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Failure to heed bad weather to blame for tanker deaths

writes David Osler.

THE deaths of two seafarers and the injury of a third on board tanker FR8 Venture last year could have been avoided if the master had delayed sailing to ensure that the ship was secured in sheltered waters, according to the Marine Accident Investigation Branch,

A report from MAIB found that the 74,065 dwt unit was hit during stowing operations by two waves, which, though large, should have been expected in the prevailing weather conditions.

The tragedy occurred on November 11 last year while a number of crew were on deck engaged in stowing the anchor as the Singapore-registered vessel was leaving Scapa Flo on route to Houston, Texas.

The injured man and the two fatalities, aged 31 and 39, were Indian nationals.

The MAIB concluded: "The two large waves that were shipped over the bow could not have been considered abnormal and should have been expected in the prevailing weather conditions.

"The master should have delayed the sailing so that the ship could have been secured for sea in sheltered waters."

Manager FR8 Shipmanagement has since reviewed and amended company safety management procedures for working on deck in heavy weather.

In particular, it now specifies: "The priority, which master and deck officers should have, is to ensure that when the vessel

is either arriving or leaving port, the unsecuring or securing should be done as later or early as possible (basis whether vessel is arriving port or departing port) to ensure that crew are on deck and exposed to the elements for the least possible time."

As a result of the actions already taken, the MAIB decided not to issue safety recommendations in this case.

Ras Tanura blaze extinguished

STATE oil company Saudi Aramco said yesterday it had controlled a fire at the Ras Tanura oil terminal, the world's largest offshore oil export facility, Reuters reports.

Crude and oil product output and loading were unaffected by the fire at the terminal on the kingdom's Gulf coast, Aramco said in a statement on its website.

Saudi Arabia is the world's largest oil exporter. Ras Tanura has capacity to load between 5.5m and 6m barrels per day of oil. The fire started at around 0900 hrs and was brought under control an hour later, Aramco said. The area was undergoing maintenance at the time.

Several injuries were reported, but Aramco gave no further details.

Saudi Arabia's press agency said Aramco had formed a technical committee to investigate the causes of the the accident.

Three detained over Perama yard blaze

GREECE yesterday detained three people pending the results of an investigation into the cause of a fire on a tanker that killed two workers at the country's Perama Shipyard.

The master of the Panamanian-flagged Ailsa Craig, the leader of a team of workers carrying out tank maintenance work on the ship and a safety inspector were detained as part of an investigation by police, Greece's Merchant Marine Ministry said today.

Two workers died yesterday after a fire broke out in the central tank hold of the Ailsa Craig as they were carrying out welding work to pipe installations, the Ministry said.

More than 24 firefighters, and rescuers, eight fire trucks and a firefighting ship managed to extinguish the blaze about 90 minutes after it broke out on the Ailsa Craig at 1030 hrs local time yesterday at Perama docks about 20 km west of Athens.

The exact reason for the blaze is still unknown. The fire may have broken out following an explosion caused by an overheated welding lamp being used by the two workers, a fire department spokesperson said.

The greater Piraeus area, which includes Perama and Drapetsona, is a popular choice with shipowners for cheap repairs, usually carried out by small contractors under supervision of the ship's crew. Labour spokesmen have regularly complained of allegedly lax standards they deem responsible for several fatal accidents over the years, complaints they upheld today.

Dock and metal workers are staging a 24-hour local strike today to protest at safety conditions they say are unsafe. The Panhellenic Metalworkers' Federation "will continue its fight ... for the full application of safety terms, rules and regulations for dockworkers", the union said in a statement.

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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>ATHENA</i>	fish factory	FRO	NV	7,805	5,460	1992	Caught fire 530 nautical miles off Blunt Island Jul 4. Tugs <i>Antilen</i> and <i>Tumbes</i> towed vessel to Talcahuano, arrived Jul 6. Towed from Talcahuano Jul 8 after the fire reappeared.
<i>BELUGA SENASATION</i>	container	GIB	GL	7,660	9,163	2004	Engine failure on the Bosphorus in about lat 40 58 20N, long 28 57E, Jul 10. Three tugs escorted vessel to Ahirkapi, where it is anchored. Still anchored Jul 11.
<i>BLUE WATER PRINCESS 1</i>	passenger/ro-ro	PHL	—	484	—	—	Sank 4.7 nautical miles off San Francisco, Quezon province, Luzon 12 Jul 2007. Many passengers still missing.
<i>DON PEDRO</i>	ro-ro	CNI	—	10,957	5,654	1984	Grounded in lat 38 53N, long 01 27E, Jul 11. Taking on water and 20 crew members rescued. Subsequently sank to a depth of 45 metres. Fuel leaking.
<i>ELINE</i>	general	NIS	GL	3,797	4,570	1985	Taking on water in engine-room in lat 56 13.66N, long 11 06.17E, Jul 8. Pumps coping with water ingress and towed to Grenaa. Arrived same day and detained.
<i>FAITH</i>	ro-ro	KHM	—	2,485	3,500	1977	Adrift due to engine problems in lat 36 11.9N, long 131 48E, Jul 9. Still drifting Jul 10, 15 degree list. Tug proceeding, ETA on scene Jul 11. Sank Jul 11.
<i>FJORDTANK</i>	chem tanker	PAN	BV	729	1,145	1986	Engine trouble and anchored in lat 53 31.05N, long 04 06.02 E 10 Jul 2007. Vessel under tow to Harlingen. Arrived same day. Still in port Jul 12.
<i>GRUS</i>	vehicle carrier	PAN	NK	45,544	14,161	1981	Had explosion near the engine-room at a dockyard off Kasado Island, off Kudamatsu Jul 10. Fourteen people suffered burns. A subsequent fire has been extinguished. No serious damage to the vessel.
<i>HAI TONG 7</i>	general	PAN	—	5,186	10,153	1977	Sank in lat 16 55.6N, long 139 26.1E, Jul 12. About one third of the crew have been rescued.
<i>KOTA GEMAR</i>	container	HKG	NK	28,676	37,115	2002	Lost 18 containers overboard and 21 containers collapsed on Bay 44 near Socotra in heavy weather. Vessel arrived Aden Jun 27.
<i>MARGINELLA</i>	fishing	RUS	RS	944	533	1985	Had fire in exhaust 16 miles south of Isle of Wight Jul 6. Fire extinguished by crew. Taken in tow for Cherbourg. Arrived same day.
<i>ORCHID SUN</i>	bulker	KOR	—	26,046	43,611	1985	Sank 90 miles off Ras al Hadd, Oman, Jul 12. Eleven of the 23 crew rescued. Twelve missing.
<i>SAMUDRIKA 10</i>	tug	IND	—	951	1,150	1986	Sank in lat 19 38.24N, long 72 06.29E, Jul 9. Search operation continuing Jul 10 for the 8 missing crew members.
<i>WEST LARISSA</i>	drill platform	CYP	—	7,936	—	1984	Reported Jul 5 under way to shipyard in Singapore for repairs after 1 support leg damaged during positioning in Indonesia. Likely to be out of service for 4 months.

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ABUL KALAM AZAD (India)

London, Jul 7 -- A press report, dated today, states: Eight crew members of crude oil tanker *Abul Kalam Azad* (51793 gt, built 1999) were rescued by Coast Guard personnel after the vessel was caught in rough seas today, an official said. The vessel, which was on its way to Mangalore from Mumbai, sent out a distress signal this morning. Coast Guard commandant Manoj Baadkar told PTI. The SOS was sent to the Coast Guard after the vessel was caught in turbulent seas and one crew member fell overboard at around 0745 hrs, he said. Coast Guard vessel *Kasturba Gandhi* rushed to the scene, about five nautical miles off New Mangalore Port, and rescued all the crew members, including the one who fell into the sea, he said. The rescue team also had to deal with the rough seas but managed to return safely with the crew, Baadkar said. Meanwhile, port officials managed to anchor the vessel, which will shortly be de-fuelled.

London, Jul 7 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 0854, UTC: Crude oil tanker *Abul Kalam Azad* is currently at anchor two miles off New Mangalore.

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated Jul 8, states: Madhusudan Paul, from West Bengal, a crew member of crude oil tanker *Abul Kalam Azad* tossed into the sea by huge waves, was rescued in a swift action by the Coast Guard yesterday. He was washed away by a huge wave, while working on an accommodation ladder in the ship on voyage to Mangalore from Mumbai. Immediately the ship, about seven nautical miles from the port, relayed a distress message to the Coast Guard. Commandant of the Coast Guard Manoj Baadkar acting swiftly pressed patrol vessel ICGS *Kasturba Gandhi* into the rescue operation. The ship commanded by Commandant A A Hebbar, sailed within 30 minutes on receiving information. The ship despite rough weather rescued the man. He was immediately transferred on board to Coast Guard vessel and given medical treatment. Meanwhile one rescue lifeboat with seven crew, belonging to *Abdul Kalam Azad*, sent to rescue the overboard crew caught in the rough sea could not return to its mother vessel. Responding to the distress call, *Kasturba Gandhi* not only rescued seven more lives, but also rescued the boat. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Abdul Kalam Azad* was in lat 13 56 35N, long 72 39 24E, at 0236, UTC, today, speed 9.2 degrees, course 290 degrees.),

ADVANCE (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Maassluis, Jul 6 -- General cargo *Advance* departed from Rotterdam last

night with destination Venice. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

AL BARAKAT 1 (Bolivia)

Chittagong, Jul 8 -- Understand from the agents of chemical tanker *Al Barakat 1* that the vessel's owners to not intend to undertake repairs and are planning to scrap the vessel. The vessel is expected to be beached on Jul 11. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Chittagong, Jul 11 -- Understand from local agents of chemical tanker *Al Barakat 1* that the vessel was beached at Master Traders, Ship's Yard, Bhatiary, Chittagong, today. Buyers name is Master Traders, Chittagong. -- Lloyd's Agents.

AL SHAYMAA (Egypt)

See "Belgium" under "Port State Control".

AMADEO (Panama)

Bucharest, Jul 10 -- Product tanker *Amadeo*: Sea trials which had been arranged for Jul 11-12 have been postponed. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ARCA (Belgium)

London, Jul 12 -- A Maritime and Coastguard Agency press release, timed 1100 hrs, states: At 0845, this morning, Dublin MRCC, were alerted via Mayday to the Belgium registered trawler *Arca* (281 gt, built 1981) which was taking on large amounts of water, 35 nautical miles West of St Anne's Head, the entrance to the Milford Haven waterway. The location is just within the UK Search and Rescue region. Dublin requested two rescue helicopters to the scene. The first rescue helicopter to arrive airlifted four of the six crew off *Arca*. The trawler has a flooded engine-room and has lost power. None of the crew sustained any injuries. Carl Evans, Milford Haven Coastguard Rescue Co-ordination Centre Manager said, "There is a rescue helicopter on scene with a pump; we hope that the vessel can therefore be salvaged. The lifeboat from Angle, Milford Haven, has been launched and is on route to the trawler. We have also alerted our Coastguard tugs who will assist in this operation if required."

London, Jul 12 -- Following received from Milford Haven MRCC, timed 1115, UTC: Trawler *Arca* is in lat 51 41.73N, long 06 03.75W. Two crew remain on board at the moment, which includes the master. Helicopter Rescue 119 and Angle lifeboat are on scene to take off the two crew members if required. A Coastguard tug has been tasked but not yet en route.

ARCADIA PROGRESS (India)

London, Jul 6 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1116, UTC: Bulker *Arcadia Progress* is still aground. (See issue of Jul 6.)

London, Jul 9 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 0040, UTC: Bulker *Arcadia Progress* is still aground and stable. Debunkering operations are proceeding slowly due to high seas and 230 tonnes pumped out. Expect to complete operation Jul 10.

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ARKLOW FAME (Republic of Ireland)

London, Jul 5 -- General cargo *Arklow Fame* (3000 gt, built 2006) crashed into the side of Barton Bridge, on the Manchester Ship Canal, this afternoon. The vessel was in contact with the railway viaduct while travelling to Cerestar, a grain company in Irwell Park. The vessel was holed above the waterline but was ready to continue transit again within the hour. Network Rail inspectors were sent to examine the damage and decided to suspend rail services for a temporary period, normal service was soon resumed.

London, Jul 9 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Arklow Fame* was located 10.5 nautical miles from Dun Laoghaire, in lat 53 21 39N, long 05 58 08.4W, at 0900, UTC, today, course 251.4 deg, speed 7.9 knots.

London, Jul 12 -- Exceptionally heavy rain last week caused problems for general cargo *Arklow Fame*. Transiting the Manchester Ship Canal on the afternoon of Jul 5 it struck the Irlam Railway Viaduct. The contact was caused by an exceptionally strong current created by the high rainfall. The ship was damaged but was allowed to proceed to discharge its cargo before repairs. {Note -- *Arklow Fame* subsequently arrived Dublin 1122, Jul 9 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was still in port at 0759, UTC, today.}

ATHENA (Faroe Islands)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 9 -- Fish factory *Athena* (7805 gt, built 1992) caught fire some 530 nautical miles off Blunt Island during the morning of Jul 4. The Thor Fisheries vessel was evacuated with the exception of a fire-fighting crew. Tugs *Antilen* and *Tumbes* took the vessel, on which the fire still raged, in tow, and headed for Talcahuano. -- Correspondent. (Note -- *Athena* arrived Talcahuano Jul 6 and sailed Jul 8.)

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: Talcahuano Port Authorities decided Sunday (Jul 8) to tow fish factory *Athena* out to international waters in order to avoid a local disaster after a fire on the vessel grew out of control. She caught fire on Wednesday, 600 miles off the coast of Mocha Island. The blaze originated in one of the forward cargo holds and was thought to be under control, thanks to the help of 11 specialists who boarded the vessel after the fire started. On Sunday afternoon the blaze reappeared in full force. Talcahuano Navy Captain Daniel Sarsoza said that action had to be taken when fire got out of control. "We changed the status when (the fire) became dangerous. We can not risk damage to our regional waters." The vessel, which carries about 450 tons of oil, 300 tons of diesel, 500 tons of fish and 300 tons of corrugated cardboard, is now being towed to international waters; no passengers are on board, as there is no guarantee as to the reliability or durability of the hull, or the extent of contamination that could result from the disaster. Captain Sarsoza added that marine operations will continue in international waters and that any actions carried out will

"take into consideration a possible fuel spillage." Fortunately, none of the vessel's 80 crew members were injured. Some have decided to wait out the fire in local hotels and hope for the best. Others will return to their home countries. Meanwhile, the Faroe Islands have assured Navy Authorities that "a plan has already been put in place in order to clean up the remains, in the case of a shipwreck." During the relocation of *Athena*, continual efforts are being made to cool the ship so that containment specialists can re-board and put an end to the blaze.

ATLANTIC SEAHUNTER (Canada)

Taipei, Jul 10 -- According to fishing P.I.C. of the Kaohsiung Harbour Bureau, fishing (general) *Atlantic Seahunter* is sunk in the port of Kaohsiung. After evaluation by the concerned parties, the vessel will probably be scrapped at the site. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BADRINATH (Liberia)

London, Jul 6 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Badrinath* has now sailed from Falmouth following engine repairs. According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, vessel was reported stationary at Flushing as of 1146, UTC, today.

BELUGA SENSATION (Gibraltar)

London, Jul 10 -- Bosphorus traffic was suspended between 0730 and 0815 hrs today after the engine of Container Carrier *Beluga Sensation* (7660 gt, built 2004) failed during passage. The vessel experienced engine failure at 0630 hrs, after which traffic was suspended due to salvage operations. Three tugs escorted the vessel to Ahirkapi, where it is now anchored. (Note -- *Beluga Sensation* sailed Gioia Tauro Jul 6 for Constantza, and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was stationary in lat 40 58 20N, long 28 57E, at 1038, UTC, today.)

Istanbul, Jul 11 -- Container Carrier *Beluga Sensation* is still anchored at Ahirkapi for repairs. She will sail for Constantza on completion. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 11 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS Container Carrier *Beluga Sensation* was reported 11 nautical miles from Istanbul, in lat 40 51.47N, long 28 50.59E, speed 14.7 knots, course 78.3 deg, at 1628, UTC, today.

BINA (Indonesia)

Jakarta, Jul 10 -- Product tanker *Bina* is currently is at Tanjung Uncang, Batam. There is no intention by her current owner to have her repaired and she is being offered for sale. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BLUE WATER PRINCESS 1 (Philippines)

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: At least four people were killed while 18 others were missing after ferry *Blue Water Princess 1*, 483 tons gross, sank off the coast of Quezon province, prompting rescue teams to rush to the area. Radio station dzBB reported that 10 people were rescued from the vessel, which sank near the

Bondoc Peninsula some 4.7 nautical miles from the shores of San Francisco town. Navy ships and Air Force helicopters have been deployed to assist in the search and rescue operation. Coast Guard Lucena head Cmdr. Manuel Tamondong said rescue operations were still ongoing for the 28 passengers and an undetermined number of crew members. The vessel departed Lucena City and was headed for Masbate. It was also transporting 14 vehicles. The development came as typhoon "Bebeng" picked up strength but continued to move towards Japan.

Manila, Jul 12 -- At least 13 people were killed after Philippine-registered ro-ro ferry *Blue Water Princess 1*, 483.83 gt, sank off Bondoc Point in Quezon province in southern Luzon island early today, the Philippine Coast Guard reported. The ship had just left Lucena in Quezon and was bound for Masbate province when it sank at around 0300 hrs. The cause of the sinking is still to be determined. The ship's owner and operator, Lucena City-based Blue Magic Ferries said that the ferry was carrying 60 passengers, 22 crewmen and 14 vehicles. The Philippine Coast Guard, on the other hand, reported that 126 survivors had been picked up by passing boats and brought to land. Despite laws requiring all passengers to be listed in the ship's manifest, the carrying of unmanifested passengers is a common occurrence among local ferries in the country. With the discrepancy in the passenger figures, it is difficult to tell how many passengers are missing. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jul 12 -- Reported here that ro-ro ferry *Blue Water Princess 1* sank at about 0300 hrs, today, 4.7 nautical miles off San Francisco, Quezon Province, Bondoc Peninsula. The ill-fated vessel reportedly departed Lucena City at 1700, Jul 11, bound for Masbate. The Military's southern Luzon Command said that 13 people were killed and at least 148 passengers remain unaccounted for as of late this morning. The Coast Guard Lucena discounted stormy weather as the cause of the sinking as there was no typhoon signal or tropical depression in the area. Navy ships and Airforce helicopters have been deployed to assist in the search and rescue operations. -- Lloyd's Agents.

CAPT.J.RIMES (U.S.A.)

See *Mystic Viking*.

CARMEN DEL MAR (Canary Islands)

See "Spain" under "Port State Control".

CASPIAN MARINER (Malta)

London, Jul 11 -- Product tanker *Caspian Mariner* passed the Kerchenskiy Strait Jul 10.

CASTOR (Finland)

Helsinki, Jul 11 -- Repairs to tug *Castor* were completed on Jul 4 and the vessel is currently operating at Helsinki port. -- Lloyd's Agents.

CONCEL PRIDE (Nigeria)

Cadiz, Jul 5 -- Product tanker *Concel Pride*: Situation unchanged; crew gone and only a security guard is watching the vessel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

CUYAHOGA (Canada)

London, Jul 9 -- Bulker *Cuyahoga* (8796 gt, built 1943), cargo salt, lost power and grounded while proceeding upbound in the Amherstburg Channel, Detroit River, Ontario, in lat 42 05.01N, long 83 06.54W, at 2315, local time, Jul 8. The vessel did not block the navigation of the deeper depth channel. The vessel is waiting for tug assistance and inspection by Transport Canada. (Note -- *Cuyahoga* sailed Hamilton(CAN) Jul 3 for Alpena.)

London, Jul 9 -- Following received from Coast Guard Cleveland, timed 1930, UTC: Coast Guard Detroit inform that bulker *Cuyahoga* had steering failure and grounded in the Detroit River, Canadian side, yesterday. The vessel is still aground and is waiting for a tug, which is due either late today or tomorrow. Once refloated the vessel will be towed to Sarnia.

London, Jul 10 -- Following received from Coast Guard Cleveland, timed 2350, UTC, Jul 9: Bulker *Cuyahoga* refloated 1900, UTC, and is being towed to a Canadian port.

Troy, Mich., Jul 9 -- Bulker *Cuyahoga*, upbound for Owen Sound, went aground early this morning in the Detroit River in the Amherstburg Channel after losing power. She stopped near the Canadian shoreline just below the Canadian Coast Guard Base at the bottom of Boblo Island. She was not blocking the shipping channel and was freed this afternoon with assistance from the tugs *Wyoming* and *Superior*. *Cuyahoga* continued upbound with no reports of damage to the vessel. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping News.

DANE F.MORGAN (U.S.A.)

See *Stolt Excellence*.

DANIA SPIRIT (NIS)

Sandnes, Jul 6 -- Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Dania Spirit* (7821 gt, built 2000) under way to Kaarsto, had an explosion on board at 0830, local time, today. Two of the crew were injured and picked up by helicopter and flown to a hospital in Stavanger. Minor damage was sustained by the vessel, which proceeded to Kaarsto and is now in lat 59 40N, long 05 19.71E, speed 4.9 knots, ETA Kaarsto 1300, local time, today. -- Correspondent.

London, Jul 6 -- Following received from OSM Ship Management AS, dated today: Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Dania Spirit*: The crew members were doing maintenance work in the vessel's work shop, which is located inside the engine-room. They were using a portable propane-butane torch which failed, exploded and caused a small fire in the workshop. Fire was extinguished almost immediately - unfortunately two crew members were injured.

London, Jul 6 -- Following received from OSM Ship Management AS, dated today: The master of Liquid Petroleum

Gas Carrier *Dania Spirit* reports that a representative from NMD and the local police are on board and investigating of the incident. NMD has concluded without any findings or remarks. The police have carried out interviews of crew and officers and will finalise shortly. Police officers confiscated the gas bottle that exploded and it will be brought to Kripas for further investigation. Based on above, all preparations for cargo operation done and master informed commencement of loading started 1650 hrs. As a immediate action, all use of gas bottles and equipment similar to the ones involved in this accident have been banned. Other similar equipment has been safely secured in a safe location on board until further notice. One representative from Teekay is on board and our authorized investigator is on his way to Kaarsto and will follow the vessel to next port for continuation and follow up of investigation. We will await investigators report as well as statement from the police, regarding findings of the bottle before final report submitted. We also intend to interview the injured 3rd Engineer and have his statement included in the final report. Latest injury update from Stavanger Hospital: 3rd. Engineer: Second degree burn injury in face, ears. 1st. degree burn injury on lower parts of both arms. MM: Less than 1st degree burn injury and kept at hospital over night for observation. Will return to vessel at first possibility.

Sandnes, Jul 7 -- Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Dania Spirit* sailed Kaarsto at 0450, local time, today, bound Stenungsund. -- Correspondent.

DENDEN (Eritrea)

London, Jul 7 -- A press report, dated today, states: A statement released by InterCoastal on the sinking and salvage operations of general cargo *Denden* states: "Any attempt to remove the 100-tonne intermediate fuel oil and 40-tonne gas oil currently on board would be extremely hazardous and endanger the lives of those involved and could also result in polluting the seas rather than preventing it, due to damaged hoses etc". The vessel sank off the New Mangalore Port on Jun 23 due to strong winds and high waves, killing two sailors. These conditions also delayed salvage operations and the removal of pollutants from the vessel, the statement added. "The vessel is currently lying in the "surf zone" near the Thannirbavi beach with its bottom facing the shore, decks seawards and port side sticking out of the water. Consideration has been given to laying oil booms around the vessel but it is agreed that these will be ineffective and would be destroyed by the waves," the statement said. Various options would be considered to remove the oil on board once the weather improves sufficiently to enable a safe salvage operation and also depending upon the condition of the vessel. Alternatives could include using the vessel's pumping systems to remove oil or breaking into the vessel's piping system and removing the oil using external

pumps. If these options are not possible for technical or operational reasons, the alternative would be to use a "hot tapping" system where a valve is connected onto the hull of the vessel in the location of the fuel oil tank. The statement noted that the owners and their insurers continue to work in close co-operation with the local authorities and other specialists on site. It also thanked those involved for their support in this accident which has already claimed the lives of two sailors, with one missing.

Karachi, Jul 9 -- New Mangalore Port Trust (NMPT) said that salvage experts from Svitzer Wijismuller have decided to use a 'hot tap' method for retrieving oil from the sunken general cargo *Denden*. A release from the Port Authority Deputy Conservator said that the method involves making a connection through the vessel's hull by puncturing it to extract liquids by means of pipes. Mobilisation of men and material is in progress and will take three to four days. Salvage operations shall commence when weather conditions improve. -- Correspondent.

DON PEDRO (Canary Islands)

London, Jul 11 -- Following received from Madrid MRCC, timed 0914, UTC: Roll on roll off *Don Pedro* (10957 gt, built 1984), Ibiza for Valencia, in ballast, grounded off Ibiza, in lat 38 53N, long 01 27E, at approximately 0100 today. The vessel is still aground and is taking water. All 20 crew members have been rescued. No pollution is reported at present.

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: Twenty people were rescued today from a sinking vessel off the Island of Ibiza, Spanish rescuers said. Roll On Roll Off *Don Pedro* hit an islet near the entrance to the port after leaving Ibiza for Valencia. It sprang a big leak and sank half an hour later. Eight of the 20 people on board were treated for bruises and hypothermia after jumping off vessel while it was sinking. The freighter was transporting lorries, according to radio reports. The 116-metre-long vessel sank to a depth of up to 45 metres. The accident caused a fuel leak which workers were attempting to bring under control.

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: Oil seeped out of Roll On Roll Off *Don Pedro* several hours after it sank near Spain's Mediterranean island of Ibiza on Wednesday (Jul 11), national sea rescue services said. "Fuel leaks appeared after the sinking," a spokeswoman said, adding that the vessel contained 100 tonnes of fuel and 50 tonnes of diesel oil. Two vessels were at the site of the sinking and floating dams were to be set up to try to minimise the impact of the leak, that was near the coast, the rescue services said in a statement.

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated Jul 11, states: An oil slick was threatening the island of Ibiza today after leaking out of roll on roll off *Don Pedro* which sank off the island's shoreline, national sea rescue services said. Spanish media late today quoted a

senior maritime rescue services source as saying a slick measuring some four kilometres by 0.8 km had seeped from the vessel and that two vessels were trying to keep it at bay with booms. "Fuel leaks appeared after the sinking," a spokeswoman had said yesterday afternoon, adding that the vessel contained 100 tonnes of fuel and 50 tonnes of diesel oil. Emergency services earlier rescued 20 crew members from the vessel after it rammed a small promontory just off Ibiza in the early hours. Spanish national radio said some traces of the fuel had reached Ibiza's port as volunteers arrived to sweep it up as best they could. Earlier, a team of divers had reached the vessel to reconnoitre the site. "We have to ascertain if the leaks are continuing or not and until the men go down there we can't know," a rescue services spokesman said before the divers headed out to the scene. According to the vessel's owner, the local Iscomar maritime company, the vessel, travelling from Ibiza to Valencia, was carrying goods and lorries. The firm said preliminary investigations showed that human error was to blame for the incident. Spanish Transport Minister Magdalena Alvarez decided to break off a trip to Uruguay and return to Spain as investigations continued.

Valencia, Jul 12 -- Roll on roll off *Don Pedro* struck the small island of Dado Grande yesterday shortly after leaving Ibiza, apparently due to human error, and quickly sank near Ibiza Port. The vessel's crew jumped into the sea and were rescued. The vessel was carrying 100 containers with cars, along with 150 tonnes of fuel that is now covering an area about four km long and has reached the coast of Ibiza. Ibiza Port is working, despite some delays. -- Lloyd's Agents.

DORSCH (Canada)

London, Jul 6 -- Following received from Halifax RCC, timed 1350, UTC: Chemical tanker *Dorsch* (6720 gt, built 1980) was reported Jul 5 at Iqaluit, North West Territories, with ice damage to hull sustained while en route to Iqaluit. No damage to cargo areas. Vessel has been cleared to sail by Canadian authorities under certain conditions.

London, Jul 9 -- Chemical tanker *Dorsch* reported ice damage at the six metre to seven metre drafts on the starboard side, near the bow, after making anchorage at Iqaluit, Nunavut, in the eastern Arctic, in lat 63 26.24N, long 68 18.36W, on Jul 5. Transport Canada is inspecting the vessel.

London, Jul 11 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, chemical tanker *Dorsch* was located one nautical mile from St. John's(CAN), in lat 47 34 09.46N, long 52 41 41.21W, at 0046, UTC, Jul 11, speed three knots.

DS MONTROSE (Bahamas)

London, Jul 7 -- Bulker *DS Montrose* berthed at Ponta Delgada Jul 4.

Ponta Delgada, Jul 8 -- Repairs to bulker *DS Montrose* were considered to be completed Jul 7, and the vessel

proceeded for sea trials. However, the vessel continued to experience trouble with the main engine and the sea trials had to be aborted. The vessel is now at Ponta Delgada outer anchorage with its main engine stopped, waiting for new berthing availability in order to continue with repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

DUBAI TRANS (Panama)

Dubai, Jul 9 -- Roll On Roll Off *Dubai Trans* remains at Hamriyah port. -- Lloyd's Agents.

EAGLE OTOME (Singapore)

London, Jul 6 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS at 1018, UTC, today crude oil tanker *Eagle Otome* was in lat 29 00.36N, long 94 24.48W, proceeding on a course of 178 deg at 12.1 knots.

EASTERN ACE (Japan)

Yokohama, Jul 12 -- Bulk cement carrier *Eastern Ace* (4430 gt, built 1989) "derailed" the path and ran aground on shallows while passing through the Toyohashi Passage, Mikawa port, Aichi, with enough space between the vessels proceeding the same way at 1740, Jul 9. Vessel refloated from the shallows under own power by adjusting ballast at 1820 same day. No water ingress nor oil spillage reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ELINE (NIS)

London, Jul 8 -- Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 0803, UTC: General cargo *Eline* (3797 gt, built 1985), Ahus for Torshavn, reported taking water in the engine-room in lat 56 13.66N, long 11 06.17E, at 0515, UTC, Jul 8. The vessel has seven or eight containers on board which contain hazardous materials. The crew are currently attempting to deploy portable pumps. A naval vessel and a tug are proceeding to the scene.

London, Jul 8 -- Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 1246, UTC: The water level inside general cargo *Eline* has been stabilised and pumps are coping with the water ingress. The vessel is presently off Grenaa awaiting a tug to escort it into port. The tug is due on scene at about 1500, UTC.

London, Jul 8 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 1745, UTC: General cargo *Eline* was towed into Grenaa about 1615, UTC, with one tug in front of it and another behind it, due to the narrow channel it had to navigate. Maritime authorities have detained the vessel pending investigations into the incident.

Aarhus, Jul 9 -- General cargo *Eline* reported a serious leak at approximately 0700, Jul 8. Seven of the vessel's 10 crew members were lifted off the vessel by helicopter. The vessel was towed to Grenaa for inspection. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Copenhagen, Jul 9 -- General cargo *Eline*, Aarhus for Thorshavn, was reported in distress and in danger of sinking Sunday (Jul 8) morning. The vessel was positioned 12 nautical miles south-east of Grenaa, when she started taking in large quantities of water through a leakage close to the

propeller. Seven out of a crew of ten were evacuated by helicopter to a nearby tanker. *Eline* is owned by Norwegian Jensen Rederi. The vessel had just been undergoing repairs in Bremerhaven. First reports suggested that the vessel was carrying dangerous goods, but this has been rejected by the owner. Nevertheless the pollution fighting vessel *Mette Miljo* was ordered to the scene by the Danish Royal Admiralty. Around 0930, local time, the leakage had successfully been closed or at least reduced, so the vessel was no longer in danger of sinking. Around 1040 *Eline* was being towed to the port of Grenaa by tug *Asterix*. On arrival in Grenaa, one crew member was injured by a hawser. -- Lloyd's Agents.

EMPRESS OF THE NORTH (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 7 -- A press report, dated Jul 5, states: Passenger ro/ro *Empress of the North* that ran aground this spring in the fjords of south-east Alaska has potentially faulty lifesaving equipment on board that should be inspected immediately, the National Transportation Safety Board said today. The board urged the Coast Guard to recheck life rafts and inflatable slides on *Empress of the North* two days before the ship is slated to depart the Juneau dock at near full capacity. The voyage will be the vessel's first since hitting an underwater rock on May 14. A spokeswoman for the ship's Seattle-based owner, Majestic America Line, said the Coast Guard inspection will take place before the vessel leaves Alaska's capital city for a week-long round-trip cruise through the Inside Passage. The Coast Guard plans to conduct the recommended inspections tomorrow, said Lt. Brierley Ostrander, a Juneau-based spokeswoman. The NTSB discovered deficiencies in safety equipment during interviews with the crew as part of an investigation into the ship's grounding.

London, Jul 7 -- A press report, dated today, states: Coast Guard inspectors in Alaska gave passenger ro/ro *Empress of the North* approval to set sail after another government agency questioned the vessel's emergency equipment. The vessel is scheduled to sail today for a cruise through Alaska's Inside Passage. It would be the first cruise since the vessel ran aground in May. "They meet all Coast Guard regulatory requirements for safety," Lt. Brierley Ostrander, a Juneau, Alaska-based Coast Guard spokeswoman, said yesterday. Seattle-based Majestic America Line, which owns the vessel, will continue to work with officials on any investigation, said April Matson, a company spokeswoman. The inspection follows a National Transportation Safety Board letter on Thursday (Jul 5), stating that the vessel had potentially faulty lifesaving equipment. The board urged the Coast Guard to recheck the vessel's liferafts and inflatable slides. The NTSB discovered deficiencies in safety equipment during interviews with crew members. On May 14, as the vessel's 206 passengers were evacuating, crew members found that half of the 22 liferafts did not deploy

properly. The pumps that launch the life rafts had not been lubricated as directed by the Swedish manufacturer, CM Hammar AB, according to the NTSB. Crew members used their own knives to cut the lines attaching the rafts to the vessel, the safety board said. In addition, the vessel's two evacuation slides inflated upside-down and appeared to have been repacked incorrectly during an inspection by a Coast Guard-certified vessel safety company in February, the board said. The board recommended all evacuation slides last serviced by the company, Marine Safety Services in Seattle, be examined. Shawn Simmons, a company representative, insisted that the company had packed the slides correctly and said crew members probably misfired them. The difficulties in launching the equipment did not imperil passengers and the evacuation went smoothly because the vessel grounded in calm waters with several other vessels nearby to help, the NTSB reported.

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated Jul 9, states: Passenger ro/ro *Empress of the North* left Vigor Marine's shipyard with all repairs successfully and safely completed. The project went smoothly, with no unexpected findings over the course of the job. The work package for the dry docking included steel repairs, hull coating, and general inspections. Vigor Marine was able to complete the steel renewals four days ahead of schedule without incident or injury. The *Empress of the North* will travel to Juneau in preparation for its return to service on Jul 7. The vessel will make 11 roundtrip sailings from July through to September.

Portland, OR, Jul 11 -- Repairs to passenger ro/ro *Empress of the North* were safely and successfully completed on Jul 6. Vessel will travel to Juneau in preparation for its return to service on Jul 7, and shall be making 11 roundtrip sailings from July to September. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ENERGIZER (Netherlands)

London, Jul 8 -- Container carrier *Energizer* passed the Dardanelles Jul 7, bound Gioia Tauro.

London, Jul 9 -- Engine trouble on Container Carrier *Energizer* has been resolved and vessel permitted to sail by harbour-master. The vessel passed Canakkale 0420, local time, Jul 7. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS Container Carrier *Energizer* was stationary in lat 38 25 30N, long 15 37 44E, (Gioia Tauro area) at 0524, UTC, today.)

ERCAN NAIBOGLU (Turkey)

London, Jul 11 -- General cargo *Ercan Naiboglu* passed the Dardanelles Jul 10, bound Kertch.

FAITH (Cambodia)

London, Jul 9 -- Following navigation warning issued today: Unmanned Roll On Roll Off *Faith*, 2485 gt (built 1977), adrift in lat 35 58.2N, long 131 57.9E, at 0300, UTC, today.

London, Jul 10 -- Following navigation warning issued today:

Unmanned Roll On Roll Off *Faith* adrift in lat 36 11.9N, long 131 48E, at 2300, UTC, Jul 9.

Yokohama, Jul 10 -- Roll on roll off *Faith* contacted the regional Coast Guard headquarters for assistance at 1054, Jul 9, due to engine trouble and water ingress off Oki Islands, Shimane prefecture. The crew were rescued by fisheries patrol vessel *Nanotsu* at 1144, the same day. *Faith* is still drifting north-eastwards with a 15-deg list to starboard. A Coast Guard patrol vessel is monitoring the vessel. A tug arranged by the vessel's owners reportedly departed Busan at 1000 today and is expected on scene at 0200 tomorrow. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 11 -- Following notice to mariners issued today: Unmanned Roll On Roll Off *Faith* has sunk.

FJORDTANK (Panama)

London, Jul 10 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 0631, UTC: Chemical tanker *Fjordtank* (729 gt, built 1986) is presently anchored in lat 53 31.05N, long 04 06.02E, due to engine trouble. The vessel is requesting tug assistance. A Coast Guard vessel is currently on scene.

London, Jul 10 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 0843, UTC: Chemical tanker *Fjordtank* is now under tow to Harlingen.

London, Jul 10 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 2030, UTC: Chemical tanker *Fjordtank* arrived Harlingen, in tow, at approximately 1800, UTC.

London, Jul 11 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, chemical tanker *Fjordtank* in lat 53 1101 37N, long 05 25 32.35E, at 2330, UTC, Jul 10, one nautical mile from Harlingen, anchored.

Maassluis, Jul 12 -- Chemical tanker *Fjordtank* was towed to Harlingen Jul 10 due to engine trouble. The vessel is currently berthed at Harlingen, where it is currently waiting for repairs to commence. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

FLYING DOLPHIN VENUS (Greece)

London, Jul 12 -- Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 0930, UTC: A report was received approximately 30 minutes ago that hydrofoil *Flying Dolphin Venus* (142 gt, built 1975) had had a fire on board off Aegina port (lat 37 44N, long 23 26E). All passengers and crew are safe and the vessel has been towed into the port.

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: A hydrofoil (*Flying Dolphin Venus*) was travelling between Aegina and nearby Angistri, carrying 79 passengers, when one of its engines caught fire around 0900, UTC, today. The crew managed to extinguish the fire and the vessel was brought into port, where the passengers were safely evacuated. No one was injured in the incident, port authorities said.

FREEDOM LILY (Hong Kong)

London, Jul 6 -- Bulker *Freedom Lily* sailed Yokohama Jul 5 for Mizushima.

FUNNY GIRL (Germany)

Kiel, Jul 10 -- Ferry *Funny Girl* (1017 gt, built 1973) entered the port of

Busum at 1615, Jul 7, with damage to the starboard foreship. Welding operations were carried out at berth Jul 8. -- Correspondent.

London, Jul 11 -- Ferry *Funny Girl* arrived Busum 1824, Jul 10.

London, Jul 12 -- Ferry *Funny Girl* sailed Busum Jul 11.

FYODOR KOTOV (Russia)

Odessa, Jul 11 -- Product tanker *Fyodor Kotov* is still in Kertch port as the dispute between Alfamarine and Kertch Port Authority is still in progress. Understand that Alfamarine have the documents on the vessel which are valid until the end of this year. -- Lloyd's Agents.

GAS SHANGHAI (Marshall Islands)

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated Jul 10, states: Ho Chi Minh City authorities have released Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Gas Shanghai* and its 16 crew members but detained the master for further investigation into the river collision that killed eight Vietnamese sailors in May.

London, Jul 11 -- Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Gas Shanghai* arrived Singapore Jul 9 from Ho Chi Minh City.

GAUDOS (Malta)

London, Jul 7 -- Passenger ro/ro *Gaudos* sailed Valletta Jul 6.

GENKI STAR (Panama)

Yokohama, Jul 12 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Genki Star* (1930 gt, built 2006) grounded on shallows in lat 35 40.318N, long 139 57.046E, at 1100, Jul 10. Local agents arranged tugs, which refloated vessel 1405 same day. Damage to hull limited to peeling of bottom paint coating. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Genki Star* arrived Chiba Jul 10 from Yokkaichi.)

GREEN PIONEER (Panama)

London, Jul 6 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Green Pioneer* sailed Shanghai Jun 29 for Jiangyin and, according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, was stationary five nautical miles from Busan at 0624, UTC, today.

London, Jul 10 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, Combined chemical and oil tank *Green Pioneer* in lat 35 04 17.57N, long 128 59 38.44E, at 0639, UTC, Jul 9, Busan 4.7 nautical miles.

Busan, Jul 10 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Green Pioneer* is now under repair at the premises of Kangnam Corporation, Busan. Repairs ETC Jul 11. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

GRUS (Panama)

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: Fourteen people suffered burns and were taken to hospital today after an explosion on vehicle carrier *Grus* (45544 gt, built 1981) at a dockyard operated by Shin Kasado Dockyard Co on Kasado Island, off Kudamatsu, Yamaguchi Prefecture, police said. The 14 people include members of the crew of *Grus*, employees of the dockyard and firefighters. The injuries are not life-threatening, police said. The explosion took place at around 1145, today.

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: A fire that followed the explosion near the engine-room of vehicle carrier *Grus* has been extinguished, police said.

London, Jul 10 -- Following received from Barber Ship Management, managers of vehicle carrier *Grus*: An explosion on board *Grus* has reportedly taken place at approximately 1130 today. The vessel is on technical management by Barber Ship Management in Kuala Lumpur. The incident took place while the vessel was in dock at Shin Kasado Shipyard getting ready for undocking. The explosion is reported to have taken place in the forward part of the lowest floor in the engine-room. The fire was immediately extinguished. According to available information, 12 shipyard workers and one crew member were injured and sent to hospital. It is reported that the crew member has been released from hospital and is now back onboard the vessel. The exact causes of the explosion are unknown and pending a further investigation. No serious damage to the hull and machinery is reported. The area was declared off-limits by local authorities for their investigation.

HAI NING (Panama)

Yokohama, Jul 12 -- General cargo *Hai Ning* (4250 gt, built 1984) contacted wharf during berthing at Berth No.2, Amagasaki Port, Hyogo, damaging her bow 20 cm by 60 cm and part of a car stopper on the wharf at 1315, Jul 9. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Hai Ning* arrived Amagasaki Jul 9 from Chan May.)

HAI TONG 7 (Panama)

London, Jul 12 -- Following received from Coast Guard Guam, timed 0856, UTC: General cargo *Hai Tong 7* (5186 gt, built 1977) is reported to have sunk in approximately lat 16 55.6N, long 139 26.1E. Vessels in the area have rescued about one-third of the vessel's crew.

HUMBOLDT REX (Philippines)

London, Jul 8 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Humboldt Rex* arrived Hamburg Jul 6.

London, Jul 9 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Humboldt Rex* sailed Hamburg Jul 7.

ICHINACHI KASUGA MARU (Japan)

London, Jul 10 -- Following navigation warning issued today: Disabled fishing *Kasuga Maru*, 115 tons, (? fishing (general) *Ichinachi Kasuga Maru*, 115 gt, built 1989) adrift in lat 33 07.8N, long 151 34.8E, at 0900, UTC, today.

London, Jul 10 -- Following received from Coast Guard Japan, timed 1330, UTC: A Coast Guard patrol vessel is en route to fishing *Kasuga Maru*, JH3201, (? fishing (general) *Ichinachi Kasuga Maru*, JH3201) and due on scene at approximately 1500 tomorrow.

ISCHIA EXPRESS (Italy)

Naples, Jul 9 -- Passenger ro/ro *Ischia Express*: RINA surveys are still in

course and as soon as all the paperwork is completed the vessel will resume service (Ischia/Pozzuoli). Survey and all paperwork is being carried out at Naples. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ISLAND LOOKOUT (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 9 -- Following received from Coast Guard Portsmouth, Va, timed 1405, UTC: Tug *Island Lookout* (127 gt, built 1998), Charleston, SC, for Edenton, NC, towing a 265 ft, barge, loaded with steel, grounded in the New River Inlet, North Carolina, approximately 34 39N, long 77 08W, at 0515, EST today following a clutch problem. The tug is still aground. No pollution or leakage reported.

London, Jul 10 -- Following received from Coast Guard Portsmouth, Va, timed 1410, UTC: Tug *Island Lookout* is still aground. Vessel's crew tried to refloat it at the last high tide but failed. They will make another attempt at the next high tide at 1700, EST, today, when the vessel is expected to refloat.

London, Jul 11 -- Following received from Coast Guard Portsmouth, Va, timed 0020, UTC: Tug *Island Lookout* is still aground. Attempts to refloat her on high tide at 1700 hrs failed. Assistance requested and tug coming from Charleston, ETA on scene this afternoon, for an attempt to refloat casualty on today's high tide.

London, Jul 11 -- Following received from Coast Guard Portsmouth, Va, timed 1415, UTC: Tug *Island Lookout* is still aground. Another refloating attempt will be made at the next high tide at 1700, EST, today.

London, Jul 12 -- Following received from Coast Guard Portsmouth, Va, timed 2350, UTC, Jul 11: Tug *Island Lookout* refloated on high tide at 1700, EST, today, with tug assistance. No reported damage.

KARIBA (Bahamas)

See *Tricolor*.

KOBEE V (Panama)

Busan, Jul 9 -- As the new hydrofoil was not immediately available, the owners of passenger (cruise) *Kobee V* decided to salve the lost hydrofoil, if possible. The salvage operation of the hydrofoil is now being carried out and expected to be completed by September. -- Lloyd's Sub-Agents.

KOTA GEMAR (Hong Kong)

Aden, Jul 6 -- Container Carrier *Kota Gemar* (28676 gt, built 2002), which arrived Aden Jun 27, from Singapore, reports it lost 18 containers overboard near Socotra, and 21 containers collapsed on bay 44, due heavy weather. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Kota Gemar* sailed Singapore Jun 18.)

KUANUA (Papua New Guinea)

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: Roll On Roll Off *Kuanua* (499 gt, built 1981), Rabaul for Buka, ran aground on a reef, in bad weather, when approaching to Buka, late on Jul 5. An attempt to refloat the vessel has proved unsuccessful. The vessel's

master has blamed a combination of the bad weather and the absence of navigational lights, for the grounding.

LADY HAMMOND (United Arab Emirates)

London, Jul 5 -- Understand salvage services were rendered to tug *Lady Hammond* by salvors Valentine LLC under Lloyd's Open Form.

Karachi, Jul 6 -- The shipping agent Barwil Shipping (Pvt) Ltd has informed that tug *Lady Hammond* is under repair at Karachi port. The repair work is expected to be completed today and it is expected to sail tomorrow for Dubai. -- Correspondent.

Karachi, Jul 10 -- Tug *Lady Hammond*: Understand from Barwil Shipping (Pvt) Ltd that vessel has completed repairs at Karachi port but owner is yet to announce sailing date to Dubai. -- Correspondent.

LAURA (U.S.A.)

See *Massachusetts*.

LILLIAN (Belize)

See "Republic of Ireland" under "Port State Control".

LOGOS II (Malta)

London, Jul 6 -- The Marine Accident Investigation Branch is carrying out an investigation following exhibition ship *Logos II* making contact with the quayside at St.Helier on Jun 20 and 26. (Note -- *Logos II* sailed Jersey Jun 26 and arrived Portland, UK, 0911, Jun 27.)

MANILA BAY 1 (Philippines)

Manila, Jul 11 -- Carlos A. Gothong Shipping Lines spokesman and legal counsel Atty. Francisco Mijares said today that repairs to passenger ro/ro *Manila Bay 1* are nearing completion. He said that navigational equipment ordered from overseas has recently arrived and would soon be installed on the vessel. Work is also proceeding smoothly on the pilot house which was damaged when fire broke out on the vessel in February. Mr. Mijares said that they expect work to be completed by mid-August. -- Correspondent. (See issue of Jun 20.)

MARGINELLA (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 6 -- Solent Coast Guard received a distress signal from the fishing (general) *Marginella* (944 gt, built 1985), which was located 16 miles south of the Isle of Wight about 0330, UTC, today. The vessel had a fire in the engine-room. -- Correspondent.

London, Jul 6 -- Following received from Coastguard Solent MRSC, timed 0735, UTC: *Marginella*, 23 persons on board, had an exhaust fire 16 nautical miles south of Isle of Wight, this morning. Crew extinguished the fire and tug *Abeille Liberte* is towing the vessel to Cherbourg.

London, Jul 6 -- Following received from Coastguard Solent MRSC, timed 1905, UTC: At 1825, UTC Jobourg MRCC reported fishing (general) *Marginella* was safely berthed alongside Quay de France, Cherbourg.

MARIA S. (Panama)

London, Jul 7 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Indian Coast Guard said that they had not received any request from Cochin Port Trust to drain fuel from Container Carrier *Maria S.*, which sank off Kochi coast last Saturday evening (Jun 30). The DIG (Kerala and Lakshadweep) of the Coast Guard, V.D.Chafekkar, said the vessel's wreckage was now within the jurisdiction of the port trust. "The port trust has so far not asked us to intervene and prevent spillage of fuel. We will mobilise our resources and act as per the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan, if the situation gets beyond the control of the port trust." He refuted some reports which stated that the Coast Guard did not act promptly to distress calls from the ship. "The vessel developed trouble on Jun 22. We had sent a helicopter, followed by an aircraft on Jun 24. The ship officials said that flooding due to leakage was well under control and so they flew back to the mainland," Mr Chafekkar said. Port trust sources refuted allegations that the trust was slow in reacting to SOS calls from the ship.

MASSACHUSETTS (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: Ferries *Massachusetts* (99 gt, built 1988) and *Laura* (97 gt, built 1990), carrying more than 150 commuters, collided in the fog of Boston harbour early today. There were no reports of serious injuries, a Coast Guard spokesman said. *Massachusetts*, inbound from Hingham with 151 people on board, collided with *Laura*, which had just four crew members on board, at about 0730 hrs, Petty Officer Zach Zubricki said. The collision was near South Boston. Emergency medical services met *Massachusetts* at Rowe's Wharf, Zubricki said. It was not immediately clear how fast the vessels were travelling. *Massachusetts* docked at the wharf, and had visible damage including a gash about 3.5 feet long and a broken window near its front. The Coast Guard was investigating.

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: Ferries *Massachusetts* and ferry *Laura* collided in Boston harbour early today. There were no reports of serious injuries, a Coast Guard spokesman said. Emergency medical services met *Massachusetts* at Rowe's Wharf, Petty Officer Zach Zubricki said. One man suffered cuts on his fingers but refused medical attention, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority spokesman Joe Pesaturo said. *Massachusetts* had visible damage, including a gash about 3.5 feet long and a broken window near its front. *Laura* had an estimated \$10,000 in damage. Both vessels were taken out of service, but Pesaturo did not anticipate a service interruption between Boston and Hingham. The vessels are privately owned, but contract with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for commuter services. *Laura* is owned by Boston Harbor Cruises and *Massachusetts* is

owned by Massachusetts Bay Lines Inc.

Boston, Mass., Jul 10 -- A local press report, dated today, states: Minor injuries were reported after two ferries collided in fog this morning in Boston Harbour. Passenger ro/ro *Massachusetts* and ferry *Laura* collided around 0730 this morning near the Black Falcon Terminal in Boston Harbour, according to the United States Coast Guard. Officials said two 25-foot rescue boats were sent out to assist the passengers and crews of both vessels shortly after the collision. The 88-foot *Massachusetts* was coming inbound to the harbour with 151 passengers and had set sail from Hingham. Four crewmen were on board the 101-foot *Laura*, which was heading outbound. Only cuts, scrapes and bumps were reported by those injured, said Coast Guard Petty Officer First Class Zach Zubricki. The Coast Guard also reported that neither vessel took on water or was damaged above the waterline. *Massachusetts* was docked at Pier 1 in Charlestown and *Laura* was docked at Rowe's Wharf. Zubricki said the Coast Guard is investigating the incident and acknowledged fog may have been a factor. Visibility was only a quarter of a mile this morning. He said it has not yet been determined how fast the ferries were travelling. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated Jul 10, states: Passenger ro/ro *Massachusetts* and ferry *Laura* in collision in Boston Harbour this morning, causing structural damage to both vessels but no serious injuries to passengers. *Laura*, outbound, slammed into the starboard side of *Massachusetts* shortly before 0730 hrs, said Petty Officer Zach Zubricki, spokesman for the Coast Guard, at the agency's offices near Rowe's Wharf, where the ferries dock. *Massachusetts*, which was cruising inbound, had 151 people on board, none of whom were seriously injured, Zubricki said. Only the crew was on board *Laura*, he said. The cause of the crash is under investigation, including a report of a third vessel near the boats at the time of the accident, Zubricki said. This will not impact afternoon service or the evening rush hour, said Joe Pesaturo, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. *Laura* sustained an estimated \$10,000 in damage in the crash and has been taken to a shipyard in Charlestown for repairs, Pesaturo said. The damage to *Massachusetts* was still being evaluated.

MASTER JAMIE (Canada)

London, Jul 6 -- Following received from Halifax RCC, timed 1540, UTC: Fishing (general) *Master Jamie* (81 gt, built 1988), four crew on board, reported it was taking water in lat 42 57.7N, long 66 09W, at 0312, UTC, today. Vessel subsequently sank and the crewmen abandoned onto a liferaft, from which they were rescued by another fishing vessel, which was first to arrive on scene.

London, Jul 7 -- A press report, dated Jul 6, states: Four people were plucked

from their life raft by a neighbouring vessel, transferred to a Coast Guard cutter and delivered to Pubnico after fishing (general) *Master Jamie* sank 65 km south-west of Cape Sable Island. The mayday call from the boat, which was skipped by Dennis D'Entremont, was received by Fundy Traffic just after midnight Thursday. The radio operator provided a partial location and said they were taking on water. Fvs *Atlantic Preserver* and *Hanna Elizabeth* were in the area saw the red flares and responded. The three-person crew and one fisheries observer were taken from their life raft by *Hanna Elizabeth* at 0056 hrs. The Coast Guard cutter *Clarks Harbour* met them and took the survivors to Pubnico.

MAZLUM (Turkey)

London, Jul 6 -- Fishing (general) *Mazlum* sank one mile off Karaburun, Izmir Province, about 1100, Jul 5. Rescue vessel *Kiyil III* has been immediately sent to place of incident and seven persons have been rescued and they have been brought to the port of Karaburun in Rumeli.

MEUGANG I (Panama)

London Jul 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: The 25 crew of a vessel docked in the northern Spanish port of Santander were refusing to leave the vessel over unpaid wages, Spanish media reported today. Part containerised general car *Meugang I*, manned by a 25 man crew - 17 from the Cameroons and eight from Ghana, arrived in Santander nearly a month ago with a cargo of cotton seeds. The crew say the vessel's owner owes them a total of 190,000 dollars (140,000 euros) for eight months work, according to the daily El Pais. They were living with rats and lice on board the vessel, which Spanish inspectors described as no longer being in a fit condition. Surviving on food brought by non-governmental organisations, the crew vowed not to leave the vessel even though it was to be disinfected early this week. The trade union CCOO said it had tried in vain to get in touch with the owners, the name of which was given as Sea Trans Ship Management, in West Africa.

Bilbao, Jul 10 -- Part containerised general cargo *Meugang I* has discharged its cargo of cotton seeds at Santander. After the discharge the vessel's agents have renounced to the agency due to lack of payment. According to information from the Maritime Authority the vessel is in very poor condition and has been retained due to deficiencies found according to the Memorandum of Paris (MOU). Fifty-two deficiencies have been found by the Port State Control officers and a guarantee of E60,000.00 have been requested before the vessel can leave Santander. The crew has not yet been paid their wages and remain on board the vessel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MIERCOLES SANTO (Argentina)

London, Jul 6 -- Following navigation warning dated yesterday, states: Fishing *Monte De Vios* towing fishing

(general) *Miercoles Santo* in lat 46 06S, long 65 38W bound Cabo Blanco anchorage.

MILLENNIUM (Bahamas)

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated Jul 8, states: Celebrity Cruises has cancelled two 12-night Mediterranean sailings on board passenger (cruise) *Millennium* (90228 gt, built 2000) due to damage to the ship's propellers. The ship will re-enter service for its Jul 24 sailing. On Jul 2, while anchored off Villefranche the ship's propellers struck a submerged rock, following an electrical malfunction. Three of the four blades on the starboard propeller and one on the port propeller were damaged and needed to be replaced. The company originally thought divers could accomplish the repairs while the ship was docked. The company has now concluded that a dry dock is necessary. As a result, the remaining portion of the current cruise, which began Jun 30, has been cancelled. The next cruise, scheduled to depart Jul 12, has also been cancelled. Dan Hanrahan, president of Celebrity Cruises said: "We will continue to aggressively address the repairs and return the ship to service Jul 24."

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: An unsuccessful effort to repair passenger (cruise) *Millennium's* damaged propellers while docked at the port of Civitavecchia with a full load of passengers growing more unhappy by the day led to a belated decision to cancel the rest of the cruise and seek a dry dock. Celebrity Cruises yesterday gave up on efforts to repair the ship and continue on with the last part of the cruise and passengers said they had been informed they would be assisted in flying home from Rome or transferred by bus or train to Venice to catch flights Jul 12 when the ship was to have reached that destination. There was also no immediate word on where *Millennium* would enter dry dock for work on a damaged blade that will not come loose from its port propeller. For passengers on the aborted cruise, things have been going from bad to worse since Jul 2, the second full day of their 12-night cruise from Barcelona to Venice, when the ship somehow drifted onto submerged rocks while anchored off Villefranche, damaging a number of propeller blades. Able to travel at only half-speed following the accident, *Millennium* cancelled a scheduled call at Leghorn, and limped into Civitavecchia, where divers from the United States, Norway and the Netherlands met the ship to make underwater repairs. As each day passed, additional port calls were cancelled -- Naples, the island of Santorini and Athens. The line finally informed passengers that repairs would be completed by late on Jul 7 and the ship would make an unplanned stop at Corfu as well as a scheduled visit to Dubrovnik en route back to Venice. However, unexpected problems in changing one of the propeller blades kept the ship from sailing on Jul 7. Late Jul 8, passengers were given word the balance of the cruise had been

cancelled. A Royal Caribbean spokesperson said passengers on board the ship were being given a full refund of the cost of their cruise and were also offered a variety of free bus tours to Florence, Pompeii and Sorrento, four-to-five hours each way, while stuck in Civitavecchia. The spokesperson also said Celebrity would pay return airfare from Rome for passengers who had booked their air separately from their cruise.

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated Jul 9, states: Shares in Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd fell 1.9% today after the cruise operator said a damaged ship (passenger (cruise) *Millennium*) will burden earnings more than earlier expected. Royal Caribbean said a damaged propeller to *Millennium* will force it to cancel two 12-night voyages. The cancelled trips will lower third-quarter earnings by 14 cents a share, the U.S.-Norwegian cruise operator said. Wall Street analysts were expecting Royal Caribbean to post earnings of \$2.07 a share in the third quarter, according to Reuters Estimates. On Jul 6, Royal Caribbean had estimated the impact of the damage at 4 cents per share. The company had thought the damage could be repaired by divers, but it now has determined that the ship needs to be put in dry dock.

Rome, Jul 10 -- Understand that passenger (cruise) *Millennium* has not been able to successfully effect propeller repairs in Civitavecchia and she is expected to sail tomorrow to be drydocked in a shipyard (at Leghorn or Genoa). -- Lloyd's Agents.

MIR DAMAD (Iran)

London, Jul 5 -- Understand Container Carrier *Mir Damad* is now anchored 70 nautical miles off Chittagong with further engine problems and is awaiting the arrival of a tug, which due on scene tomorrow, to escort it back to port.

London, Jul 6 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS Container Carrier *Mir Damad* was stationary in lat 22 12 16N, long 91 44 58E, at 0914, UTC, today.

Karachi, Jul 7 -- Shipping agents BS Cargo Agency have advised that container carrier *Mir Damad* has returned to Chittagong to effect repair work at the port. The vessel arrived at Chittagong Port Jetty No 11 yesterday and it is expected to take a maximum of seven to 10 days to complete the repairs. -- Correspondent.

MSC LEANNE (Panama)

London, Jul 7 -- Container carrier *MSC Leanne* sailed Antwerp Jul 5.

MSC NAPOLI (U.K.)

London, Jul 8 -- A press release from the Maritime & Coastguard Agency, dated today, states: Late last week, a decision to refloat container carrier *MSC Napoli*, in a holding position just off the beach at Branscombe, early Jul 9 was made by the Secretary of State's Representative in Maritime Salvage and Intervention, Robin Middleton, after reviewing the condition of the vessel and the prevailing weather

conditions in Lyme Bay. The decision to refloat the vessel has been made to prevent further deterioration in the structure of the vessel and to prevent further damage to the environment. Once afloat, the vessel will then be held off Branscombe Beach in its current position awaiting a decision on its final disposal. It is estimated that it will take about six hours for specialist pumps to pump out the 58,000 tons of water from the beached vessel. A fair weather window of about three days is required to complete the re-floating operation. Vessels which will be on scene during the operation to refloat will include tugs *Smit Bever* and *Multasalvor*, salvage *Union Beaver*, crewboat *Channel Chieftain* and a barge with winches and cranes. The workboats will be equipped with additional anti-pollution gear and with DEFRA-approved dispersant. A dedicated fixed-wing aerial surveillance aircraft from the MCA will be on scene just prior to the refloating, and during the subsequent operations. The pump and dive/salvage teams will be configured to allow for work to continue on a 24-hour-a-day basis during the refloating operation. A dive survey vessel will also be on scene and following the successful refloating, divers from the salvage company will then conduct a general survey below the waterline. Priority will be given to the area of the vessel surrounding frames 80-88 by the dive team. The results of this survey will be utilised by naval architects to further establish the remaining strength in that area. Marine Accident Investigation Branch inspectors have also been invited to be on board the dive survey vessel to view the on board screens as the survey takes place. Robin Middleton said: "There will come a time when *MSC Napoli* cannot be refloated due to the ravages of wind, weather and time, hence our decision at this time. Once refloated on the early tide on Monday, we then intend to hold the vessel off the beach pending a final decision as to its disposal. This has to be viewed as a holding measure to understand the remaining structural integrity of the vessel which will inform our options." There will be a restricted flying zone in place during the operation and a temporary exclusion zone has been increased to 1,000 metres around the vessel.

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* was refloated today. The final stages of pumping out the last of the water from the vessel got under way at 0700 hrs and the ship was refloated shortly after 0900 hrs around 40 minutes after low tide, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency said. Two salvage tugs and a floating crane helped in the operation. The vessel is being taken 500 metres further out to sea and will be anchored there for a number of days while divers carry out a survey to see what repairs are needed. During that time a decision will be made on the final disposal of the vessel. While pumping was going on today, two anti-pollution vessels were standing by

to deal with any residual oil that might leak into the sea.

London, Jul 9 -- A SMIT Salvage report, dated today, states: SMIT Salvage refloated container carrier *MSC Napoli* this morning, subsequently, it was brought to deeper water. After having dewatered/inspected the vessel, it will be redelivered to the owners. This will take a couple of days. Its final location is to be decided.

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: Divers are to examine the damaged hull of container carrier *MSC Napoli* which was refloated yesterday after 58,000 tons of water was pumped from her holds in a major operation. A team of 20 divers will begin inspecting the vessel in deep water today to assess cracks to its hull. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) head of counter pollution response Toby Stone said the refloating "has been a success story without a doubt". The MCA said it refloated the vessel to prevent further deterioration in the structure of the ship and to prevent further damage to the environment.

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated Jul 10, states: Divers have begun to examine the hull of Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* which was refloated nearly six months after it was grounded off the south Devon coast. The two-day inspection is being carried out by a team of 20 divers in deep water to assess cracks to its hull. The dive survey is taking place today and tomorrow, then the results will be computed by naval architects.

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated Jul 11, states: A decision on whether the container carrier *MSC Napoli* will be towed out of Lyme Bay could take several days, it emerged last night. A team of 20 divers spent yesterday surveying the damaged vessel, hours after it was refloated. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency said a decision about the future of the vessel would be taken once the inspection has been carried out. Spokesman Fred Caygill said that the results of the survey would be studied by naval architects. He said: "That could take up to a week and then all the Government departments involved will have to agree what to do next."

MSC TURCHIA (Liberia)

Zeebrugge, Jul 6 -- Container Carrier *MSC Turchia*'s machinery problems were fixed within 20 minutes. She is due to sail at 0200 hrs, Jul 7, destination Sines. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

London, Jul 8 -- Container carrier *MSC Turchia* sailed Antwerp Jul 7.

Kiel, Jul 12 -- On Jul 11 tug *Multratug 7* salvaged the anchor of Container Carrier *MSC Turchia*, which had been lost on Jul 5 at Vlissingen roads, after the vessel had sustained machine problems on the way to Amsterdam. -- Correspondent.

MYSTIC VIKING (Bahamas)

London, Jul 11 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1355, UTC: Diving support *Mystic*

Viking (2299 gt, built 1983), while anchored carrying out dive operations was contacted by supply *Capt.J.Rimes* (90 gt, built 1977) in Main Pass Block 310, at 0912, UTC, Jul 10. *Capt.J.Rimes* drifted into *Mystic Viking* and made contact with the port bow of *Mystic Viking* which sustained a four foot by four foot dent. *Capt.J.Rimes* has been instructed to proceed to Port Fourchion for Coast Guard investigation.

NA-KAO (U.S.A.)

Honolulu, Jul 5 -- Repairs to tank barge *Na-Kao* are complete and the barge has returned to service. -- Lloyd's Agents.

NAIK JADUNATH SINGH PVC (India)

London, Jul 12 -- Crude oil tanker *Naik Jadunath Singh PVC* sailed Colombo Jun 28.

ORCHID SUN (South Korea)

Muscat, Jul 12 -- Understand from local agents of bulker *Orchid Sun* (26046 gt, built 1985), that the vessel, bound for Iraq, laden with steel, is in distress some 90 nautical miles off Ras Al Hadd, Oman. The Oman navy and passing traffic has been alerted and now rushing to help. A total of 23 crew members are on board. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Orchid Sun* sailed from Singapore on Jun 28 bound for Bandar Imam Khomeini.)

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: Bulker *Orchid Sun*, China for Iran, cargo "iron frames," was sinking today off Oman, leaving a 12 crew members missing, Seoul's Foreign Ministry said. The accident happened around 2300, UTC, yesterday about 150 kilometres east of Oman, a ministry official said. Twenty-three crew members were on board the ship, including eight South Koreans, 13 Filipinos and two Chileans. Eleven of them have been rescued, but the others were missing, the official said. "The ship is in the middle of being submerged," he said. "Rescue workers are searching for the missing." The official could not provide any more details, including what caused the accident. (Note -- *Orchid Sun* sailed Xingang Jun 18, and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was in lat 23 51 56N, long 60 49 15E, at 2304, UTC, Jul 11, speed 2.4 knots.)

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: Bulker *Orchid Sun* sank off Oman today, and 12 of the crew are missing, the maritime ministry in Seoul said. The vessel, with a crew of 23, eight South Koreans, 13 Filipinos and two Chileans, sank on its way to Iran from China, the ministry said. It said 11 crewmen had been rescued by other vessels or by rescue helicopters sent by Oman. "Twelve other crewmen are still missing," a spokesman for the ministry said. "The cause of the accident was not immediately known. The crew evacuated the vessel shortly after sending out an SOS," the spokesman said.

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: Bulker *Orchid Sun* sank

today off Oman and 12 crew members are missing, the maritime ministry in Seoul said. The ministry said 11 crewmen had been rescued by nearby ships and rescue helicopters sent by Oman. Those saved include two Koreans, four Filipinos and one Chilean. "Twelve other crewmen are still missing," ministry spokesman Suh Jae-Yon said, adding that a US navy ship was taking part in the rescue, which also involved Oman and Pakistan. He said the ship, which was carrying 42,000 tons of iron products, sank after its hold began rapidly taking in water. "The crew evacuated the ship shortly after sending out an SOS at 2300, UTC, yesterday.

OZERSK (Russia)

Busan, Jul 9 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Ozersk* is now lying afloat moored at Pier No. 3, Gamcheon harbour, Busan, Korea without sailing schedule fixed. -- Lloyd's Sub-Agents. (See issue of Jun 28.)

PADOVA (Panama)

London, Jul 6 -- Following received from the operators of refrigerated general cargo *Padova*, dated today: *Padova* is presently under repair at Busan, ETC three to four months.

PANAM SERENA (Bahamas)

Kiel, Jul 9 -- Chemical tanker *Panam Serena* is still under repairs at Salamina. The vessel exploded and caught fire while discharging at Porto Torres on Jan 1, 2004, leaving two crew members dead. -- Correspondent.

PASHA BULKER (Panama)

See "Australia" under "Weather & Navigation."

PATRICIA NORES (Spain)

Kiel, Jul 11 -- Trawler *Patricia Nores* (941 gt, built 1986) is at present berthed in the port of Marin. The trawler had a collision with a Korean fishing vessel and sustained damage at the port foreship. The ship is to be repaired in a yard at Marin. -- Correspondent.

PERTH (U.K.)

London, Jul 10 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 0631, UTC: Container carrier *Perth* (15931 gt, built 1999), Lisbon for Hamburg, was reported anchored in lat 53 31.9N, long 05 16.7E, at approximately 0530, UTC, today, due to engine problems. The crew are carrying out repairs, ETC four to five hours.

London, Jul 11 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1055, UTC: Container Carrier *Perth* remains at anchor in the same position still effecting repairs. (See issue of Jul 11.)

London, Jul 12 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS Container Carrier *Perth* was in lat 53 59 33N, long 06 56 14E, at 0633, UTC, today, speed 8.6 knots, course 7.8 degrees.

PETROBRAS 50 (Brazil)

London, Jul 5 -- A fire has cut production on floating production tanker *Petrobras 50* (140646 gt, built

1980). The blaze broke out at 1600 yesterday in the gas compressor transformer-room, forcing the company to shut down oil and gas production as platform fire-fighters went into action, extinguishing the fire. No victims or oil spills resulted from the incident. Partial production has already been resumed. Located in the Albacora Leste Field, Campos Basin, approximately 120 km off the coast of the state of Rio de Janeiro, the FPSO has a daily production rate of 180,000 barrels per day.

Rio de Janeiro, Jul 9 -- According to information received from Petrobras, fire started in the gas compressors' transformer-room of floating production tanker *Petrobras 50* at 1600, Jul 4, with no major consequences or casualties. Production of oil and gas were interrupted for few hours. Fire extinguished by the vessel's own fire brigade. *Petrobras 50* continues in operation at Albacora field. -- Lloyd's Agents.

POMAH EXPRESS (Ghana)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 9 -- General cargo *Pomah Express* detained by Federal Government. -- Correspondent.

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: The woes of general cargo *Pomah Express* lengthened at the weekend when the Federal Government ordered its detention. The detention of the distressed vessel followed its successful towing to the Federal Lighter Terminal, Onne, by a tug *Jenny*. The detention order was issued by Nigeria's apex maritime regulatory agency, the Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, just as the passengers were evacuated into two Chisco Transport Nigeria Limited buses for the journey to the distressed vessel's port of call at Cotonou. This is in line with international standard and practice as contained in the International Maritime Organization (IMO) conventions. Speaking with maritime reporters at FLT, Onne where the distressed vessel was detained, the Executive Director of Maritime Safety, Shipping Development and Logistics, Mr. Ishaku M. Shekarau said the distressed vessel will remain in detention until its safety is ascertained by the Nigerian authorities. "It is not a criminal detention. This is a distress detention. *Pomah Express* will remain here until we ascertain its seaworthiness. We will not rely on the interim report at our disposal. We shall take a step further. We are going to conduct a condition survey on it. It is only after the results have been found satisfactory by the authorities that we shall permit it to sail to the next port of call."

PRIAM (Singapore)

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: Emergency crews are trying to prevent an explosion after oil was spilt on bags of volatile ammonium nitrate fertiliser on board part containerised general car *Priam* (3978 gt, built 1994) in the port of Newcastle, New South Wales. The crew of the vessel had to be evacuated after the

spillage happened about 0100, AEST, today, as a crane loaded 2,000 bags of ammonium nitrate at Kooragang Island. A ruptured line on the crane led to about 15 litres of oil being spilt on to about 500 of the bags, each of which weighed 1.2 tonnes. The vessel's master stayed on board to assist emergency services which immediately established a one kilometre exclusion zone around the ship as a precautionary measure. A 100-metre "hot zone" has also been established to minimise the chance of anything igniting the explosive cocktail of oil and fertiliser. Plans are now being prepared to unload about 50 bags of ammonium nitrate to allow cleaning of the ship's hold. *Priam* is being turned from port to starboard to allow it to be unloaded by a shore-based crane. The exclusion zone is expected to affect coal loading operations at the adjacent Kooragang Island.

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: Part containerised general car *Priam* has been declared safe after fears of an explosion on board. Exclusion zones were enforced around Newcastle harbour in New South Wales when 150 litres of hydraulic oil leaked on to a load of ammonium nitrate on the bulk carrier early this morning. The affected bags of the chemical have been removed from the ship and the exclusion zones are expected to be lifted soon.

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Transport Workers Federation said today that a potential explosion on board a cargo vessel in Newcastle was further proof that Australia's shipping laws need to change. Hydraulic oil leaked onto a load of ammonium nitrate on board part containerised general car *Priam* early yesterday morning. Federation spokesman Dean Summers said the combination of hazardous materials on board could have jeopardised national security. "These explosives are the weapons of choice by terrorists," he said. "We've maintained for a very long time that the Australian Government must, in a national security sense, pay a lot of attention to the transport of this stuff around Australian coasts." Mr Summers said there could be a serious disaster in Newcastle if the Government does not crack down on deregulated shipping companies. "We've seen vessels in and around the Newcastle Port carrying ammonium nitrate that have caught fire," he said. "We've seen vessels carry ammonium nitrate caught up under the wharf and nearly overturned in Newcastle and we've seen vessels trading in and out of Newcastle that have run aground in other Australian ports."

London, Jul 12 -- Oil leaking from a hydraulic crane on a general cargo ship (part containerised general car *Priam*) at Newcastle came into contact with the vessel's cargo of ammonium nitrate yesterday. A one km exclusion zone around the port's No.2 bulk berth on Kooragang Island was lifted by 1415 yesterday, but not before causing a 12 hour shutdown to coal shiploading. Newcastle Port Corporation said the exclusions had delayed six vessels,

including five coal ships. Coal shiploading at the port of Newcastle has now returned to normal after both coal terminals returned to full operation.

PRICELESS (Marshall Islands)

See "Ningbo, China" under "Pollution".

QUEEN OF THE NORTH (Canada)

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated Jul 8, states: A slick of fuel oil has been sighted near the sinking site of passenger ro/ro *Queen of the North* near Hartley Bay in northern British Columbia. The oil is floating in a slick 10 metres wide and more than a kilometre and a half long. The sighting raises the concern of villagers who have lobbied to have fuel removed from the vessel's fuel tanks. Health experts say the risk of contamination from any fuel has passed but residents of the northern village are worried enough to have stopped eating their traditional shellfish for a year after the vessel went down in 2006. The latest oil slick discovery has reignited a call for a clean-up. BC Ferries have said there is no plan to recover any of the remaining fuel and they have not responded to Coast Guard recommendations to store pollution control equipment at Hartley Bay for use by trained residents. Hartley Bay Chief Bob Hill said he was considering legal action as locals still believe the sunken ferry continues to threaten their food supply.

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated Jul 9, states: An oil slick has been spotted north of the tiny community of Hartley Bay, near the location where passenger ro/ro *Queen of the North* foundered and sank more than a year ago. The slick, estimated at more than a kilometre in length, has been spotted near the location of the sunken vessel. B.C. Ferries spokeswoman Deborah Marshall said yesterday the oil sheen was about 5 km north of the community, which is in turn north of location of the sunken ferry. It's not clear whether the sheen is originating from the ferry, she said. Two overflights of the area were undertaken with the ferry company's environmental engineer on Saturday (Jul 7). Marshall said the fuel concentration is so diluted that a sample could not be taken and it's expected the oil will evaporate.

QUEST (Bahamas)

Copenhagen, Jul 9 -- Understand from the Danish Maritime Authority that ferry *Quest* was permitted to sail to Nuuk, Greenland. After dry-docking in Nuuk, the vessel was released by the authorities at 0830, local time, Jul 6. -- Lloyd's Agents.

RAMSAU (Hungary)

Kiel, Jul 10 -- Inland waterways tanker *Ramsau* (1171 dwt, built 1971) struck a quay wall in the port of Linz yesterday afternoon. One of the tanks containing 110 tons oil sustained gashes. About 20 tons diesel oil leaked into the River Danube. Divers patched the gashes, and oil barriers were laid out. The fire brigade of Linz skimmed

18 tons oil off the water. The remaining oil drifted towards Asten where helpers were already waiting with pumps and more barriers. The oil spill was expected to be stopped during the night. The remaining oil in the damaged ship's tank was pumped into other tanks. The ship was moved out of the winter basin. -- Correspondent.

Kiel, Jul 11 -- Seventeen hours after non specific tanker *Ramsau* contacted a quay in Linz, the clean-up works were completed at 1000, Jul 10. Bio diesel fuel had leaked out of a breached tank. The vessel had obviously been caught by strong currents and was pushed against the quay. Four divers quickly patched two breaches, but 20 tons oil had already escaped from a 108-ton tank. Fire brigades from Pichling, Raffelstetten, Asten and Ottensheim assisted their colleagues from Linz and laid out oil barriers, as the oil threatened to reach the power station at Aspen. Twelve tons of oil was skimmed from the water. *Ramsau's* crew pumped the cargo into another ship during the night. Now *Ramsau* has to wait until a berth is available in a nearby yard, where the vessel was already expected due to machine problems. -- Correspondent.

RIVER PRINCESS

Mumbai, Jul 9 -- The high-level committee overseeing the removal of bulk ore carrier *River Princess*, aground off the Candolim-Sinquerim coast, has in principle decided to recommend an extension of the time limit for refloating/removal of the vessel. The Chief Secretary, Mr. J. P. Singh, said the committee has directed the consultant and contractor to give a realistic time frame for the refloating of the vessel and then towing it away, as time would also be required for dredging work to be undertaken by the contractor. Mr. Singh further said that the consultant and the contractor have been directed to carry out a joint survey and submit a joint report by July 10, after taking in consideration all the aspects relating to removal of the vessel, including the monsoon. He further said the consultant, a government-run concern, pointed out at the meeting that the contractor has done "excellent" work in sealing seven tanks and only a major hole which was discovered on Apr 1 needed to be sealed off, along with a few others before the vessel could be refloated. The Chief Secretary stated that though there were 18 holes in various tanks, all need not be sealed before refloating. He went on to add that the contractor has so far spent over Rs.3 crore in carrying out various sealing works on the vessel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ROBERTSON II (Canada)

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: Training *Robertson II* remained stuck fast to a reef off Saturna Island last night but crews worked feverishly to get it free during the high tide. The extent of the damage is unclear but salvage crews were on the scene yesterday trying to pump out water from the hull.

London, Jul 5 -- Following received from Victoria, BC, RCC, timed 1950, UTC: Training *Robertson II* is still aground. The matter is now in the hands of salvors.

London, Jul 6 -- A press report, dated today, states: Training *Robertson II* that ran aground in British Columbia's southern Gulf Islands is so badly damaged it will likely be stripped of anything of worth and abandoned as a wreck. But the final chapter in the life of *Robertson II* has not been written yet and it isn't clear if it will be towed away by a salvor or left to break up slowly on the reef at the entrance to Winter Cove, on Saturna Island. A damage assessment by the Coast Guard makes it clear, however, that *Robertson II* is doomed. "We now have a marine surveyor's report and the ship is in pretty bad shape," Don Rodden, Coast Guard superintendent for environmental response, said yesterday. "Very generally, the bulkhead that is ruptured has sprung the deck. The stress on the vessel is causing separation of planks and joints. It's not one specific area; it's throughout the length of the vessel. The planking is separated, damaged, sprung and broken." When it was suggested that the vessel is finished, Mr. Rodden agreed. "That's what it appears to be. I think the owner can just salvage what he can off it." Mr. Rodden said the owner had tried and failed to refloat the vessel on the last high tide, but the ship didn't budge.

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Washington state-based salvager is negotiating with the owner of training *Robertson II* over terms to refloat the historic schooner. Mark Gumley read of the *Robertson II's* plight in media reports and contacted owner Roy Boudreau to offer help, for a reasonable cost. Any new attempts at removing the vessel from a reef near Saturna Island may have to wait until the month's end, when the lunar cycle brings back high tides similar to those that occurred Jul 1, when the vessel went aground. A tug with powerful winches over the weekend was unable to lift the *Robertson II* off its starboard side. The vessel has a hole on its starboard side that must be patched on site so the water inside the vessel can be pumped out. But the patch can't be made until the vessel is upright. Gumley has operated MG Shipyard & Dive Service since 1990.

ROKIA DELMAS (Panama)

Nantes, Jul 5 -- Roll On Roll Off Container Car *Rokia Delmas*: Bad weather has slowed down the operations and distorted the remaining hull structures. The central part of the vessel is too distorted for the hull to float and be evacuated altogether. In accordance with the fourth option of intervention presented in February, the vessel will be cut in four parts. The cutting and removal operations will be carried out until mid-September. -- Lloyd's Agents.

RONGA (Cambodia)

London, Jul 6 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1117, UTC: Bulker *Ronga* is still aground.

London, Jul 7 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 0858, UTC: Bulker *Ronga* is still aground.

London, Jul 9 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 0040, UTC: Bulker *Ronga* is still aground but stable.

Mumbai, Jul 11 -- Bulker *Ronga*, Indonesia for the United Arab Emirates, grounded two kilometres from Muldwarka Port due to water ingress. Understand the ship struck rocks near the shore, resulting in bottom damage. As of Jul 7, a number of engineers had boarded the vessel to carry out surveys and repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ROYAL EXPRESS IV (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 8 -- A press report, dated Jul 7, states: Passenger (cruise) *Royal Express IV* (83 gt, built 2003) ran aground near Port Richey yesterday. Several passengers fell and two people were taken to the hospital. There were only minor injuries. The vessel was returning to shore and was outside the channel at the time of the accident. Investigators from the Coast Guard will be looking into the channel and the damage to the vessel.

London, Jul 8 -- Following received from Coast Guard Miami, timed 0728, UTC: Passenger (cruise) *Royal Express IV* sustained propeller damage due to the grounding incident. The vessel has refloated and repairs are in hand.

London, Jul 8 -- Following received from Coast Guard Miami, timed 1600, UTC: Passenger (cruise) *Royal Express IV* is now in port at St. Petersburg undergoing repairs.

Tampa, Jul 10 -- Passenger (cruise) *Royal Express IV* grounded in St. Petersburg on Jul 6. The US Coast Guard investigated, conducted a ship inspection and deemed the vessel in apparent good order and no repairs required. We understand that the vessel is now back in service. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ROYAL SUCCESS (Panama)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 6 -- Bulker *Royal Success* (20969 gt, built 1982) piled into the jetty at Lobito, Angola, Jun 15. Understand the pilot was entering the berth too quickly. The vessel sustained external damage and the jetty was severely damaged. The port authorities gave the bulk carrier a 2.5m dollars guarantee which is more than the value of the vessel. The vessel arrived in Lobito with a cargo of rice in bags. Authorities require the repair of moorage by the vessel. -- Correspondent.

SAGASUND (Norway)

Oslo, Jul 6 -- Passenger ro/ro *Sagasund* was back in service on Jul 4. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SALMO (Bahamas)

Aalborg, Jul 9 -- General cargo *Salmo* arrived Frederikshavn Jun 30 for main engine repairs which should be completed by the end of this month -- Lloyd's Agents.

SAMUDRIKA 10 (India)

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: Five people on board anchor handling tug/supply *Samudrika 10* (951 gt, built 1986), of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation were missing after the ship sunk off the Mumbai coast today. Of the 14 people on board, nine were rescued immediately, ONGC Chairman and Managing Director R S Sharma said. *Samudrika 10* sank at 1230 hrs. The vessel was operated by private agency Seacal and all 14 people on board were its employees. Rescue operations by Coast Guard and an ONGC team were on. "Helicopters have been pressed into service to locate the missing," Sharma said, adding that operations of the Mumbai High fields will not be affected.

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: ONGC-owned anchor handling tug/supply *Samudrika 10* operating in the Bombay High area in the Bassein and satellite field of ONGC sunk around 1230 today. ONGC, in a statement, said that since *Samudrika-10* is part of a fleet of around 60 OSVs owned by the company, the loss will not have any impact on the company's operations. The insured value of the vessel is likely to be in the range of \$2 to 3 million. The vessel is operated by Sical. Of the 14 crew members on board the vessel, nine have been rescued. The company said search and rescue operations are being made with the help of one helicopter and three vessels. *Samudrika 10* was operating in the sea at 56 nautical miles from the Nhava supply base of ONGC at the time of the incident.

London, Jul 9 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1020, UTC: Anchor handling tug/supply *Samudrika 10* sank in lat 19 38.24N, long 72 06.29E

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated Jul 9, states: Eight people on board anchor handling tug/supply *Samudrika 10* were missing after it sank off the Mumbai coast today. She was carrying 17 people on board when she sank at 1230 hrs. While nine were rescued, a search was on to locate eight others. "In the earlier information given to us by ONGC, there were 13 people on board, of which four were missing. Now as per latest information, the total number of crew members are 17, of which eight are missing," Commander Coast Guard Region (West) Inspector General A Rajasekhar said. Coast Guard has pressed into action two of its vessels to assist ONGC in the search operation. Two ONGC vessels and a helicopter supported by Coast Guard Donear aircraft and a Naval vessel were engaged in search and rescue operations. "The rescued crew were evacuated to the ONGC offshore platform. There was no oil spill on account of the mishap," Rajasekhar said.

London, Jul 10 -- An Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited press release, dated Jul 9, state: ONGC-owned anchor handling tug/supply *Samudrika 10* was on standby mode due to bad weather waiting for transfer of cargo to ONGC's drilling rig *Sagar Gaurav*, operating in

Bassein and Satellite field of ONGC. It started taking water and sank around 1230 today. The sea conditions were reported at the time of incident as three to four metres swell, and 30-35 Knots wind speed. The vessel was operated by SICAL Logistics Ltd, Chennai, under an operation and maintenance contract. Out of the 14 manifested crew members, nine have been rescued. Regional contingency committee consisting of ONGC, Indian Navy, FODAG, Coast Guard and DG Shipping were immediately informed and activated for search and rescue operations. In addition to one ONGC helicopter and three ONGC offshore supply vessels and two vessels of British Gas are involved in search and rescue operations. Immediately after the incident, one more ONGC helicopter has been pressed into service including one Coast Guard Dornier aircraft. One ONGC multi support vessel has also been mobilized for rescue and search operations with divers and doctor on board. The operations will continue during night also. On being apprised of the situation, Honible Minister of Petroleum Mr. Murli Deora has got Navy to also to send an additional helicopter for search and rescue operations. All platforms, rigs and vessels of ONGC in the area have been advised to keep a close watch during the night. Senior officers of ONGC have rushed to the accident site to oversee the search and rescue operations. The rescued crew have been brought back to Mumbai by ONGC helicopter after providing necessary first aid in the offshore. Medical check up at Helibase has been carried out. The vessel had sailed from the Nhava Supply Base of ONGC Jul 6 in full sea-worthy condition and complied with all requisite certifications as per the statutory requirement.

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: Search operations were ongoing this evening to rescue the master and seven crew members who were still missing after anchor handling tug/supply *Samudrika 10*, operated by energy major ONGC, sank off the Mumbai coast yesterday. A maritime search is for a minimum 72 hours and "we hope there are positive results", said Karthik Menon, director of Sical Logistics Ltd, the Chennai-based owners of the vessel. Sical officials said that one ONGC helicopter and the three ONGC offshore supply vessels along with two vessels of British Gas were involved in search and rescue operations. ONGC has also pressed into service a second helicopter and a Coast Guard Dornier aircraft. The navy too has been pressed into service. One ONGC multi-support vessel with divers and doctors on board was assisting the search, they said. All platforms, rigs and vessels of ONGC in the area have been advised to keep a close watch during the night.

SAN ARAWA II (Argentina)

London, Jul 9 -- Following navigation warning issued Jul 8: Fish factory *San Arawa II* (2028 gt, built 1987) adrift in lat 52 18.6S, long 63 15W.

SEA GLORY (Mongolia)

London, Jul 5 -- Following navigation warning issued at 1001, UTC, today: General cargo *Sea Glory* aground in lat 23 34N, long 68 13E. Vessel unmanned and unlit. Mariners to exercise caution.

London, Jul 6 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1118, UTC: General cargo *Sea Glory* is still lying in the same position.

London, Jul 9 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 0040, UTC: General cargo *Sea Glory* is still lying in the same position. Salvage team finalised.

SHUJAA 3 (Panama)

London, Jul 6 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1119, UTC: General cargo *Shujaa 3* is still aground.

London, Jul 9 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 0040, UTC: General cargo *Shujaa 3* is still aground and stable. Debunkering in progress.

SIERRA NAVA (Panama)

London, Jul 10 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Sierra Nava* arrived Aliaga May 24 to be broken up.

SORMOVSKIY 3053 (Russia)

London, Jul 6 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 0925, UTC: General cargo *Sormovskiy 3053* remains aground after an unsuccessful refloating attempt was made this morning. A further try will be made around 1700, UTC, today. The authorities have given permission for the vessel to be pulled off the ground but have warned the shipowners that they will be liable for any damage sustained to the neolithic implements discovered at the grounding site.

London, Jul 6 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 1915, UTC: General cargo *Sormovskiy 3053* was refloated at 1630, UTC, and is now in the port of Bandholm.

London, Jul 9 -- General cargo *Sormovskiy 3053* sailed Bandholm Jul 8 for Liepaja.

SOUTHERN CROSS (Italy)

Brisbane, Jul 10 -- General cargo *Southern Cross* arrived Brisbane Jul 1. She encountered heavy weather between Melbourne and Sydney. Containers had moved below deck. Damage sustained has been repaired, however, they are waiting for new lashing gear to arrive from China. It is anticipated that the vessel will depart Brisbane this weekend (Jul 14/15) bound for Noumea. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SOUTHERN MOANA (Italy)

Port Vila, Jul 7 -- General cargo *Southern Moana* arrived Port Vila Jun 28 and had generator problems which fixed on Jul 2. The vessel was able to unload/load her cargo and set sail for Suva on Jul 4. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SOUTHERN SPIRIT (Panama)

London, Jul 9 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1335, UTC: Bulker *Southern Spirit* (18459 gt, built 1998) touched bottom in Sabine Pass 1445, UTC, Jul 6 and as

a result divers found two holes in vessel's No.4 starboard ballast tank. Vessel's movements have been restricted pending class survey. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Southern Spirit* was at anchor in lat 29 35 02N, long 93 45 01W, at 1326, UTC, today.)

London, Jul 11 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS bulker *Southern Spirit* was located in lat 28 19 43.2N, long 92 58 25.8W, 15.4 nautical miles from Gulf Gateway Term, proceeding at a speed of 11.9 knots, at 0055, UTC, today.

London, Jul 11 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1350, UTC: The restriction on bulker *Southern Spirit* was lifted and the vessel is now en route to Tampa.

STOLT EXCELLENCE (Liberia)

London, Jul 6 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1410, UTC: Chemical tanker *Stolt Excellence* (20157 gt, built 1979) and a barge being towed by tug *Dane F.Morgan* (163 gt, built 2003) were in minor contact at the city dock at Texas City at 0540, UTC, today. A class survey is required for *Stolt Excellence* but it is not believed to have sustained any significant damage.

London, Jul 8 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1610, UTC: Chemical tanker *Stolt Excellence* was released from detention at 1852, UTC, Jul 7 and cleared to leave Texas City. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, vessel was located 24 nautical miles from Galveston, in lat 28 54 03.9N, long 94 50 08.52W, at 1505, UTC, today, course 238 deg, speed 15.9 knots.)

SUKARAWAN NAREE (Thailand)

London, Jul 6 -- Understand salvage services were rendered to general cargo *Sukarawan Naree* under Lloyd's Open Form, dated May 16, by the Laurentian Pilotage Authority.

SUN FLOWER COBALT (Japan)

Yokohama, Jul 10 -- Ferry *Sun Flower Cobalt* (9245 gt, built 1998) and non specific tanker *Yushin Maru* (749 gt, built 2000) were in collision 1,240 metres from No 2 breakwater lighthouse, Matsuyama, at 0703, Jul 9. *Sun Flower Cobalt* sustained damage to the port bow and *Yushin Maru* sustained damage to a bow-section bulwark. Two crew members on board *Yushin Maru* were reported to be slightly injured. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SUPER SHUTTLE FERRY 10 (Philippines)

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passengers on ferry *Super Shuttle Ferry 10* bound for Surigao were stranded at sea today when the ship's engine failed shortly after leaving the Liloan port in Southern Leyte. Radio station dzRH reported this afternoon that *Super Shuttle Ferry 10* stalled after it encountered rough waves near Sumilong Islands. The Philippine Coast Guard has deployed a tug to tow the disabled vessel. It was not immediately clear how many passengers were on board the vessel owned by the Asian

Marine Transport Corp. The radio report said one of the passengers called up its Manila station to ask for help. Lieutenant Armand Balilo, Philippine Coast Guard spokesperson, said the engine problem happened after the ship's oil mixed with water. It was not immediately known how many passengers were on board.

Manila, Jul 11 -- The Philippine Coast Guard reported that the Philippine-registered ferry *Super Shuttle Ferry 10* was stranded at sea when its engine broke down at around 1230 today off Sumilon island. The vessel was travelling between Lipatan port in Surigao province in Mindanao and Liloan port in Leyte province when the accident occurred. Initial reports indicate that water had contaminated the ship's fuel oil which caused the engine to stall. The Coast Guard said that it was organising several commercial pump-boats to bring the ship's 42 passengers ashore to Sumilon island which is a few hundred metres from where the vessel is now anchored. A tug has also been dispatched by the ship's owners to tow the vessel back to Surigao. All passengers and crew were reported to be safe. -- Correspondent.

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: Ferry *Super Shuttle Ferry 10*, with 59 persons on board, stalled in rough seas off Dinagat Island, Surigao del Norte, today and strong waves were preventing Coast guard rescue teams from approaching the vessel. In an interview with radio station dzMM, Peregrino Polis, master of the *Super Shuttle Ferry 10*, said his vessel stalled this morning, north of Sumilon Island, when water seeped through the bunker and damaged the vessel's engine. According to the master, there are 33 passengers on board, including a one-year-old child and a three-month-old infant, and 26 crew members. As of 2300, local time, today, the vessel, which was bound for Liloan, Southern Leyte, was still trapped in the middle of the sea. Food on board the vessel had run out. The master said he had radioed his Cebu office and the local Coast Guard for help. The Philippine Coast Guard sent tugs and motorboats to rescue the passengers and crew members as early as this afternoon but these were too small to handle the rough waves they encountered and could not approach the ferry. Lieutenant Armando Balilong of the Coast Guard admitted that the tugs they sent failed to approach the vessel although he said the ferry was in a safer condition because it had dropped anchor. However, the vessel's master said he dropped anchor in the rocky portion of the seas.

TAHAROA EXPRESS (Panama)

London, Jul 7 -- A statement issued by Hachiuma Steamship Co Ltd, the technical managers of bulker *Taharoa Express*, dated today, states: Leveling of the iron sand cargo in the ship's hold completed by last night and removal of the equipment completed at 1140, local time, today. Repair of the partially damaged electrical system also completed at 1115, local time, today,

according to NK class specifications. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the ship's classification society will inspect the ship tomorrow morning, to be followed by an official application to Maritime NZ to leave the anchorage (based on the classification society's report) and the ship is expected to sail tomorrow.

London, Jul 8 -- All repair work, including levelling of the cargo and repair and testing of the electrical system of bulker *Taharoa Express*, was completed at 1115, local time, Jul 07, with the additional equipment to level the cargo and to pump out excess free water having been taken off the vessel at 1140, local time. After an exhaustive inspection of the ship's hold, its cargo placement and testing of the full electrical system, by the ship's classification society (NK) this morning; Maritime NZ have issued a letter at 1030 today, stating: "All conditions imposed on the ship by Maritime New Zealand on Jul 4 have been met and are hereby removed."

Taharoa Express is therefore cleared to sail and will leave the anchorage today at around 1300 hrs and sail onto Taharoa to complete their loading procedure, before sailing onto their next destination in China. The ship's Technical Managers, on behalf of the owners and charterers would like to thank the NZ maritime authorities, the many sub-contractors who helped in the corrective action and repairs of *Taharoa Express* and the public of New Zealand for their patience and helpful assistance over the past two weeks.

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: Work to rebalance bulker *Taharoa Express's* cargo which shifted when she was caught in heavy seas off the West Coast, has finally come to an end in Tasman Bay. Crew and Maritime NZ staff have been working on an 18-deg list on *Taharoa Express*. The vessel is expected back at the Taharoa loading terminal at 0800 hrs to prepare for its return to the sea. John Mansell from Maritime NZ says even though the repairs are completed they will still keep a close eye on it.

Wellington, Jul 9 -- Bulker *Taharoa Express* has finally sailed from Tasman Bay to resume normal operations. She left the bay about 1345 yesterday and was expected back at the Port Taharoa loading terminal offshore from Waikato at 0800 today. Maritime New Zealand operations general manager John Mansell said that both Maritime NZ and the ship's surveyors had inspected the vessel and were satisfied that it was safe to return to Port Taharoa to resume loading. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Wellington, Jul 11 -- Bulker *Taharoa Express* completed loading iron sands at Taharoa terminal at 0900 today. The vessel completed dewatering and sailed at 1600 hrs for Qinhuangdao. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TAURUS (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Jul 10 -- General cargo *Taurus* arrived Kandla Jun 30 and sailed Jul 4.

TEVFIK KAPTAN I (Turkey)

Taranto, Jul 5 -- Our Sub-agents in Gallipoli have informed us that the local harbour-master, together with the fire brigade and *Castalia* (the supply vessel in charge of monitoring/ cleaning/ anti-pollution services, on behalf of the national authorities), have completed the full recovery of all pollution (lubricating oil, gasoil, batteries, paint and thinner) from the wreck of general cargo *Tevfik Kaptan I*. However, the owners' or insurance company's intention regarding possible wreck recovery are unknown at present. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Taranto, Jul 6 -- General cargo *Tevfik Kaptan I*: According to our Sub-agents in Gallipoli no developments are foreseen during the weekend. No information about owner's or insurers intention to proceed, if any, to recover the wreck yet. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Taranto, Jul 10 -- Our Sub-agents at Gallipoli have advised that there have been no interim developments regarding general cargo *Tevfik Kaptan I* and no decision regarding wreck removal is expected in the near future. -- Lloyd's Agents.

THORFINN (Micronesia)

Honolulu, Jul 7 -- Passenger (cruise) *Thorfinn* is still aground and salvage efforts are still underway. Approximately 50% of the diesel (originally reported to be waste oil) has been removed. At this time there has been no request for assistance from U.S. Coast Guard. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TIGER (Cambodia)

London, Jul 7 -- Following received from Rabat MRCC, timed 1445, UTC: General cargo *Tiger* (2765 gt, built 1974), cargo just over 3,000 tonnes of iron products, had fire break out on board at the port of Nador this morning. Port authorities ordered vessel to be moved to the anchorage and, after reaching this location and safely anchoring, the master and crew brought the fire under control. They have now left the vessel, which remains at the anchorage. (Note -- *Tiger* arrived Nador 1919, Jul 5, and sailed 1036, Jul 7, for anchorage. According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, vessel was located stationary in lat 35 17 51.12N, long 02 53 45.96W, at 1342, UTC, today.)

London, Jul 8 -- Following received from Rabat MRCC, timed 1141, UTC: General cargo *Tiger* is still anchored at Nador anchorage.

London, Jul 9 -- Following received from Madrid MRCC, timed 0930, UTC: General cargo *Tiger* is now alongside at Melilla port. Spanish Maritime Authority are investigating. The vessel had a fire in its cargo. (Note -- *Tiger* arrived Melilla 0245 today.)

Cadiz, Jul 10 -- General cargo *Tiger* is berthed at Melilla. Apparently, the cargo, consisting of 4,000 tonnes of iron/steel products, reached a high temperature and caught fire. Port authorities have ordered the discharge of about 500 tonnes of the cargo. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TRICOLOR (NIS)

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: Three vessels share liability in a 2002 collision in the English Channel that resulted in the sinking of vehicle carrier *Tricolor*. In a closely watched case, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in New York reversed a district court decision that had found a single vessel, container carrier *Kariba*, to be exclusively at fault for the accident, which resulted in the loss of the \$40 million *Tricolor* and its cargo of luxury cars worth another \$49 million. The collision occurred on Dec 14, 2002, before dawn in heavy fog. *Kariba* and *Tricolor* were travelling roughly west, with *Tricolor* overtaking *Kariba* on its starboard side. Bulk carrier *Clary* was proceeding north on a collision course with *Kariba*. When *Kariba* turned to avoid collision with *Clary*, it struck *Tricolor*. There was no loss of life but *Tricolor* sank quickly and was a total loss. *Kariba* had conceded that its violations of the collision regulations contributed to the accident but contended that the other two vessels had contributed to the accident. The court agreed. It found that all the vessels had been traveling too fast, that *Kariba* had violated rules by turning into *Tricolor*, that *Tricolor* had violated the rules on overtaking and that *Clary* could have taken evasive action sooner. It also noted that there were unexplained alterations of the logbooks on *Clary*. "We are pleased that the Court of Appeals has rectified the district court's error in putting sole fault on *Kariba* and ruled that violations of the collision regulations by *Tricolor* and *Clary* also caused the collision," said John Kimball of Blank Rome, who represented the owners of *Kariba*. In a concurring opinion, Judge Jon O. Newman urged "the development of some form of sea traffic control system for crowded sea lanes to lessen the risk of a ship collision of the sort illustrated by this appeal." "A sea traffic control system needs not be as elaborate as modern air traffic control systems, but the lack of even a rudimentary nautical counterpart to the systems that monitor and control crowded air spaces cries out for a remedy," he added.

TRINITY SIERRA (Cyprus)

See "Portugal" under "Port State Control".

VERTIGO (Jamaica)

London, Jul 11 -- Bulker *Vertigo* arrived Nanjing Jul 10.

VOLGO-BALT 209 (Russia)

London, Jul 11 -- General cargo *Volgo-Balt 209* arrived Klaipeda Jul 10.

W.D.FAIRWAY (Netherlands)

Tianjin, Jul 12 -- Reported hopper dredger *W.D.Fairway* has completed her temporary repair at Shanhaiguan Shipyard, however, according to application of the opposing party, vessel had been arrested by Tianjin

Maritime Court of China on Jul 7. The shipowner has been ordered to provide a guarantee in amount of US\$18 million for release. Up to now, there is no development. -- Lloyd's Agents.

WAHAI STAR (Indonesia)

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: Rescue workers scoured Indonesian waters after vessel *Wahai Star*, carrying 60 people, capsized in stormy weather, killing at least two children and leaving dozens of others missing, a port official said today. Twenty-nine people wearing life vests were plucked from the sea by a passing oil tanker, after their boat was pounded by 13-foot waves on Tuesday night (Jul 10). "The vessel then sank slowly and we jumped into the dark and rough sea," said Nasaruddin, 39, who uses only one name and was taken to a nearby island after drifting for 15 hours. "We were all panicking, but the crew calmed us down." The vessel had been on a regular voyage from Buru island to Ambon, the capital of Maluku province, and was carrying 43 passengers and 17 crew. Life vests were handed out by deck hands minutes before the vessel sank. The cause of the accident was unclear, but port officials said a broken engine may have hampered efforts to navigate the storm. Two children died and authorities were giving up hope of finding the missing, said Karim Tuanaya, acting head of the local port authority. Rescue vessels were sent to the area, but heavy rain and stormy seas were making the search difficult.

WEST LARISSA (Cyprus)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 5 -- Seadrill Ltd said today its drill platform *West Larissa* (7936 gt, built 1984) is currently under way to Singapore for a stay in the yard. The purpose of the stay is repair of the unit's legs after damage sustained in connection with a punch-through during positioning of the unit for start-up of operations on a wellhead platform in Indonesia. Following inspection of the legs, it has been determined that the unit most likely will be out of operation for up to four months starting today. However, loss of revenues is to some extent expected to be covered by insurance. Furthermore, the unit has experienced various operational issues during the second quarter that have hampered the operational utilisation and as such the economic contribution since early May from the unit has been limited. -- Correspondent.

WILLIFT FALCON (NIS)

London, Jul 10 -- Semi-sub HL vessel *Willift Falcon* sailed Corpus Christi Jul 7.

YONG TONG (Hong Kong)

Santos, Jul 5 -- Bulker *Yong Tong* arrived Santos Jul 4 from Rosario. -- Lloyd's Agents.

YONG XING (Hong Kong)

Chittagong, Jul 11 -- Container carrier *Yong Xing*: Understand from the

Engineering Department of Chittagong Port Authority that repairs to Jetty No 11 were completed on Jul 9. The jetty is presently operational. -- Lloyd's Agents.

YUSHIN MARU (Japan)

See *Sun Flower Cobalt*.

Port State Control



BELGIUM

London, Jul 9 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, combined chemical and oil tank *Tangout* was located stationary at Antwerp as of 0837, UTC, today.

Zeebrugge, Jul 10 -- The departure of general cargo *Al Shaymaa* (detained in Antwerp by Port State Control) was authorised at 1701, Jul 6. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note -- *Al Shaymaa* sailed from Antwerp at 0400, Jul 7, bound for Alexandria.)

PORTUGAL

Ponta Delgada, Jul 6 -- Bulker *Trinity Sierra*, fully loaded with a cargo of sugar, is still berthed alongside the inner quay, Ponta Delgada, under detention by Port State Control and arrested by order of local Judicial Court for local debts. -- Lloyd's Agents.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Dublin, Jul 6 -- General cargo *Lillian* is still at New Ross, and there has been no change in the vessel's situation. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Dublin High Court yesterday ruled that general cargo *Lillian*, under detention in New Ross, is to be sold at auction, in an attempt to settle outstanding claims against the vessel by her crew and charterers. The vessel arrived with a cargo of steel bars that had been loaded in Turkey, but these were found to have been corroded by seawater, during the passage. The nine crew have already left the vessel and have returned home.

SPAIN

Valencia, Jul 9 -- Passenger ro/ro *Carmen del Mar*, owned by Iscomar, operating between Denia-Ibiza, had technical problems (insufficient lifeboats) and also problems with the standard of hygiene on board (presence of cockroaches). Iscomar has reported that all the problems have been already resolved and the ferry will be sailing from Denia in the next hours, after a second technical inspection has taken place. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Valencia, Jul 12 -- Passenger ro/ro *Carmen del Mar* is still at Denia, awaiting a second inspection by the authorities in order to confirm whether the technical and hygiene problems have been resolved. -- Lloyd's Agents. (See also *Meugang I* under "Marine.")

Seizures & Arrests



BRITT (Belgium)

Zeebrugge, Jul 10 -- The embargo/arrest of chemical tanker *Britt* was lifted at 1435, Jul 6. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

BUGULMA (Russia)

Zeebrugge, Jul 10 -- The embargo/arrest of general cargo *Bugulma* (1895 gt, built 1988) was lifted at 1047 today. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note -- *Bugulma* arrived at Antwerp at 1942, Jul 7.)

London, Jul 11 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Bugulma* in lat 51 36 30.12N, long 03 22 40.68E, at 2354, UTC, Jul 10, Domburg 7.7 nautical miles, speed 9.4 knots.

FISHING VESSELS SEIZED BY AUSTRALIA

Fremantle, Jul 12 -- Fishing vessels *Viarsa I*, *Maya V* and *Volga*, seized a couple of years ago for a breach of fishing laws: *Viarsa I* and *Maya V* are still at Jervis Bay awaiting disposal orders. *Volga* has been scrapped. -- Lloyd's Agents.

GEMINIS (Belize)

London, Jul 5 -- Understand fish factory *Geminis* (3977 gt, built 1976) was abandoned at least four years ago, at Las Palmas. Most crew members left at that time but two remained on board in the hope of securing unpaid wages amounting to Euros 60,000. Over the years some sums of money were obtained in back pay. There were rumours of interested buyers who could have settled the outstanding claims and enabled the crew members to be repatriated but nothing came to fruition until the vessel was sold for scrap in August, 2006. An ITF inspector was involved in negotiations resulting in the crew agreeing to leave the vessel on payment of Euros 15,000 each.

HOSHIN MARU NO.88 (Japan)

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: Russia said today that it will return Japanese fishing *Hoshin Maru No.88*, seized off the Pacific Coast last month, but there was no word on whether the crew of 17 would also be released. The Foreign Ministry said it informed Japan on Friday that *Hoshin Maru No.88*, captured by the Russian coast guard on Jun 3 and taken to a port on the Kamchatka Peninsula, will be returned in exchange for a fine that has not yet been determined. The Foreign Ministry statement said nothing about the crew members, and ministry officials declined immediate comment. Japan's Foreign Ministry said Friday that it had filed a complaint with an international maritime court for the

release of *Hoshin Maru No.88* and its crew, as well as a fishing boat seized in November. The Russian statement expressed regret that Japan turned to the court, saying it is always open to resolving the issue of seizing Japanese boats and their crews bilaterally.

LAMO (Panama)

Cape Town, Jul 11 -- Bulker *Lamo* is still at anchor (off Walvis Bay) with no changes in her situation. -- Lloyd's Agents.

PACEMAKER (U.K.)

London, Jul 7 -- A press report, dated Jul 6, states: At a hearing yesterday at Barnstaple Magistrates, Richard Fishleigh was fined a total of £3,000 for breaching a detention notice. On Mar 1, the Maritime & Coastguard Agency was informed that fishing (general) *Pacemaker* (49 gt, built 1970) (GY 165) had failed a stability survey. The detail and extent of the failure was such that the MCA immediately detained the vessel as dangerously unsafe. The appropriate notice was served on the owner of the vessel, Richard Fishleigh. Despite this notice the vessel continued to go to sea to fish on numerous occasions. Mr. Richard Fishleigh had been warned not to proceed to sea. On investigation, it became apparent that the failure of the stability survey was due to a number of unauthorised alterations Richard Fishleigh had made to the vessel without considering the vessels buoyancy. On Jun 20, and following professional advice, *Pacemaker* underwent another stability survey. The results proved to be satisfactory. In order to achieve this result approximately 3.8 tons of top weight or 7.5% of the vessel's overall weight had been removed. A further inspection was conducted which showed work to improve the vessels freeboard had been carried out. As a result the vessel was released from detention on Jun 29. Richard Fishleigh, owner of *Pacemaker*, was fined £3,000 plus £4,000 costs. In passing sentence the Magistrate made the following points: He was fully aware of the situation. He was fully aware of the MCA's regulations. Yet he still sailed. Lack of urgency to complete rectification work. Mr Paul Coley, Deputy Director of Operations (Survey and Inspections) at the MCA, said: "Breaching a Detention Notice is a very serious matter and one that the MCA can not overlook. A Detention Notice is only issued after great consideration and where there is an immediate threat to safety. It is not a decision which the MCA takes lightly. This matter also highlights the problems that can be created when work is done on a vessel without the proper advice. It does not take much weight in the wrong place to severely affect the stability of a small fishing vessel."

SUNGAI JULAN 1 (Malaysia)

Manila, Jul 11 -- Tug *Sungai Julan 1* is still under detention at Poro Point Port in La Union province in northern Luzon island. The disposition of *Sungai Julan 1* is still awaiting

resolution at the Bureau of Customs Legal Department, Bureau District Director Edward Baltazar said. Last April, after a series of public hearings, Mr. Baltazar ordered her confiscation in favour of the Philippine government, for illegally selling fuel oil while docked at Poro Point. The order, however, has to be upheld by the Customs Commissioner, before it can be executed. The Customs Commissioner, in the meantime, has asked the Bureau's legal department for a legal opinion before deciding on the matter. - Correspondent.

TROY (Panama)

Zeebrugge, Jul 5 -- Bulker *Troy* sailed Antwerp 2333, local time, Jul 4, for Puerto Cabello. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.



Pipeline Accidents

GUANAJUATO STATE, MEXICO

London, Jul 6 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Petroleos Mexicanos, Mexico's state oil monopoly, said a natural-gas pipeline in Guanajuato state had two explosions this morning that prompted the evacuation of 4,100 people and damaged nearby gasoline and gas-liquids lines. The blasts took place just after 0100, local time, at two locations on the 36-inch pipeline, Petroleos Mexicanos said today in a statement. The company, known as Pemex, said there were no casualties reported. Pemex cut the flow of fuel through the affected pipelines, and one fire was still burning as of 1215, New York time, said Juan Jose Martinez, a spokesman for the state of Guanajuato. Pemex, which didn't specify the damage to nearby pipelines, reported a leak in separate gas-liquids line in the same area. The company didn't provide information on how fuel shipments are being affected. Pemex, which is investigating how the explosions were caused, said it plans to issue another statement later today. About 3,100 people were evacuated in the town of Salamanca and 1,000 had to leave their homes in Celaya, Martinez said. The flames in one location were as tall as 70 metres right after the explosion, Guanajuato State Government Secretary Gerardo Mosqueda Martinez said in an interview with television network Grupo Televisa SAB. Separately, Pemex said an 8-inch gasoline pipeline in Mexico City was damaged after a 6-metre-wide, 2-metre-deep crack running over 20 metres opened up on the ground today.

MEXICO

Mexico City, Jul 10 -- An explosion shut off three fuel pipelines in Mexico on Tuesday (Jul 10), the fourth such blast in a week, forcing the evacuation of nearby communities. State-owned oil monopoly Pemex said no injuries were reported, and predicted no impact on crude oil exports since the pipelines

served the domestic market. Pemex said firefighters had the blaze under control at a 36-inch natural gas pipeline running between Mexico City and the western city of Guadalajara. People living nearby were evacuated to safety. The government's environmental protection agency, Profepa, said fuel was being burned off to keep contamination to a minimum. A nearby 14-inch liquefied petroleum gas pipeline and a 16-inch crude oil pipeline running between oil fields at Poza Rica and its Salamanca oil refinery also had to be shut off. Pemex said the affected pipelines served the domestic market. "There is no problem with the (crude oil) pipelines running to ports," a spokeswoman said. Last Thursday, Pemex reported three pipeline explosions in central Mexico, setting off raging fires, but also affecting only domestic supply of natural gas, liquid petroleum gas and gasoline. Those pipelines were now operational again. Pemex said federal prosecutors were investigating all four cases, as one local newspaper speculated that sabotage could be behind the accidents. Separately, Pemex said it had shut off some onshore oil wells in the southeastern state of Tabasco on Monday because of the risk of nearby grassland fires spreading. A spokesman could not immediately say what the impact was on oil production, but the bulk of Pemex's crude oil comes from offshore fields like Cantarell. Pemex said it was alerted to Tuesday's blast by a drop in pipeline pressure. Pre-dawn television images showed flames jumping dozens of metres into the air. On Sunday, some 200 people living around the site of last week's pipeline explosions gathered for a protest and demanded Pemex remove the pipelines running beneath their homes. -- Reuters.

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: A small guerrilla group has claimed responsibility for a gas pipeline explosion yesterday in central Mexico, state oil company Pemex said. The blast, which occurred at about 0100, 1600, AEST, sent flames some 300 metres into the sky and the surrounding community was evacuated, according to Pemex. Pemex said there were no injuries and the fire was under control. In an Internet statement the People's Revolutionary Army (EPR) claimed responsibility for the blast and three previous pipeline explosions between Jul 5-10. The group said the attacks were linked to the "detention/disappearance" of EPR members in Oaxaca in south-eastern Mexico, where social activists undertook a long campaign against the state's governor last year resulting in 13 deaths. The Mexican government seemed to confirm suspicions that the explosions were deliberate and not accidents. "The necessary investigations will be made to punish those responsible," said Max Cortazar, spokesman for President Felipe Calderon.

London, Jul 11 -- Vitro SAB, Mexico's biggest glassmaker, stopped production at two glass bottle plants after an

explosion yesterday at a state-owned pipeline interrupted natural gas supplies. The shutdown at the two factories located in the cities of Guadalajara and Queretaro will reduce earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization by \$800,000 a day, Vitro said today in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The blast in the central state of Queretaro occurred at a Petroleos Mexicanos valve-control station and a Mexican guerrilla group claimed responsibility. Besides Monterrey-based Vitro, plants operated by dozens of companies including beermaker Grupo Modelo SAB were affected by the disruption, the Mexico City daily El Universal said. Vitro said it is "confident" the natural gas supply will soon be restored. Pemex, Mexico's government-owned oil and gas monopoly, said yesterday it dispatched 150 workers to the blast site to repair damage. Pemex estimated it will take as long as three days to re-establish the flow of natural gas through a 36-inch pipeline that serves the cities of Guadalajara, Queretaro, Aguascalientes and Leon in central Mexico.

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated Jul 11, states: National and international corporations were shut down today in Mexico and faced millions of dollars in losses following rebel attacks on a key natural gas pipeline running from Mexico City to Guadalajara. The small, left-wing guerrilla group that claimed responsibility for the explosions issued a follow-up statement late yesterday vowing to continue the attacks, while the Mexican government scrambled to increase security at "strategic installations" across Mexico. Honda (HMC), Kellogg's (K), Hershey's (HSY), Nissan (NSANY) and Grupo Modelo (GPMCY) are just some of an estimated dozen companies that have had to shut down or cut back operations because of the sudden loss of natural gas, the daily newspaper Excelsior reported today. Vitro SAB (VTO), a Mexican company that makes glass containers, issued a statement saying the forced shutdown of two plants due to the explosions would cost it about \$800,000 a day. Vitro said it was attempting to minimize effects on customers with the support of its other container plants in the country. Total business losses are being estimated at more than 70 million pesos (\$6.4 million) a day, Excelsior reported, citing unidentified sources. The association representing Mexican industry said today it was looking into the extent of the explosions' financial impact. Officials from Mexico's state-owned oil monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, said yesterday's explosion and two explosions last week affected different sections of the same pipeline. The company said it sent 150 workers to work on the line, the disruption of which has affected clients in the industry-rich city of Guadalajara, capital of the western state of Jalisco; the industrial city of Leon, in the central state of Guanajuato; and the

central states of Queretaro and Aguascalientes. The company said the gas would probably not be restored until Friday (Jul 13) at the earliest, but was working to provide alternate means of delivery.

Mexico City, Jul 11 -- Extra soldiers and federal police were deployed to guard Mexico's oil wells and pipelines today after a rebel group said it caused explosions at fuel pipelines as part of an anti-government campaign. State oil monopoly Pemex, a major U.S. supplier, said it had increased its police and army presence at installations after the left-wing Popular Revolutionary Army, or EPR, said yesterday it was behind attacks on four pipelines in the past week. It vowed to carry out further attacks. Pemex added two extra helicopters to its surveillance operations and was working with the defence ministry and federal police on the best way to guard the country's pipelines, which stretch over 14,000 km. "The army is guarding the (oil and gas) installations and, logically, we are on alert," said Andres Granier, governor of oil-rich Tabasco state where newly arrived soldiers were visible at gas processing and petrochemical plants. Police were also deployed to guard strategic locations in Mexico City, after the federal government reacted to yesterday's threat by saying it will ramp up national security. Pemex said late on Wednesday it was restoring the supply of natural gas to the central city of Queretaro and in western areas after dozens of companies were forced to halt operations. It expected to have supplies fully restored by Friday (Jul 13). -- Reuters.

Pollution



FIRTH OF FORTH, SCOTLAND, UNITED KINGDOM

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: A mysterious oil spill, several square kilometres long, is threatening dozens of species of wildlife in the Forth. The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (Sepa) said it had been aware of the spill for two days, but the oil source had not yet been identified. There have been no reports of dead wildlife after the incident. The SSPCA warned the spill could have "catastrophic" consequences in the Firth of Forth. A similar oil spill in a nearby section of water was reported last weekend (Jun 30-Jul 1). It is unclear whether this latest spill is from the same source. Oil has washed up over several square kilometres on the foreshore between Longannet and Valleyfield in Fife, and as far east as the Forth bridges and South Queensferry, including Inchcolm Island. An SSPCA spokeswoman said: "Our worry is that the oil is killing the food source for many of the various

types of wildlife found in the area. "The Firth of Forth has a very special ecosystem and it doesn't take much to upset it. "The long-term effect of any spill could be catastrophic but it may not be until the breeding season that the true extent of damage is discovered." The spill could be seen from the Forth bridges, A Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) aircraft flew over the Forth yesterday and took photographs of the affected area in an attempt to identify the source. A spokesman for Forth Ports confirmed oil had been dispersing naturally throughout the day. He said: "As no vessels were in the area during the time period in question, the indication is that this has come from a land-based source." Sepa's area manager Lin Bunten said: "Following initial notification on the morning of Jul 2, Sepa officers have been working tirelessly day and night to identify the source of this oil. As yet no dead birds or fish have been identified but the spill has affected an area of several square kilometres. Although a conclusive source of the spill still remains to be fully identified, Sepa officers continue to work round the clock." The Forth Ports have not activated the oil spill contingency plan.

NINGBO, CHINA

London, Jul 6 -- TOP Tankers was hoping that its crude oil tanker *Priceless* would be cleared to sail over the weekend after a pollution incident in China. Skimmers and other anti-pollution equipment has successfully recovered most of the oil from the water and adjacent shoreline, it is understood. The International Tanker Operators Pollution Fund (ITOPF) has already prepared a report on the incident and a bond of an undisclosed amount has been lodged with the port authority to cover clean-up and other costs.

London, Jul 10 -- Following received from the operators of crude oil tanker *Priceless*, dated today: *Priceless* sailed Ningbo at 1000, local time, Jul 7.

OHIO RIVER, STOWE AREA, PENNSYLVANIA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 8 -- A press report, dated today, states: Hazardous materials crews were working late last night to try to contain up to 3,000 gallons of gasoline that poured into the Ohio River when a fully loaded tanker overturned while coming off the Fleming Park Bridge, which connects Neville Island with Route 51 in Stowe. The accident, which occurred at 1844 yesterday, forced the closure of the bridge, Route 51, Neville Road and Island Avenue, Stowe police reported. Those roadways remained closed late into the night. The driver of the rig was taken to Allegheny General Hospital. His condition was not available. Allegheny County's Emergency Operations Centre said the tanker truck was coming off the bridge when it struck a Port Authority bus

shelter and overturned, causing the tanker to leak the fuel into the river. County hazmat teams as well as those from the state Department of Environmental Protection responded to the incident.

Weather & Navigation



AUSTRALIA

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: The New South Wales Ports Minister says the Government's investigation into the grounding of bulker *Pasha Bulker* is progressing well, with a report expected to be released within a month. The bulk carrier was stranded on Nobbys Beach for more than three weeks, before being refloated on Monday night (Jul 2). The ship sustained damage to its propeller, rudder and hull and was towed into Newcastle port yesterday for a structural assessment. Ports Minister Joe Tripodi says NSW Maritime's investigation is almost complete. "I hope to be able to release a report to the public within about a month," he said. "Interviews have begun, the master of *Pasha Bulker* has already been interviewed, the master of *Sea Confidence*, which was the other ship that was in distress has also been interviewed, and we intend to interview the master of the *Betis* which is the ship that was caught off the coast near Swansea."

London, Jul 6 -- A Newcastle Port Corporation press release, dated today, states: Bulker *Pasha Bulker*: Oil response equipment and temporary fencing are being removed from the Nobbys Beach area today in preparation for the beaches re-opening to the public from tomorrow morning. CEO Newcastle Port Corporation, Gary Webb, said Nobbys Beach had been closed to the public for four weeks following the grounding of *Pasha Bulker* on Jun 8. The forward staging area at Nobbys Beach carpark that housed most of the oil response equipment is being cleared today and temporary fencing will start being removed from late today, Mr Webb said. The Waterside Exclusion Zone introduced to allow salvage tugs to refloat the *Pasha Bulker* from Nobbys Beach was cancelled earlier today. Mr Webb said a survey team is believed to have located a seven-tonne section of rudder near where the stern of the ship was aground off Nobbys Beach. Newcastle Port Corporation's survey team used a multi-beam echo sounder to locate what is thought to be a leading edge of the rudder buried in sand, Mr Webb said. Plans are now being made to retrieve the section which measures about five metres by four metres. Retrieval may take a number of days because of weather and sea conditions. Inspections of Nobbys Beach will continue as part of

monitoring of the coastline and retrieval of equipment. For safety reasons, any pieces of fencing or other objects found on Nobbys Beach should be taken immediately to lifeguards or to the surf pavilion.

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: It is now highly unlikely that any major repairs on bulker *Pasha Bulker* will be done in Australia. The bulk carrier remains docked in Newcastle, after being freed from the grounding last week. Divers are continuing to inspect damage to the vessel's propeller and a water ballast tank, while plans are also being made to retrieve part of its rudder from Nobbys Beach. Salvors are expected to release the vessel back to the vessel's owner later this week, and it is understood it could then be sent to the Forgacs' shipyard Brisbane for temporary repairs, before heading to Asia for major work, possibly in Japan at the shipyard where it was built. Meanwhile, Federal Transport Minister Mark Vaile says legal action could be taken over the *Pasha Bulker*'s grounding if it is deemed warranted. New South Wales Maritime and the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) are investigating the events surrounding the incident. Mr Vaile says once it has completed its investigation the ATSB is expected to make several recommendations. The vessel's owner Fukujin Kisen is scheduled to meet with Forgacs' representatives in Newcastle on Thursday (Jul 12).

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: The owners of bulker *Pasha Bulker*, which ran aground on Newcastle's Nobby's Beach last month, could face legal action from the Australian Transport Safety Bureau. Federal Transport minister Mark Vaile said the vessel's Japanese owners Fukujin Kisen could face charges over the incident. Last week the vessel returned to Newcastle, indefinitely, for repairs. After damage assessments in deeper water, *Pasha Bulker* was towed by five tugs into Newcastle port, where it will undergo further assessment and have some minor repairs made. A spokeswoman for Newcastle Port Corporation said divers had examined the vessel and had discovered that the hull had been damaged. "The assessment confirmed a breach in one of the 10 water ballast tanks in the bottom of the vessel," she said. The spokeswoman also said the vessel had "sustained damage to the rudder and propeller and there are creases in the outer plating." NSW Ports Minister Joe Tripodi said the vessel was structurally sound, despite the damage found, and the salvage team would hand it back to the owners soon. "Then the owner will make decisions about where and how the repairs will be made," he said. "There's no doubt that Newcastle is capable of doing some preliminary repair work." Newcastle Port Corporation chief executive Gary Webb said the vessel would be monitored for oil leaks and "any necessary environmental protection equipment will be deployed".

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: Bulker *Pasha Bulker* will be handed back to its owners later this week, says the salvage company which refloated the vessel. "The salvor's contractual obligations are coming to an end," Svitzer Salvage spokesman Matthew Watson said. "It is likely that the ship will be signed back over to the owner by the end of this week." A spokesman for the owners, Fukujin Kisen, said it was unlikely the major repairs would be carried out in Australia. "It's more efficient to do it in one of the big overseas docks, somewhere in Asia," the spokesman said. "So it will probably be towed back there."

TROPICAL STORM "TORAJI"

London, Jul 6 -- Tropical storm "Toraji" did not inflict significant damage, according to reports from storm-hit areas. The typhoon hit northern Quang Ninh province at 1800, yesterday with gusts of wind reaching speeds of 88 kph. It began to head for China's Guangxi province at 1930 hrs, moving at 15-20 kph. Coastal northern provinces stretching from Quang Ninh to Hai Phong were affected by the typhoon. The storm capsized at least seven fishing vessels in Quang Ninh's Co To island. Personnel were immediately dispatched to the scene to salvage these vessels. Different areas in the province also experienced power outages. Swift and timely evacuation ensured that no human casualties were reported in all affected areas.

TYPHOON "MAN-YI"

London, Jul 9 - Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: At 0600, UTC, today, the centre of tropical storm "Man-Yi" was located near lat 10.7N, long 141.3E, approximately 210 nautical miles east-northeast of Yap. It has tracked westward, or 290 degrees, at 16 knots over the past six hours. The position is accurate to within 40 nautical miles and is based on the centre being located by satellite. The present wind distribution: maximum sustained winds of 55 knots, with gusts to 70 knots. Radius of 50 knot winds: 30 nautical miles in all four quadrants. Radius of 34 knot winds: 85 nautical miles in the north-east quadrant, 75 nautical miles in the south-east and south-west quadrants and 80 nautical miles in the north-west quadrant. The maximum significant wave height is 17 feet. At 0600, UTC, Jul 10, the centre is predicted to be near lat 13.0N, long 137.5E, with maximum sustained winds of 80 knots, with gusts to 100 knots.

London, Jul 10 - Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: At 0600, UTC, today, the centre of tropical storm "Man-Yi" was located near lat 12.8N, long 137.4E. Movement past six hours 295 degrees at 11 knots. The position is accurate to within 40 nautical miles and is based on the centre being located by satellite. The present wind distribution: maximum sustained winds of 65 knots, with gusts

to 80 knots. Radius of 50 knot winds: 55 nautical miles in all four quadrants. At 0600, UTC, Jul 11, the centre is predicted to be near lat 16.7N, long 133.4E, with maximum sustained winds of 85 knots, with gusts to 105 knots.

London, Jul 11 - Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: At 0600, UTC, today, the centre of tropical cyclone "Man-Yi" was located near lat 17.4N, long 132.9E. Movement over the past six hours: 315 degrees, at 18 knots. The position is accurate to within 40 nautical miles and is based on the centre being located by satellite. The present wind distribution: maximum sustained winds of 90 knots, with gusts to 110 knots. Radius of 64 knot winds: 30 nautical miles in all four quadrants. Radius of 34 knot winds: 155 nautical miles in the north-east and south-east quadrants, 125 nautical miles in the south-west quadrant and 150 nautical miles in the north-west quadrant. The maximum significant wave height is 30 feet. At 0600, UTC, Jul 12, the centre is predicted to be near lat 22.1N, long 129.0E, with maximum sustained winds of 115 knots, with gusts to 140 knots.

Tokyo, Jul 12 -- A powerful typhoon is heading north towards Japan today, threatening to rake the southern islands of Okinawa and the country's main islands with torrential rain and high winds. Typhoon "Man-Yi" was 600 km south of the Okinawan city of Naha at 1300 hrs (0400, UTC) and moving north northwest at 25 km per hour, bringing with it winds gusting up to 234 km per hour, Japan's Meteorological Agency said. "By late tonight, Okinawa will be experiencing strong winds, and by noon tomorrow the storm should be quite close to Naha," an agency forecaster said. At particular risk is the southernmost main island of Kyushu, where heavy rains this week have already caused flooding and road collapses, forced the evacuation of a handful of families, and left one man dead. Heavy rain warnings were issued for Okinawa and Kagoshima on Kyushu, along with an area in central Japan. The storm is currently predicted to come close to Kyushu on Saturday (Jul 14) before weakening and heading northeast, brushing by Tokyo sometime on Sunday (Jul 15). -- Reuters.

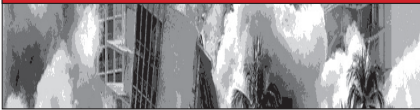
London, Jul 12 - Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: Forecast issued at 1046, UTC, today: Typhoon "Man-Yi" is in lat 23N, long 128.2E, moving north-northwest at 14 knots with maximum winds of 95 knots near centre. Radius of 50 knot winds 140 miles north-east semi-circle and 120 miles elsewhere. At 0900, UTC, Jul 13, the centre is predicted to be near lat 27.3N, long 127.5E, with maximum sustained winds of 95 knots near centre.

UNITED STATES

New York, Jul 5 -- Water levels at the flooded Coffeyville Resources refinery in Kansas have dropped significantly, allowing office staff to return to work

today, a Coffeyville spokesman said. But part of the 108,000 barrel-per-day refinery, which supplies oil products to the Midwest, remained under water. Workers will wait until the floodwaters subside before making damage assessments and determining when the refinery can restart, said Steve Eames, a Coffeyville spokesman. Coffeyville resources shut its refinery last weekend as floodwaters overwhelmed the city's flood defenses. The inundation led to an oil spill and has sent wholesale gasoline prices in the region up over 20 cents per gallon. The oil spill was caused when the refinery's main crude oil tank overflowed. Preliminary assessments put the amount of oil spilled at 1,000 barrels. -- Reuters.

Natural Disasters



MOUNT GAMKONORA, INDONESIA

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: Thousands of people were evacuated from the slopes of a volcano in eastern Indonesia after it spewed hot clouds of smoke, ash and rocks for a second day, officials said today. Mount Gamkonora's alert was raised to the highest level, meaning a major eruption could occur within days or weeks, said Saut Simatupang, who is monitoring the activity of the volcano on Halmahera island. Seismic activity at the 5,364-foot mountain increased sharply yesterday and two major eruptions were recorded early today, shooting debris 9,842 feet into the air, he said. There have been no reports of damage or casualties, Simatupang said, with some 8,400 villagers evacuated to safer areas in the last 24 hours and northerly winds blowing smoke away from residential areas. Halmahera, the main island in North Maluku province, is about 1,500 miles north-east of Jakarta.

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: Hundreds more Indonesians fled the slopes of a smouldering Indonesian volcano as it threw out smoke and ash for the third consecutive day, police and residents said today. Vulcanologists warned yesterday that an eruption of Mount Gamkonora, located on the island of Halmahera, some 2,700 km north-east of Jakarta, may be imminent. "As of this morning, a total of 8,621 people from eight villages have fled to safer areas," said Risnu Malau, a policeman in Jailolo, a town some 35 km away. He said most local police had been dispatched to the slopes to help local authorities deal with the displaced. A witness in Jailolo said that a thick column of smoke could still be seen rising from the volcano's crater, but at a lower height than yesterday, when vulcanologists said it soared 3,000 metres into the air. Spot fires were visible yesterday and the crater spat burning material up to 15 metres into the air.

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: Activity at a smouldering Indonesian volcano appeared to ease slightly today as hundreds more people were evacuated from its slopes, geologists and officials said. Mount Gamkonora, on Halmahera island in North Maluku province, has been spewing rocks, ash and smoke into the air since Monday (Jul 9) and experts fear an eruption could be imminent. "In the first six hours of today, we have registered only one earthquake due to an eruption and another due to the release of smoke," said Saut Simatupang, from Indonesia's vulcanology office headquarters in Bandung. "There are indications that the energy level is weakening," he said, adding however that heavy cloud obscured the volcano's peak, making visual observation difficult. White smoke could only be seen drifting some 200 metres above the crater, he said. A further 1,100 people were evacuated from 11 villages to safe shelters overnight, Sulaiman, an information officer for North Maluku, said from the capital Ternate. He said some 9,758 people, or nearly 2,000 families, were sheltering at three designated safe areas, up from more than 8,600 a day earlier. Evacuation operations were ongoing, he added.

Political & Civil Unrest



IRAQ

London, Jul 6 -- Southern Iraq's main oil pipeline extending to al-Dawra oil refinery in the capital Baghdad was struck by a bomb attack, the independent news agency Voices of Iraq (VOI) reported today. Assem Jihad, spokesman for the country's Oil Ministry, said an explosive device was planted underneath the pipeline, which begins the Udwaniya region. The explosion caused several fires which engulfed the area with clouds of smoke. The productivity of al-Dawra refinery ranges from 110,000 to 130,000 barrels a day, but it is expected to be reduced to half this amount because of Friday's attack.

NIGERIA

Abuja, Jul 9 -- Four more people have been abducted in the Niger Delta, authorities said on Monday (Jul 9), underscoring insecurity in Nigeria's oil-producing region hours after a 3-year-old British girl was freed by her kidnappers. Margaret Hill was released on Sunday night after four days in the hands of unknown ransom seekers who snatched her from the car in which she was being driven to school on Jul 5 in Port Harcourt, the delta's main city. On Monday, Britain's Foreign Office said a Briton was among two foreign workers kidnapped on Sunday night from a production barge near Calabar in Cross River state. A Bulgarian foreign ministry official confirmed one of its nationals was the other worker

kidnapped in the attack. Oil major Royal Dutch Shell said one of its teams had been attacked in Rivers state in the delta on Saturday and two Nigerian workers had been taken hostage. Shell spokesman Precious Okolobo said gunmen had attacked the workers while they were repairing the Soku-Buguma trunk line, an oil pipeline that had only just been repaired on Jul 2 after being sabotaged in 16 different places in 60 days. Okolobo said the team attacked on Saturday had been repairing three new leaks. He said no output was affected because the pipeline had been sabotaged so many times that production had been diverted through another line. Nigerian oil production is currently down by more than 20 percent because of militant attacks on oil facilities. -- Reuters.

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: Five foreign oil workers were released in the Niger Delta in southern Nigeria on Wednesday (Jul 11), a week after they were kidnapped on an exploration rig, a police spokesman in southern Bayelsa state said. Separately, two Nigerians working for Royal Dutch Shell were also freed, a spokesman for the Nigerian arm of Shell said. About 200 adult expatriates have been kidnapped in the Niger Delta since the start of 2006 and 15 are still being held by various armed groups.

PAKISTAN

London, Jul 6 -- Shots were fired after President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's plane took off from a military base today in what one official described as a failed assassination attempt. "It was an unsuccessful effort by miscreants to target the president's plane," a senior security official said on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak on the record. "They fled quickly, and our security agencies are still investigating." Security forces quickly surrounded a house in Rawalpindi, a garrison city south of the capital. Three other officials told the AP that two anti-aircraft guns and a light machine gun were found on the rooftop. The senior security official said Musharraf was aboard the aircraft at the time, although he insisted that the president was not within the range of the attackers' weapons. Television footage from an overlooking building showed a large gun pointed skyward next to a satellite dish as security officials rushed around. It was unclear if the gun had been fired. The house lies under the flight path of the main runway used by both the Chaklala Air Base and the adjoining Islamabad International Airport.

Labour Disputes



CHILE

Santiago, Jul 9 -- Workers at one of Chile's largest copper mines, privately-

owned Collahuasi, started an indefinite strike today after failing to reach an agreement with management over pay and conditions. The strike began at 0800 hrs, (1200, UTC) at the northern Chilean mine, which produces 440,000 tonnes of copper per year or about eight percent of Chile's total. Trade Union President Hernan Farias told Reuters he was among 180 workers outside the mine. They were waiting for a further 180 miners to come off the night shift to join them. He said workers and supporters planned to march through the nearby city of Iquique later today to highlight their cause, although he added the union was still ready to negotiate. "We're open to talks," he said. Collahuasi is majority-owned by global miners Xstrata Plc and Anglo American, which each have a 44 percent stake. The remaining 12 percent is owned by a group of Japanese companies headed by Mitsui & Co. Ltd. Union leaders and managers spent last week in government-mediated talks over pay and conditions. The Collahuasi management company twice raised its initial pay offer from 3.2 percent to 3.5 percent and finally four percent, but workers demanded an eight percent raise. They also want improved health and education benefits, a housing stipend and a retroactive share of soaring company profits from 2005 and 2006, when copper prices were at record levels. The union represents 698 workers at the mine, the vast majority of whom voted in favour of the strike. -- Reuters.

Santiago, Jul 10 -- Chile's Codelco suspended copper production for an entire day at one of its four mining divisions today and curbed operations at another plant following violent protests by striking workers. The disturbances were the most serious yet in a two-week stand-off between Codelco, the world's biggest copper miner, and subcontracted workers who are demanding improved pay and conditions. Codelco, which provides the world with more than 10 percent of its copper, stopped extracting minerals at its El Teniente division in central Chile after protesters wrecked trucks carrying copper from the mine and hurled stones at buses transporting workers to their shifts. Chilean television showed the trucks strewn across a road with their tyres deflated and wind screens smashed. Piles of copper cathodes were still strapped to the trailers. Extraction resumed in the afternoon and a Codelco spokesman said the situation had returned to "complete normality". The division continued producing copper throughout the stoppage, but only because it was using existing mineral stock. El Teniente, 65 miles south of Santiago, is the second-largest of Codelco's four mining divisions and home to the world's biggest underground copper mine. The division produced nearly 420,000 tonnes of copper last year, around 23 percent of Codelco's total output. Codelco, which produces some 1.8 million tonnes of refined copper a year, said output remained suspended at its Andina division, 50 miles north of

Santiago, after a transport worker was seriously injured in disturbances yesterday. It said the worker suffered a fractured cheek and impaired hearing and vision after being hit by a rock thrown at the bus he was travelling in. Codelco spokesman Antonio Varas said Andina's operations would remain suspended until tomorrow morning, and possibly for longer if the violence continues to jeopardize worker safety. "The midnight shift isn't going up (to the mine) for safety reasons," he told Reuters. "The mine will remain paralysed at least until tomorrow morning when we'll assess the situation." Andina is the third-largest of Codelco's divisions and produced 248,000 tonnes of refined copper in 2006 -- some 14 percent of Codelco's total. The violence comes 15 days after subcontracted workers at Codelco launched what they describe as a nationwide strike. The workers are not employed directly by state-owned Codelco but perform tasks like earth clearing, catering, truck driving and cleaning at Codelco mines. They say they want their salaries brought more into line with the company's unionised staff, who have enjoyed pay raises and bonuses as the copper price has soared in recent years, boosting Codelco profit. Codelco says it cannot meet the main demands of the subcontracted workers because it is not their direct employer. The company held talks with leaders of the strike today and, in a statement issued by Codelco, both sides in the dispute condemned this week's violence. Codelco said less than 10 percent of the 30,000 subcontracted workers at its facilities were involved in the protests. The trouble at Codelco comes at the same time as a strike by workers at one of Chile's largest privately owned copper mines, Collahuasi, in the extreme north of Chile. Workers at the plant extended their strike into a second day today but a union source said the two sides were due to meet in the evening for the first time since the action started, offering hope of a resolution. Collahuasi, majority-owned by industry heavyweights Xstrata Plc and Anglo American, produces around eight percent of Chile's copper. The Collahuasi strike prompted a spike in the price of copper in international markets yesterday but prices subsided today. -- Reuters.

MEXICO

London, Jul 6 -- A press report, dated Jul 5, states: Mine workers across Mexico waged a 24-hour strike today, hoping to achieve better safety standards and to improve collective labour's footing in the industry, a union official said. Carlos Pavon, spokesman for the National Mining and Metal Workers Union, said the organisation started planning the walkout about a week ago. With the majority of the union's 34,000 members engaged in the strike, Pavon said it will affect all of Mexico's mining companies, including Grupo Mexico SAB, a major copper producer, and Industrias Penoles SA, the world's top silver producer. The

union also includes workers of steel plants owned by Arcelor Mittal in the Pacific port of Lazaro Cardenas. Safety at Mexican mines has come under increased scrutiny after 63 miners were killed last year in an underground explosion in a northern mine. Industrias Penoles spokesman Luis Rey Delgado said the strikes have caused two of the company's 10 operations in Mexico to stop, but only partially. Penoles' workers so far have respected the company's request to keep running its machinery, which requires maintenance that cannot be put on hold for 24 hours, he said. Delgado said while Industrias Penoles "energetically rejects strikes," the company respects the union's wish to express its support for victims of past mining accidents. An official at Grupo Mexico said its zinc mine in the northern state of Zacatecas was 30% affected by the walkout and that work was halted at a small mine in the city of Taxco, in the Pacific coast state of Guerrero. The Mexican government valued its mining industry at \$6.8 billion in 2006, which accounted for 1.6% of the country's GDP. The industry employs 279,000 workers.

SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg, Jul 9 -- Some 260,000 workers went on strike at 9,000 South African metal and engineering firms today, bringing most of the industry to a halt, a union said today. Trade union Solidarity said most workers in the heavily unionised industry had joined the strike and thousands held rallies in Johannesburg and other main cities to demand better pay and to highlight a skills shortage in the country. But although the strike is open-ended and continues tomorrow, Solidarity said employers had indicated they may be willing to raise their offers and return to the negotiating table. "We are confident that a solution might come soon," Dick Hermann, deputy secretary general of Solidarity said. The strike comes after South African civil servants went on strike for four weeks in June, shutting schools and hospital wards, and exposing sharp political division within the ruling ANC and its labour allies. Africa's biggest steel maker Mittal Steel South Africa said it had not been affected by the strike because it negotiates wage deals for permanent employees separately, and dismissed concerns contract workers may go on strike. Highveld Steel & Vanadium (Highveld), the country's second largest steel maker after Mittal SA, also said it had not been affected by the strike. An official at Highveld, 54.1 percent owned by Russian steel maker Evraz Group, also said the company negotiates its workers' wage deals separately. Solidarity said yesterday the strike would affect firms including Bell Equipment and the Scaw Metals Group, owned by mining group Anglo American Plc. Anglo American spokeswoman Anne Dunn said 79 percent of workers on the dayshift at Scaw Metals were on strike but said the impact for the Anglo group as a whole was minimal since the unit was

so small. She said it was too early to gauge the effect on production. Police are expecting some 22,000 striking workers to march in Johannesburg city centre today, with other rallies planned around the country, SAPA news agency said. Talks hit a deadlock after firms offered a 7.3-7.8 percent wage increase against union demands for 10 percent. The unions argue South Africa must pay workers more to halt a brain drain that is harming government efforts to improve infrastructure in Africa's biggest economy. -- Reuters.

Johannesburg, Jul 11 -- Employers and unions hope a strike by some 260,000 South African metal and engineering workers that entered its third day today may be called off after employers made a fresh wage offer. Both parties declined to say how much had been offered. Solidarity trade union, which represents about 25,000 workers in the sector, said its members had returned to work today after receiving the improved offer. The National Union of Metal Workers, which represents the majority of the workers in the sector, said it was consulting its members and would make an announcement later in the day. The Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of South Africa (SEIFSA), which represents most of the nearly 9,000 firms affected by the strike, also said an end to the industrial action was near. "We are hoping to see an end to the strike because during the last few days, negotiation teams have been exploring various settlement options, and have come up with proposed offers that the unions and employers are considering," said Brian Angus, executive director of SEIFSA. The unions went on strike on Monday (Jul 9) after wage talks became deadlocked when firms offered a 7.3-7.8% wage increase against union demands for 10%. The strike has not affected top producers in the country. Africa's biggest steel maker Mittal Steel South Africa, and Highveld Steel & Vanadium, South Africa's second largest, were unaffected as the firms negotiate directly with their workers. However, Anglo American has been affected by the strike as workers at its Scaw Metals unit have largely stayed away. Angus said that even if the strike is affecting only downstream sector, "if the dispute is not resolved within the next few days, it might start affecting the larger sectors." He said some sectors, such as the motor industry, may be affected because most of the companies depend on spares supplied by these smaller firms and do not keep large stocks. -- Reuters.

Fires & Explosions



CHEMICAL STORAGE TANK, WEST DEPTFORD, NEW JERSEY, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated Jul 11, states: A four-alarm fire,

sparked when lightning struck a chemical storage tank at a Sunoco refinery in South Jersey this afternoon, has been extinguished, authorities said. No injuries were reported during the firefighting effort at the Coastal Eagle Point Refinery, set along the Delaware River in West Deptford Township. Firefighters extinguished the blaze, which had been contained to a single tank, by about 2015 hrs, said Darlene Yuhus, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Environmental Protection. Gerald Davis, a spokesman for Philadelphia-based Sunoco Oil Co., said the fire never posed a hazard to area residents. The white cylindrical tank contained 1.5 million gallons of Xylene, a highly flammable gasoline additive that also is used as a solvent in the rubber and leather industries, Davis said. The fire began shortly after 1630 hrs, when lightning struck the tank during a passing thunderstorm. The resulting flames and towers of black smoke could be seen for miles. Sunoco emergency response personnel and fire crews from across the area fought the blaze with foam retardant, said John McCann, a Sunoco spokesman at the scene. As a precaution, the foam also was applied to surrounding tanks on the property. DEP inspectors responded to the scene, assisting county and local officials in setting up air-monitoring equipment around the refinery, just off Route 130 and across the river from the Philadelphia Navy Yard. McCann said air-testing showed no contamination in surrounding neighbourhoods, though residents were urged to remain indoors. "It has been determined there is no need for concern by the residents," McCann said. Air-monitoring was expected to continue into the night.

CONTROL TOWER, MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated Jul 11, states: A traffic control tower at the Miami International Airport, Florida, caught fire today, but there were no reports of injuries so far. The tower being built would be used by American Airlines to direct arriving aircraft to their assigned gates, media reports said. The tower was vacant when it caught fire on the upper level. The fire had since been extinguished by firefighters. It was known what had caused the fire.



AIRCRAFT HIT BY TURBULENCE ON A FLIGHT TO FORT LAUDERDALE-HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated Jul 4, states: A passenger and two Southwest Airlines flight attendants were injured when the aircraft they

were on experienced turbulence yesterday, an airline spokesman said. The aircraft landed safely at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and paramedics examined the three people, said Chris Mainz, an airline spokesman. The passenger was examined and released, while the flight attendants decided to go to a local hospital, Mainz said. One flight attendant had an injured ankle, and the other injured her shoulder, he said. The Southwest Airlines flight 1527 was on its way from Tampa to Fort Lauderdale with 76 passengers and five crew members aboard, Mainz said.

CRASH INTO HUDSON RIVER, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 8 -- A press report, dated Jul 7, states: A helicopter on a sightseeing tour of Manhattan made an emergency landing in the Hudson River this afternoon, leaving all eight people on board drenched but not seriously harmed, authorities said. The seven passengers and a pilot were pulled from the waters between Manhattan and New Jersey by two Good Samaritan vessels as smoke poured from the bobbing aircraft. It appeared the helicopter had engine trouble before it went down, passengers said. The pilot deployed yellow emergency floats and made a controlled landing, authorities said. The propellers were askew, but the aircraft, which was owned by Liberty Helicopters, did not appear badly damaged, according to Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Holly Baker. The rescuers passed the eight to Coast Guard officials, who returned them to shore for medical evaluation, Mosia said. There were no serious injuries, the Coast Guard said. The FAA planned to investigate, Baker said. The aircraft was not badly damaged. Liberty Helicopters, which runs sightseeing excursions around the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and Manhattan, said it had no comment. The helicopter, a Eurocopter EC 135, took off from a heliport on Manhattan's West Side shortly before 1700 hrs, Baker said. By evening, the helicopter--still afloat on its pontoons -- was secured to a New Jersey pier, the Coast Guard said.

London, Jul 9 -- Eurocopter EC 130 B4, N453AE, operated by Meridian Consulting Co. Ltd., made a forced landing in the Hudson River, New York, at 2148, local time, Jul 7. Eight persons on board, some minor injuries. Minor damage to aircraft.

CRASH INTO LAKE MICHIGAN, NEAR MILWAUKEE, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 7 -- A press report, dated Jul 6, states: The pilots of a medical flight (Cessna Citation II N550BP) which crashed minutes after taking off from Milwaukee had trouble steering the aircraft, a federal report released yesterday said. The review by the National Transportation Safety Board confirmed initial reports that pilots told air traffic controllers minutes after take-off that they had steering

problems. One pilot could be overheard telling the other pilot to hold the controls so he could pull circuit breakers. The aircraft's cockpit voice recorder was severely damaged, but information salvaged from it also indicated the crew had difficulty controlling the aircraft. NTSB officials said they were working on a complete transcript of the 30-minute recording. Radar data showed the aircraft climbed to 4,400 feet, then dropped in a left turn for the remaining minute and nine seconds of data. It left radar at 1,800 feet before plunging into Lake Michigan, killing the two pilots and four members of an organ procurement team who were trying to get a pair of lungs to a patient in Michigan. Flight control instruments have been salvaged from Lake Michigan and were being examined, the report said. Investigators were also reviewing maintenance records, but so far had not turned up any discrepancies.

CRASH, BERNICK LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

London, Jul 5 -- Aerospatiale AS 350B-2 helicopter, C-FLUK, operator Expedition Helicopters, was en route from Bernick Lake, SK to Points North Landing on a flight notification. When the helicopter was reported overdue at its destination, a search commenced. Some wreckage was observed on Bernick Lake, at 1900, CST, Jul 1, but the two occupants were not located.

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: Police divers have found the wreckage of a helicopter that crashed into Bernick Lake in northern Saskatchewan 10 days ago. RCMP say the bodies of the two occupants were still inside the helicopter, although the cause of death could not immediately be determined. Dead are pilot Joseph Michael Plourde, 50, from Quebec and Neil Husband, 56, from Ontario, an operator of geological equipment on the helicopter. The wreckage was found in about 25 metres of water. The helicopter was reported missing Jul 1 when it did not return from a flight. Efforts will now focus on removing the wreckage from the water and recovering the bodies.

CRASH, BROOKS, KENTUCKY, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 9 -- Mooney M20F, N9180V, crashed under unknown circumstances at Brooks, Kentucky, at 2006, local time, Jul 8. Two occupants reported as fatal, three occupants reported as critical.

CRASH, CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 6 -- Beechcraft E90 N47LC, operated by Southwest Consulting Group Inc, with two persons on board, struck power lines and crashed onto golf course at Carlsbad, California, on departure at 1304, UTC, Jul 4. The aircraft was destroyed and both persons on board died.

CRASH, CARROLLTON AREA, OHIO, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 7 -- American General AA-1C N200JA crashed near Carrollton,

Ohio, at 1500, Jul 5. The aircraft sustained substantial damage. The two persons on board were killed.

CRASH, CULIACAN, MEXICO

London, Jul 6 -- A press report, dated Jul 5, states: A small cargo jet failed to take off and barrelled onto an adjacent highway, killing at least nine people, including two soldiers assigned to the Mexican president's security detail. The aircraft blew a tyre and slid off the runway at the airport in the western coastal city of Culiacan, the federal Communications and Transportation Department said in a news release. The crash happened shortly before President Felipe Calderon was scheduled to arrive for a daylong visit, killing two members of his security detail who were patrolling the highway in an army vehicle, the president's office confirmed. Also killed were three people on board the aircraft and a family of four, including a child, whose car was engulfed in a trail of fire left by the jet, said Mario Millan, spokesman for the Sinaloa state public safety department. The jet, belonging to Mexican shipping company Jett Paqueteria SA, came to a stop after hitting a building, Millan said.

London, Jul 6 -- North American CT-39A Sabreliner XA-TFL blew a tyre and failed to take off, crashed onto the Culiacan-Navolato highway and collided with cars, coming to a stop after hitting a building at 0945, Jul 5.

CRASH, ESSEX, ONTARIO, CANADA

London, Jul 9 -- The pilot of Piper J3C-65, C-FIUH, departed a private strip near Essex, Ontario on a local flight back to a private strip in Woodslee, Ontario, at 1419, local time, Jun 30. This was the first flight following the annual inspection. The pilot departed the air strip and conducted a low flyby for the purpose of allowing ground personal to take photos. The aircraft then proceeded in a north-easterly direction. A short time later the aircraft was seen turning to a south-easterly heading in a gradual descent until it disappeared below the tree line. An impact was heard and smoke could be seen rising from a field. The aircraft's right wing struck the ground first and the aircraft cartwheeled onto the nose and came to rest inverted facing north. The aircraft burst into flames on impact and was destroyed. The pilot received fatal injuries.

CRASH, FORT NELSON AREA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: A elderly man is dead and three people injured after a small aircraft crashed about two hours north-west of Fort Nelson at Muncho Lake. The twin otter charter aircraft crashed in the early afternoon shortly after a take-off from a local gravel airstrip. The aircraft had five people on board, two pilots and three passengers. The man was pronounced dead at the scene. Two men and a teenaged boy were taken to Fort Nelson for medical

treatment, for non-life threatening injuries and a female passenger was not injured. Officials say they are continuing their investigation and don't yet know what caused the crash.

CRASH, GALWAY, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

London, Jul 6 -- Two people were killed and seven were injured, two critically, when a small aircraft crashed while attempting to land in Co Galway this afternoon. The eight-seater Cessna Grand Caravan is understood to have missed the runway on its approach to Aerfort na Minna at Inverin at around 1445 hrs. There were eight people and a pilot aboard at the time. The Shannon rescue helicopter took several casualties from the crash site to University College Hospital Galway, the Valentia Coast Guard said. A number of people had to be cut from the wreckage. Three people were reportedly able to walk away from the crash. At least two passengers are said to be in a critical condition in hospital in Galway. The cockpit of the aircraft, which was American-registered but Irish-owned, was completely destroyed by the impact. A Coast Guard spokeswoman said the aircraft was making a return trip from Inishmaan in the Aran Islands when it crashed.

London, Jul 6 -- Cessna 208B Grand Caravan, N208EC, was based in Weston Aerodrome outside Dublin and had flown to Aerfort na Minna in the morning to pick up eight passengers, before taking them for a trial flight, and a meeting in Inis Me-in crashed on approach, yesterday afternoon.

London, Jul 7 -- A press report, dated today, states: More tests are due to take place on the wreckage of an aircraft (Cessna 208B Grand Caravan N208EC) which crashed in County Galway, killing two people. The Department of Transport Air Accident Investigation Unit completed their examination at Aerphort na Minna yesterday. The wreckage of the aircraft has been taken to a facility at Gormanstown, County Meath. Three of the men injured in the crash on Thursday (Jul 5) are in a serious condition in hospital in Galway. Four others are in a stable condition.

CRASH, GROESBECK AREA, TEXAS, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 7 -- A press report, dated Jul 6, states: A Nacogdoches man was killed in the crash of a Socata TB 20 Trinidad this afternoon in Limestone County as he flew to Lufkin from Waco, according to the aircraft's owner. Jeremy Paul Stripling died in the crash, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman in Waco. The aircraft crashed in a heavily wooded area, killing the pilot, according to officials at the scene. A Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter spotted the wreckage west of Groesbeck at about 1345 hrs after the FAA was notified that an aircraft may have had an accident and was in trouble. An online flight tracking map showed the aircraft dropping off radar about one third of the way from Waco

to Lufkin. Stripling was the only person on board the aircraft, according to an FAA spokesman. The aircraft's altitude was about 800 feet when he put in a distress call to air traffic control at 1143 hrs, saying, that he was losing altitude and had mechanical problems, according to the FAA and the Waco DPS report. Details on what caused the problem are expected come out in the investigation by the FAA and NTSB. Debris was scattered across 50-75 yards in a pasture on private land about 100 feet from the roadway off County Road 631 and FM 2489, said Limestone County Sheriff Dennis Wilson. Wilson said the aircraft was destroyed, with no large pieces remaining. Hector Casanova, regional director for the National Transportation Safety Board, said a team of NTSB investigators was preparing to head to the crash site as soon as the board received confirmation of the crash. The aircraft was registered to Southwood Partners in Lufkin.

London, Jul 9 -- Socata TB-20 Trinidad, N2801W, operated by Southwood Partners, communications were lost with aircraft on IFR clearance as it descended and crashed under unknown circumstances near Mexia, Texas, at 1630, local time, Jul 6.

CRASH, JOHNSON AREA, NEBRASKA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 6 -- Piper PA-22-135 N3737A, operated by Dave A.Grof, with one person on board, crashed at 1620, UTC, Jul 4, in a cornfield near Johnson, Nebraska. The aircraft was destroyed and the pilot died.

CRASH, KING SALMON AREA, ALASKA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 12 -- A press report issued by United States Coast Guard Juneau, Alaska, dated Jul 11, states: A Coast Guard HH 60 rescue helicopter from Air Station Kodiak rescued two people from a crashed-landed airplane in the vicinity of King Salmon at 2221 hrs, yesterday. Coast Guard District 17 Command Centre received an emergency radio beacon signal at 1736 hrs and diverted an Air Station Kodiak C-130 aircraft to investigate. The C-130 verified a strong signal approximately 39 miles Southeast of King Salmon. The HH-60 helicopter was dispatched and located the wreckage of a Piper Cub Aircraft and two survivors at 2221 hrs. The HH-60 crew transported the two persons, with no reported injuries, to King Salmon. The cause of the crash is unknown.

CRASH, KYLE AREA, SOUTH DAKOTA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 8 -- A press report, dated Jul 7, states: An air tanker fighting a fire near Kyle, South Dakota, crashed early this afternoon. Officials said the pilot walked away from the crash and was checked for injuries at a Pine Ridge hospital. The cause will be investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board. The crash site has been secured. The single-engine Dromader air tanker was under

contract to the state Division of Wildland Fire Suppression and could carry 500 gallons of water or retardant.

London, Jul 10 -- WSK-PZL Meilec M18B, N14067, operated by Doug Sly Aerial Spraying, crashed under unknown circumstances during fire-fighting operations five miles south west of Kyle, South Dakota, at 1310, local time, Jul 7. The aircraft was destroyed.

CRASH, LAKE MUNCHO, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

London, Jul 12 -- De Havilland Canada DHC-6 Twin Otter 100, C-FAWC, operated by Liard Air, crashed shortly after takeoff from the gravel airstrip at Lake Muncho at about 1300, Jul 8. One person died, three injured.

CRASH, MATHESON ISLAND, MANITOBA, CANADA

London, Jul 11 -- Wamair Service & Outfitting Piper PA 31-350, C-GRNK, departed from Matheson Island, MB, en route to Poplar River. Shortly after takeoff, the right engine lost power and carried out a forced landing in a marsh today. The pilot and seven passengers exited the aircraft and were taken to a medical facility. The aircraft sustained substantial damage.

CRASH, MULBERRY AREA, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 10 -- Piper PA-30 N387RP crashed under unknown circumstances near Mulberry, Florida, at 1210, local time, Jul 9. The two persons on board were killed.

CRASH, SANFORD, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: A small aircraft registered to a company linked to NASCAR's late chairman crashed into two houses while trying to make an emergency landing at Sanford, Florida, today, killing five people and starting fires that seriously burned three others, authorities said. At least two victims were on the aircraft, authorities said. Both of the homes were largely gutted by the flames, and smoke could be seen rising from the suburban Orlando neighbourhood where the aircraft went down around 0840. Matt Minnetto, a fire investigator with Sanford Fire Department, said two people on board the aircraft were confirmed dead in the crash and the aircraft itself was scattered in several pieces. At least three people were injured in one of the homes, including two adults and a boy about 10 years old who had burns over 80 to 90 percent of his body, Minnetto said. The crash spilled aviation fuel, contributing to the fire's spread. Three of the victims killed in the crash and fire were believed to have been inside or near the homes, said Seminole County Fire Chief Leanna Raw. She said three of the fire people killed were adults. In one home, there were reports that a toddler might have been missing in the fire, Minnetto said. A firefighter who responded to the blazes was also hurt. The twin engine Cessna 310 was

registered to Competitor Liaison Bureau Inc. of Daytona Beach, said Kathleen Bergen with the Federal Aviation Administration. Competitor Liaison is registered under the name of William C. France, the late chairman of NASCAR, according to online records from the Department of State Division of Corporations show. James C. France is listed as an officer of the company. The aircraft was travelling from Daytona Beach to Lakeland when the pilot declared smoke in the cockpit. The pilot was attempting to land at the Orlando Sanford International Airport when the aircraft crashed about a mile or two north of the airport, Bergen said.

London, Jul 11 -- Cessna 310R, N501N, operated by Competitor Liaison Bureau Inc., pilot reported smoke in cockpit and intention to attempt landing at Sanford, Florida. Aircraft crashed two miles north west of Sanford striking homes and causing a fire at 1235, local time, Jul 10. Five persons were killed, the aircraft was destroyed.

CRASH, STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR AREA, WASATCH COUNTY, UTAH, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated Jul 9, states: A small aircraft carrying two brothers and their sons made an emergency crash landing this morning in a remote area of Wasatch County near Strawberry Reservoir. The aircraft, headed from Vernal to Spanish Fork, crashed about 1115 hrs near Flat Canyon after the pilot reported losing power, said Wasatch County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Todd Bonner. Three passengers were not hurt and one suffered minor injuries, Bonner said. Duchesne County authorities relayed the crash details to Wasatch County. A medical helicopter was dispatched to the area where the aircraft crashed and flew the injured person to the hospital. Wasatch County sent search and rescue crews to retrieve the other three.

London, Jul 10 -- Diamond Aircraft Ind. Inc. DA-40, N747PZ, operated by Allairus LLC, en route Spanish Fork-Springville airport to Vernal Regional Airport, crashed approximately 10 nautical miles south-east of Strawberry Reservoir, at Fruitland, Utah. No injuries reported.

CRASH, TYRINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated Jul 9, states: A single-engine aircraft flying from Maine to New York crashed today during a thunderstorm in Tyringham and the two people on board were found dead in the wreckage. The victims were identified as Gregg Hartley, 54, of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, and Timothy Ladd, 59, of Hallowell, Maine, according to Berkshire District Attorney David Capeless. The Piper PA-32 was registered to Hartley Marine Services, the dry bulk transport and tug company that Hartley owned in Boothbay Harbor. Hartley and Ladd, a

mechanical subcontractor, were flying from Wiscasset, Maine, to Columbia County Airport in Hudson, NY, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration said. The cause of the crash is under investigation. The National Weather Service reported thunderstorms and lightning in the area about 0800 hrs, about the time the aircraft crashed. FAA spokesman Jim Peters said air traffic controllers at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, Conn, were tracking the aircraft but lost radio and radar contact when it was about 12 miles south of Chester.

London, Jul 10 -- Piper PA-32-260 N5595J, operated by Hartley Marine Services Inc, crashed after attempting to deviate around severe weather at Tyringham, Massachusetts, at 1209, local time, Jul 9. The two persons on board were killed, the aircraft was destroyed.

EMERGENCY LANDING, CHARLOTTE/DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, NORTH CAROLINA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated Jul 8, states: A US Airways flight bound from Charlotte, North Carolina to Ft. Lauderdale made an emergency landing Sunday (Jul 8) without incident at Charlotte/Douglas International Airport after warning lights showed possible problems with the aircraft's landing gear. The Boeing 737 had just taken off from the Charlotte airport, bound for Ft. Lauderdale, when the pilots noticed a warning light showing the gear had failed to retract. The aircraft, which had 49 people on board, returned to Charlotte and made an emergency landing, said airport spokeswoman Haley Gentry. There were no injuries. "We did have a pilot call in an alert, but everything went off without incident," Gentry said. "He returned and landed and they switched airplanes." The aircraft was scheduled to land in Ft. Lauderdale shortly after 1600, Sunday, but passengers were delayed about two hours by the emergency landing and aircraft change. The new flight arrived at Ft. Lauderdale without incident shortly after 1800.

EMERGENCY LANDING, FIUMICINO AIRPORT, ITALY

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: Last Saturday (Jul 7) a Delta Airlines Boeing 767 aircraft made an emergency landing at Fiumicino airport because some birds were swallowed up by the engine during the take-off from "Leonardo da Vinci". The pilot called for the emergency landing procedure and the aircraft, that transported 271 passengers, returned to the runway. The aircraft has been subjected to a technical inspection to ensure that the engine has not sustained serious damage in the accident. The passengers were lodged in a hotel near Ostia at the expense of the US carrier.

EMERGENCY LANDING, JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated Jul 9, states: A Pakistan International Airlines aircraft carrying 433 passengers made an emergency landing at Jeddah airport today because of fire alarm, officials said. The flight, PK-742, manned by 15 crew members, was coming to Islamabad when it developed a technical fault shortly after take-off. Engineers said that the turbine of one of the engines disintegrated during the aircraft's ascent, adding that it happened before the aircraft was hardly over 1,000 feet high. This caused a fire warning and the bottles operated. It was a rare incident, an engineer said. No one was injured in the incident, a source in the airline said. All 16 tyres on the aircraft deflated on landing.

EMERGENCY LANDING, NARRABRI, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: An inquiry is underway into engine problems on board a QantasLink flight that was forced to make an emergency landing yesterday at Narrabri in north-west New South Wales. The pilot of the aircraft flying between Sydney, Narrabri and Moree reported there were indications of problems with one of the engines, prompting him to reduce power. The aircraft, with 37 people on board, made an emergency landing at Narrabri. The passengers were kept at Narrabri until the engine could be repaired to enable the aircraft to continue its journey.

EMERGENCY LANDING, PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PENNSYLVANIA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: A FedEx cargo aircraft had to make an emergency landing at Pittsburgh International Airport Tuesday night (Jul 10) after three crew members reported smoke in the cabin. The Fire Department met the aircraft, which was headed to Memphis from Harrisburg, around 2330. Firefighters did not find any flames. FedEx towed the aircraft to its cargo area. No one was hurt.

EMERGENCY LANDING, PLOVDIV AIRPORT, BULGARIA

London, Jul 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: An Air Scorpio aircraft has made an emergency landing at the airport of Plovdiv, Bulgaria, this morning. An instructor and a trainee alone were on board the Diamond aircraft and they were not hurt in the accident. Initial information says that one of the wheels of the aircraft failed to open properly during the landing attempt and caused the accident.

EMERGENCY LANDING, RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, VIRGINIA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: A flight from Hartford, Connecticut, en route to Tampa,

Florida, made an emergency landing at Richmond International Airport Wednesday morning (Jul 11). According to airport officials, the flight crew aboard Delta 1456 was concerned about a possible loss of cabin pressure. A decision was made to land in Richmond around 0837 Wednesday. The landing was successful, and an inspection of the aircraft turned up no problems. None of the 96 passengers were injured during the incident.

FLIGHTS DELAYED DUE TO FOG, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

London, Jul 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: Disruptions to flights are expected to continue this afternoon, after aircraft were diverted from Melbourne Airport this morning because of thick fog. Fourteen international flights were unable to land and a number of domestic flights have been delayed or cancelled. The fog has caused two hour delays for Sydney flights to Melbourne and has had a significant impact on flights out of Adelaide. But Tom Perry from Melbourne Airport, says international aircraft diverted away from Melbourne are now making their way back as the fog lifts.

MID-AIR COLLISION, MANILA AREA, PHILIPPINES

London, Jul 9 -- A press report, dated Jul 8, states: Two small aircraft collided in the air and crashed in a rice field north of Manila today, killing two Indian citizens and a Filipino who were aboard the aircraft, police said. The Philippine-registered two-seater aircraft crashed in a farming village in Bulacan province's Malolos city, about 35 km north of Manila, police officer Gilberto Punzalan told The Associated Press by telephone. The aircraft went down in an area away from houses. One carried a female Indian citizen identified as Reena Salve, while the other was flown by Filipino flight instructor Patrick Philip Ferwel and his female Indian student Varsha Gopinant, Punzalan said. He said an initial investigation showed the two aircraft were being used for flight training when their wings grazed each other, causing the crash. "They were students on flight training, and it appeared to have been an accident," he said. Rodrigo Grant, one of the Salve's flight instructors, said Salve had been practising landings and takeoffs alone in her single-engine Cessna 152 aircraft and was on her way back to the Plaridel airport, about three kilometres from Malolos. The type of the other aircraft was not immediately clear.

Port Conditions



AUSTRALIA

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated Jul 10, states: Coal mining companies

may lose more than \$350 million this year because of the bottlenecks and storms that have delayed vessels outside Newcastle, the world's largest coal export port. The cost could reach \$600 million if Queensland's Dalrymple Bay is added in. There, queues stretched to more than 50 earlier this year and remain well above the ideal 15 or so, despite efforts to reschedule arrivals. Xstrata, whose mines cover NSW's Hunter Valley and Queensland's Bowen Basin, estimated NSW miners are paying about \$1 million a day in penalties for idling vessels. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission in March authorised the reinstatement of a system to allocate Newcastle port capacity among coal companies in an effort to reduce congestion in Newcastle, after saying demurrage could reach \$460 million this year without such rescheduling. The coal companies that operate Dalrymple Bay, which is owned and being expanded by Babcock & Brown Infrastructure, also have a system designed to cut vessel queues and share

out capacity as the expansion is integrated with existing infrastructure. But with rail bottlenecks also affecting deliveries to both Dalrymple and Newcastle, miners such as Xstrata, BHP Billiton, Macarthur Coal, Anglo Coal and Rio Tinto are likely to lose about \$2 billion in sales this year, according to recent Queensland Resources Council estimates.

PAKISTAN

London, Jul 12 -- The electricity generator importers are suffering massive financial losses due to slow release of some 130 to 150 containers stuck up at Karachi Port in the wake of enhanced custom tariff on imported machineries. Talking to Daily Times, Khurram Saigal, President Pakistan Machinery Merchant Group (PMMG) said importers had placed orders for large quantity of generators during the peak summer season and the imported items including gasoline and diesel generators reached Karachi Port some one and half month ago in approximately 150 containers. In a

strange move, due to irrational high evaluation of imported generators by the custom officials, importers are unwilling to clear their imported items for the last one and half month and instead they are holding negotiations with the concerned authorities to clear their consignments. He said some of the importers were irked by the delaying process for the clearance of their stuck up imported machineries and finances and agreed to clear their consignments after paying inflated tariff. But majority are holding parleys with the custom authorities urging them to reduce new enhanced tariff, which is beyond their financial capacity. The emerging situation is spelling financial miseries and gloom for the electricity generator importers as due to improved weather conditions, sale of the machinery has already started declining particularly when duration of load-shedding menace has also started coming down bringing relief to the electricity consumers.

Port Delays

Information received from BIMCO, Denmark and the Indian Ports Association Jul 16

Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
India		
Kolkata	16-Jul-2007	7 vessels operating at berth 1 vessel loading Containers, 4 vessels discharging (Pules-2, Steel, Containers), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 1 vessel waiting to discharge Containers; 1 vessel working at midstream to discharge Logs; 6 vessels under repair; 1 vessel under dry docked; 1 vessel under arrest; 3 vessels waiting to sail, 1 vessel shifting ; 3 vessels due (Containers, Logs, Passenger).
Haldia	16-Jul-2007	14 vessels operating at berth of which 7 vessels loading (Iron Ore-6, Pig Iron), 5 vessels discharging (POL, Met Coke, P. Acid, Steel, MOP), 2 vessels waiting to load Iron Ore; 4 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (3 to discharge, 1 to load), 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge; 3 vessels due (Crude, Coking Coal, CBFS).
Paradip	16-Jul-2007	13 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Iron Ore-3, Thermal Coal, Ch. Ore, Chrome Contrate), 7 vessels discharging (Coking Coal, N C Coal, Met Coke, Steam Coal, Rock Phosphate, P. Acid, Super Kerosene Oil); 26 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (12 to discharge, 14 to load).
Visakhapatnam	16-Jul-2007	20 vessels operating at berth of which 10 vessels loading (Iron Ore-4, Granite, River Sand & General Cargo, Feld Spar, Thermal Coal-2, Containers), 10 vessels discharging (Steam Coal, Product Tankers-2, Methonal, M. Sulphur, Urea, A. Nitrate, Crude Oil, Gypsum, Peas); 16 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (9 to discharge, 7 to load); 1 vessel under arrest; 34 vessels due (Iron Ore-9, Containers, Thermal Coal, Granite-2, C.P. Coke, Liquid Ammonia, Rockphosphate, Urea, MOP, Sulphur, Coking Coal-6, Containers-2, Alumina, Passengers, Steam Coal, Steel Scrap, Methonal, Met Coke, Steel Pipes).
Chennai	16-Jul-2007	17 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (Granite Block, Iron Ore), 9 vessels discharging (Steam Coal-3, Thermal Coal-2, Log, Urea, Oixyl. C. Oil), 6 vessels loading and discharging (Steel Plate/Granite Block., Steel Coil, HR Coil/Granite Block/ Project, Containers-4); 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (1 to discharge, 1 to load), 6 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (5 to discharge, 1 to load & discharge); 1 vessel under arrest; 4 vessels due (Supply, Peas/General Cargo, Log, Containers).
Tuticorin	16-Jul-2007	13 vessels operating at berth of which 8 vessels loading (General Cargo-5, Salt, P. Acid, Granite), 5 vessels discharging (Coal, Co. Con., Thermal Coal, LPG, Project Cargo); 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 4 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load.
Cochin	16-Jul-2007	3 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading POL, 1 vessel discharging Soda Ash, 1 vessel waiting to discharge Benzene; 17 vessels due (Crude-2, Domestic Passenger-2, Containers-9, Chemicals-2, POL Product Cargo).

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New Mangalore	16-Jul-2007	5 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Iron Ore Fines-2, POL Product), 2 vessels discharging (POL Crude, Timber); 2 vessels waiting at anchorage (1 to discharge, 1 to load); 16 vessels due (Iron Ore Fines-4, POL Crude-2, Boxes, Granite Stone, POL Product-3, LPG-2, Urea, Methanol, Cr. Palm Oil).
Mormugao	16-Jul-2007	1 vessel operating at berth loading Iron Ore; 1 vessel working at midstream loading Iron Ore; 4 vessel under dry docked; 2 vessels due (Met Coke, Steel Coils).
Mumbai	16-Jul-2007	17 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading (Steel/ Project/General Cargo/ Container/Vehicles, Sugar Bags), 11 vessel discharging (Bulk Peas, Steel/Machierny-5, Logs/Pulses, POL-4), 2 vessels loading and discharging (Steel/General/Containers/Wood Pulp); 2 vessels working at midstream and discharging POL; 1 vessel not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load, 4 vessels awaiting order at anchorage to discharge, 2 vessels waiting berth at anchorage (1 to discharge, 1 to load); 22 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 10 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel under laid up (Berths not required for cargo operations); 32 vessels due (Containers-2, Oil-2, General Cargo-28).
J.N.P.T.	16-Jul-2007	11 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels discharging (MEG, Edible Oil), 9 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 3 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge; 3 Containers vessels due.
Kandla	16-Jul-2007	17 vessels operating at berth of which 8 vessels loading (Agriculture Product-3, Salt, Rice, Chemical, Furnace Oil-2), 9 vessels discharging (Steel Coil, Fertilizer-4, Timber Logs, CPO, High Speed Diesel-2); 1 vessel working at mid stream loading and discharging Containers; 5 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (4 to discharge, 1 to load), 6 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (4 to discharge, 2 to load); 1 vessel under arrest.
Ennore	16-Jul-2007	1 vessel operating at berth discharging Coal; 1 vessel working at inner anchorage and loading Iron Ore; 3 vessels due (Mv Nord Marine (Iron Ore), MV Apj Sridevi (Coal), MT Ocean Venus).

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