackles parting. Spare gear was moved in from Svitzer Salvage warehouses in Singapore to be able to re-rig the systems and two days later, on Jul 1, a second attempt was executed. The Svitzer Salvage team then succeeded in the first goal: turning the bow to sea. Over the following 24 hours the centre of gravity was moved forward to provide extra lift to the stern and today the vessel was successfully refloated. The vessel will now be stabilised offshore to prepare it for delivery.

London, Jul 3 -- Divers are currently assessing damage to the hull of bulker *Pasha Bulker* in order to establish her seaworthy condition and whether she will have to go into Newcastle for temporary repairs. The vessel was towed off Nobbys Beach by three salvage tugs at 2140 last night. She is currently 11 nautical miles off Newcastle and is accompanied by the three salvage tugs *Pacific Responder*, *Keera* and *Woonna*. Salvage master Drew Shannon said the operation had now entered its second phase, but that it may take several days to assess the damage to the hull. Newcastle Port Corporation Chief executive Gary Webb said that while the vessel was now at sea, there still remained a significant amount of work to do before the salvage operation was completed. Our oil-pollution response teams, including the tug *Shirley Smith*, ground crews and aerial surveillance personnel, will continue to monitor the coastline and the area surrounding the vessel, Mr Webb said. I am pleased to advise that ground surveillance undertaken since *Pasha Bulker* was towed to sea has no evidence of oil."

London, Jul 3 -- A press report, dated today, states: Questions remain about how the grounding of bulker *Pasha Bulker* occurred and who pays the multi-million dollar salvage bill. The 40,000-tonne bulk carrier was successfully towed off a sandbar at Nobbys Beach on Monday night (Jul 2), 25 days after stranding there during a severe storm. The cost of the salvage operation, which included three attempts during evening high tides since last Thursday, has been estimated at around \$5 million. The Sydney lawyers representing the vessel's owner, Fukujin Kisen, have so far declined to comment about the incident or the salvage operation, including who is going to pay the bill. NSW Opposition ports spokesman Duncan Gay today called for an inquiry

into why the *Pasha Bulker* and two other vessels appeared to have ignored directions to move further out to sea in the hours before the \$35 million vessel ran aground. He said his government counterpart, Ports Minister Joe Tripodi, needed to answer a number of questions. "How did this ship get onto the beach?" Mr Gay asked. "How did others nearly get onto the beach? Who is going to pay the cost?" The *Pasha Bulker* is now anchored approximately 11 nautical miles off Newcastle, where divers have begun inspecting damage incurred to the vessel's hull. Minor amounts of oil leaked from the vessel during the salvage operation but did not contaminate the shoreline.

London, Jul 4 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulker *Pasha Bulker* was located 15.2 nautical miles from Newcastle, NSW, In lat 32 54.15.24S, long 152 1.2.1E, at 0010, UTC, course 263 deg, speed 6.5 knots.

London, Jul 4 -- Bulker *Pasha Bulker* is being towed into the port of Newcastle, New South Wales, following completion of an assessment of the vessel off the coast. The salvage master has formally requested entry into the port and Newcastle Port Corporation's Harbour-master, Captain Tim Turner, has granted approval for the vessel to be towed into the port for further assessment and minor repair. The vessel was expected to be off the entrance of Newcastle about 1130 today, with five tugs in attendance to shift her to the port's Western Basin No.4 berth. NSW ports minister Joe Tripodi said the NSW Police and NSW Maritime, with oil pollution booms and other equipment on stand-by, would escort *Pasha Bulker* into her berth. Oil-spill response teams continue to monitor the vessel and its surrounds. There has been no observation of oil, the minister said. Newcastle Port Corporation chief executive Gary Webb said salvage divers and on board assessors had provided a report to the harbour master prior to seeking approval. "The harbour-master was satisfied with the salvage master's report and is prepared for the vessel to enter port," he said. Our oil-spill response teams will continue to monitor the vessel. Any necessary environment protection equipment will also be deployed. We are uncertain at this stage as to how long the vessel will remain in port.

London, Jul 5 -- Work to repair bulker *Pasha Bulker* is under way, now that the vessel is safe and secure alongside the berth at Western Basin No.4. The vessel was successfully refloated on Monday night and was towed by five tugs into the port of Newcastle yesterday lunchtime. Newcastle Port Corporation chief executive Gary Webb said that her successful berthing was a great result after more than three weeks of dedicated work by Newcastle Port Corporation, Svitzer Salvage and the many agencies and individuals who had assisted. Oil-spill response teams will continue to monitor the vessel and its surrounds. Booms are being placed around the vessel and there has been no observation of oil," Mr Webb said.

BANGLADESH

Chittagong, Jul 1 -- According to Chittagong Meteorological Department, the depression crossed over coastal areas of Urisha, India, yesterday. However, cautionary signal No.3 is still continuing. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Chittagong, Jul 3 -- The local Meteorological Office informed us that the depression has crossed over coastal areas of Urisha, India, Jun 30. However, cautionary signal No 3 is still continuing. -- Lloyd's Agents.

CHINA

Beijing, Jul 2 -- Downpours over the weekend killed at least nine people in central and south-west China, regions battered by storms last month, state media said today, while an official warned of flood threats in coming weeks. Worst hit was the central province of Hubei, where seven people were swept away by flash floods triggered by torrential rains since Friday (Jun 29), the People's Daily said. More rainstorms were expected to hit parts of Hubei and Sichuan, both along the Yangtze, China's longest river, today and tomorrow, the National Meteorological Centre forecast on its Web site. -- Reuters.

London, Jul 5 -- A tornado swept across eastern China, killing at least 14 people and injuring 146, the latest casualties from bad weather that has devastated several regions of the country this summer. Seven of the deaths were reported in Gaoyou, a city in Jiangsu Province, where the worst tornado in 50 years also injured 53 people in 11 villages and toppled 715 houses on Tuesday (Jul 3), the city government said yesterday. It said 12 of the injured were in a serious condition and estimated the city's economic losses at around yuan 55 million (US\$7.2 million). "The tornado ravaged the Huxi area of Gaoyou for about an hour," the government said in a news release. "High winds and heavy rain cut off power and telecommunications, ripped roofs off buildings and uprooted thousands of trees." Sixteen companies were closed after the tornado destroyed their workshops and equipment. The tornado originated in Tianchang City in neighboring Anhui Province, where it killed another seven people, injured 93 and destroyed more than 100 homes. Seven bodies were dug out of the rubble. Among the injured, 35 were in a serious condition yesterday, officials said. Another 200 people were evacuated. Forecasters warned last night of possible floods along the Huaihe River, which runs through the region. The upper reaches of the river had already reached critical levels, officials said yesterday.

INDIA

London, Jul 4 -- Flights were grounded, streets were flooded and the underground Metro survived a fire scare as the early morning rain disrupted life throughout yesterday. No flight took off till 0800 hrs due to low visibility, fluctuating wind speed and pelting rain. A Calcutta-New Delhi Air

Deccan flight with 111 passengers on board remained on the runway for over an hour, as rainwater seeped into the engine around 0830 hrs. Several flights were delayed.

PAKISTAN

London, Jun 28 -- A press report, dated today, states: Forty-three Indians and 46 others, who were washed off in heavy thunderstorms while operating on an offshore platform off Gujarat's Jamnagar coast, have been rescued and brought to Karachi. The fate of three of their colleagues including two Indians was not yet known. The 93 Indians and foreigners were washed off from a ship and a barge in the thunderstorms while operating on an offshore platform near Jamnagar, Indian diplomat Sanjay Mathur told here today. They were rescued by a Dubai-registered ship and brought to Karachi, said Mathur, who has been deputed by Indian High Commissioner Satyabrata Pal to arrange for their repatriation. The ship and barge were caught in the heavy thunderstorms that lashed the Arabian Sea coast during the past few days. While Mathur said that five others from the vessels, including three Indians, were missing, Pakistan Navy claimed they has rescued one of the Indians and a foreigner. Pakistan Navy Spokesman Commander Salman said an Indian sailor Pratap Singh and a foreigner were rescued by a naval vessel this morning. The two were spotted floating in the water by a Pakistan Navy's reconnaissance aircraft which alerted a naval vessel. The vessel in turn rescued them and brought them to Karachi. The two sailors survived in the sea floating for two days, he said. (See issue of Jun 28.)

Quetta, Jul 2 -- Water levels are falling in some parts of flood-hit Pakistan enabling rescuers to reach areas cut off for days but more bad weather is on the way, officials said yesterday. Pakistan has been battered by early rainy season storms and flooding while severe weather has also affected Afghanistan and India. About 600 people have been killed across the region in the past 10 days. Hardest-hit has been southern Pakistan. A cyclone last week brought torrential rain and severe flooding to large tracts of mostly flat, usually desert-like, Baluchistan province. -- Reuters.

Karachi, Jul 3 -- Torrential rains and subsequent floods have destroyed infrastructure in Pakistan, particularly in the western part in Balochistan Province. Two sections of the recently built Makran Coastal Highway were washed away during last week's torrential rains, snapping the road communication between Sindh and Balochistan. The highway linking Uthal with Khuzdar and Quetta was also closed after a bridge caved in. Not only these highways, but also the entire road network in Balochistan has been in tatters for more than a week. Over 100,000 people have been rendered homeless in Balochistan while more rains and floodwater have been lashing the Kachhi plains. Pakistan Coal Mines Owners Association

president Ghulam Sabir Khan told media that that 40,000 labourers were marooned in the flooded mining areas. He said that the mining industry in Mach, Aabegum, Souranj, Sharag and Harnai had collapsed due to torrential rains. Landslides have destroyed offices of the industry in the fields and the labour colonies. He asked the government to repair damaged roads and supply food and drinking water to the affected areas. -- Correspondent.

TROPICAL STORM "TORAJI"

London, Jul 5 -- A tropical storm in the South Pacific, the first of the year, is closing in on the northern coast of Vietnam, the country's national weather agency said today. According to Vietnam's Central Meteorological Service, the centre of Tropical Storm "Toraji" at 0700 hrs, (midnight UTC) was in the northern part of the Gulf of Tonkin, about 125 miles off the Vietnamese coast. The storm is heading toward the coast at about 10mph, with sustained winds of up to 45mph, and is expected to hit Vietnam tomorrow, if it remains on its current path. Meteorologists issued a warning of potentially devastating heavy rains, flooding, tornadoes and mudslides.

TURKEY

Istanbul, Jul 5 -- Traffic suspended in both directions at 0400, local time, today, due to fog, opened from south to north at 0830, local time, today. -- TurkishStraits.com

TYPHOON "HAITANG"

Taipei, Jun 29 -- According to the agents of vessel *Eastern Rich*, ex *Yung Chang*, vessel is still berthed at Pier No 11, Kaohsiung, pending engine repair/spare parts. -- Lloyd's Agents.

UNITED STATES

London, Jul 3 -- A major oil spill has added to a flooding crisis across Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas as evacuees wait for water to recede from their homes. Some 42,000 gallons of crude oil have escaped from a refinery in Coffeyville, south-central Kansas, into the swollen Verdigris River. Officials are now trying to prevent the slick floating downriver toward Oologah Lake, in Oklahoma. Severe storms in the region have been blamed for 11 deaths in Texas alone. President George W Bush has declared a major disaster in Kansas and ordered federal aid for recovery efforts. Although the state was spared further rainfall on Monday, the poor weather showed no sign of abating over neighbouring Texas and eastern Oklahoma. The latest spill contaminated floodwaters and swept foul-smelling water into homes. In Kansas, residents in Coffeyville, Independence and Osawatomie have been evacuated. Up to 3,000 people were forced from their homes during the weekend because of flooding from the Caney River in north-east Oklahoma. And hundreds of people in northern Texas were still unable to return home near the Wichita and Brazos rivers because of flooding, power failures or fears of contaminated

water. The oil spill from the Coffeyville Resources refinery occurred as staff attempted to shut down the plant during a flood evacuation. A pump at the 108,000 barrel-per-day facility apparently continued to push oil into a main storage tank until it overflowed. Environmental protection agency officials said they were optimistic the spill would dissipate before it reached Oklahoma's Oologah Lake, which provides drinking water. But Coffeyville city manager Jeff Morris warned that if the flood did not recede soon and allow the town to start pumping water back into the river basin, "our whole system will be at risk for contamination".

Political & Civil Unrest



ALBANIA

Bari, Jul 5 -- Product tanker *Ambar* is still under arrest at Bari. -- Lloyd's Agents.

IRAQ

London, Jul 1 -- A press report, dated Jun 29, states: A bomb exploded today under an oil pipeline south of Baghdad, spilling crude oil and sparking a huge fire, Iraqi police said. The explosives were planted under a pipeline in the al-Mowehlah area of Haswa, a town 30 miles south of the Iraqi capital, a police officer said. The pipeline carries crude oil from Iraq's southern oil fields to the Dora refinery in Baghdad. The blast ignited a huge fire around 0500 hrs, the officer said. By midday, firefighters were still struggling to extinguish the flames, which were fuelled by a continuing leak of oil from the pipeline, he said. Workers were also looking for a way to temporarily cut off the oil flow until a repair can be made, the officer added.

IVORY COAST

Bouake, Ivory Coast, Jun 29 -- Ivory Coast's Prime Minister Guillaume Soro escaped unhurt when his plane was hit by a rocket after landing in his own rebel stronghold of Bouake today, but four others were killed, witnesses said. The New Forces said they arrested several people after the attack. Three rockets were fired: one exploded inside the cabin, a second flew over the top of the plane and exploded nearby and a third bounced off the fuselage and failed to explode, said a U.N. staff member who saw the attack. Gunshots were also fired. Allan Aliali, a journalist travelling on the plane, told U.N. radio he had seen three bodies in the plane, but could not identify them. Rebel spokesman Sidiki Konate said a fourth victim died later from his wounds. Rebel reinforcements threw a security cordon around Soro's headquarters and deployed troops at the airport and at road blocks across the city. News of the attack pushed futures prices for cocoa -- of which

Ivory Coast is the world's top producer -- to four-year highs in London and New York. -- Reuters.

NIGERIA

London, Jul 4 -- Unknown gunmen have attacked and snatched five foreign workers from an oil rig in Nigeria's volatile Niger Delta, security sources say. The attack comes a day after the main militant group in the area said it had called off a month-long truce. But the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (Mend) says it has nothing to do with this new attack. The hostages -- two New Zealanders, an Australian, a Venezuelan and a Lebanese -- were captured in Soku, Rivers state. Earlier on Monday (Jul 2), another clash between the militants and the Nigerian Navy also left two junior officers missing and a gunboat destroyed.

UNITED KINGDOM

Glasgow, Jun 30 -- Two men rammed a petrol-filled, four-wheel-drive vehicle into Glasgow airport today in what police called a terrorist attack linked to a car-bomb plot foiled in London the previous day. Chief constable in the Glasgow area, Willie Rae said the vehicle, a green Jeep Cherokee, was driven at speed into the main, glass door entrance to the airport terminal and then exploded in flames. Two men were arrested after the attack, one of whom was taken to hospital in critical condition. Rae said the badly burnt man was found to have a "suspect device" hidden on his body, but he would not confirm it was a suicide vest. One member of the public was injured trying to wrestle the two suspects to the ground and witnesses described those arrested as Asian men and said the car had charged furiously towards the airport entrance. "It raced across the central reservation and went straight into the building," said taxi driver Ian Crosby outside the terminal, who said a stocky Asian man had got out of the car and was quickly wrestled to the ground by bystanders. The airport was shut down following the incident. -- Reuters.

Labour Disputes



INDIA

London, Jul 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: Container movement at Rajiv Gandhi Container Terminal of Kochi port, operated by India Gateway Terminal Limited (IGTL), was disrupted yesterday with a small section of the workers at the terminal resorting to a strike. Reach stack drivers and greasers and electrical maintenance men were among those striking work yesterday, the first day of the 24-hour-seven-day-week schedule announced by Cochin Port Trust last week. A spokesman for IGTL said that things were expected to improve in the

second shift yesterday but that had not happened even though the strikers apparently had no support from trade unions at the port. Container loading was partially completed yesterday on one vessel as IGTL substituted some workers to keep the box movement but there were too few men for the operations. Loading on another vessel was underway yesterday afternoon. The CPT has taken a serious view of the development. IGTL authorities were learnt to have decided against granting leave to any of the workers absent yesterday. The operator has also decided to the dies non norms to the striking employees. The trade unions at the port had come out in support of the new working arrangement although they had asked for conveyance for the late night shift change and also for proper arrangements for taking food and rest. Container terminal operations had been extended to 24 hours in keeping with the practice in other parts of the country and to improve productivity, said an official of IGTL.

London, Jul 3 -- Workers at the Rajiv Gandhi Container Terminal in the Indian port of Kochi went on strike on Sunday (Jul 1) and caused disruption to container handling movement. Sunday was the official first day of a new 24-hour-seven-day-week schedule announced by the Cochin Port Trust last week. Drivers, greasers and electrical maintenance men were among some of the the workers on strike at the terminal which is operated by India Gateway Terminal Limited (IGTL). According to an IGTL spokesperson, port authorities expected a stand down by the second shift on Sunday as the strikers apparently had no support from port trade unions, but the strike had continued. It is unclear whether the strike has continued today, with reports saying that the body of strikers have been split into different factions which have either stood down or are still on strike. Container loading was partially disrupted throughout Sunday as IGTL had to substitute striking workers to maintain container movement. There were however just too little workers available for normal operations to carry on, said reports. The port trade unions have backed the new working schedule, but have requested conveyance for the late night shift change and adequate arrangements for meals and rest breaks. According to IGTL officials, container terminal operations have been extended to 24 hours to keep in stride with other parts of the country. It is an accepted practice globally already, to maintain 24 hour container handling as crucial to advancing productivity, they added.

KRONSHADTSKIY (Russia)

London, Jul 5 -- Fish factory *Kronshadtskiy* passed Skaw northbound Jul 4.

SOUTH AFRICA

London, Jun 28 -- A press report, dated today, states: South Africa's four-week long public service strike is to be

called off today with the majority of unions prepared to accept the government's 7.5 per cent pay offer, public radio reported. The decision, expected to be formally announced later in the day, was reached during late-night talks among unions affiliated to the umbrella Congress of South African Trade Unions, the radio said. The Business Day newspaper also predicted the strike, which began on Jun 1, would be halted with only the main teachers' union still dragging its heels. COSATU secretary general Zwelinzima Vavi dropped a broad hint yesterday that the country's longest strike since apartheid could soon be at an end when he told a gathering of health workers that the government's offer "was not bad." The strike has had a devastating effect with schools closed for over a month and hospitals running skeleton services with the help of army medics.

SPAIN

London, Jul 2 -- Spain's second biggest airline Spanair said it had cancelled 25 out of its scheduled 373 flights yesterday due to a strike by cabin crew. Spanair, which Scandinavian travel group SAS announced last month it wants to sell, had already cancelled 60 flights today. Aircrew union Sitcpla called the strike to protest against long working hours, staff shortages and low pay. Further strikes are scheduled for Jul 9, 15 and 31 as well as in August and September.

Fires & Explosions



REFINERY, WARRI, NIGERIA

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: A massive explosion, caused by crude spillage from one of the tanks at the Warri Refinery yesterday resulted in an inferno that gutted part of the ailing refinery yesterday. Although no life was lost, vessels on the Ubeki Creek, including badges and boats and other valuables, were said to have been torched as the ravaging fire spread over to the Warri River, where the oil vessels were berthing. The spillage of crude from the tank which spread towards the river resulted in the massive explosions which reportedly razed some property belonging to the communities.

Aviation



ACCIDENT, MULIA, PAPUA, INDONESIA

London, Jul 2 -- A small Indonesian aircraft with 25 people on board slid off the runway as it tried to take off from a

small airstrip in Papua, but nobody was seriously injured, staff and reports said yesterday. "All I can say is that it slid off the runway while trying to take off," said Mulyo, a worker for Trigana Air Service, the operator of the DHC-4A Caribou aircraft. The mishap occurred in Mulia, the capital of Papua's mountainous Puncak Jaya district.

ACCIDENT, SALTILLO AIRPORT, MEXICO

London, Jul 3 -- Sabreliner 40 jet, XA-SMR, departed Monterrey at 1305, Jun 30, on a domestic flight to Saltillo. It landed at on runway 35 at Saltillo Airport, but could not be stopped in time. It ran off the runway, coming to rest about 50 m from the Saltillo-Monterrey highway on rocky soil.

ACCIDENT, TREVISO, ITALY

London, Jun 29 -- Boeing 737-800, EI-CSN, operating as Ryan Air flight 9513, from Gerona to Treviso, found the port nose wheel missing after landing at Treviso at 1546, EST, Jun 25. During landing, the crew reported a "loud bang" and discovered the wheel was missing and the nose gear axle fractured during post-flight inspection. The port nose wheel has not been located.

CRASH AT M'BANZA CONGO AIRPORT, ANGOLA

London, Jun 29 -- A press report, dated today, states: An Angolan Airlines Boeing 737 crashed on landing at an airport in northern Angola yesterday, killing five people. The aircraft crashed and broke in half when it landed at an airport in M'banza Congo, a town about 180 miles north of Luanda, national airports chief Celso Rosas said. The airline, known by its Portuguese acronym TAAG, said in a statement that 79 passengers had been on board when the accident occurred at 1340 hrs. It gave no information about the dead or injured, nor about the possible causes, but said an emergency team was investigating at the scene. The aircraft landed halfway down the runway and bounced before crashing into a house, the state news agency, Angop, reported from the scene. The aircraft's landing gear appeared to give way as it touched down, Radio Nacional de Angola reported. It said seven crew had been on board and that the co-pilot died. Rescue workers were trying to reach the co-pilot's body, the public radio station reported, and a crane was helping to remove debris. The injured were taken to a hospital in the nearest city, called Zaire, Angop said.

London, Jul 4 -- Boeing 737-2M2 D2-TBP blew two tyres on landing, causing one wing to dip and touch the runway. The aircraft then veered out of control, over-ran the runway and crashed into cars and a building. Four passengers and the co-pilot were killed.

CRASH, CAMBODIA

London, Jul 5 -- Antonov AN-24 XU-U4A crashed into Phnom Damrey

Mountain at an elevation of 1,640 feet, about five minutes from its destination of Sihanoukville, at 1040, Jun 25. All 16 passengers and crew of six on board were killed.

CRASH, CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 4 -- A press report, dated Jul 3, states: The president of a San-Diego based consulting firm was one of two men killed today when the company's private aircraft struck a transmission tower, clipped power lines and crashed into Carlsbad's new golf course, sources said. George Swink, president of Southwest Consulting Group Inc., is a certified pilot, although it was unclear whether he was piloting the King Air when it crashed, according to records. The county Medical Examiner's Office has not released the identities of the crash victims. The twin engine, turboprop BE90 plane was taking off from McClellan-Palomar Airport at about 0600 hrs, when it hit the electricity tower, authorities said. The crash also knocked out power to 1,700 homes and businesses in Carlsbad and forced the closure of the airport throughout the morning. Power was restored to most customers by 1100 hrs and airport operations were back up and running at 1030 hrs, officials said. The crash sparked two fires: a brush fire started by the downed power transmission lines and the flames that engulfed the plane, said James Weigand, fire marshal with the Carlsbad Fire Department. Firefighters quickly surrounded the wreckage but couldn't battle the flames until power in the high-voltage transmission lines running above the crash site could be shut off. One of the power lines was tangled in the wreckage, said police Lt. Kelly Cain. Firefighters said San Diego Gas & Electric workers had to shut off power at three locations near the wreck before firefighters could safely spray water on the blazes. Once they doused the flames, they saw that all but the tail of the plane had burned. Mike Fergus, spokesman for the Northwest mountain region of the Federal Aviation Administration, said the two male passengers were on board destined for Tucson, Ariz., when the plane crashed a mile west of the end of the airport's runway. The plane was registered to Southwest Consulting Group Inc., a company that provides expert testimony in court cases involving electrical and mechanical engineering. It had been foggy along the coast, but it's not been determined if weather played a role in the crash. The crash will be investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board and the FAA.

CRASH, CASHMERE AREA, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 29 -- Cessna 182Q (Skylane), N735KP, operated by Bruce Kennedy Trustee, with one person on board, clipped a tree on final approach to Cashmere, Washington, at 0012, UTC, Jun 29, and was destroyed by impact and post accident fire. The pilot died.

**CRASH, CONWAY AREA,
ARKANSAS, UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 1 -- A press report, dated Jun 30, states: A small plane crashed into a house today, killing the male pilot and a woman on the ground, authorities said. Faulkner County Coroner Patrick Moore said that the woman killed was an occupant of the house, which is near Conway Municipal Airport. Moore said a passenger in the plane and another person in the house survived. He did not release their names or the conditions of the survivors. Authorities said they believe the plane was trying to land at the airport, but did not say what might have caused the crash or where the plane had come from. "We'll secure the scene through the night until the National Transportation Safety Board arrives," Conway Police Chief Allen Gary said. It took about two hours to put out the fire that started after the crash, authorities said. The Federal Aviation Administration closed the Conway airport this afternoon. It was expected to reopen tomorrow.

London, Jul 2 -- A press report, dated Jul 1, states: An investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board said the runway at Conway Municipal Airport was recently resurfaced, leaving no skid marks or clues as to what caused a Cessna Citation 500 to crash yesterday into a nearby home, killing two people. Investigator Todd Fox said today there's little evidence on the runway to determine why pilot Hugh Rains, 71, of Wichita Falls, Texas, crashed his aircraft into a home on Ingram Street, killing Janet Brady, 71.

London, Jul 2 -- Cessna 500 Citation I, operated by IHR Administrative Services, N771HR, departed Kickapoo about 1337, Jun 30, on a flight to Conway. The pilot climbed to the assigned cruising altitude of FL270 which was reached at 1353 hrs. Half an hour later the pilot started the descent for Conway. The aircraft approached runway 26 and landed long. It appears that the pilot tried to go around, but it never left the ground. It continued past the runway, crossed Ingram Street and collided with a building.

**CRASH, HOPE AIRPORT AREA,
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

London, Jul 3 -- SeaRey-80 C-1KIS, was on a flight note from Hope, BC, to the King George Airpark via Jones Lake with the pilot and one passenger on board. The aircraft did not arrive at destination and a search was begun. The wreckage was found by DND SAR aircraft in rugged terrain about 10 nautical miles from the Hope airport on Jul 2. The two occupants were fatally injured. The TSB is assisting the BC Coroners Service in their investigation.

**CRASH, MASAI MARA AREA,
KENYA**

Narok, Kenya, Jul 3 -- A small aircraft flying to Kenya's Masai Mara game reserve crashed today and three people were killed, a tour operator said. The dead were two passengers on a safari holiday, both Germans living in

Switzerland, and the Kenyan pilot, said Will Jones, managing director of British-based tour operator Journeys by Design, which organised the holiday. The Cessna 182, chartered from a Nairobi-based company, crashed during a flight from Nairobi to the Masai Mara game reserve. "There were no survivors," Journeys by Design said in a statement, adding that a director of the company was flying to Nairobi this evening. Kenyan police said earlier three people were feared dead after a plane crashed in the Loita Hills, near the Masai Mara. Accident investigators were on their way to the scene to recover the wreckage, said Narok district police boss Patrick Wambani. The road from Nairobi to the Masai Mara is in poor condition and many tourists opt to fly there rather than drive. -- Reuters.

CRASH, NORTHERN MALAWI

London, Jul 4 -- Cessna U206F 7Q-YNS, a sightseeing flight, operated by Nyikas Safaris, crashed near Chelinda, Malawi, at approximately 1130, UTC, Jun 16. The certificated commercial pilot and five passengers were fatally injured. The aircraft was destroyed. There was ground fire. The local flight originated at Chelinda.

**CRASH, PORT RADIUM,
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES,
CANADA**

London, Jul 4 -- Great Slave Helicopters McDonnell Douglas MD369D, C-FGHT had toed-in to a rocky outcrop surrounded by bush near Port Radium, NT, for passenger pick up. The aircraft completed three to four rotations before the pilot was able to get the helicopter back on the ground at 1400, Jun 26. There were no injuries to the pilot who was the only person on board. The helicopter sustained substantial damage to the tail rotor system, vertical fin, skid gear and tail boom.

**CRASH, RAMSEY'S ARM,
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

London, Jul 4 -- Bell 214B, C-FWQU, was helilogging in the Ramseys Arm area with two persons on board, struck the ground hard at 0930, Jul 2. The tail boom was severed and the engine continued to run briefly. The machine was destroyed, with one pilot receiving serious injuries, and the other minor injuries.

**CRASH, SAN DIEGO AREA,
CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated Jul 4, states: A private Beechcraft 90 turboprop bound for Tucson slammed into electrical wires and crashed in flames near San Diego yesterday, killing two people, authorities said. The aircraft took off from McClellan-Palomar Airport in Carlsbad, Calif, and crashed soon afterward on a golf course about a mile west of the airport just after 0600 hrs, said Carlsbad Fire Marshal Jim Weigand. The two people on board were so badly burned that their bodies could not be immediately identified, Weigand said. They are

believed to be residents of North San Diego County. Weigand said the aircraft hit high-voltage power lines, causing one of them to break in three places. The fallen cable sparked a half-acre brush fire that was quickly extinguished. The cause of the crash is still under investigation, he said. The aircraft is registered to Southwest Consulting Group Inc, said Mike Fergus, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration. The aircraft was built in 1973 and had a current airworthiness certificate.

**CRASH, WELLSVILLE AREA,
MISSOURI, UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 29 -- New Piper PA-46-500TP, N477MD, operated by McC Aviation Services Inc, took off from Spirit of St. Louis Airport, for Buffalo, Minnesota, early yesterday morning, with three persons on board. A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration said the airport lost radar contact with the aircraft about a half hour after take-off. The aircraft crashed at 1315, UTC, Jun 28, near Wellsville. The aircraft was destroyed and all three persons on board died. The State Highway Patrol identified the victims as David McCormick, Michael Kammerer and Waylon Karsten.

London, Jun 30 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: An air safety investigator said today that a single-engined Piper 46 aircraft separated into pieces before it hit the ground yesterday in eastern Missouri. All three on board were killed. National Transportation Safety Board air investigator Ed Malinowski said wreckage was found both east and west of a highway near the crash site. The aircraft, which was built last year, was carrying three people who had attended an ethanol conference in St. Louis and was en route to Buffalo, Minn. The aircraft took off from Spirit of St. Louis Airport and went down in a farm field near the north-western corner of Montgomery County in eastern Missouri. "The plane had come to rest in several pieces," Malinowski said. "It looks like the aircraft separated before it hit the terrain." Malinowski said it was too soon to tell whether the aircraft hit something before the crash or whether mechanical problems were involved. He expected to be at the scene into tomorrow as the investigation continued. Malinowski said the aircraft was in radio contact with a Kansas City flight tower before the crash. He also didn't know whether rain in the area at the time of the crash was a contributing factor. Elizabeth Isham Cory, spokeswoman for the FAA's office in Chicago, said the aircraft's tail number is N477MD, registered to an aviation-services company, McC Aviation Services of Rockford, Minn. Cory said the aircraft took off from Spirit airport around 0800 hrs and the FAA lost contact with it at 0815 hrs. Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop F in Jefferson City said local law enforcement received phone calls from citizens reporting an aircraft with engine trouble.

EMERGENCY LANDING, AGARTALA, TRIPURA STATE, INDIA

London, Jul 3 -- A press report, dated today, states: An Indian flight with 47 passengers on board made an emergency landing at Agartala following a technical snag, officials said Tuesday (Jul 3). The ATR aircraft (CD-7756) was on its way to Guwahati from Agartala late Monday when the flight developed power failure, forcing the captain to make the landing. No one was hurt. The passengers are likely to be sent to Guwahati Tuesday in another aircraft, airport officials said.

EMERGENCY LANDING, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated Jul 3, states: Cessna 172 V3-HGY, belonging to Tropic Air, made an emergency landing in a cleared area on the south side of Belize City. Fortunately, none of the four people on board were injured and despite being stuck in the mud, the aircraft may one day return to service. The pilot and three passengers were heading South, but five minutes after departure the pilot started experiencing problems with the aircraft. The pilot, Graham Allen then decided to turn back to the Belize City municipal airstrip, but could not complete the two and a half minute flight.

EMERGENCY LANDING, BOISE, IDAHO, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 4 -- A flight nurse says he is lucky to be alive after he was partially sucked out of a Piper Navajo N22DT, last week when a side window broke causing a rapid decompression. The aircraft, registered to Conyan Aviation, was flying as an air ambulance. It was reportedly at 20,000 feet while transporting a patient from Twin Falls, ID, to Seattle last Wednesday (Jun 27) and dropped 10,000 feet, then made an emergency landing in Boise.

EMERGENCY LANDING, LOS ANGELES, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 30 -- A press report, dated Jun 29, states: An Air China flight made an emergency landing early today at Los Angeles International Airport after the pilot reported at least one tyre was blown out, authorities said. The plane, carrying more than 200 passengers, touched down shortly before 0330 hrs, and there were no reports of injuries, police said. It was unclear how many tyres were involved, but tyre debris was found on the runway, authorities said. It wasn't immediately known where the flight originated or whether Los Angeles was its final destination.

EMERGENCY LANDING, MINNEAPOLIS, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Northwest Airlines flight returned to Minneapolis only minutes after take-off for Pittsburgh last night after the left engine lost power. Flight 1056 had just reached

cruising altitude when the pilot announced the return to Minneapolis. It had departed at 1910, CDT, and was to arrive in Pittsburgh at 2213, EDT. When the aircraft landed it was greeted by emergency crews who found the DC-9 had a fluid leak and locked brakes. Passengers were transferred to the terminal by buses for arrangements for other flights.

GROUNDING OF INDONESIAN AIRLINES

London, Jul 2 -- A press report, dated Jul 1, states: Growing fears about safety last week led Indonesia to ground nine of its airlines and the European Union to ban all Indonesian airlines from its airspace. Both the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the International Civil Aviation Organisation have warned that Indonesia's civil aviation procedures do not meet international standards; the FAA has advised U.S. citizens not to fly any Indonesian airline. None currently flies to the United States. The moves come after a spate of deadly accidents. Indonesia's Transport Ministry said it has revoked the licenses of four airlines and suspended the licenses of five others for failing to improve their safety records in the past three months. Those with revoked licenses are Jatayu Gelang Sejahtera, Aviassi Upataraksa, Alfa Trans Dirgantara and Prodexim. Those with suspended licenses are Germania Trisila Air, Atlas Delta Setia, Survey Udara Penas, Kura-kura Aviation and SMAC. The European Commission said all 51 airlines certified in Indonesia would be blocked from flying to the European Union. Currently, none has scheduled flights to any European airports. Indonesia's top civil aviation official, Budhi Suyitno Mulyawan, said the European Commission had not seen the country's latest data on airline safety, which show an improvement.

INCIDENT AT BEIJING, CHINA

London, Jul 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: Five people were injured when the front of an Air China plane collapsed as passengers were boarding the aircraft at Beijing airport, Chinese state media said today. The wheels of the plane, scheduled to fly to Dubai, were retracted while the jet was still at the boarding gate yesterday afternoon, Xinhua news agency and other media outlets said, without explaining why. Xinhua quoted the General Administration of Civil Aviation as saying one passenger and one crew member, both Chinese, were taken to hospital, although their injuries were described as "slight." The aviation administration is carrying out an investigation into what caused the collapse, Xinhua added.

INCIDENT AT INDORE AIRPORT, INDIA

London, Jul 2 -- A press report, dated Jul 1, states: Jet Airways Delhi-Indore flight with 49 passengers and crew onboard had a narrow escape today as

the flight skidded-off the runway while landing during rains at the Indore's Devi Ahilyabai Holkar airport with five passenger suffering minor injuries. The mishap occurred when the Delhi-Indore flight was landing at the airport and skidded-off soon after it touched down, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) deputy commandant Nirvikar said. At least five passengers suffered minor injuries, he said adding no major injury was reported. The wheels of the aircraft broke-off while landing at the run way and it slipped away to the ground, he said. Senior officers along with the fire brigade have reached the spot to supervise the rescue operation. A Jet Airways spokesman said in Delhi that investigation was on to find out the cause of the accident.

INCIDENT AT JFK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 2 -- A press report, dated Jul 1, states: Passengers bound for Ireland West Airport Knock on a Globespan flight from New York's JFK airport have had their flight cancelled for a third night in a row. The flight was originally due to leave JFK on Thursday (Jun 28) night. Passengers boarded the aircraft last night but were directed back to the terminal at approximately 0200, Irish time. They were told the aircraft could not take off due to a recurrence of the original "engineering problem." Passengers believe relatives were informed by Globespan that the flight had taken off. It is still unclear when Globespan will fly its 240 passengers to Knock. As a result, the return leg of the flight - GSM 201 - going to JFK from Knock has been delayed indefinitely. Another Globespan flight - GSM 736 from Boston - which was due into Knock this morning has been cancelled. As a result, the return leg of that flight (GSM 735A) which had been due to leave Knock en route to Boston has been delayed indefinitely.

INCIDENT AT NEDUMBASERRY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KOCHI AREA, INDIA

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: An Air Sahara (Jet Lite) aircraft with nearly 100 passengers on board skidded off the runway at the Nedumbaserry International Airport, near Kochi, late last night but there were no one was injured on board, airport officials said today. Boeing 737, flying on the Delhi-Bangalore-Kochi route, skidded when one of its wheels went off the runway after some slush entered the engine while it was landing at about midnight. However, the aircraft was safely taxied to the bay, Nedumbaserry Airport Director A C K Nair said. The runway had to be closed for a few hours after the incident, leading to an Air Arabia flight to Sharjah being delayed by three hours.

Port Conditions



AUSTRALIA

London, Jul 3 -- The number of vessels waiting to load coal at Newcastle, Australia, the world's largest coal-export harbour, increased to a record, lengthening delays and raising costs for producers and buyers. The number of ships queuing outside the port in New South Wales state rose to 79 yesterday from 75 a week earlier, according to data posted on Newcastle Port Corp's Website today. Vessels waited an average of more than 30 days to load coal, compared with 0.33 days for general cargo vessels, it said. Three storms since Jun 8 have disrupted mining operations and rail transport in the nearby Hunter Valley. Coal & Allied Industries Ltd, BHP Billiton Ltd and Xstrata Plc last month warned customers they may miss contracted deliveries due to circumstances beyond their control. Coal deliveries by rail to the port returned to normal Jun 25.

GERMANY

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: Maintenance and repair works to the New South Lock Chamber at Kiel-Holtensau have been successfully completed and both big lock chambers are now fully operational again.

INDIA

London, Jul 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: It has been decided to introduce berthing reservation for vessels at Paradip, in India, to reduce pre-berthing detention and vessel congestion at that port. Two berths at the port will be reserved for iron ore export vessels. One berth at the port will be reserved for coking coal/non-coking coal vessels. From the reserved category of cargo/berth the berthing will be on a "first come, first serve" basis. Vessels carrying combined parcel of iron ore, chrome ore, chrome concentrate, etc, will not be treated as iron ore vessels to avail the reserved berth. Vessels jumping queue on account of above reservation policy will be required to pay priority charges as per rules. Vessels loading iron ore/coal should have at least three cranes in working condition to get in to reserved berth of shifted at vessel's costs if found otherwise later. These arrangements are being introduced on an experimental basis with effect from Jul 1, and will continue until further notice.

Karachi, Jul 4 -- There is berthing problem in Paradip port of India and as many as 35 vessels are waiting for berths at the Paradip port. Mr. K.Raghuramaiah, Chairman of the Paradip Port Trust, told media that it would take at least 10 days or so to clear the backlog. He attributed the

present situation to several factors, the most important being the suspension of normal operations for about a week recently -- three days from May 28 to 30 and again for three days from Jun 28 to 30. In May, it was a power failure that crippled normal working of the port, while in June it was the cyclonic storm. Besides, the output of manual berths would generally be low in monsoon months. -- Correspondent.

ITALY

Genoa, Jul 2 -- Current berthing delays: Genoa: No vessels waiting to berth. La Spezia: No vessels waiting to berth. Savona: No vessels waiting for normal berth. One vessel vessel waiting for special berth. -- Lloyd's Agents.

KENYA

London, Jul 3 -- A press report, dated Jul 2, states: The port of Mombasa has posted a 10.5% increase in cargo throughput for the first quarter of this year compared with the same period last year. According to a performance review released by the Kenya Ports Authority, total traffic for the period between Jan and Mar this year was 3.8 million tonnes as compared with 3.4 million tonnes last year. The figures tally with the recent rise in activities at Mombasa that caused such tremendous congestion. During the period under review, imports handled at the port went up by 7.4%, from 2.8 million tonnes in 2006 to 3.0 million tonnes this year. Exports grew by 21.8% from 530,138 tonnes in 2006 to 645,884 tonnes this year. Transit traffic also went up. In the period under review, total transit traffic recorded 964,264 tonnes in 2007, a rise of 13.4% over last year's 850,109 tonnes. In terms of container traffic, the port recorded an increase of 24.7% to reach 139,925 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEU) from last year's 112,251 TEU. The largest rise was in transshipment traffic through the port where 10,737 TEU were recorded, an 83% rise. The port recorded 5,864 TEU last year. The rise in transshipment traffic could be attributed to diversion of vessels from neighbouring ports, mainly Dar es Salaam, to Mombasa owing to congestion. As a result, Mombasa also suffered cargo congestion although vessel congestion was contained by use of the new ship-to-shore gantry cranes. In a bid to cut down on the congestion, the management ordered that overstayed containers be moved to Container Freight Stations (CFS). The order took effect starting Jun 15. Affected importers have to part with \$100 for a 20-foot container and \$120 for a 40-foot container for moving it from the authority terminal to the CFS. In terms of market segmentation, domestic traffic still commands the lion's share at 72% followed by transit at 26.2% and transshipment at 5.8%. Uganda led all the transit countries with 75.6% of the traffic followed by Rwanda at 6.2%, Democratic Republic of Congo at 6.6%, Tanzania at 5.4%, Sudan at 4.5%, Burundi at 1.4% and

others at 0.3%. At the same time, KPA said its 24-hour port operations programme is on course. Harbourmaster and chief operations officer Captain Twalib Khamis announced that all import cargo leaving the port would be handled on a 24-hour basis. However, Capt Khamis said the rule would only apply to import containers whose duty had been paid. "The extension of gate times for other types of cargo is still under review will be communicated in due course," he said in a statement. The move will help clear the backlog of containers at the port. The port stakeholders are behind schedule in implementing the 24-hour programme despite assurances in Feb that the move would start the next month. Before then, the idea had been delayed for about three months after stakeholders differed. The stakeholders then mandated a task force to sort out the issues that had been raised such as legal implications and the staff needed for the project. KPA has started off with import cargo operations that will be followed later by documentation and cargo clearance, cargo verification and scanning, cargo clearance at the gates, transshipment cargo, escort of transit cargo, security of cargo in the port area and its environs. Handling of motor vehicles, Customs warehouse operations, immigration clearance of ships crew and passengers, ship clearance by the port health department and railway operations will also eventually go on a 24-hour basis. The stakeholders include KPA, Kenya Revenue Authority, Commissioner of Police, Kenya Bureau of Standards, Ministry of Health, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service and the Principal Immigration Officer. Others are Rift Valley Railways, East African Tea Trade Association, Kenya International Freight and Warehousing Association, Kenya Transport Association, Kenya Maritime Authority and the Transit Transport Co-ordination Authority.

London, Jul 4 -- The volume of cargo handled at the port of Mombasa has gone up after the management increased the hours of operation. Cargo deliveries have also increased considerably. Gate opening hours for the exit of import cargo whose duty has been paid had been extended, a statement from the Kenya Ports Authority said yesterday. Last week, 84 cargo deliveries were recorded compared to 54 the previous week, an average of 550 deliveries weekly. The statement said the trend was expected to improve as clearing agents and transporters take advantage of the new arrangement. The new rule, which came into force on Jun 18, will also help ease congestion that has contributed to traffic snarl-ups on the Mombasa-Nairobi highway. Other aspects include handling of motor vehicles, customs warehouse operations, immigration clearance of ships crew and passengers, ship clearance by port health department and railway operations.

Port Conditions

SOUTH AFRICA

London, Jul 2 -- Richards Bay port, the site of the world's biggest coal-export terminal, was closed at 0800

yesterday, said Ashwani Pathak, the port's acting harbour-master. While the port was partially reopened at 0600 today, it is still closed to most traffic,

he said in an interview from the port on South Africa's north-east coast.

Port Delays

Information received from BIMCO, Denmark and the Indian Ports Association Jun 26-28

Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
Australia		
Abbott Point	09-Jul-2007	Coal: Six vessels arrived; 8 vessels due by 28/7; 1-14 days delay expected.
Brisbane	09-Jul-2007	Coal: Fisherman Island coal berth; Thirteen vessels due by 25/8.
Dalrymple Bay	09-Jul-2007	Coal: Two vessels loading at berth; 52 vessels arrived; 12 vessels due by 21/7; 10-35 days delay expected; while Berth 4 is under construction, Cape size vessels can only load on Berths 1 and 2 until end 10/07.
Dampier	09-Jul-2007	Iron ore: Parker Point: Three vessels loading at berth; 3 vessels arrived; 14 vessels due by 26/7; East Intercourse Island: 1 vessel loading at berth; 3 vessels arrived; 8 vessels due by 26/7; 3-10 days delay expected at Dampier.
Gladstone	09-Jul-2007	Coal: 10-11 days delay expected; R.G. Tanna coal terminal: 3 vessels in berth; 15 vessels arrived; 49 vessels due by 27/8; Barney Point: 1 vessel in berth; 2 vessels arrived; 8 vessels due by 13/9.
Hay Point	09-Jul-2007	Coal: One vessel loading at berth; 8 vessels arrived; 12 vessels due by 25/7; 10-35 days delay expected.
Newcastle	09-Jul-2007	Coal: Kooragang 4, 5 and 6: 3 vessels loading at berth; 42 vessels arrived; 31 vessels due by 24/7; 22-33 days delay expected;; Dykes 4+5: 2 vessels loading at berth; 22 vessels arrived; 16 vessels due by 25/7; 21-30 days delay expected.
Port Hedland	09-Jul-2007	Iron ore: Nelson Point: Two vessels loading at berth; 6 vessels arrived; 11 vessels due by 27/7; BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Goldsworthy (Finucane Island "C" berth): berth closed for refurbishment; (Finucane Island "D" berth): 1 vessel in berth; 4 vessels arrived; 6 vessels due by 17/7; Cockatoo Island: 1 vessel due 16/7; Koolan Island: 1 vessel loading at berth; 3-8 days delay expected at Port Hedland.
Port Kembla	09-Jul-2007	Coal: One vessel at anchor; 11 vessels due by 27/7; up to 1 day's delay expected.
Port Walcott	09-Jul-2007	Iron ore: Two vessels loading at berth, 3 vessels arrived; 22 vessels due by 2/8; 3-7 days delay expected.
Whyalla	09-Jul-2007	Iron ore: Three vessels due by 9/8; 1 vessel due 22/7 for transhipment.
Azerbaijan		
Apsheron	09-Jul-2007	Oil products: Three vessels at berth (1 fuel oil, 2 empty).
Baku	09-Jul-2007	Oil products: Azertrans terminal: Nobel Avenue: One vessel due 10/7 to discharge crude oil; Sangachal District: port open; no vessels.
Bulgaria		
Bourgas	08-Jul-2007	Ten vessels in port of which 7 loading (1 container, 6 coils,), 3 discharging (2 steel billets, 1 zinc lead concentrate, 1 coal); no vessels in roads; 7 vessels due of which 2 to load (1 coils, 1 repair), 5 to discharge (3 copper concentrate, 1 zinc, 1 steel bars).
Varna	08-Jul-2007	Varna East, Varna West, Balchik: Twenty-seven vessels in port operating of which 12 loading (1 scrap, 1 bulk sulphuric acid, 1 bulk clinker, 6 soda, 1 soda/containers, 1 soda bicarbonate, 1 caustic soda solution), 7 discharging (2 bulk coal, 1 raw phosphate, 1 petroleum coke, 1 steel coils, 1 iron coils, 1 equipment), 8 discharging/loading (6 containers, 1 manganese ore, 1 bulk kaolin); no vessels waiting in roads.
Egypt		
Adabiya	09-Jul-2007	Two vessels berthed (loading/discharging), both general cargo.
Alexandria	09-Jul-2007	Fifty-two vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 48 general cargo, 3 tankers, 1 container vessel; 12 vessels at outer anchorage.
Damietta	09-Jul-2007	Twenty-two vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 15 general cargo, 1 bulk carrier, 6 container vessels; 5 vessels at outer anchorage, 2 at inner anchorage.

Port Conditions

Dekheila	09-Jul-2007	Seven vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 2 general cargo, 4 tankers, 1 container vessel; no vessels at outer anchorage.
Port Said	09-Jul-2007	Six vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 2 general cargo, 4 container vessels.
Suez	09-Jul-2007	Seven vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 4 general cargo, 3 passenger vessels; 2 tugs, 3 vessels dry-docked.
Suez Canal	09-Jul-2007	Twenty-five vessels transiting Northbound, 30 Southbound.
Estonia		
Tallinn	10-Jul-2007	Paljassaare (formerly Kopli): no vessels berthed, none anchored; no vessel due, with 4 days berthing delay expected.
Georgia		
Batumi	09-Jul-2007	Oil products: One vessel loading crude oil at berth; 3 vessels in roads, all to load (1 fuel oil, 1 gasoil, 1 crude oil); 5 vessels due by 18/7, all to load (2 gasoil, 2 fuel oil, 1 other).
Poti	09-Jul-2007	Oil products: Two vessels loading at berth (1 gasoil, 1 gasoline).
India		
Kolkata	09-Jul-2007	9 vessels operating at berth 3 vessels loading General Cargo, 3 vessels discharging (Containers, Pules), 2 vessels loading and discharging Containers, 1 vessel waiting to discharge Containers; 3 vessels working at midstream to discharge Pules; 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge; 6 vessels under repair; 1 vessel under dry docked; 1 vessel under arrest; 3 vessels (waiting to sail-2,grounded at Kulpi); 3 vessels due (Containers, Edible Oil, HSD).
Haldia	09-Jul-2007	16 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Iron Ore-2, Thermal Coal), 10 vessels discharging (Coking Coal, Crude-2, Rock Phosphate, Met Coke, Ammonia Coal, General Cargo, ammonia, Palm Oil, Fertilizer), 1 vessels loading and discharging Containers, 2 vessels waiting to load Iron Ore; 6 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (2 to discharge, 3 to load, 1 to load & discharge), 3 vessels waiting at anchorage (3 to discharge, 3 to load); 9 vessels due (POL, Crude, Bitu, Coke, Palm, Containers-2, Iron Ore-2).
Paradip	09-Jul-2007	11 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Iron Ore-2, Thermal Coal-2, P. Iron, Chrome Contrate), 5 vessels discharging (Coking Coal-2, N C Coal, Lime Coke, Rock Phosphate); 27 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (11 to discharge, 16 to load), 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge; 23 vessels due.
Vizag	09-Jul-2007	21 vessels operating at berth of which 8 vessels loading (I. Ore-2, B.F. Slag, Steel & F. Spar, Thermal Coal, POL Product-2, Containers), 13 vessels discharging (Coking Coal-5, POL Product, Urea-2, Timber, Met Coke, Pet Coke, Ammonia Coal, Sulphur); 23 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (15 to discharge, 8 to load); 1 vessel under arrest; 2 vessels under others reasons; 34 vessels due (I. Ore-9, Containers-3, Feld Spar, Granite-2, Pig Iron, Food Grains, Urea, A. Nitrate, DAP, Coking Coal-5, Steam Coal-2, Containers, Methanol, Gypsum, M. Coke, Limestone, Steel Scrap, Crude).
Chennai	09-Jul-2007	17 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (C. Stone, Naptha), 11 vessels discharging (Wood Pulp/Steel Pipe, Thermal Coal, Log-2, Steam Coal-3, Urea, S.B. Oil / Veg. Oil, Veg Oil, HS Diesel), 4 vessels loading and discharging (Containers-2, Granite Block/Project Cargo); 1 vessel (*) awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 9 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (3 to discharge, 6 to load); 1 vessel under arrest; 8 vessels due (H R Coil/ Granite Block, Supply-2, Furnaces Oil /LSHS, CBFS, IOL, Iron Ore, Containers).
Tuticorin	09-Jul-2007	12 vessels operating at berth of which 7 vessels loading (General Cargo-5, Sugar, S. Acid), 4 vessels discharging (Urea, Co. Con., Thermal Coal-2), 2 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 3 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 6 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (5 to load, 1 to discharge), 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to load .
Cochin	09-Jul-2007	3 vessels operating at berth loading (Naptha, SKO, Furnace Oil); 3 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage (2 to discharge, 1 to load); 1 vessel under repair; 20 vessels due (Crude, Domestic Passenger-2, Containers-12, POL-2, Cable Laying Ship, Chemicals-2).
New Mangalore	09-Jul-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Iron Ore Fines-4, Box), 4 vessels discharging (Fertilizer, Phosphate Acid, POL Crude, LPG); 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to load; 11 vessels due (Crude Palm Oil, POL Product, Mix Xylene, Iron Ore Fines-4, POL Crude, Coal, Boxes, Methanol).

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Mormugao	09-Jul-2007	2 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading Iron Ore, 1 vessels discharging Met Coke; 1 vessel working at midstream loading Iron Ore; 1 vessel waiting berth at anchorage to load; 4 vessel under dry docked; 6 vessels due (Container, Steel Coils, Coking Coal, Met Coke, Iron Ore-2).
Mumbai	09-Jul-2007	14 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Steel, POL-2, Rock Phosphate), 6 vessel discharging (Rock Phosphate, Steel Machinery, POL-4), 5 vessels loading and discharging (Steel/ Project/General/Containers/ Vehicles/Machinery); 2 vessels working at midstream and discharging POL; 3 vessels awaiting order at anchorage to discharge, 3 vessels waiting berth at anchorage (2 to discharge, 1 to load); 26 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 11 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel under laid up (Berths not required for cargo operations); 29 vessels due (Containers-3, Oil, General Cargo-25).
J.N.P.T.	09-Jul-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel discharging MEG, 8 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 7 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (1 to discharge, 6 to load and discharge); 7 vessels due (Containers-6, Liquid).
Kandla	09-Jul-2007	15 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading (Agriculture Product-2, Cement, B'nite), 10 vessels discharging (Timber Logs, Chemcial-4, Urea-3, Iron Ore, Coal); 7 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 13 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (10 to discharge, 3 to load); 1 vessel under arrest.
Ennore	09-Jul-2007	2 vessels operating at berth discharging Coal; 1 vessel working at inner anchorage and loading Iron Ore; 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge; 1 vessel due (MV Tamil Anna (Coal).
Iran		
Neka	09-Jul-2007	Oil products: One vessel discharging crude oil at berth; 3 vessels in roads, all to discharge crude oil; 2 vessels due by 10/7, both to discharge crude oil.
Kazakhstan		
Aktau	09-Jul-2007	Oil products: Two crude oil vessels at berth; 7 vessels in roads, all to load; 1 vessel due by 11/7 to load.
Russia		
Novorossiysk	09-Jul-2007	Twelve vessels in port operating of which 7 loading (1 pipes, 1 H-beams, 1 bulk sugar, 1 lead, 1 steel billets, 1 barley, 1 D/O), 4 discharging (1 cement, 3 sugar), 1 discharging/loading containers; 4 vessels in roads of which 3 to load (1 steel billets, 1 wheat, 1 D/O), 1 to discharge bulk sugar; 46 vessels due of which 42 to load, 3 to discharge (1 vegetable oil, 1 bananas, 1 debars), 1 to load/discharge containers; Oil terminal: 3 tankers loading at berth (2 crude, 1 diesel oil); 3 tankers in roads, all to load crude; 4 tankers due, all to load (2 crude oil, 1 fuel oil, 1 diesel oil).
Slovenia		
Koper	09-Jul-2007	Port working normally; Six vessels at berth of which 3 loading general cargo/sawn timber, 1 discharging bulk cargo, 2 discharging/loading (1 general cargo/sawn timber, 1 container); 19 vessels due over the next 2 days of which 7 to load (1 Ro/Ro to load general cargo, 5 general cargo/sawn timber), 5 to discharge (3 tankers, 2 bulk cargo), 7 to discharge/load (5 containers, 2 vehicles).
Turkmenistan		
Aladja	09-Jul-2007	Oil products: One vessel in roads to load crude oil.
Okarem	09-Jul-2007	Oil products: One vessel in roads to load crude oil.
Turkmenbashi	09-Jul-2007	Oil products: One vessel loading gasoline at berth; 7 vessels in roads, all to load (1 gasoil, 1 gasoline, 3 fuel oil, 2 others); 1 vessel due 9/7 to discharge crude oil.
Ukraine		
Ilichevsk	09-Jul-2007	Six vessels in port operating of which 5 loading (2 steel products, 1 sulphur, 1 iron ore concentrate, 1 ferronickel), 1 discharging manganese ore; 1 vessel in roads to load steel products; 26 vessels due of which 16 to load (12 steel products, 3 sunflower oil, 1 ferronickel), 2 to discharge (1 nickel ore, 1 palm oil), 8 to discharge/load containers.
Mariupol	09-Jul-2007	Ten vessels in port operating, all loading (5 steel, 3 fire-clay, 1 sulphur); 5 vessels in roads, all to load (2 steel, 3 fire-clay); 39 vessels due, all to load (21 steel, 11 coal, 4 fire-clay, 1 slag, 1 sulphur, 1 coke).

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Odessa	09-Jul-2007	Nineteen vessels in port operating of which 4 loading (1 wheat, 1 ore, 2 metal), 13 discharging (6 passenger vessels, 2 baggage, 2 bananas, 2 citrus, 1 sugar), 2 discharging/loading containers; 6 vessels in roads of which 1 to load metal, 1 to discharge general cargo, 4 to discharge/load containers; 66 vessels due of which 26 to load (20 metal, 2 pig iron, 2 timber, 1 oil, 1 scrap), 8 to discharge (2 metal, 1 oil, 2 bananas, 1 citrus, 1 general cargo, 1 equipment), 32 to load/discharge containers.
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