

Rocket attack raises fears of new piracy threat off Somalia

UASC handysize vessel hit, writes Marcus Hand

A United Arab Shipping Co handysize vessel has been hit by rocket-propelled grenades in a pirate attack 180 nautical miles off the coast of war-torn Somalia.

The accommodation block of the 23,618 dwt Ibn Younos caught fire and was badly damaged when it was hit by the device fired by heavily armed pirates chasing the vessel in a speedboat in the main shipping lane as it headed to Jebel Ali.

The crew escaped the incident unscathed, but piracy watchdog the International Maritime Bureau is worried that this, along with other recent attacks, will see a return of the serious threat that was posed to shipping in the area by pirates in the latter part of 2005.

"We are very concerned that the warlords are coming back to attack ships far out from the

coast," said Noel Choong, head of the IMB's piracy reporting centre in Kuala Lumpur.

In the latest incident the Qatar-flagged Ibn Younos was sailing from Durban to Jebel Ali, when it came under attack at position 01:19.62N, 048:51.92E at 1530 hrs local time on Monday.

According to a report made to the piracy reporting centre, the vessel's second officer realised they were under attack when he heard gunshots.

A speedboat with three men armed with guns and RPGs ordered the ship to stop, then opened fire on it.

The Ibn Younos' crew raised an anti-piracy alarm and took a zigzag course in an effort to shake off the attackers.

The pirates then opened fire with RPGs aimed at the ship's bridge and hit the accommodation block, which caught fire causing extensive damage to crew's quarters.

The crew succeeded in putting out the fire, and after an hour the pirates gave up the chase.

The attack is the seventh off Somalia this year and the fifth since the beginning of April, prompting worries of a repeat of the series of incidents in late 2005.

At that time ships were attacked on a near daily basis, often while using main ship-ping lanes hundreds of miles from the Somali coast.

Whereas all the other incidents this year have taken place within 12 nautical miles of the coast, the latest attack was much further out.

"We are very concerned about the latest attack as it happened 180 miles from the coast," Mr Choong said.

"We hope this is not a start of the same problems we had more than a year ago that disrupted the main shipping route."

The spate of previous attacks resulted in many ships diverting their courses to be as far away from the Somali coast as possible, increasing both voyage time and fuel costs.

The IMB has informed the coalition naval forces in the area in an effort to step up maritime security.

The bureau has yet to update its advice to shipping broadcast on a daily basis to stay at least 75 miles from the Somali coast where it says there are a high risk of attacks and hijackings.

Fresh rail strike threat looms for Canadian ports

By Leo Ryan

SHIPPERS relying on railways to transport their goods to Canadian ports face possible delays and disruptions for the second time this year as another strike looms on an important rail system, starting May 16.

The union representing more than 3,000 workers who maintain tracks on the Canadian Pacific Railway network served a 72-hour strike notice over the weekend after negotiations collapsed on wage and other issues.

CP Rail indicated it had trained more than 1,300 employees who could replace the 1,200 unionised workers who directly maintain tracks.

Last February, Canadian National Railway adopted a similar practice when conductors and yard workers went on strike.

Eventually the federal government intervened in late April to end the conflict through back-to-work legislation after many industries and ports had suffered from cargo delays.

The Teamsters Canada Rail Conference Maintenance of Way Employees called the strike notice "a sad day for the company and for the country".

William Brehl, the union's president, said he had been hoping for a negotiated settlement.

CP Rail president Fred Green declared that the railway could not meet demands that amounted to "a substantial premium to other agreements that we have signed after fair negotiations".

"They want a wage increase of 4% over four years and CP Rail has offered 3% in line with other contract packages," he said.

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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>CRESCENT CUILLIN</i>	chem tanker	BHS	BV	2,616	3,419	2005	Reported main engine blackout off Monopoli May 5. Taken in tow by tug, bound Monopoli, where arrived same day.
<i>MICHAIL M.</i>	general	KNA	—	2,811	4,086	1977	Grounded at Karanya Point, Dardanelles, May 7. Refloated same day and anchored at Gelibolu.
<i>NO.1 CHEMICARRY</i>	chem/oil tanker	KOR	KR	1,224	1,788	1990	In collision with general cargo <i>Yi Shun</i> in approximately lat 35 07.14N, long 125 33.95E, May 4. Damage to bulbous bow and starboard bow. Proceeded to Mokpo. To be repaired at Busan.
<i>PEGASUS</i>	tug	BRA	—	267	155	1981	Wrecked in middle of channel while proceeding to berth at Santos May 2. Some leakage of diesel. Crew rescued.
<i>PIONEER BAY</i>	refrig	LBR	NK	7,748	8,676	1982	Reported May 6 towed to Rotterdam after experiencing main engine problems. Repairs in hand May 9, ETC 1-2 weeks.
<i>TRANS-1</i>	—	BGD	—	229	—	—	Sank at Buoy A15, Passure River, Mongla, while loading cargo from bulker <i>Alison</i> Apr 29. Salvage not commenced as of May 3. It is expected to take 4-5 weeks.
<i>YI SHUN</i>	general	SLE	—	1,236	1,598	1977	In collision with tanker <i>No.1 Chemicarry</i> in approximately lat 35 07.14N, long 125 33.95E, May 4. Sank. All 10 crew rescued.

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ACTIVE (Marshall Islands)

London, May 4 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, crude oil tanker *Active* is still in port at Cape Town.

AFRODITE S. (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Antalya, May 9 — General cargo *Afrodite S.* is still being detained in Marmaris at anchorage by the salvors Antmarin Inc. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

AL BARAKAT 1 (Bolivia)

Chittagong, May 7 — Chemical tanker *Al Barakat 1* shifted from River Mooring No 9 to Dry Dock Jetty No 2 on May 6 for repairs. The vessel is presently under repair and is expected to complete repairs by May 20. — Lloyd's Agents.

ALI RIZA DENIZ (Panama)

Piraeus, May 9 — Passenger (cruise) *Ali Riza Deniz* is still at Laurium after its last inspection on May 7. According to the local ship agents, no further instructions regarding repairs, if any necessary, have been received from the Turkish shipowners. — Lloyd's Agents.

ALIANCA CORDILLERA (Cyprus)

London, May 6 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS Container Carrier *Alianca Cordillera* was at Buenos Aires at 0924, UTC, today.

ALIOS TRITON (Greece)

See "Georgia" under "Pollution".

ALMIRANTE IRIZAR (Argentina)

London, May 9 — A press report, dated today, states: Damage sustained by the Argentine icebreaker *Almirante Irizar* when fire broke out on board, is far more serious than originally announced and full repairs could take more than the estimated two years the Buenos Aires press revealed this week. Although when the vessel was finally towed back to Puerto Belgrano Captain Guillermo Tarapow, optimistically declared that "85% of the vessel had been saved", the fact is that not only the generator-room, where the fire started, and the engine-room were razed but it now appears the labs, refrigerated samples, scientific research records, sophisticated equipment and even experts' notebooks were a total loss. According to the Buenos Aires press, Armed Forces Chief of Staff General Daniel Oscar Camponovo presided over an emergency meeting with delegates from the different offices involved in Argentina's Antarctic operations and following a primary assessment of the situation it was agreed that in the most optimistic of scenarios, "it will take over two years to have *Almirante Irizar* back in action". "We're facing a non declared emergency situation", said

General Camponovo. The icebreaker is the backbone of Argentina's Antarctic operations and a very efficient logistics tool in supplying the country's several bases and stations, including some which can only be reached by breaking through the ice casket. *Almirante Irizar's* generator-room caught fire in mid April, in the South Atlantic when the vessel was on its closing trip of the 2006/07 Antarctic campaign. Brazil and Britain have offered their Antarctic vessels to help Argentina with its operations in the coming summer campaign (2007/08). The Buenos Aires press further revealed that the helicopter hangar on the *Almirante Irizar* was also engulfed by fire and spare parts, plus an additional turbine for the Sea King helicopter, have been lost, "leaving the Argentine Navy with virtually a single Sea King and almost no spares". Julio Cesar Urien, CEO of the Rio Santiago dry docks, (one of the possible places to rebuild the *Almirante Irizar*), is quoted by the press saying that the overall job is "relatively simple" because the hull and superstructure have been saved, but the rest, the "heart and brains" of the vessel have to be assembled "brand new from scratch".

AMADEO (Panama)

Bucharest, May 7 — A fire broke out May 2 on board product tanker *Amadeo* (24111 gt, built 1996), which has been at Constantza Shipyard since Dec 13 for conversion work. The fire was noticed by the vessel's crew at about 2200 hrs, in the rope storage room located on the port side in way of the steering-gear room. The vessel's crew immediately began firefighting operations and firefighters from Constantza Shipyard and Constantza Port Administration also attended. The fire was extinguished at 2359 hrs. There were no injuries but the incident resulted in damage to the vessel. — Lloyd's Agents.

ANGELA STAR (Panama)

London, May 4 — Bulker *Angela Star* arrived Singapore 0925, Apr 26 and sailed 1650 same day.

ASKO (Antigua & Barbuda)

Portsmouth, UK, May 7 — General cargo *Asko* (3183 gt, built 2005), Papenburg for Emden with wooden trunks, grounded on the Island of Bingum, on the River Ems, at 1700, Apr 22. The vessel grounded crosswise in the River Ems and all attempts to free itself were unsuccessful. The vessel also experienced engine problems. The passing general cargo *Danica Rainbow* created a large wave in the direction of the bank where *Asko* was grounded, allowing the vessel to eventually free itself. The vessel continued on its way to Emden at 1830 hrs. — Correspondent. (Note — *Asko* subsequently arrived Trondheim Apr 28 and sailed the same day.)

ASPOE (Cyprus)

London, May 9 — Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 1017, UTC:

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General cargo *Aspoe* (3183 gt, built 2005) reported aground in lat 56 32.7N, long 10 13.8E, at 1210, UTC, May 7. Vessel refloated under own power, anchored and inspected by class. No damage reported and proceeded 0735, UTC, May 8. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Aspoe*, from Ruisbroek, which passed Brunsbittel east 0655, May 6, for Randers, was located in lat 55 37 38.7N, long 12 41 39.91E, at 1010, UTC, May 9.)

ATLANTIC TRAVELLER (DIS)

London, May 4 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 0732, UTC, today, passenger ro/ro *Atlantic Traveller* was reported stationary in the port of Fredericia.

London, May 8 — Passenger ro/ro *Atlantic Traveller* passed Skaw 0058, May 7, and, according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, was moored at Bergen at 0549, UTC, today.

BADRINATH (Liberia)

London, May 4 — Understand refrigerated general cargo *Badrinath* is expected at Falmouth at 2300 today for repairs.

London, May 6 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS refrigerated general cargo *Badrinath* was moored at Falmouth at 0456, UTC, today.

London, May 7 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS refrigerated general cargo *Badrinath* was still moored at Falmouth at 0459, UTC, today.

Falmouth, May 8 — Refrigerated general cargo *Badrinath* is currently under repair at Falmouth. — Lloyd's Agents.

BAHIA BLANCA (Panama)

London, May 4 — Understand bulker *Bahia Blanca* (38477 gt, built 1998), Puerto Ordaz for Immingham, cargo 37,350 tonnes iron ore, stranded in the River Orinoco Apr 11. The vessel was given salvage assistance by Nippon Salvage with SMIT Salvage as co-salvors under the terms of a Japanese Form of Salvage Agreement and was successfully refloated.

London, May 8 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulker *Bahia Blanca* was in lat 49 44 20.4N, long 03 16 30W, at 1345, UTC, May 8, proceeding on a course of 72 deg at 12.6 knots.

BALTIC SEAGULL (Russia)

London, May 9 — Product tanker *Baltic Seagull* sailed Vysotsk Apr 26.

BALTIC SKY (Malta)

See "Belgium" under "Port State Control".

BALTIN

See *Tolstoy*.

BALTIYSK (Russia)

Berlin, May 9 — Roll on roll off *Baltiysk* is still under repair at Mukran. — Lloyd's Agents.

BOHUS (Sweden)

Gothenburg, May 7 — Examination of tug/icebreaker *Bohus* revealed the possibility that a textile cloth left behind in the daytank after cleaning

the interior of the tank may have caused the main engine to stop. The crew was new on board with less time to familiarise themselves properly with the vessel and learn how many shackles of anchor chain were out. Crew estimated time to restart engine and waited too long before informing MRCC for assistance, resulting in the grounding, etc. — Westax Marine Services AB.

BOURBON DOLPHIN (Norway)

London, May 3 — A press report, dated today, states: Insurance club Gard P&I issued a statement recently that dealt a blow to any hopes of raising the sunken anchor handling tug/supply *Bourbon Dolphin*. The Norwegian club said that they wished to do all they could to offer assistance and support to the grieving families of the victims of the tragedy but after consultation with London Offshore Consultants the conclusion was that technically it is "extremely uncertain" if it would be possible to recover the vessel. It lies in about 1,100 metres of water and the club's consultants said that the deepest location of any recovered vessel so far has been 600 metres and that was a much smaller and lighter ship. Other negative factors were the extreme conditions in the location, including difficult wind, wave and current conditions and the unknown condition of the vessel. It was possible its hull had sustained serious damage and it may be partly submerged on the seabed. The consultants concluded that any method that could be attempted would be by its very nature untried and would require "a significant period of time for research, engineering and planning." The vessel appeared not to pose a danger to shipping or the environment, therefore, the state would not be ordering its removal. Without such an order, Gard could not cover the costs to raise the vessel, even if it were technically possible.

CALA PALMA (Italy)

Bremen, May 4 — Refrigerated general cargo *Cala Palma* presently still at Bremerhaven. Recently moved to dry dock No.3 and it appears that finally repairs have started. — Lloyd's Agents.

CANADIAN OLYMPIC (Canada)

London, May 10 — Bulker *Canadian Olympic* arrived Duluth May 7 and sailed same day.

CAROL (Singapore)

Singapore, May 5 — Bulker *Carol* arrived Singapore 0129, May 4, for bunkers, and sailed 0921 same day for Zhoushan. — Lloyd's Agents.

CG K79 (U.S.A.)

Bilbao, May 5 — Barge *CG K79* was refloated Apr 30 and the cargo of coils was refloated on Apr 27. — Lloyd's Agents.

CHELAN (U.S.A.)

London, May 7 — A press report, dated today, states: There will be no

ferry sailings to Sydney, BC, Wednesday (May 9) through until Saturday because of problems with passenger ro/ro *Chelan* (2477 gt, built 1981). According to Washington State Ferries, *Chelan* developed a leak in the cooler used to cool the engine water and vessel will be sent to dry dock. Ferry *Evergreen State* will replace the *Chelan* for San Juan routes. That means the ferry will carry fewer cars on the 0600 hrs sailing from Friday Harbour to Lopez Island and to Anacortes in the morning and there will be no stop on Lopez on the 1705 hrs sailing from Anacortes to Friday Harbour. In addition, other adjustments will be made to other ferries. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Chelan* was located in lat 48 35 16.45N, long 122 54 56.87W, six nautical miles from Friday Harbour, speed 16.4 knots, at 1600, UTC, May 7.)

CHRESTENA II (Panama)

Mumbai, May 9 — General cargo *Chrestena II* at same location, taken for scrapping and scuttling process in hand. — Lloyd's Agents.

CLIO (Bahamas)

London, May 8 — The port amidships section of bulker *Clio* (40494 gt, built 2005) struck the wharf while vessel was at Sorel, Quebec, at 0700, local time, May 5.

COMMANDER (Panama)

Piraeus, May 7 — Bulker *Commander* completed its scheduled inspection on Apr 24 and is still in port at Preveza, ETD unknown. — Lloyd's Agents.

CORAL LEADER (Bahamas)

Bremen, May 3 — Vehicle carrier *Coral Leader* sailed Bremerhaven 2200, Apr 18, for Emden. — Lloyd's Agents.

CRESCENT CULLIN (Bahamas)

Bari, May 5 — Chemical tanker *Crescent Cuillin* (2616 gt, built 2005) which sailed Monopoli for Fos loaded with a cargo of 3,000 tonnes of bio-diesel oil, reported a main engine blackout near Monopoli at approximately 0300, local time, today. Two tugs ordered by Bari Coast Guard have been sent to tow the vessel back to Monopoli where it is expected to arrive this afternoon. No injuries reported. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, May 5 — Following received from Rome MRCC, timed 1215, UTC: Chemical tanker *Crescent Cuillin* is now in tow of a tug bound Monopoli where it should berth in approximately one to two hours.

London, May 5 — Following received from Rome MRCC, timed 2100, UTC: Chemical tanker *Crescent Cuillin* arrived Monopoli in tow around 1530 today.

EUGENIA (Honduras)

Mumbai, May 9 — General cargo *Eugenia* still at Mumbai port, under High Court arrest. — Lloyd's Agents.

FARAH-3 (Jordan)

London, May 4 — A merchant vessel has reportedly been stripped bare after

grounding off Sri Lanka's north-east coast, in what may be the work of that country's Tamil Tiger rebels. Everything on board general cargo *Farah-3* had been systematically looted, the operator has claimed. The insurgents subsequently handed the crew over to the Red Cross, after denying accusations by the military that they had staged a pirate attack on the vessel. Sayed Sulaiman, chairman of reported Jordanian owner Salam International Trading Co, told the BBC Tamil service: "I do not know anyone else to blame except the Tamil Tigers for this incident. "We hear from the parties who are concerned with the ship, the insurance company etc, that ... everything that could be taken — like the rice, lights, generators — has been taken from the ship. The ship is now bare." Attempts to secure safe passage for the insurance company and surveyors to visit the vessel have apparently failed.

FORTUNA I (Latvia)

See under "Labour Disputes".

FPSO MYSTRAS (Madeira)

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

FUJIMARINE (Singapore)

Taipei, May 4 — Understand that vehicle carrier *Fujimarine* has completed repairs and is back in normal service. — Lloyd's Agents.

GALICIA SPIRIT (Canary Islands)

London, May 7 — A press report, dated today, states: Around 30 seafood fishing boats from Mugardos, Fene and Ferrol ports prevented Liquid Natural Gas Carrier *Galicia Spirit* (94822 gt, built 2004) from entering the port of Ferrol at high tide this morning. It is the first time that a vessel of these characteristics has attempted to enter the sea loch to deliver liquid gas to the recently-constructed Reganosa conversion plant. The protesters claim that the new factory will kill off the shellfish in the area as the water it will pump out will lower the natural water temperature. It is expected that the *Galicia Spirit*, which is carrying 140,500 cubic metres of liquid gas, will not be able to try and enter port again until high tide this evening at around 2000 hrs.

London, May 10 — Liquid Natural Gas Carrier *Galicia Spirit* successfully docked yesterday at the Reganosa regasification plant in the Ferrol river. The vessel had initially attempted to dock on Monday (May 7), but fishermen protesting that it would destroy the seafood and shellfish cultures in the area prevented it from doing so and continued protests had prevented it docking on the four subsequent high tides. However, according to local media reports a large police mobilisation today stopped protesters from mounting their blockade of the Ria de Ferrol estuary, allowing *Galicia Spirit*, which is operated by Spanish electricity company Union Fenosa and carrying 140,000 cubic metres of gas from Damietta, to berth.

GAVROCHE (France)

Portsmouth, May 9 — French trawler *Gavroche*, GV 555238, 19 m, registered in Guilvinec, sank about 70 km to the west of Conquet at 2100, May 7. The emergency services including a French frigate and helicopter attempted to pump out the vessel which had sustained a major water ingress in the engine but to no avail.

GEORGE T. (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Kiel, May 10 — Bulker *George T.* (91164 gt, built 1990) experienced problems at Schouwenbank, 15 miles from Westkapelle, Netherlands, yesterday morning. The incident occurred in blustery weather, when the vessel's anchor chains got entangled while trying to raise anchor. Tug *Zeebrugge* was sent to the vessel which was thus stuck fast in its anchor position. — Correspondent.

GIANT I (Panama)

Antalya, May 9 — Fire broke out on yacht *Giant I* at 0630, Apr 26, due to an electrical malfunction. Passengers on board evacuated. Crew evacuated the vessel after fire fighting failure. Tugs *Aytak* and *Dilburnu* from the port of Antalya successfully conducted salvage operations, putting out the fire and cooling the vessel. Fire is out, crew returned to the vessel and extent of damage to vessel is unknown, however, it is reported to be rather severe and vessel would not be able to sail out by itself. *Giant I* is still at anchorage with *Dilburnu* and environmental services from port of Antalya on stand-by. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

GOLDEN GLORY (Bahamas)

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

GOLDEN SKY (Cyprus)

London, May 10 — The following press release was issued by Tsavlis Salvage on May 9: After having successfully completed a five-month salvage operation, Tsavlis safely delivered bulker *Golden Sky* to its owner on May 4, and the LOF/SCOPIC contract was terminated.

GOURINIS (France)

Lorient, May 5 — According to CROSS Etel this morning the refloating of ferry *Gourinis* started yesterday morning at the order of the Prefecture Maritime in Brest. According to a press report, dated yesterday, two investigations have been required by the director of the "Affaires Maritimes du Morbihan." The first at the request of the "Bureau Enquete Accident" about the administrative and technical matter, the other being a nautical investigation. The wreck could be brought back to the port of Port Maria, Quiberon. — Lloyd's Agents.

GRETA KOSAN (Isle of Man)

Oporto, May 3 — Local agents of Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Greta Kosan* have advised that the vessel is still under repair at Viana do Castelo. Repairs are expected to be completed by the middle of May. — Lloyd's Agents.

GULF PRIDE (Panama)

Djibouti, May 6 — General cargo *Gulf Pride* is still in Djibouti under arrest. — Lloyd's Agents.

HARPOON (Philippines)

Manila, May 9 — General cargo *Harpoon* is still in drydock. Estimated time of her docking is still undetermined at present. — Lloyd's Agents.

HERCULES (Faroe Islands)

Ballerup, Denmark, May 8 — Fish factory *Hercules* is currently floating off Chile, being attended by a tug from Ultratug, Chile. The topline parted yesterday and will be reconnected tomorrow, weather permitting. When under control the tow will proceed to a safe Chilean harbour. A representative of our company is the attending surveyor for the hull underwriters. — TrygVesta.

HIGH HARMONY (Panama)

London, May 10 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, product tanker *High Harmony* was in lat 35 07 27N, long 125 17 36.78W, at 0501, UTC, May 7, proceeding on a course of 268 deg at 13.5 knots.

ISAFOLD (Denmark)

Kiel, May 7 — Fishing (general) *Isafold* (2499 gt, built 2006) was towed to Vagur on Apr 25 by the Coast Guard vessel *Tjaldrío* after the vessel's trawl caught in its propeller while fishing for blue whiting south of the Faroes. It took divers more than two days to free the 150 metres of trawl from the propeller and propeller shaft. — Correspondent. (Note — *Isafold* subsequently passed Skaw, southbound, May 3.)

IWASHIRO (Panama)

Durban, May 10 — Container Carrier *Iwashiro* is still under repair at Durban. She is expected to sail sometime between May 20 and May 22. — Lloyd's Agents.

K.PEGASUS (Fiji)

Suva, May 8 — The owners of fishing (general) *K.Pegasus* have advised that repairs have been successfully completed and the vessel is expected to sail from Suva May 10. — Lloyd's Agents.

KAMAL XXVIII (India)

Kochi, May 10 — Cutter suction dredger *Kamal XXVIII*: Container traffic suspended from Feb 24 has been restored from Apr 27 following completion of repairs to the damaged column of the bridge. — Lloyd's Agents.

KANEMITSU MARU (Japan)

London, May 8 — A press report, dated today, states: A fishing vessel carrying two people capsized in the Seto Inland Sea yesterday afternoon after colliding with a freighter, leaving a woman on board the vessel missing, the Japan Coast Guard said. The 4.3-ton fishing (general) *Kanemitsu Maru* collided with Panamanian general cargo *Mighty Dandy* (6400 gt, built

2005) around 1540 hrs, south of Takami Island which is part of the town of Tadotsu, Kagawa Prefecture. The hull of the *Kanemitsu Maru* was split into two and its skipper, Takeo Minato, 78, of Mitoyo, and his second daughter Sayuri, 45, were thrown into the sea by the collision. Takeo was rescued, uninjured, by a Hiroshima-based Coast Guard vessel that happened to be in the area but Sayuri has not been found.

KIOWA SPIRIT (Bahamas)

London, May 10 — Crude oil tanker *Kiowa Spirit* was still at Saint John's, NB, May 9.

KLOAR KIMMING (Germany)

Kiel, May 4 — Ferry *Kloar Kimming* (1029 gt, built 1972) had to cancel its run to Helgoland on May 3, due to machinery damage, which had to be repaired in Bremerhaven. The waiting passengers were transported to Cuxhaven by bus, from where they were transported to Helgoland on ferry *Atlantis*. The vessel should be back in service May 4. — Correspondent.

London, May 7 — Ferry *Kloar Kimming* is back in service, as according to Lloyd's LIU AIS, at 0125 hrs, today, the vessel was in lat 53 35.57N, long 08 30.24E, 4.3 nautical miles off Blexen, on a course of 14.5 deg, at a speed of 12.6 knots.

KRONPRINS FREDERIK (DIS)

Berlin, May 9 — Roll On Roll Off *Kronprins Frederik*: According to Rostock Harbour-master, vessel berthed at Rostock Apr 10 and sailed Apr 12 for Gedser. — Lloyd's Agents.

KYRIAKOS M. (Cyprus)

London, May 10 — Bulker *Kyriakos M.* arrived Dakar Apr 29.

LIBERTY A. (Cyprus)

See "Cyprus" under "Port State Control."

LIMNOS (Canada)

Toronto, May 3 — Research *Limnos* is presently at Hamilton port. Vessel had experienced mechanical problems and is waiting for replacement parts, which, due to age of vessel, is posing problems. — Lloyd's Agents.

MAR ALMUDENA (Marshall Islands)

Las Palmas, May 3 — The agent for asphalt tanker *Mar Almudena* advised that the vessel is still berthed at the Leon y Castillo quay, at the port of Las Palmas, carrying out repairs to damage in the main engine turbo-charger. The vessel has a destination of Luanda. — Lloyd's Agents.

MARE (Malta)

Port Said, May 8 — Bulker *Mare* completed repairs and sailed 2225, May 7, for Bahrain. — Lloyd's Agents.

MARIETJE BENITA (Netherlands)

Kiel, May 7 — General cargo *Marietje Benita* (2437 gt, built 2005) entered La Rochelle at 2030, May 3, with a list to starboard after its cargo shifted. The

vessel berthed at quay BF 11. — Correspondent. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Marietje Benita* was in lat 50 00 55.58N, long 01 40 04.78W, at 0202, UTC, May 7, proceeding on a course of 69.6 deg at 10.3 knots.)

MICHAÏL M. (St. Kitts-Nevis)

Istanbul, May 7 — General cargo *Michail M.* (2811 gt, built 1977) grounded at Kanarya Point, after entering the Dardanelles from Gelibolu, at 0200 hrs, today. - TurkishStraits.com

London, May 7 — Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 0648, UTC: General cargo *Michail M.* is still aground.

London, May 8 — Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 0625, UTC: General cargo *Michail M.* refloated at 2030 yesterday. The vessel is currently at anchor at Gelibolu.

London, May 8 — General cargo *Michail M.*, Varna for Conakry, which entered the Canakkale Strait from north at 0052, May 7, ran aground at Cape Kanarya about 0129 same day by not responding to any VHF warnings made by TSVTS as a result of faulty navigation. In order to ensure safety of navigation, life, property and marine environmental protection, patrol vessel *Kiyi Emniyeti 2* and tug *Sonduren 4* were sent immediately to the incident location by Canakkale VTS. At 0200 hrs the master of *Michail M.* declared that vessel had run aground. No pollution and loss of life and goods were reported. At 1200 hrs a salvage assistance agreement was signed and refloating operation started. *Michail M.* was refloated at 1950 hrs.

Istanbul, May 8 — General cargo *Michail M.* ran aground at Cape Kanarya, Canakkale, at 0129, May 7. Salvage agreement was signed and vessel refloated at 1950 same day. — Topaz Marine Survey & Consultancy Co Ltd.

MIGHTY DANDY (Panama)

See *Kanemitsu Maru*.

MIGHTY SERVANT 3 (Netherlands)

London, May 4 — A SMIT Salvage BV report states: Semi-sub HL vessel *Mighty Servant 3*: After having finalised the hopper dredger *Nautilussalvage* project (on Mar 21), sheerlegs *Taklift 7* immediately departed for Angola. Furthermore diving vessel *Smit Orca* was mobilised. *Mighty Servant 3* will be salvaged by means of *Taklift 7* and by pressurising the various compartments with compressed air. Currently preparations are in hand for refloating the vessel. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Taklift 7* was at anchor in lat 08 43 32S, long 13 15 57E, at 0601, UTC, today.)

Rotterdam, May 4 — Operations to refloat semi-sub HL vessel *Mighty Servant 3* are currently under way. — SMIT Salvage BV.

MOBRO 139 (U.S.A.)

London, May 6 — A press report, dated May 5, states: Repairs to the J.E. McTeer Bridge should be complete by

the end of July, with construction to begin upon delivery of the first replacement steel beam, which is set for May 18, S.C. Department of Transportation engineers said yesterday. The contractor hired for the repairs told DOT officials that steel has been obtained and a steel fabricator in Augusta, Ga, is beginning to manufacture the total of five support beams that need to be replaced on the bridge damaged when a crane on barge *Mobro 139* being towed by tug *Sara Kaitlin*, struck its underside last week. "We have not seen any additional deterioration," said Robert Clark, DOT engineering administrator for Beaufort County, of inspections since the bridge was opened again to limited traffic Wednesday afternoon (May 2). "The bridge is not in any danger of collapsing," Clark said the contractor gave DOT a 10-week schedule to replace all five beams, and they hope to keep one lane open to traffic for passenger cars and pickups without trailers throughout the repairs. The contractor has assembled crews for the job and is checking on equipment availability, Clark said, but DOT hasn't received a detailed work schedule with the hours the crews will work. However, he said he expects it to be treated as an emergency. The restricted hours for recreational boating traffic through the swing bridge will remain the same and seem to have been working well, but the times remain flexible, Coast Guard Cmdr. Casey White said. Coast Guard investigators are finishing up the first round of investigation into the Apr 26 collision that damaged the McTeer bridge, White said, and a few more details were released yesterday. *Sara Kaitlin* towed the barge carrying the crane under two bridges with the same height limit as the McTeer bridge, 65 feet at high tide, without incident, according to a Coast Guard press release. *Sara Kaitlin* began its journey early Apr 26 out of Charleston towing several barges and some equipment owned by CML Equipment Company, which is connected with Charleston-based Marinex Construction Company, according to the release, and it passed under the Limehouse Bridge to Johns Island at 0145 hrs without incident. *Sara Kaitlin* then met up with tug William Breckinridge, also owned by Savannah Marine Services, and the crane was used to split up the tow, which left *Sara Kaitlin* towing the single barge with the crane and dredge pipe, the release states. The crane was stowed after the tow was split, and both tugs continued south and passed under the Dawho River Bridge outside of Edisto at 0920 hrs without incident, according to investigators. *Sara Kaitlin* passed under the McTeer bridge at 1930 hrs, and the crane struck it, but the release states the tug was allowed to continue to Savannah after reporting the accident to local authorities. Coast Guard officials said they continue to gather the details of the crane use, stowage procedures and tidal influence and won't be able to release the cause for another few days.

Charleston, SC, May 7 — Understood barge *Mobro 139*, owned by Marinex Dredge Co, Savannah, was being towed by a tug, owned by Savannah Towing Co, at the time of the incident. Both the crane and the tug remain in Savannah. The crane reportedly struck and damaged three (of the five) bridge girders, one of which was heavily damaged. Repairs are under way and are anticipated to be complete in two months' time. In the meantime, all vehicle traffic on the bridge has been somewhat restricted. — Lloyd's Agents.

MSC NAPOLI (U.K.)

London, May 8 — Pressure is growing for ship manifests to contain more detailed cargo information following lessons learnt from the container carrier *MSC Napoli* clean-up. Salvors and contractors involved in the huge operation to remove, inspect and process containers from the beached vessel say their work would have been easier if there was better understanding of cargo characteristics. "Our biggest problem is not enough information on the manifest," said David Duffield of marine consultants BMT Murray Fenton, the on-site representative for *MSC Napoli's* P&I insurer, the London Club. Each container has to be opened and its contents checked, a dangerous task at any time. When the cargo may have been damaged, contaminated or mixed with salt water the risks are even greater. Despite earlier suspicions there appears to be little evidence so far of wrongly declared or overweight cargo. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency, which is overseeing the salvage effort, has also praised the vessel's charterer, Mediterranean Shipping Co, for producing the manifest and bay plan so quickly. "The charterers did a fantastic job," said Robin Middleton, the Secretary of State's Representative who is in overall charge of the whole operation to remove fuel and cargo from the ship and then clear the wreck. The manifest was produced in record time and within five days the salvors knew exactly what was on board. That included the usual cross-section of cargo found on any container ship, including hazardous chemicals, medicines, consumer goods, refrigerated produce, car parts and personal effects. Slot charterers Hapag-Lloyd, Italia Marittima and H Stinnes had cargo on board as well as MSC. In total, the ship was loaded with 2,318 20-ft and 40-ft containers at the time of the accident, of which 853 were subsequently lifted off the deck and taken to Portland. Around 1,200 have so far been extracted from the holds. A further 76 fell overboard when the vessel was beached and washed ashore, 19 were submerged and another 19 are still unlocated, although some could be trapped under the vessel. Fewer than 200 are still on the vessel in the hold closest to the fracture, with salvors SMIT hoping to lift them out within three weeks or so. Pontoon *Viking Barge 5*, with heavy lifting equipment, is arriving at Portland about every 36 hours with an average of 30 containers

from *MSC Napoli*. Many are waterlogged, oily, crushed and dented. MSC's feeder vessel, container carrier *MSC Grace*, is calling from time to time at Portland, where around 200 containers have been cleared for onward shipments and are ready for collection. It is scheduled to arrive in the middle of this week to load another block. Cargo that was too badly damaged or spoiled is being taken to recycling plants or landfill sites across the country. A consignment of 20,000 litres of milk, for example, can only be processed by one facility in Sheffield where the cartons are separated from the liquid, which must be solidified before disposal. Apart from insufficient detail about cargo characteristics on manifests, the accident has also thrown up another problem. In many instances there are no contact details for the cargo owner, says Mr Duffield. In the case of *MSC Napoli*, for example, some packages were just due to be delivered to a PO box. A large amount of freight on *MSC Napoli* had insufficient delivery instructions or consignee information, slowing the whole process of clearing the backlog that, at times, has threatened to hold up the whole salvage programme.

London, May 9 — A press report, dated today, states: Salvage experts trying to decide what to do with the beached Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* say that one option under consideration is to tow the vessel to deep water and sink it. Work has been going on to recover its cargo of containers, and the last of these is expected to be removed in the near future. Although the vessel has not yet been declared a Constructive Total Loss, salvors say that its size presents a major problem. It has a normal draught of 19 metres, and there is no guarantee that it can be refloated sufficiently for it to be towed to a suitably deep dock. Towing it out to deep water and sinking it, after all pollutants have first been removed, may be the only solution.

NAN SHAN (Hong Kong)

Gibraltar, May 3 — Local agents of bulker *Nan Shan* advise that the vessel is still undergoing repairs and believe that completion will not be for another month. — Lloyd's Agents.

NAUTILUS (Netherlands)

London, May 4 — A SMIT Salvage BV report states: Hopper dredger *Nautilus* capsized Nov 30 during dredging activities at the port of Pointe Noire. Lying partly submerged, almost upside down at a water depth of approximately 12 metres, a site survey was performed whereafter SMIT Salvage was contracted for the parbuckling and refloating operation. The salvage method of SMIT Salvage was to parbuckle and refloat the vessel with the assistance of SMIT's sheerlegs *Taklift 7* utilising both the lifting and the pulling capacities of the crane. *Nautilus* was pulled 180 degrees around to an upright position. The pulling wires were connected to the vessel's bottom from where they passed under *Nautilus* to the surface again on

the starboard side of the vessel and lead to winches on *Taklift 7*. Before the actual parbuckling started, the vessel was secured at its port side by means of wires and to delta flipper anchors as to prevent the vessel from sliding over the seabed. The normal operations in the port of Pointe Noire were restricted for only a couple of days because of the parbuckling operation. After the successful operation, *Nautilus* was refloated by means of lifting by *Taklift 7* and dewatering of the dredger's compartments. Subsequently it was towed into a safe berth at Pointe Noire by the URS tug *Banckert*. SMIT's divers restored the watertight integrity by means of patching. After the clean up of debris at the location of the sinking, the *Nautilus* project was finished on Mar 21.

NAZIMUDDIN (Bangladesh)

Karachi, May 4 — Chittagong Port Authority has received the report from the inquiry committee about the collision between general cargo *Nazimuddin* and general cargo *Titu-5* in Chittagong port channel Apr 14. It held the masters of both vessels responsible for the collision. Local media said that the recommendations included making professional training and certification mandatory for the masters of the inland water vessels and modernisation of the Shipping Line Ordinance 1976. — Correspondent.

Chittagong, May 7 — General cargo *Nazimuddin* has been cut into two sections, which have both been towed to the shore. — Lloyd's Agents.

NO.1 CHEMICARRY (South Korea)

See *Yi Shun*.

NORTHERN ADVENTURE (Canada)

London, May 8 — Passenger ro/ro *Northern Adventure* reported a blackout, while in McLoughlin Bay, Lama Pass, B.C., in lat 52 08.23N, long 128 08.50W, at 0327, local time, Apr 22.

OCEAN CARRIER (Canada)

See *Westview Chinook*.

OCEAN VICTORY (Hong Kong)

London, May 4 — Following navigation warning issued today: Tug towing the bow of ore carrier (bulker *Ocean Victory*), length 122 metres, departs off Kashima, lat 35 55N, long 140 43E, at 0510, UTC, today, to Eta Shima, lat 34 12N, long 132 25E, with estimated time of arrival 1130, UTC, May 9.

London, May 4 — Following navigation warning issued today: Stern of stranded bulker *Ocean Victory* exists in lat 35 55N, long 140 43E.

ODISK (Sierra Leone)

Varna, May 4 — General cargo *Odisk* arrived Varna May 4 from Kerch. — Lloyd's Agents.

OTTON (Panama)

Bilbao, May 7 — Local ship agents of fire fighting tug *Otton* advise that the vessel is still in the port of Bilbao and repairs have not yet been completed, however at present the vessel is not

carrying out repairs, the reason why being unknown to the agents. Therefore, it is unknown when the repairs are to be completed. — Lloyd's Agents.

PEGASUS (Brazil)

Santos, May 3 — Around 0600 yesterday, when tug *Pegasus* (267 gt, built 1981), owned by Wilson & Sons, was proceeding to pier No. 2, Saboo Quay, (Santos) to help the unberthing manoeuvre of Container Carrier *Frota Belem*, it "shipwrecked" in the middle of the channel in front of warehouse 15. The cause of the accident is still unknown but it may have struck the underwater wreckage of the Greek vessel *Ais Giorgis* which was "wrecked" in 1974. All crew members were rescued without any problem. An unknown quantity of diesel oil leaked from tug but it has already been collected and, as informed, no beach/mangrove areas were affected. The operation to remove the tug will start today and may be completed this week. — Lloyd's Agents.

PHOENIX BETA (Hong Kong)

London, May 4 — Crude oil tanker *Phoenix Beta* arrived Liverpool Apr 30 and sailed May 1.

PIONEER BAY (Liberia)

London, May 6 — Understand tug *Barracuda* is at present underway to Rotterdam with refrigerated general cargo *Pioneer Bay* (7748 gt, built 1982) in tow. (Note — *Pioneer Bay* had sailed Flushing 1355, Apr 27 for Cristobal and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Pioneer Bay* and *Barracuda* were in lat 51 55 56N, long 04 12 57E, at 0721, UTC, today, speed 7.8 knots, course 124.2 degrees.)

London, May 6 — Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 0715, UTC: Refrigerated general cargo *Pioneer Bay* is in tow due to main engine problems and is now entering Rotterdam.

Maassluis, May 9 — Repairs to refrigerated general cargo *Pioneer Bay* have commenced at Rotterdam, ETC one to two weeks. — Lloyd's Sub-Agents.

QUEEN OF THE NORTH (Canada)

London, May 5 — A press report, dated today, states: B.C. Ferries has fired three employees who were on the bridge of passenger ro/ro *Queen of the North* when it sank in March 2006, a company spokesman said today. B.C. Ferries did not identify the three employees, but said they were the focus of a company report released in March that concluded human factors were to blame for the sinking that claimed two lives. "I can confirm that three employees at the centre of the investigation have been terminated. They were notified in writing as of Apr 24," B.C. Ferries spokesman Mark Stefanson said. Stefanson said the ferry workers' union has the right to appeal the dismissals and the individual employees can also appeal. The Transportation Safety Board has yet to release its report and the Royal

Canadian Mounted Police are still investigating. The firings were a result of the B.C. Ferries report that concluded human error was to blame for the sinking, saying the bridge crew failed to make a critical course correction, allowing the vessel to run straight into Gil Island. Two of the three workers refused to co-operate with B.C. Ferries' investigators.

London, May 7 — A press report, dated today, states: A federal report into the sinking of passenger ro/ro *Queen of the North* last year has been delayed. The Transportation Safety Board spent more than \$600,000 investigating the loss of the ferry, which left two people missing after striking an island south of Prince Rupert. The board investigators sent a draft of their findings to an undisclosed list of reviewers several weeks ago. TSB spokesman John Cottreau said one of those parties had been granted a 30-day extension to respond to facts in the draft. Cottreau could not say when the final *Queen of the North* report would be released to the public. The board must reply to each of the draft reviewer's comments in writing, those comments and responses will then be assessed by staff and a redrafted report will go to the board for approval. It is now likely the final report will not be released before the end of June.

London, May 9 — A press report, dated today, states: An alarm that should have alerted two bridge crew members that passenger ro/ro *Queen of the North* was off course and about to slam full-speed into an island was turned off. The alarm, which is connected to a global positioning system, a satellite-based navigational aid tracking the vessel's position, was switched off by a crew member on a previous shift, a source close to the investigation confirmed yesterday. The crew in charge when *Queen of the North* sank had also dimmed the electronic chart system's monitor displaying the ferry's course and didn't fully understand how to operate a recently installed switch governing the autopilot and manual steering, according to a Transportation Safety Board advisory released last year.

RHINE FOREST (Marshall Islands)

See CG K79 (U.S.A.).

SANKO DYNASTY (Marshall Islands)

London, May 5 — A press report, dated May 4, states: In a finale to a busy season, rescue tug *Gladiator* escorted crude-oil-laden crude oil tanker *Sanko Dynasty* (57331 gt, built 1999) yesterday into the Strait of Juan de Fuca. It was the tug's last day on station in Neah Bay until next fall. The Coast Guard dispatched *Gladiator* at 0530 yesterday to escort *Sanko Dynasty*, which lost one of its two steering systems off the Washington coast. The ship was bound from Singapore to the Tesoro oil refinery at Anacortes. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Sanko Dynasty* was in lat 48 13 37N, long 123 11 28W, at 0452, UTC, today, speed 14.2 knots, course 224 degrees.)

London, May 8 — Crude oil tanker *Sanko Dynasty* arrived Port Angeles 2354, May 4, sailed 1115, May 5, and arrived Martinez 2335, May 7.

London, May 10 — A press report, dated May 9, states: A tanker on its way to the Tesoro refinery at March Point required assistance from a rescue tug May 3, at the mouth of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The state commissioned, 136-foot tug *Gladiator* was released from Neah Bay at 0530 hrs, to escort the 795-foot crude oil tanker *Sanko Dynasty* laden with crude oil from Singapore. The tanker was experiencing a partial failure of its primary steering system. Tom Hanick, Tesoro human resource manager, said the mechanical failure was with one of two steering systems on the vessel. The first was shut down, while the second took over, still leaving the manual steering system as back-up. The U.S. Coast Guard requires a tug assist any vessel experiencing mechanical problems through the strait. The tanker eventually made its way to the Tesoro dock, the steering system was repaired and after an inspection from the Coast Guard, the tanker was on its way, Hanick said.

SAPFIROVYY (Russia)

Yokohama, May 7 — Refrigerated general cargo *Sapfirovyy* sailed Ishikari Apr 19 for Busan. — Lloyd's Agents.

SARA KAITLIN (U.S.A.)

See *Mobro 139*.

SAULT AU COCHON (Canada)

See *Tony Mackay*.

SCAN FJELL (DIS)

London, May 6 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS general cargo *Scan Fjell* was still at Gdynia at 0717, UTC, today.

Poznan, May 8 — General cargo *Scan Fjell* is still under repair at Naval Shipyard Gdynia. Exact date of completion of the repairs is unknown, probably be finished by the end of May. — Lloyd's Agents.

SCL BERN (Switzerland)

Valletta, May 4 — Understand that part containerised general cargo *SCL Bern* is still undergoing repairs, departure unknown. — Lloyd's Agents.

SCOTLAND (Italy)

London, May 10 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, container carrier *Scotland* was in lat 54 23 27.61N, long 167 11 37.16W, at 0646, UTC, May 4, proceeding on a course of 273.8 deg at 12.5 knots.

SEA HANA (Malta)

Mumbai, May 9 — Vehicle carrier *Sea Hana* sailed Mormugao May 7 for Japan. — Lloyd's Agents.

SEASPAN 191 (Canada)

See *Westview Chinook*.

SEASPAN VENTURE (Canada)

See *Westview Chinook*.

SICHEM ANELINE (Marshall Islands)

London, May 3 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Sichem Aneline* arrived at Delaware Bay at 1323, May 2.

SIDER SUN (Malta)

Piraeus, May 7 — Bulker *Sider Sun* is still at Piraeus. Repairs are expected to be completed next week. — Lloyd's Agents.

SILVA (Cambodia)

Esbjerg, May 10 — General cargo *Silva*, which has been at Esbjerg since 2003 after listing due to cargo shift, has now been scrapped. — Lloyd's Agents.

SINEGORSK (Russia)

See "Naantali Area, Finland" under "Pollution."

STAR FERRY 1 (Philippines)

Manila, May 8 — Roll On Roll Off *Star Ferry 1* is still undergoing repairs. These are estimated to be complete in three weeks' time. — Lloyd's Agents.

STOLT GANNET (Cayman Islands)

London, May 3 — Chemical tanker *Stolt Gannet* was reported departing Rotterdam at 0340, May 2, bound for Tenerife.

SUPERFERRY 9 (Philippines)

Manila, May 8 — Roll On Roll Off *Superferry 9* is still undergoing repairs. These are estimated to be complete in one month's time. — Lloyd's Agents.

TAKU (U.S.A.)

Seattle, May 8 — Understand from Todd Pacific Shipyard that repairs to fire damage on board passenger ro/ro *Taku* are expected to be completed around Jun 10, whereupon vessel will return to service. — Lloyd's Agents.

TITU-5

See *Nazimuddin*.

TOLSTOY (North Korea)

London, May 8 — A press report, dated May 6, states: Tug *Geroy Petrov* pushing barge *Baltin*, from Rostov to Kavkaz with 3,284 tonnes of sulphur, in contact with general cargo *Tolstoy* (3994 gt, built 1981), Greece to Rostov, with 5,000 tonnes of perlite, on a zero mark of Azov-Don Sea Channel. The vessels were manoeuvring to pass each other at the time of the collision. *Baltin* and *Tolstoy* both sustained damage above the waterline. No spills, injuries, or water ingress reported. Investigation is under way.

Novorossiysk, May 10 — Barge *Baltin*, carrying 3284 tonnes of bulk sulfur, pushed by tug *Geroy Petrov* on voyage to Kaukaz, had a front collision with general cargo *Tolstoy*, Greece to Rostov, carrying about 5000 tonnes of perlite at 2235, Moscow time, May 5. Both vessels sustained damages but no ingress of water. *Tolstoy* had quite serious damages extending for almost all its forecastle. She presently is at Nokhichevanskiy roads, Rostov. It is under consideration as to which repair yard in Rostov is to be used. — Lloyd's Agents.

TONY MACKAY (Canada)

London, May 9 — Tug *Tony Mackay* (373 gt, built 1973), towing hopper barge *Sault Au Cochon* (5395 gt, built 1969), experienced a total failure of the controllable pitch propeller, due to a circuit overload, in the South Shore Canal of the Seaway off Montreal, Quebec, in lat 45 24N, long 73 37W, at 1156, local time, May 7.

TRANS-1 (Bangladesh)

Khulna, May 3 — Particulars of the *Trans-1*: Year of build 1995, place of build Khulna, length overall 35.85 metres, grt 229.88. We understand from the Mongla Harbour Authority that salvage of the sunk barge has not yet started and it may take the next four/five weeks to salvage it. It is also reported that the cargo owner is in the process of claiming against the barge owners for the loss of their cargo. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

TROLLFJORD (Norway)

Kiel, May 10 — Passenger ro/ro *Trollfjord* (16141 gt, built 2002) grounded during the night of May 9 in the Raftsund, at Lofoten. The vessel sustained damage to its hull. No one was hurt, but *Trollfjord* had to be docked in Svolvær where it is awaiting examination by divers. — Correspondent.

TULA (Liberia)

London, May 8 — Following received from Coastguard Solent MRSC, timed 1119, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Tula* (26218 gt, built 1997) Paldiski for Guayanilla, drifting in lat 50 24.9N, long 00 31.7W, due to a problem with fuel pump on No.6 main engine cylinder. Vessel intends to isolate No.6 cylinder then carry out repairs while underway then stop in lat 50 20N, long 00 40W, to make checks on repairs.

London, May 8 — Following received from Coastguard Solent MRSC, timed 2056, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Tula* completed repairs and reported under way to next port of call. However, same problem has returned and awaiting action plan from vessel's engineer. On advice from duty CPSO vessel has been verbally warned that within the next hour a plan of action needs to be produced to remove vessel from the south west bound lane to a safe area to conduct repairs.

London, May 8 — Following received from Coastguard Solent MRSC, timed 2246, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Tula* is now under way for Sandown Bay anchorage. No 6 cylinder is "blanked off" and the vessel is running on five cylinders. Vessel will anchor in lat 50 38N, long 01 06.6W and ETA in anchor position is 0200, UTC, May 9. Once anchored, the vessel will be attended by its service agent.

London, May 9 — Following received from Coastguard Solent MRSC, timed 0216, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Tula* anchored in lat 50 37.5N, long 01 05.5W, in Sandown Bay, at 0205, UTC, today. Engineering support will arrive during daylight hours.

London, May 9 — Following received from Coastguard Solent MRSC, timed 1319, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Tula* is now under way from Sandown Bay anchorage, en route to complete repairs within Portland port. No 6 cylinder is blanked off, engine running on five cylinders. Vessel's agent has been in contact with DCPSO and Portland Port Authority and a suitable berth has been arranged to allow repairs to be completed.

London, May 9 — Following received from Coastguard Solent MRSC, timed 2159, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Tula* is now at anchor in Weymouth Bay on Anchorage T5, in lat 50 36.74N, long 02 23.05W. Portland Pilots are not happy to bring the vessel into Portland until daylight and will review the situation at 0600 hrs.

London, May 10 — Following received from Coastguard Portland MRSC, timed 1153, UTC: *Tula* is alongside in Portland port at 0920, UTC, to effect repairs.

VASSILIKI T. (Greece)

London, May 4 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 0951, UTC: Bulker *Vassiliki T.* is now in port at Piraeus, awaiting an inspection.

VOLGO-BALT 209 (Russia)

London, May 9 — General cargo *Volgo-Balt 209* arrived Kaliningrad May 2.

W.D.FAIRWAY (Netherlands)

Tianjin, May 8 — Hopper dredger *W.D.Fairway* is still at Xingang port waiting to effect temporary repairs and permission from local Maritime Safety Authority to carry out full repairs. — Lloyd's Agents.

WALVIS 6**(St. Vincent & Grenadines)**

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

WESTVIEW CHINOOK (Canada)

London, May 8 — Tug *Westview Chinook* (53 gt, built 1981), towing barge *Ocean Carrier* (2756 gt, built 1973), and tug *Seaspan Venture* (83 gt, built 2001), towing barge *Seaspan 191* (1676 gt, built 1969), were in the vicinity of BTU in the Fraser River when the *Ocean Carrier* contacted the *Seaspan 191* in lat 49 09N, long 122 57W, at 0124, local time, May 4. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Seaspan Venture* was reported 7.8 nautical miles from Fraser River Port, speed 7.8 knots, at 1935, UTC, today.)

WILSON MUUGA (Cyprus)

Reykjavik, May 4 — Bulker *Wilson Muuga* is still lying alongside in Hafnarfjörður harbour. The new owner brought in a crew which is working on the vessel. Nobody seems to know when the vessel will be fit to sail/be towed. — Lloyd's Agents.

WINDJAMMER (Canada)

London, May 9 — Fishing *Windjammer* (59 gt, built 1979) fouled its propeller with a rope off the Magdalen Islands, Quebec, in the Gulf

of St. Lawrence, in lat 48 00N, long 61 50W, at 1436, local time, May 5. The vessel was escorted back to Grande Entree, Magdalen Islands.

YI SHUN (Sierra Leone)

Busan, May 7 — At 1820 hrs, May 4, general cargo *Yi Shun* (1236 gt, built 1977), Dandong, China for Taiwan via Busan, laden with some 1,900 tonnes of volcanic sand in bulk, was in collision with combined chemical and oil tank *No.1 Chemicarry* (1224 gt, built 1990) Yeosu, Korea for Daesan, Korea, laden with 1,231 tonnes of penpan chemical products, off Mokpo, in approximately lat 35 07.148N, long 125 33.959E. As a result, *Yi Shun* sank at approximately 1840 hrs, in some 50 metres of water, in the approximate position lat 35 05.85N, long 125 33.814E. All 10 crew members were rescued by local marine police craft and safely landed at Mokpo. One crewman was reportedly injured during disembarkation, but details are presently unknown. Minor oil pollution was reported at the site by the marine police. The crew members are presently under investigation by the Mokpo Marine police. *No.1 Chemicarry* safely arrived at Mokpo the same day and is lying anchored at Mokpo Inner Anchorage. Her crew members are under investigation. The vessel sustained damage to its bulbous bow and starboard bow. The vessel will drydock at Busan for permanent repairs, after completion of discharge of cargo at Daesan. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.



SOMALIA

London, May 10 — Somali pirates have hijacked a general cargo vessel and are holding it and its 16 strong crew for ransom. This is the latest in a number of incidents that have followed the overthrow of the Islamic Courts regime in much of the country which had more or less suppressed piracy. According to the ICC International Maritime Bureau's latest weekly report, this latest incident happened last Thursday (May 3) 12 miles off Mogadishu at 0700, local time. A group of pirates armed with guns boarded the vessel while it was underway and took it to Hobiyo anchorage. The IMB reports that negotiations with the pirates are going on.



BELGIUM

Zeebrugge, May 8 — Refrigerated general cargo *Baltic Sky* (11222 gt, built 1978) arrived Antwerp May 3, departure suspended due to detentions at 1603, May 4. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

CYPRUS

Limassol, May 3 — General cargo *Liberty A.* is being scrapped piece by piece; this process has been ongoing for some time. — Lloyd's Agents.

UNITED KINGDOM

Liverpool, May 4 — Bulker *Golden Glory* sailed Mar 24 for Murmansk. — Lloyd's Agents.



AQUAMARINA (Georgia)

Limassol, May 8 — Bulker *Aquamarina* released from arrest May 3 and sailed May 5 for Alexandria under new name, *Clipper Sun*, flag Panama, call sign 3EKL4. — Lloyd's Agents.

ASIAN EXPRESS (Maldives)

Kochi, May 10 — General cargo *Asian Express* is still lying at Tuticorin anchorage under arrest. — Lloyd's Agents.

DAMANIA-1 (India)

Mumbai, May 9 — Ferry *Damania-1* is still arrested by Mumbai High Court. — Lloyd's Agents.

DE MARIE LOUISE (Belgium)

Portsmouth, UK, May 6 — A report, dated May 5, states: Trawler *De Marie Louise* (387 gt, built 1992) was arrested today in the North Sea by the British Fisheries Protection vessel *Severn*, P282. Both vessels arrived in the Port of Tyne at 1400 today and berthed at the Riverside Quay. — Correspondent.

London, May 10 — A press report, dated May 9, states: The skipper of trawler (All types) *De Marie Louise*, caught fishing illegally in the North Sea after an 18-mile high speed chase, has been fined more than £10,000. The Ministry of Defence said the vessel was spotted fishing illegally on Friday night (May 4). A crew from HMS *Severn*, a Royal Navy Fisheries Protection Vessel, chased the vessel and detained it off the coast of Scarborough. The owner and skipper were fined £10,480 each today. The Ministry of Defence said *Severn's* rigid inflatable boat chased the trawler at full speed for 18 miles. The crew, led by Lt Simon Austin, managed to board the trawler while both vessels were still moving. On board, they found hidden freezers full of undersized sole which had already been prepared and filleted. The 11-hour operation ended when *Severn* escorted the vessel into Tyne. The captain and owner were fined by the Fisheries Court in North Shields today. The vessel was also ordered to forfeit its nets, which were illegally adapted using "blindings" to reduce the size of the mesh. It was further ordered to forfeit its illegal cargo of undersized sole and was banned from the fishing ground for five days.

EGEON P. (Greece)

Piraeus, May 7 — Bulk cement carrier *Egeon P.* is still under arrest at Perama. The auction on May 2 was cancelled due to lack of interest. — Lloyd's Agents.

GEO ENDEAVOUR (India)

London, May 7 — Support *Geo Endeavour* arrived Cape Town Mar 30 and sailed Apr 30.

LOSOSINA (Russia)

Vladivostok, May 10 — Fishing (general) *Lososina* (741 gt, built 1991), which arrived at Nakhodka on Feb 27, remains in the port under detention. — Lloyd's Agents.

OCEAN NAVIGATOR (India)

Mumbai, May 9 — Tug *Ocean Navigator* is still detained at Mumbai. — Lloyd's Agents.

PAVEL BUTOV (Russia)

Vladivostok, May 10 — Fishing (general) *Pavel Butov* remains under detention at Nakhodka. — Lloyd's Agents.

PLAVA (Albania)

Bari, May 8 — General cargo *Plava* is still under arrest at Bari. — Lloyd's Agents.

RAJ SEVAK

Mumbai, May 9 — Tanker *Raj Sevak* is still detained by Mumbai High Court. — Lloyd's Agents.

SHIPUNSKIY (Russia)

Vladivostok, May 10 — Fishing (general) *Shipunskiy* (772 gt, built 1990), which was reported detained in the Sea of Okhotsk on Apr 23 and ordered to proceed to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, is currently in the port under arrest. — Lloyd's Agents.

SHIREEN S. (U.K.)

Maassluis, May 4 — Tug *Shireen S.* is still under arrest at Rotterdam. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

SINDBAD DREAM (Hong Kong)

London, May 9 — Roll On Roll Off *Sindbad Dream* (16075 gt, built 1990), VRBA3, which arrived at Hong Kong at 0958, May 8, is today reported at North-west Lamma Anchorage, Hong Kong, under Bailiff's Office, Admiralty & High Court arrest.

London, May 10 — Roll On Roll Off *Sindbad Dream* is today reported to be still at North-west Lamma Anchorage, Hong Kong, but is no longer under arrest.

TALING (Netherlands)

Maassluis, May 4 — Pontoon *Taling* is currently still under arrest at Dordrecht. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

TIBER (Albania)

Bari, May 8 — General cargo *Tiber* is still under arrest at Bari. — Lloyd's Agents.

Pipeline Accidents



HOUSTON AREA, TEXAS, UNITED STATES

London, May 9 — A press report, dated May 8, states: Crews have cleaned up fuel that spilled out of a ruptured pipeline in north-west Harris County, news reports said today. Harris County sheriff's deputies said a construction crew ripped a two-inch extension of an eight-inch pipeline at about 1330 yesterday. ExxonMobil officials said nearly 3,000 gallons of fuel poured out of the Baytown-Irving pipeline. Crews repaired the gash and are using special equipment to determine if there are any hairline cracks. Investigators said tests showed there is no environmental danger to the area. "We basically had non-detect levels of hazardous concentrations to the public," said B. J. Young with ExxonMobil. Several roads in the area were closed to traffic.

KIEV AREA, UKRAINE

London, May 8 — Ukrainian authorities said today that an explosion along a main trunk pipeline responsible for transporting Russian and central Asian natural gas would not disrupt supplies to customers in Europe. A pipeline located just south of Kiev caught fire today. Investigators had not ruled out foul play, but said it could have been ignited by a leak in the ageing Soviet-built pipeline. The energy ministry said the supplies had been redirected to parallel pipelines. The pipeline affected handles one-eighth of supplies pumped via Ukraine to Europe. "At the moment we are increasing transit through alternative routes and boosting supplies from underground storage facilities near the border with Europe," Mr Borodin added.

PRUDHOE BAY, ALASKA

New York, May 9 — Two reports on the cause of one of Alaska's worst onshore oil spills, commissioned by BP Plc, blame the oil company's cost-cutting and management culture for the accident, people familiar with the reports said. The reports come after a US congressional committee said documents turned over by BP suggest "draconian" cost cutting at the British company's Alaska operations led to the March, 2006, rupture of a corroded oil pipeline at Prudhoe Bay, spilling at least 200,000 gallons of crude oil onto the Arctic tundra. "The reports speak to the fact that top-down cost cutting was going on without any risk analysis," said a congressional aide familiar with the documents. The reports along with BP documents and e-mails describing cost cutting scenarios in Alaska are expected to be the focus of a congressional hearing set

for next Wednesday (May 16). "We don't plan to release the report until we've had an opportunity to meet the members of the committee and discuss their contents with them," said BP spokesman Ronnie Chappell. — Reuters.

SURABAYA AREA, INDONESIA

London, May 9 — A press report, dated May 8, states: Sludge has burst through an embankment built around Indonesia's disastrous "mud volcano," flooding a main road, an official said today. Officials said a large crack had formed in the dyke, which was designed to hold back the massive mud flow in East Java. "We have managed to repair the crack but the road is still impassable," said a government spokesman. "The road should be opened later tonight after we pump all the muddy water away," Muhammad Zulkarnain said. The embankment was built after the steaming crater, located near Indonesia's second-largest city of Surabaya, began spewing mud in May last year following exploratory gas drilling. The sludge has inundated some 600 hectares, including many homes and factories, leaving 15,000 people homeless. Indonesian experts have tried to halt the flow by plugging the crater with chains of concrete balls, a bold plan that some say will not work. The embankment also repeatedly gave way when officials tried unsuccessfully to channel the flow to a nearby river. Several local non-governmental groups have taken legal action against the local drilling firm, PT Lapindo Brantas, which apparently pierced a layer of strata under pressure at a depth of several thousand feet.

Pollution



DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Dubai, May 5 — An oil slick today forced authorities to close beaches along a stretch of Dubai's Gulf coast lined with luxury hotels. "We are cleaning up after a tar slick washed ashore. The beach is closed until tomorrow. This happens sometimes in this area but this is the worst I have seen in several years," an employee at a five-star hotel said. "The public beach near our home is closed and there is a crew working with shovels and plastic bags to clean it," a resident said. The origin of the slick was not clear and coast guard officials could not be reached for comment. Environmentalists say most oil pollution on the beaches is due to spillage from oil tankers in the Gulf. An estimated 50,000 vessels passing through the shallow waterway discharge around 30 million cubic metres of ballast water every year, according to the Emirates Environmental Group. Today's slick

appeared to be concentrated in the Jumeirah area, site of the Burj al-Arab and Jumeirah Beach luxury hotels, while hotels further east in the Marina area were not affected, according to staff. — Reuters.

GEORGIA

Portsmouth, UK, May 4 — Combined chemical and oil tanker *Alios Triton* (3997 gt, built 2005) was detained at Batumi yesterday in respect of (alleged) pollution in coastal waters. — Correspondent. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Alios Triton* was moored at Batumi at 0804, UTC, today.)

London, May 8 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Alios Triton*, Batumi for Larnaca, passed Istanbul 1315 today.

NAANTALI AREA, FINLAND

London, May 8 — General cargo *Sinegorsk* arrived Loviisa Apr 29 and sailed May 3 for Kalajoki.

SKAGIT BAY, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES

London, May 10 — A press report, dated May 9, states: State ecology and Coast Guard officials are scrambling to clean up a diesel spill from a boat into Skagit Bay. The Department of Ecology says the diesel was discovered late last night in the La Conner Marina coming from a 40-foot private boat. The Coast Guard flew over the scene this morning and says the spill is mainly concentrated in the slips of the marina. It wasn't immediately clear how much fuel had spilled. The owner of the boat is taking responsibility for the spill.

Weather & Navigation



BANGLADESH

Chittagong, May 7 — There are currently no cautionary signals in effect for sea or river ports. — Lloyd's Agents.

CANADA

London, May 8 — A press report, dated today, states: Thick, heavy ice which continues to block the shoreline of eastern Newfoundland and Labrador is causing what some are calling a crisis situation in the inshore fishery. In some areas boats cannot leave port, while in other areas boats out on the water are unable to land their catches at their regular ports, creating a shortage of work at plants. It is estimated that thousands of fishermen and plant workers will be affected by the delay in the start of the lobster and crab fishery. One lobster fisherman in Long Island said that ice conditions in Notre Dame Bay were making it impossible to start the lobster fishery. The fisherman said pots from the crab fishery that opened on Apr 1 were still on local wharves. The Food Fish and

Allied Workers' Union is still trying to convince Ottawa to extend EI benefits because of the harsh ice conditions. Union president Earle McCurdy wrote to federal minister Monte Solberg last month and said those affected were facing dire financial circumstances. The union said the ice conditions were the worst it had seen in 20 years.

SUBTROPICAL STORM "ANDREA"

London, May 9 — A press report, dated today, states: The first named storm of the year formed today off the south-eastern US coast, more than three weeks before the official start of the Atlantic hurricane season, forecasters said. Subtropical Storm "Andrea" had top sustained winds around 45 mph this morning and did not appear to be much of a threat, the National Hurricane Centre in Miami said. Still, a tropical storm watch was issued for parts of Georgia and Florida, meaning tropical storm conditions are possible within 36 hours. "We're not looking at this system strengthening significantly," said Richard Pasch, a senior hurricane specialist at the centre. "We're not viewing this as a major threat." At 1100, EDT, "Andrea" was centred about 140 miles south-east of Savannah, Georgia, and about 150 miles north-east of Daytona Beach. The storm was moving west at about three mph. Forecasters said no significant rain from the storm was expected to fall over land through at least tomorrow morning. However, wind-driven waves have been causing beach erosion in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida and the ocean has lapped at beachfront homes and condominiums. Subtropical systems are hybrid weather formations that are usually weaker than hurricanes and tropical storms.

London, May 10 — Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today, states: Subtropical storm "Andrea" located near lat 30.4N, long 80.0W or about 135 miles, south-southeast of Savannah at 0900, UTC. The storm is drifting southwestward and little motion is expected for the next 24 hours. Maximum sustained winds are near 40 mph with higher gusts. Some weakening is forecast during the next 24 hours. Winds of 40 mph extend outward up to 105 miles. "Andrea" is expected to produce total rainfall accumulations of one-half to one inch along coastal areas of the southeastern US.

UNITED KINGDOM

London, May 9 — A press report, dated May 8, states: High winds in the North Sea closed a major container port for several hours this afternoon. Quayside cranes at the Port of Felixstowe were unable to work and available space for lorries filled up, a police spokeswoman said. Trinity and Landguard terminals were closed but Dooley which handles roll-on roll-off vessels remained open. Lorries bringing containers to the port are currently causing local traffic congestion inside the port.

Political & Civil Unrest



NIGERIA

London, May 3 — A press report, dated today, states: The second attack and kidnapping this week at an oil facility in the Niger Delta has been reported. In the latest incident, local militants attacked the FPSO Mystras (Okono Terminal) in the early hours of this morning. Six expatriate workers were kidnapped, and their whereabouts is currently unknown. The terminal operators have declared a 'force majeure'. The incident is expected to affect the handling of an export tanker due to arrive at Okono Terminal tomorrow. The attack on FPSO Mystras comes just two days after operations were suspended at FSO Oloibiri, in the Pennington Terminal area, after an attack in which six crew members were kidnapped on Tuesday morning (May 1). In addition, eight Filipinos, three South Koreans and a Nigerian employee were abducted early yesterday from Afam power station, about 20 miles northeast of Port Harcourt, according to a statement from Daewoo Engineering and Construction Co. and in a third incident, a Dutch man was kidnapped from a bar in the town of Warri in southern Nigeria overnight, a witness said today.

Lagos, May 3 — The Nigerian militant group MEND said all the hostages taken from an Italian-operated offshore oilfield earlier today had been released. The self-styled leader of the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) said his group had not intended to take more hostages, having seized six foreign workers from a U.S.-operated oilfield on Tuesday (May 1). — Reuters.

London, May 6 — A press report, dated May 5, states: The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) has declared a force majeure on the exports of 50,000 barrel per day (bpd) from the Okono-Okpoho oilfield following Thursday's (May 3) attack on non specific tanker *FPSO Mystras* (76053 gt, built 1976), a Floating Production Storage and Offloading vessel by armed militants in the Niger Delta. According to report, the force majeure will affect a tanker that was due to berth at the field today. The operatorship of the Okono-Okpoho oil field was only recently transferred to the NNPC after more than six years in the hands of Italy's Saipem and SBM Offshore. The latest declaration takes the total oil production halted due to militant attacks in the oil-rich region to about 665,000 bpd. *FPSO Mystras* vessel is supplied by crude oil coming from Okono and Okpoho fields jointly producing 65,000 b/d, of which Eni equity is 11,500 b/d. Eni is undertaking all the due controls in order to get the

production back to normal in the shortest time possible. Eight of the floater's crew were briefly taken hostage in the raid. They were released six hours after being abducted from the facility, which is moored at the field, about 55 kilometres off Port Harcourt. The dreaded group, Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) often claims responsibility for most of the attacks, including the kidnapping, last year of three Italian workers of Eni. The captors often seek ransom payments from companies where the foreigners work before releasing their victims. The resurgence of abduction of foreign workers came barely one month after the militants freed the last set of hostages in their camp.

London, May 7 — A press report, dated May 5, states: Gunmen abducted a British oil worker from a US-owned drilling rig off Nigeria's coast, triggering a security alert at a nearby oil export terminal today, authorities said. The Briton was taken from the *Trident 8* rig operated by US-based Transocean off the coast of the state of Bayelsa, in the latest in a string of abductions that have disrupted oil supplies from the world's eight largest exporter. The attackers triggered a security lockdown at the nearby Brass crude oil export terminal, operated by Italian oil company Agip, security sources said.

Lagos, May 7 — Villagers with sticks and machetes staged a protest at a major US-operated oil production facility in Nigeria today, forcing it to halt 42,000 barrels per day output, authorities said. It was the latest in a string of attacks on Western oil industry targets in the world's eighth largest exporter, which has curbed Nigerian output by a quarter and helped fuel a global oil price rally. The protest at the gates of Chevron's Abiteye flow station in the western Niger Delta, which feeds the 160,000 bpd Escravos export terminal, was triggered by alleged delays in compensation for an oil spill. "There is a community protest. They are carrying sticks and machetes, but the place is full of government security forces who were drafted in over the weekend. The company has not lost control of the facility," a security source said. Chevron said 42,000 bpd in oil output was hit by the protest. Talks have already begun and the company expects the crisis to be resolved quickly, said spokesman Femi Odumabo. "Community leaders and elders are very supportive of Chevron, and they are intervening. I think it will be brought to a close today or tomorrow," he said. Spills are one source of constant friction between oil companies and communities in the Niger Delta. Companies blame spills on criminal gangs illegally tapping oil from their pipelines, while communities blame the companies and often demand substantial compensation. Before today's dispute, unrest and militant attacks on oil facilities in other parts of the delta had already shut 652,000 bpd, or a quarter of the OPEC member

nation's total capacity. Kidnappings of foreign workers have also surged recently, with 28 foreigners abducted in six incidents in the last seven days alone. Eight have been released. Viktor Goncharov, counsellor at Russia's embassy in Nigeria, said kidnappers who seized a Belorussian woman had demanded \$1.2 million for her release, according to Russian news reports. The Philippine government warned families of eight Filipinos and three South Koreans abducted last week against holding direct negotiations with their abductors. Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Esteban Conejos met families after one woman got a mobile phone call from her husband asking her to raise \$1 million ransom for their safe release. — Reuters.

London, May 8 — A militant group active in southern Nigeria says it has bombed three major oil pipelines. The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (Mend) said it had attacked pipelines in Bayelsa State. The claim has not been verified. The group has led several attacks on oil facilities and has abducted foreign workers in its campaign to win a larger share of the region's oil wealth.

London, May 8 — A press report, dated today, states: Nigerian rebels have blown up three oil pipelines in the country's south delta, forcing Italian oil giant Eni to halt production from two oilfields. The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) said in an email it bombed the pipelines to embarrass President Olusegun Obasanjo in his last days in office and vowed to carry out more attacks in the world's eight-largest crude exporter. Oil exports from Africa's top producer were already down by about 700,000 barrels per day (bpd), or a quarter of total capacity, before the latest attacks. Eni says production from two oilfields, Akri and Oshi, has been suspended. It did not detail the volume of oil affected and says it has already started repairing the pipelines which feed its 200,000 bpd Brass oil export terminal. Industry sources say they had detected oil spilling from the pipelines.

London, May 9 — A press report, dated May 8, states: Oil rebounded towards US\$65 a barrel today as fresh attacks on Nigeria's oil industry interrupted a six-day losing streak that had driven prices to their lowest since Mar 26. Militant raids have shut about a quarter of output in Africa's biggest producer. Fighters from the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) said today they had destroyed three major oil pipelines. The MEND said Agip's Brass terminal, which normally exports about 200,000 barrels per day (bpd), had been affected. The Italian firm said it had suspended production at two oilfields. Sources at companies due to lift cargoes said they were waiting for word. There had been optimism in some quarters that Nigeria's presidential election last month would mark the start of a recovery for the country's oil industry.

London, May 9 — A press report, dated today, states: Heavily-armed

gunmen kidnapped four US oil workers from a barge off the Nigerian coast near Chevron's Escravos crude export terminal today, a US diplomat and Nigerian security sources said: "Armed men on two speed boats with rifles and rocket-propelled grenade launchers boarded the barge. Four American personnel were abducted."

London, May 9 — A press report, dated today, states: Gunmen seized four American workers as violence escalated in Nigeria's southern petroleum-producing region, a Chevron spokesman said today. The attackers, carrying assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades, stormed a vessel carrying the workers in the southern Niger Delta minutes before midnight Tuesday, two industry officials said. Chevron Corp. spokesman Femi Odumabo said the four kidnapped workers were subcontractors with US citizenship. Another vessel in the same area, supply *Walvis 6* (1070 gt, built 1982), was also attacked and robbed. A crew member reported missing was later found hiding on the vessel. "This is just a piracy, robbery case," Odumabo said. Despite last week's attack, in which six Chevron employees were taken hostage, he said the company did not feel singled out as a target. "It's not directed at any one company," he said. Oil prices rose today after the seizure. Light, sweet crude for June delivery rose 12 cents to \$62.38 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange by afternoon in Europe. June Brent crude was up 45 cents at \$65.99 a barrel on London's ICE Futures exchange.

SOMALIA

London, May 10 — A press report, dated May 9, states: African Union (AU) peacekeeping troops stationed in Somalia intend securing key points around Mogadishu including the port to prevent further attacks and ambushes from armed militants opposed to the interim federal government. The AU peacekeepers took over control of the city three weeks ago from Ethiopian soldiers who were largely responsible for forcing the Union of Islamic Courts to abandon the city. Since then however there has been sporadic fierce fighting in the city with parts being mortared by insurgents opposing the interim government and the Ethiopian troops. According to the commander of the AU forces, the seaport is to be fully secured with additional Ugandan peacekeepers who will be stationed in the port. The airport has similarly been secured and a number of armoured vehicles have been observed in the area of the harbour. A main road in the northern suburbs of Mogadishu has been demined — this was the scene of some of the heaviest fighting up to a month ago.

SRI LANKA

Colombo, May 4 — Sri Lanka's civil aviation authorities are to suspend night operations at the country's only international airport following Tamil Tiger rebel air raids near the capital Colombo, officials said today. The

Tigers mounted a pre-dawn raid on oil facilities north of the capital on Sunday (Apr 29), their third such attack in a month using light aircraft smuggled into the country by boat in pieces, and the Air Force has been unable to shoot them down. The Tigers have also targeted an air force base adjacent to the international airport, with which it shares a runway. "Due to the prevailing situation, to minimise inconvenience caused to airline operators and passengers, the airport will close starting from May 9, between 2230 hrs and 0430 hrs the following morning," the duty manager at Bandaranaike International Airport said. Singapore Airlines and Malaysian Airlines are among carriers which have already rescheduled their flights to daytime hours as a security precaution. — Reuters.

London, May 7 — A press report, dated May 5, states: A number of Tamil Tiger rebels have been killed in a sea battle off the north-eastern coast. The navy said it sank two Tamil Tiger vessels, part of a flotilla of 26 rebel vessels, and killed at least 10 rebels. The Tigers said no vessels were sunk and they repelled the attack, although they admitted three members had died. Military spokesman Brig Prasad Samarasinghe said the rebel flotilla, sailing south from Mullaitivu, included 10 large and 12 small vessels, accompanied by four "suicide boats" used to ram naval vessels. Two sailors were slightly hurt, he said. The Tigers' military spokesman, Rasiah Ilanthirayan, said that after three hours of fighting, the navy ships retreated to their base in Trincomalee harbour. This month the navy said it had destroyed the headquarters of the Sea Tigers in Mullaitivu. The Tigers said what was hit was the building of a charity that makes artificial limbs for landmine victims.

Labour Disputes



FORTUNA I (Latvia)

London, May 7 — A press report, dated today, states: The International Transport Federation (ITF) has claimed 11 crew members onboard general cargo *Fortuna I* off the Louth coast are effectively prisoners, unable to move from the quay wall of Greenore harbour until they were paid salaries withheld from them for the previous four months. The vessel was carrying 1,750 tonnes of steel bars destined for the Irish market and the vessel's crew refused to move it. The ITF succeeded in obtaining arrears of pay for the men up to the end of March but the strike action continued until the guarantee of continued pay and conditions was secured. However, the crew were persuaded to unload the *Fortuna I*'s cargo of steel bars while their ITF representative Ken Fleming was involved in helping the crew of another

vessel, and before he returned it was ordered to leave Greenore Harbour. Since then it has remained moored at the entrance to Carlingford Lough. The vessel was inspected on Apr 4 by the Department of Transport, which found it not to be seaworthy due to inadequacies in the ventilation system and lifeboats. The ITF said the ship is now being prevented from re-entering Greenore because authorities believe the vessel's owners cannot pay berthing fees and it will take up valuable berthing space. It cannot return to Latvia because the nation's embassy has told the ITF they will not let it berth as licences have expired. Mr Fleming said: "What makes the situation on the *Fortuna I* worse is the lack of co-operation and seeming indifference of the Latvian and Irish authorities to the plight of these 11 seafarers. They have been literally stranded with no immediate hope of being paid or returning home." The ITF is demanding that either the ship be re-examined by Irish authorities and allowed to enter an Irish port again, or it is going to the High Court to have the vessel seized so the crew can be taken off and sent home.

London, May 8 — A press report, dated today, states: Latvian general cargo *Fortuna I*, stranded off the Louth coast in a dispute over safety, will return to land late tonight, the International Transport Federation (ITF) has confirmed. Dundalk Harbourmaster Captain Frank Allen today agreed to allow the *Fortuna I* and its 11-man crew to berth for an unspecified period. The vessel has been stranded off the Irish coast since Mar 26. ITF inspector Ken Fleming said the move marked progress. "The ITF will facilitate a number of interested parties we have been in contact with, in the shipping industry, to come together and make the necessary arrangements to put the *Fortuna I* back into service." Port authorities at Greenore, Louth, refused the crew access and the vessel the permission to sail home because of safety concerns over lifeboats and ventilation hatches. After the 11 crew unloaded the vessel's cargo of steel bars, the *Fortuna I* was ordered to leave its berth and had been moored at the entrance to Carlingford Lough ever since. Mr Fleming said the Irish Coast Guard had ordered the boat's detention but had not returned to inspect repairs. It is understood that Latvian authorities are refusing to allow the vessel back home until safety concerns are resolved.

IRAQ

London, May 10 — Iraq's largest oil workers' trade union will strike today, in protest at the controversial oil law currently being considered by the Iraqi parliament. The oil law proposes giving multinational companies the primary role in developing Iraq's huge untapped oilfields, under contracts lasting up to 30 years. Oil production in Iraq, like in most of the Middle East, has been in the public sector since the 1970s. The Union, representing 26,000 oil workers, has held three previous strikes since

2003, each time stopping exports, for up to two days at a time. The announcement of the strike has spurred negotiations with the Ministry of Oil, which are ongoing.

ITALY

London, May 4 — A press report, dated today, states: A strike by Alitalia flight attendants caused havoc for passengers yesterday, with the national carrier forced to cancel more than 350 flights. The 24-hour stoppage, which began at midnight, led to the cancellation of 202 domestic flights and 154 international ones. It was called by air transport unions over stalled contract renewal negotiations, local media reported. In particular, the unions are demanding inflation-busting pay rises for the loss-making carrier's flight attendants and better conditions for pilots staying in certain long-haul destinations. Unions are due to resume their talks with Alitalia management early next week.

PAKISTAN / AFGHANISTAN

London, May 7 — A press report, dated today, states: Negotiations between the Afghan government and the truckers who have been on strike for the last nine days have reached a successful conclusion but the truckers have asked for a written assurance of the acceptance of their demands before they end the strike. Around 15,000 heavy trucks transporting petroleum, edible goods, construction materials and other goods for NATO forces and Afghanistan are stopped on both sides of the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. The truckers' demands include a reduction in the taxes levied by the Afghan government and the elimination of illegal taxes charged by Afghan warlords at various points on the highway leading from Torkham to Kabul. During the nine-day strike the supply of goods to NATO forces and Afghanistan had completely halted and the truckers were determined to continue their protest for an indefinite period if their demands were not met. Afghan Goods Transport Association chief Haji Abdul Rehman said that they held negotiations in the Nangarhar Province of Afghanistan with Gov Gul Agha Sherzai and Afghan commanders. A delegation of the truckers' association has also been dispatched to Kabul, where they will hold further negotiations with high officials. "We are expecting some positive results within a couple of days," Rehman said. Rehman was taken into police custody this weekend in the Pakistani city of Peshawar. The police have said that he would be released on bail in a day or so. He faces charges for parking heavy trucks on the roadside and causing traffic jams in the city.

SPAIN

London, May 9 — Shipyard workers brought the city of Vigo to a standstill over the weekend (May 5-6) as they escalated a strike over labour conditions. In scenes reminiscent of the widespread conflict three years ago when state-owned Izar was privatised,

workers blocked roads with burning barricades in the Galician city. Yesterday, in the fourth consecutive day of indefinite industrial action, about 1,000 workers gathered in the centre of Vigo and urged the government to intervene. Union leaders say companies in the sector are not complying with the terms of a collective labour agreement covering the region's yards. In a statement on Monday (May 7), Asime, the association that brings together companies from across the sector in Galicia, urged unions to adopt a less conflictive approach to the dispute. It warned that Galicia's image as a reputable shipbuilding centre was being damaged and said four contracts may have already been lost because of the industrial strife, though it offered no details. Ironically the dispute comes at a time when the region's shipyards are enjoying a boom in orders. Private yards such as Barreras, Vulcano and MetalShips have specialised in smaller, high-tech vessels such as fast ferries, chemical tankers and offshore support ships and have collectively secured an orderbook worth more than \$1.35bn.

Fires & Explosions



ELEVATOR, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES

Seattle, May 4 — Pier 86 has first vessel on berth, following repairs to loading equipment. Four Panamax size vessels have been delayed. — Lloyd's Agents.

MARINA, LASALLE, BURLINGTON, CANADA

London, May 9 — A press report, dated today, states: Five luxury sailboats were badly damaged after the blaze began at around 0530, today, at LaSalle Marina, Burlington, sending thick black smoke toward homes on Northshore Boulevard. The Burlington fire department's Rotsma says it's too early to speculate on the cause. The Fire Marshall has been called in to investigate.

London, May 9 — A press report, dated today, states: At least five sailboats were destroyed and several others were damaged this morning in a raging fire at the Burlington Sailing & Boating Club. Two boats sank completely, and at least one leaked fuel into the water at Burlington Bay. Halton Police are treating the site as a crime scene and say several boats appeared to have been vandalised prior to the fire. About 30 boats were moored to floating docks at the marina, which is located south of LaSalle Park overlooking Burlington Bay, when fire crews responded to a 911 call just after 0500. By the time they arrived, at least three boats were fully engulfed in flames and the fire was spreading to others. Thick, black smoke drifted east toward nearby homes, and fire officials warned residents to keep their

windows closed until the smoke had cleared. Officials with the Ministry of the Environment have been called in to help with the clean-up, which is expected to take several days. Fire officials estimate the damage at \$750,000, but say the figure could go much higher. Halton Police spokesperson Peter Payne said investigators don't know whether more than one person was involved, but added that a criminal investigation is now underway into what "appears to be vandalism and arson." There were no injuries reported. The Fire Marshal's Office is investigating.

London, May 10 — A press report, dated May 9, states: Vandals have police and Burlington marine officials baffled by somehow sneaking into a secure facility in a pre-dawn raid today and ransacking at least 36 boats before setting fire to five others, causing a fireball that sent three boats to the bottom of Burlington Bay. Two other boats at the LaSalle Park Marina, located adjacent to the Burlington Sailing & Boating Club, sustained burn damage and a 60-foot section of dock was also damaged. Early estimates pegged the damage at \$750,000 but it eventually could surpass \$1 million, according to authorities. Two boats were worth \$200,000 each and the other, a sailboat, was worth about \$40,000. All five boats could be written off. It appears the vandals used rescue flares from some of the boats to set the fires. Marina officials say the marina is gated and there was no sign of forced entry. The boats were recently put into the water and were full of fuel. Authorities estimate that 1,000 litres of fuel and oil have leaked into the water. An environmental response team arrived to deal with the cleanup, which could take days. Salvage crews will attempt to raise the boats. The boats that sank included a 27-foot sailboat, a 34-foot cruiser and a 32-foot cruiser. Two of the destroyed power boats were docked across from each other on the dock while the sailboat was several hundred feet away. They sank in about 10 feet of water. The Fire Marshal's Office is investigating.

MARINA, LINDENHURST, UNITED STATES

London, May 10 — A press report, dated May 9, states: A 50-foot boat was destroyed and two others were damaged by a fire yesterday at a Lindenhurst marina, fire officials said. No one was injured in the fire at the Surfside 3 Marina, Lindenhurst Fire Chief Bill Kienle said. About 75 firefighters responded to the alarm about 1830 hrs and brought the fire under control within about 10 minutes, he said. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Suffolk County police arson squad but it does not appear to be suspicious, Kienle said.

REFINERY, UTAH, UNITED STATES

London, May 8 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: A fire at a Woods Cross oil refinery last night has environmentalists concerned about another facility's plans to expand

nearby. No one was hurt in last night's blaze, but firefighters said it was a spectacular fire that produced huge black clouds and leaping flames. Firefighters said it started when a diesel line erupted inside one of the furnaces. Dispatchers received several calls around 2000, last night, with callers saying they heard an explosion. Crews had the fire out within 15 minutes, but it was closer to an hour before the furnace was cool enough for firefighters to close off the valve feeding the fuel. No homes had to be evacuated and no one, including refinery employees, was hurt.

VANCOUVER PORT, CANADA

London, May 5 — A press report, dated May 3, states: A mechanical failure likely sparked a fire yesterday that caused more than \$1 million damage at the Port of Vancouver, according to investigators. The two-alarm fire broke out around 1445 Wednesday in a building owned by Nustar Cargo Co. The building housed calcium nitrate granules that are used as fertiliser. Officials said 9,800 metric tons of the chemical were stored inside. The Vancouver Fire Department says the blaze caused significant damage to the roof. About 15% of the fertiliser was also damaged.



ACCIDENT AT KARACHI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PAKISTAN

Karachi, May 4 — Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has grounded ATR 42-500, AP-BHN, after it was struck by a vehicle at Karachi International Airport at around 0300 yesterday. The aircraft was being towed from a washing bay to a parking bay to make its scheduled flight, PK-582, for Lahore via Rahim Yar Khan. The towing vehicle broke down and struck the aircraft. As a result of mishap, the aircraft's tail and side gear was damaged. A spokesman for PIA advised that the aircraft was being repaired and would take a few days to be ready for operation. An inquiry is being ordered. — Correspondent.

ACCIDENT, GOVERNORS HARBOUR AIRPORT, BAHAMAS

London, May 10 — The results of the investigation into the crash landing of a Bahamasair Dash 8 aircraft at the Governor's Harbour Airport in Eleuthera nearly three weeks ago are not expected to be completed anytime soon, according to Bahamasair's Managing Director Henry Woods. Mr. Woods said the Flight Standard Inspectorate and the Canada based Bombardier Corporation which manufactured the aircraft are conducting an intensive structural analysis of the damaged areas. "The investigation is still going on and will

be for quite some time," Mr. Woods said. "This could take another few weeks or another few months - it will be a while before a conclusion can be reached." The probe will determine if the aircraft can be repaired or replaced. According to Mr. Woods, Dash-8 aircraft cost between \$2.8 million and \$3.2 million. He also confirmed that the aircraft is still on the tarmac at Governor's Harbour Airport.

CRASH, AVERYS CREEK, NORTH CAROLINA, UNITED STATES

London, May 4 — Three people are dead after the crash of a Cessna 182 in the Averys Creek community. The Cessna 182 disappeared from radar around 1100 today. Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said air traffic control lost contact with the aircraft about a mile and a half north-west of Asheville Regional Airport. The wreckage is in a densely wooded area.

London, May 5 — A press report, dated May 4, states: A small aircraft crashed today in rural western North Carolina, killing the three men on board, officials said. The single-engine Cessna 182 was on its way from Dublin, Ga., to Asheville Regional Airport when it disappeared from radar around 1100 hrs. Air traffic control lost contact with the aircraft about one mile from the airport, said Kathleen Bergen, spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration. Killed were James V. Hilburn, Jefferson I. Davis III and James Rodney Connell, according to a statement from W.H. Bud Barron Airport in Dublin. The aircraft, built in 1977, was registered to Hilburn and two other men not on the aircraft, according to the FAA and the airport. The men were on their way to pick up a car that Hilburn, a Dublin attorney, was buying. The National Transportation Safety Board was investigating.

London, May 8 — Cessna 182Q (Skylane) N735DP crashed near Asheville, North Carolina, at 1500, May 4, while on a flight from Dublin, Georgia, to Asheville. The aircraft was destroyed. The three persons on board were killed.

CRASH, DILLON AIRPORT AREA, MONTANA, UNITED STATES

London, May 4 — A press report, dated today, states: A Cessna Citation II from Illinois crashed near Dillon Airport yesterday while trying to land in rough weather, killing both men on board, Beaverhead County officials said. The pilot filed a flight plan that said the aircraft was headed to Montana from Rockford, IL, Sheriff Jay Hansen said in a statement. The sheriff's department received a report of an explosion near the airport at 1040 hrs, Hansen said. Dillon police, fire and emergency medical personnel arrived at the scene to find that an aircraft had crashed about 300 yards east of the airport in an adjacent field. Investigators with the Federal Aviation Administration arrived on the scene late yesterday afternoon and

investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board were scheduled to arrive yesterday evening.

London, May 5 — Cessna Citation II N22HP, operated by Hamilton Ranches, which departed Greater Rockford Airport at 0843, CDT, May 3, on a flight to Dillon, Montana, crashed while on approach to Dillon at 1040, May 3. The two persons on board were killed and the aircraft was written off.

CRASH, DOUALA AREA, CAMEROON

London, May 5 — A press report, dated today, states: A Kenya Airways Boeing 737-800 with 114 people on board has reportedly crashed in southern Cameroon. The flight, which originated in Ivory Coast, was reported missing today after it failed to arrive in Nairobi. Cameroon state radio said the aircraft came down south of Douala, although Kenya Airways has only confirmed so far that it is missing. People of at least 23 different nationalities were on board, including five Britons, the airline said. The Boeing 737-800 involved in the incident was reportedly just six months old and was part of a new fleet bought by the airline. Flight KQ 507 originated in Abidjan in Ivory Coast and left Douala in Cameroon at 0005, local time today. It was due to arrive in Nairobi at 0615, local time. Kenya Airways said the last communication with the missing aircraft was received by the control tower in Douala, shortly after take-off. Cameroon radio initially said the aircraft came down near Niète, south along the coast from Douala, although later reports suggested the crash had happened further inland. "The search location has now been centred around 100 km south-west of Yaounde," Kenyan Airways chief executive Titus Naikuni told a news conference. He said an extensive search of the area by low-flying aircraft had found nothing, and a second search team was on its way to the site. Poor weather is reported to have hampered the rescue effort.

London, May 6 — A press report, dated today, states: Authorities in Cameroon have suspended their search until daybreak for a missing Kenya Airways passenger aircraft with 114 people on board, which is feared to have crashed in dense forest. Throughout the day helicopters and aircraft from the military have searched a vast area of forest in southern Cameroon where it is feared the six-month-old Boeing 737 crashed in the early hours of yesterday in treacherous weather conditions. From midday onwards the search focused on a region around the town of Lolodorf, 100 km south-west of Yaounde, where witnesses said they heard a loud explosion overnight, Cameroon state radio and TV said. Officials from Kenya Airways have not yet confirmed that its aircraft has crashed. However, an official with the Kenyan Civil Aviation Authority, who asked not to be named, said "the plane has crashed". Kenya Airways chief executive Titus Naikuni said the aircraft had been delayed from

taking off by one hour due to heavy rain and that poor weather was hampering the search. A satellite picked up a distress signal from the aircraft at 0200, local time, nearly two hours after it had taken off.

London, May 6 — A press report, dated today, states: Searchers in southern Cameroon have found the wreckage of a Kenya Airways Boeing 737-800 that went missing yesterday, officials have confirmed. The aircraft, which originated in Ivory Coast, came down after taking off in heavy rain from Douala en route to the Kenyan capital, Nairobi. The aircraft was carrying 114 people. It was found in mangroves close to the airport in Douala, officials said. "Kenya Airways regrets to confirm that its flight KQ 507 has been located on a mangrove swamp 20 km south of Douala," CEO Titus Naikuni told a news conference in Nairobi. He said the reason the aircraft was not found earlier was because it was covered with trees. Rescue workers were at the site, he said, but there was "no confirmed information about survivors or any possible casualties".

London, May 7 — A press report, dated today, states: None of the 114 people on board a Kenya Airways Boeing 737-800 flight survived its crash into a thick mangrove swamp over the weekend (May 5-6), an official said today after returning from the water-filled crater he said the aircraft left. Asked whether anyone survived, Luc Ndjodo, a local government official in charge of the recovery effort, said: "No. I was there. I saw none." A US Embassy official who saw the crash site from an aircraft today said it would have been impossible to have found it from the air without co-ordinates provided by searchers on the ground. Flight 507 had departed from Douala airport early Saturday, an hour late because of rain. The aircraft issued a distress call, but then lost contact with the radio tower between 11 and 13 minutes after takeoff, officials said. One of the many unanswered questions is why the aircraft stopped emitting signals after an initial distress call. The aircraft is equipped with an automatic device that should have kept up emissions for another two days. The aircraft was only six months old.

London, May 8 — A press report, dated today, states: Crash investigators in Cameroon have found one of the black box data recorders from the Kenya Airways Boeing 737-800 which crashed on Saturday (May 5). It is thought the recorder may help determine the cause of the crash which is believed to have killed all 114 people on board. Speaking today at a news conference in Nairobi, Titus Naikuni, the chief executive officer of Kenya Airways, said there was no confirmed information regarding casualties or survivors, but added: "We will continue to provide confirmed information as we receive it."

London, May 9 — A press report, dated today, states: U.S. aviation experts conferred with their Kenyan and Cameroonian counterparts today in an international effort to determine

what caused a Kenya Airways Boeing 737-800 to crash into a central African swamp and kill all 114 on board. The Americans, from the National Transportation Safety Board, were meeting with the African experts in preparation for their contribution to the investigation, said Lonnie Kelley, the U.S. Embassy spokesman in Cameroon. Experts from Boeing, which made the aircraft were also expected. Evanson Mwaniki, Kenya Airways chairman, said the company was also bringing in British forensic and DNA specialists and equipment to help identify bodies. Bodies were being found in pieces and badly decomposed after more than 40 hours in the water, making the "identification process more complicated and time consuming," Mwaniki said. Kenya Airways officials said today that the remains of 81 of those on board had been recovered so far. Kenya Airways chief Pilot James Ouma told a Nairobi news conference yesterday that the Kenyan crash investigators at the site now believe Flight 507 crashed about 30 seconds after take-off. Officials in Cameroon had said earlier that they lost contact with the aircraft 11-13 minutes into flight. The investigation has just begun, and the discrepancy could not immediately be explained. Kenyan officials also said yesterday they would like the flight data recorder, which was discovered Monday (May 7), to be examined in Canada, but acknowledged the decision would be made by Cameroon.

CRASH, EAST FARMINGDALE, LONG ISLAND, UNITED STATES

London, May 7 — A press report, dated today, states: Federal investigators said a mechanical problem probably caused a small aircraft to crash shortly after take-off on Long Island injuring the pilot and his one passenger. The accident was around 0900, Saturday (May 5), near Republic Airport in East Farmingdale. An FAA investigator said the pilot was an experienced pilot and the crash appeared to have been caused by a mechanical problem right after take-off.

London, May 8 — Aviat A-1A (Husky) N16HY flipped over on take-off from Farmingdale, New York, at 1240, May 5. The aircraft was destroyed. The two persons on board suffered minor injuries.

CRASH, MARSTON MILLS, MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES

London, May 6 — A press report, dated May 5, states: A small aircraft crashed into a house in Marstons Mills, MA, this morning. Marstons Mills' fire chief John Farrington said an off-duty fireman saw the Cessna 152 drop below the tree line and heard it crash into the roof of 356 Race Lane shortly after 1100. The home's residents were outside in the back yard at the time of the accident. The pilot, Alessandro Mendonca, was the only person in the four-seat aircraft and was speaking when firefighters took him out of the

wreckage. The aircraft was owned by Sky Dive Cape Cod. The pilot had dropped three parachutists, but the aircraft developed engine trouble on the way back to Cape Cod Airport, about a mile away from the house. Witnesses said crews had to cut the aircraft's door off to rescue Mendonca. He was rushed to Cape Cod hospital. No one on the ground was injured.

London, May 8 — Cessna 182A N403RA crashed near Marstons Mills, Massachusetts, at 1505, May 5, while on a local flight from Marstons Mills. The aircraft was destroyed. The one person on board suffered minor injuries.

CRASH, OXFORD COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT, MAINE, UNITED STATES

London, May 9 — A press report, dated today, states: A student pilot from Waterville escaped serious injury last night when his Cessna 172 overshot the runway at Oxford County Regional Airport and flipped over in a swampy ditch about 100 feet from dozens of unoccupied manufactured homes. Jaroslav Suchanek, who was flying solo, was taken to Central Maine Medical Centre in Lewiston with head injuries and admitted overnight for observation, Maine State Police Trooper Dan Hanson said. Suchanek was out of the aircraft, bloodied, but walking when rescuers arrived moments after the 1700 hrs accident, Oxford police Chief Jonathan Tibbetts and other witnesses said at the scene. The airport will remain closed until the FAA is finished. Suchanek took off from Central Maine Regional Airport in Norridgewock in a 1975 single-engine Cessna 172 owned by and registered to Kenneth Morgan of Norridgewock, Hanson said. Suchanek was on a training flight from Norridgewock to Oxford, and planned to then go to Augusta before returning to Norridgewock that night. His plane is insured and he would check the damage this morning. Firefighters from Oxford rushed to the scene and doused the aircraft with foam in an attempt to keep the leaking fuel from exploding. Maine State Police immediately cordoned off the airport, preventing anyone but rescue personnel and firefighters from approaching. Hanson said there was heavy front-end damage to the fixed-wing aircraft.

CRASH, PALMER AREA, ALASKA, UNITED STATES

London, May 8 — Cessna 170 N4217V crashed near Palmer, Alaska, at 0001, May 5, while on a local flight from Palmer. The aircraft was destroyed. The one person on board was killed.

London, May 9 — A press report, dated May 8, states: Alaska State Troopers report that a pilot died Friday (May 4) when his small plane crashed in a neighbourhood north of Wasilla. Authorities say 49-year-old Robert Sellers of Wasilla died when his Cessna 170 crashed just after take-off. They say the plane came down in a wooded lot between two homes in Hart Lake Estates, west of Wolf Lake.

CRASH, SOUTH MCALLEN, UNITED STATES

London, May 4 — Lancair IV-P N119TC crashed near McAllen, Texas, at 2358, May 2, while on a local flight from McAllen. The aircraft was destroyed. One of the two persons on board was killed and the other was seriously injured.

CRASH, SPANISH FORK CANYON, UTAH, UNITED STATES

London, May 8 — A press report, dated May 7, states: A Seattle man was killed today in a small aircraft crash in northern Utah. Utah County sheriff's Sergeant Spencer Cannon said Craig Webster died in the crash in Spanish Fork Canyon, south of Salt Lake City. Cannon said Webster was on his way home to Seattle after leaving San Antonio, Texas, yesterday. Webster was flying a Cessna 210 to Twin Falls, Idaho, after leaving an airport in Price, Utah, about 120 miles south-east of Salt Lake City. Officials said he sent out a distress call, saying the cabin was filling with smoke. Investigators believe Webster was the only person on board.

CRASH, VIENNA, YOUNGSTOWN AREA, OHIO, UNITED STATES

London, May 4 — A press report, dated today, states: The Ohio State Highway Patrol is trying to determine what brought down a Cessna 210 aircraft in Ridge Road in Vienna shortly before 1500 yesterday. The aircraft was flying eastbound over Ridge Road. The aircraft's pilot, experienced engine complications while approaching Youngstown Airport. The aircraft crashed onto Ridge Road striking a utility pole, tree and then fence. The pilot was the only person on the aircraft. The FAA responded to the scene and is currently investigating what may have caused the crash.

CRASH, WEST MICHIGAN, UNITED STATES

London, May 3 — A press report, dated today, states: Two men are recovering after a small aircraft crash in west Michigan. It happened Tuesday (May 1) in Ottawa County's Crockery Township. Investigators say the aircraft had engine failure shortly after take-off, clipped some power lines and went down near a blueberry field. Neighbours in the area say they rushed to help get the pilot and the passenger out of the wreckage.

London, May 3 — Luscombe 8A (Silvaire), N1120B, operated by Daniel E. Sherburn, with two persons on board, forced-landed in a field at Nunica, Michigan, at 2125, UTC, May 1. Both persons on board were seriously injured.

EMERGENCY LANDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES

London, May 10 — A press report, dated May 8, states: A JetBlue aircraft had to return to Logan International Airport, Boston, MA, today after an engine stalled just after take-off. The aircraft, which was headed to JFK

airport in New York, quickly turned around and landed a short time later. No injuries were reported and the aircraft was towed from the runway.

EMERGENCY LANDING, BUSH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, HOUSTON, UNITED STATES

London, May 10 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: Continental Airlines aircraft landed safely at Houston's Bush Intercontinental Airport after reporting engine problems tonight. The crew of the Boeing 757 reported trouble shortly after 2030 hrs, but landed without incident at 2051 hrs, said Marlene McClinton, spokeswoman for the Houston Airport System. The airliner had 98 people on board, she said.

EMERGENCY LANDING, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, UNITED STATES

London, May 9 — A press report, dated May 8, states: A United Airlines flight carrying 143 people made a safe emergency landing at Kansas City International Airport about 1130 today. No one was injured. Flight 267 was en route to Denver from Philadelphia, said KCI spokesman Joe McBride. The pilot reported that an engine was out, he said.

EMERGENCY LANDING, OHAKEA AIRBASE, NEW ZEALAND

London, May 3 — A press report, dated today, states: An Air New Zealand Boeing 737 with 122 people on board has made an emergency landing at Ohakea Airbase after a report of smoke in the cockpit. The Boeing 737 was flying from Wellington to Auckland when it experienced an electrical fault. Air New Zealand says the pilot diverted to Ohakea after smelling smoke and landed safely. At least 10 MPs were on board the flight including the cabinet minister David Cunliffe, who says smoke was visible at the front of the passenger cabin. He says everyone remained calm and the cabin crew and pilot did an excellent job. My Cunliffe says some passengers missed international flights out of Auckland. Those who were on board the flight waited in the gymnasium at Ohakea Airbase for another aircraft to arrive.

London, May 4 — A press report, dated today, states: An Air New Zealand Boeing 737 carrying several MPs made an "emergency landing" at the Ohakea military airbase in the central North Island last night. The pilots reported smoke in the cockpit of the aircraft and a full emergency was called. The aircraft, bound for Auckland from the capital, had 122 passengers and crew on-board. After landing passengers were forced to wait for another aircraft to get clearance to land at Ohakea to take them on to Auckland. It took a call from MP Chris Carter to transport Minister Harry Duynhoven for the situation to be resolved and passengers finally arrived in Auckland after 0300 today. The aircraft is still at Ohakea where investigators are trying to find the fault but it is thought at this stage to be confined to just the one aircraft.

London, May 5 — A press report, dated today, states: An electrical fault and reports of smoke in the cockpit forced a Boeing 737, flying from Wellington to Auckland, to land at the Ohakea air base, just before 2200 Thursday (May 3.). There were more than 120 people on board. The electrical fault was discovered to be in a pilot's headset panel. Transport safety authorities handed the aircraft back to Air New Zealand yesterday afternoon, but it stayed at Ohakea overnight as engineers from the airline continued to make further checks. The aircraft was taken on a test flight early today and arrived in Auckland just before 0800 hrs..

EMERGENCY LANDING, ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

London, May 7 — A press report, dated May 6, states: A Boeing 737, Flight 2771 from St. Petersburg to Amsterdam, made an emergency landing at St. Petersburg's Pulkovo airport, the city's emergency situations department said. "The crew made the decision to turn back to the airport after the inertial system broke down 14 minutes into the flight. There were 113 passengers and seven crew on board the aircraft. No-one was hurt," a department spokesman said.

EMERGENCY LANDING, TEHRAN, IRAN

London, May 5 — A press report, dated today, states: A Mumbai-bound Turkish Airlines flight from Istanbul made an emergency landing at Tehran yesterday following a technical fault. The aircraft, which took off at 1900, Istanbul time, made the unscheduled halt after two-and-a-half hours of flight. The aircraft had about 127 passengers on board, most of them Indians. A passenger on board said that the aircraft was forced to land at Tehran and the cabin crew informed the passengers that it was due to a technical fault.

INCIDENT AT INDORE AIRPORT, INDIA

London, May 8 — A press report, dated today, states: A private aircraft with at least 10 people on board skidded off the runway at Indore Airport and slammed into a boundary wall, an airport official said today. The aircraft belonging to Mumbai-based Essar Aviation Company veered off the runway yesterday, airport Director R K Singh said. All those on board were safe and a three-member team from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has begun a probe into the mishap. The aircraft, coming from Mumbai, landed safely and was heading towards a parking bay when it skidded off the runway, he said. "The probe will reveal whether the accident was caused by pilot error, equipment failure or bad weather," he said. The aircraft is still stuck at the site and the company is making arrangements to pull it back on to the runway, he said.

INCIDENT AT MUMBAI AIRPORT, INDIA

London, May 4 — A press report, dated today, states: Passengers of Qatar Airways were delayed at Mumbai Airport for 15 hours after their aircraft developed a technical fault. The flight finally left at 2100 yesterday. The flight, which was due to leave for Doha at 0555 yesterday, had 256 passengers on board. One group of 74 tourists was booked with Cox & Kings, and another group of 67 was booked with SOTC. While the airline arranged for the SOTC passengers to board a Jet Airways flight to London, it failed to send the group of 74 or any of the remaining passengers on the next British Airways flight, saying that seats were limited. Initially, take-off was delayed for two hours, but in the evening passengers were told that they would be able to board at 2100 yesterday, after a delay of 15 hours. Several passengers said Cox & Kings had made bulk bookings on Qatar Airways at heavy discounts, one reason why they were unable to accommodate passengers on other flights. A Qatar Airways spokesman said passengers were offered a place to stay, though the offer was made late in the evening.

INCIDENT AT O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNITED STATES

London, May 3 — A press report, dated today, states: A baggage cart tug struck a United Airlines jetliner at O'Hare International Airport this morning, prompting an emergency response from firefighters. But there were no injuries, authorities said. Crews were called about 0700 hrs to a gate area of the airport after the tug "clipped the fuselage" of an aircraft, Chicago Fire Department spokesman Richard Rosado said. The incident involved a United Airlines jet, Chicago Aviation Department spokeswoman Wendy Abrams said. Rosado said there was no fuel spill and the scene was secured within 10 minutes. No one was injured, he said.



AUSTRALIA

London, May 4 — A press report, dated today, states: The Federal Government would not accept blame for Hunter coal bottlenecks, but would be prepared to work with the New South Wales Government to find a way to ease congestion, prime minister John Howard said yesterday. Eight months spent battling an inflated vessel queue has fostered frustration among capacity providers and coal companies, and each side attributes blame for the congestion to each other. Mr Howard said on Sydney radio that while Australia's coal terminals were out of the Federal Government's control, he still planned to call NSW premier Morris Iemma to

discuss what both governments could do to ease the bottlenecks. "Some part of the problem may not be capable of being fixed immediately because there are private interests involved and sometimes when private interests conflict, the public interest is not always well served," Mr Howard said. The operator of both coal terminals at the port of Newcastle, Port Waratah Coal Services (PWCS), has made it clear that it wants to slash the present queue of about 70 vessels to a work queue of under 30. Xstrata and Coal & Allied this week blamed the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) for not providing enough capacity but ARTC chief David Marchant said it had delivered more capacity than the port could handle. The ARTC said it had 120mtpa of capacity along the 68-km arterial line from Whittingham to the port, while PWCS was providing 102mtpa. PWCS told coal companies that they would not be allocated as much capacity as they had asked for. "PWCS confirms that with the reintroduction of the CBS in March 2007, all producers received a reduced allocation for 2007 compared to what they originally requested," PWCS said in a statement on Wednesday (May 2). The original demands for capacity made by coal producers "substantially exceeded planned coal chain capacity", PWCS said. The coal chain providers plan to provide 90m tonnes of capacity in 2007 but the capacity balancing system has since been re-introduced. Coal vessels are waiting 27 days on average to load coal from Newcastle.

London, May 8 — A press report, dated May 6, states: Coal miners in the Boggabri and Gunnedah basins, in New South Wales' north, say they have cut back production because of congestion at the port of Newcastle. Quota allocations at the port, which are designed to ease the backlog, have meant the region's mines have had to reduce production by cutting shift times and making workers take enforced leave. The bottleneck is due to delays in upgrading facilities at the port and the slow rail delivery of coal to the port itself. The general manager at Boggabri Mine, Thor Berding, says if the delays continue, some workers could lose their jobs. "We've been able to reduce production by allocating less work time per shift and by taking public holidays and scheduling Christmas break shutdowns and things like that," he said. "Just reduce working times and no people have been laid off at this stage."

London, May 9 — A press report, dated today, states: The queue of vessels waiting to load coal at Newcastle, New South Wales, the world's largest coal-export harbour, may shorten by about half by June, according to an industry group. The number of vessels may drop to 54 by the end of May and 39 by the end of June based on forecast arrivals, the Hunter Valley Coal Chain Logistics Team, which is responsible for planning all coal exports from the region, said on its Web site. It also said Newcastle's export capacity increased to 7.8 million

tons of coal a month in April from 6.6 million in February. "Coal availability remains very good," Hunter Valley Coal Chain said. The expected drop in the ship queue is "subject to the coal chain delivering its declared capacity and arrivals matching forecast." Bottlenecks at the port and on the rail system in New South Wales state are preventing miners from fulfilling orders, raising their costs. Port Waratah Coal Services Ltd., operator of the coal terminals at Newcastle, said all coal shippers using the port will have their capacity allocations cut this year due to high demand. Hunter Valley Coal Chain's indicative demurrage rate is A\$6.04 (\$5) per ton, it said. Demurrage is the cost paid to a ship owner when a vessel is kept waiting to load its cargo beyond a scheduled time. The queue of vessels waiting to load rose by three to 70 for the week ended May 7, the Newcastle Port Corp. said on its Website. The length of vessels rose to record of 74 in the week ended Apr 23, up from a low of five in December 2005. The Baltic Panamax Index rose 1.5% yesterday to 6.028, the highest Dec 6, 2004. The index measures the cost of hiring Panamax dry-bulk carriers, the class of vessel that carries most of Newcastle's coal exports. The average daily rate to hire a Panamax vessel rose 1.4% to \$48,672 yesterday, the fifth day it advanced, according to the London-based Baltic Exchange. It has surged 40% this year. In a bid to reduce shipping delays, Hunter Valley mining companies voted to re-introduce an export quota system at Newcastle in February. Almost 90% of coal shipped through Newcastle last year was thermal coal produced in the Hunter Valley. The port accounts for about a third of Australia's coal-export capacity. Port Waratah Coal Services has spent A\$170 million (\$141 million) on infrastructure upgrades in the past 12 months, "but significant capacity increases arising from major infrastructure investment takes year to complete," it said in a statement May 2. Its terminal has a capacity of 102

million tonnes and in the first quarter it had a throughput of 84.5 million tonnes.

ISRAEL

London, May 8 — Israeli shippers are threatening legal action against the country's ports, which they argue have descended into "anarchy". The development comes after the Manufacturers' Association and the national Shippers' Council and the Chamber of Shipping held an emergency conference in Tel-Aviv last week. According to leading Israeli newspaper the Jerusalem Post, around 100 people took part in the conference, organised under the slogan "Blockade on the ports — an outrage." Speakers reportedly complained of delays of up to 20 days, mostly because of a lack of port personnel and equipment. Delays are said to be costing companies millions of shekels in storage fees, late fines and cancelled orders. The conference also decided to sue the ports over what is said were unjustified storage and congestion fees. Chamber of Shipping president Reuven Zuck said some 20 container ships were currently waiting to enter the port of Haifa, with a further 11 waiting to dock in Ashdod. The conference was held two days after the release of the Tonic Report, commissioned by the Transportation Ministry to investigate operations in Israel's transportation and ports during the war with Lebanon last year. The report was critical of port management, especially Ashdod, which received most traffic prevented from using Haifa because of security concerns. Shraga Brosh, president of the Manufacturers' Association, said the main problem was lack of staff. He blamed bureaucracy for preventing Ashdod from hiring an authorised 100 extra workers there. Haifa and Ashdod port managers Amos Chozni and Shuki Sagis complained about long-standing problems in infrastructure, labour agreements and management procedures. But Ashdod's management issued a statement insisting up to 100 new port employees would be hired within two months.

ITALY

Genoa, May 7 — Current berthing delays: Genoa: One container carrier waiting to berth. Average delay in berthing 12 - 24 hrs. La Spezia: No vessels waiting to berth. Savona: No vessels waiting for normal berth. Two vessels waiting for special berth. — Lloyd's Agents.

NIGERIA

London, May 7 — A press report, dated today, states: A large number of vessels, reported to be as many as 60, are waiting outside Nigeria's port of Lagos because pilot boats are not available to deliver marine pilots to take the ships to available berths. The Lagos newspaper Vanguard reported on Friday (May 4) that Nigeria's National Ports Authority (NPA) has been unable to provide the pilot boats necessary for the transfer of marine pilots to the waiting ships. It said all four pilot cutters had broken down or were unserviceable. As a result vessels waiting to go to berth at Tin Can Island or Apapa have been unable to move from where they are at anchor outside. All that is known is that the NPA, which holds the responsibility for marine activity at the two ports, including the provision of pilotage, is experiencing "problems" with the pilot boats and the exact nature has not been disclosed.

PANAMA CANAL

Balboa, May 9 — Delays for non-booked vessels stand at about two to three days with decreasing tendency. The present backlog is a direct consequence of the recent lane outage at Gatun which coincided with heavy arrivals. The booking system remains at full level of utilisation and the slot offered through Auction continues to attract Customers willing to pay large premiums looking to avoid delay. During periods of maintenance, Canal Capacity is significantly reduced, and vessels with no booking can be exposed to major delays. This is particularly noticeable during long outages. — Lloyd's Agents.

Port Delays

Information received from BIMCO, Denmark and the Indian Ports Association

Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
Australia		
Abbott Point	14-May-2007	Coal: Ten vessels due by 5/6; no delays expected.
Brisbane	14-May-2007	Coal: Fisherman Island coal berth; Fourteen vessels due by 5/8.
Dalrymple Bay	14-May-2007	Coal: Three vessels loading at berth; 49 vessels arrived; 24 vessels due by 26/5; 5-25 days delay expected.
Dampier	14-May-2007	Iron ore: Parker Point: One vessel loading at berth; 2 vessels arrived; 7 vessels due by 21/5; East Intercourse Island: 1 vessel loading at berth; 2 vessels arrived; 10 vessels due by 23/5; 3-6 days delay expected at Dampier.
Esperance	14-May-2007	Iron ore: One vessel at berth; 2 vessels due by 2/6.
Geraldton	14-May-2007	Iron ore: One vessel at anchor; 4 vessels due by 26/5.
Gladstone	14-May-2007	Coal: 10-17 days delay expected; R.G. Tanna coal terminal: Three vessels in berth; 12 vessels arrived; 46 vessels due by 25/6; Barney Point: 1 vessel in berth; 1 vessel arrived; 13 vessels due by 25/6.
Hay Point	14-May-2007	Coal: Two vessels loading at berth; 9 vessels arrived; 11 vessels due by 24/5; 5-25 days delay expected.
Newcastle	14-May-2007	Coal: 21-25 days delay expected; Kooragang 4, 5 and 6: Three vessels loading at berth; 41 vessels arrived; 33 vessels due by 1/9; Dykes 4+5: 1 vessel loading at berth; 22 vessels arrived; 19 vessels due by 5/6.
Port Hedland	14-May-2007	Iron ore: Nelson Point: One vessel loading at berth; 4 vessels arrived; 12 vessels due by 30/5; BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Goldsworthy (Finucane Island "C" berth): berth closed for refurbishment; (Finucane Island "D" berth): 1 vessel loading at berth; 3 vessels arrived; 6 vessels due by 22/5; Cockatoo Island: 1 vessel due 23/5; 1-5 days delay expected at Port Hedland.
Port Kembla	14-May-2007	Coal: Nineteen vessels due by 13/6; no delays expected.
Port Walcott	14-May-2007	Iron ore: One vessel loading at berth; 10 vessels arrived; 17 vessels due by 31/5; 3-8 days delay expected.
Whyalla	14-May-2007	Iron ore: Two vessels loading by barge at anchorage; 2 vessels due by 30/5.
Azerbaijan		
Apsheron	15-May-2007	Oil products: Three vessels at berth of which 1 discharging crude oil, 2 empty; 1 vessel due 14/5 to discharge crude oil.
Baku	15-May-2007	Oil products: Azertrans terminal: Nobel Avenue: no information; Sangachal District: port open; no vessels.
Bulgaria		
Bourgas	14-May-2007	Nine vessels in port of which 6 loading (2 ammonium nitrate, 3 coils, 1 steel bars), 3 discharging (2 metal, 1 wood material); 2 vessels in roads to discharge (1 iron ore, 1 gasoil); 6 vessels due of which 4 to load (1 coils, 1 wheat, 1 pig iron, 1 soya), 2 to discharge (1 coal, 1 metal).
Varna	14-May-2007	Varna East, Varna West, Balchik: Twenty-eight vessels in port operating of which 15 loading (1 bulk wheat, 1 scrap, 1 bulk barley, 1 chemical bags/equipment/containers, 1 bulk clinker, 1 silica sand, 1 caustic soda, 1 bulk kaolin, 2 chamote/kaolin, 4 soda, 1 soda/ chamote), 4 discharging (1 equipment, 2 raw phosphate, 1 bulk slag), 9 discharging/loading (8 containers, 1 equipment); no vessels waiting in roads.
Cyprus		
Larnaca	15-May-2007	Two conventional vessels discharging at berth; 1 conventional vessel due 16/5; no delays expected.
Limassol	15-May-2007	Five container vessels discharging/loading at berth; 5 container vessels, 2 conventional vessels due 16/5; no delays expected.
Egypt		
Adabiya	14-May-2007	Five vessels at berth (loading/discharging), all general cargo.
Alexandria	14-May-2007	Forty-five vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 31 general cargo, 4 bulk carriers, 5 tankers, 5 container vessels, 1 tourist vessel; 22 vessels at inner anchorage, 6 at outer anchorage.
Damietta	14-May-2007	Thirty-one vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 22 general cargo, 2 bulk carriers, 1 tanker, 6 container vessels; 2 vessel at inner anchorage, 20 at outer anchorage.

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Deheila	14-May-2007	Ten vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 1 general cargo, 4 bulk carriers, 2 tankers, 3 container vessels; 6 vessels at outer anchorage.
Port Said	14-May-2007	Four vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 1 general cargo, 3 container vessels.
Suez	14-May-2007	Six vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 3 general cargo, 3 passenger vessels; 4 tug boats; 4 vessels dry-docked.
Suez Canal	14-May-2007	Twenty-two vessels transiting Northbound, 31 Southbound.
Estonia		
Tallinn	14-May-2007	Paljassaare (formerly Kopli): no vessels berthed, none anchored; no vessels due, with 4 days berthing delay expected.
Georgia		
Batumi	14-May-2007	Oil products: One vessel loading crude oil at berth; 2 vessels in roads to load (1 crude oil, 1 gasoil); 4 vessels due by 20/5, all to load (3 gasoil, 1 crude oil).
Poti		Oil products: One vessel in roads to load gasoil; 1 vessels due 16/5 to load.
India		
Kolkata	14-May-2007	2 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading Containers, 1 vessel discharging Containers; 2 vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge; 3 vessels under repair; 2 vessels under dry docked; 1 vessel under arrest, 1 vessel waiting for sailing; 3 vessels due (Container-2, Pipe).
Haldia	14-May-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (Thermal Coal, Iron Ore), 7 vessels discharging (Crude, POL, Coking Coal, Rock Phosphate, Met Coke, Fertilizer); 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 2 vessels waiting berth at anchorage to discharge; 1 vessel due (Crude).
Paradip	14-May-2007	7 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (Iron Ore, Thermal Coal), 5 vessels discharging (Motor Sprit, Lime Stone, N.C. Coal, Coking Coal-2); 3 vessels waiting berth at anchorage (2 to discharge, 1 to load); 23 vessels due.
Visakhapatnam	14-May-2007	16 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading (G.G.B.F Slag, Soya, Product, Granite), 12 vessels discharging (Coking Coal-2, Rock Phosphate, Lime Stone, Crude Oil, General Cargo, Timber, Alumina, DBM & S. Cargo, P. Acid, Urea), 7 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (4 to discharge, 3 to load); 1 vessel under arrest; 39 vessels due (Iron Ore-12, Steel Cargo, B. F Slag, I. Sand, Granite-2, Pig Iron, Food Grains, Product Tankers, Rock Phosphate, Liquid Ammonia, Coking Coal-5, Containers, Met Coke-2, Steam Coal-2, Steel Pipes, DBM, Timber Methonal, Product Tankers-3).
Chennai	14-May-2007	11 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading Iron Ore, 6 vessels discharging (Coking Oil, Logs-2, Steel Plates/Project Cargo), 3 vessels loading and discharging (Steel Pipe/Steel Coil/Granite Block, Project Cargo, Containers); 3 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load ; 2 vessels due (Thermal Coal, Containers).
Tuticorin	14-May-2007	12 vessels operating at berth of which 7 vessels loading (Sugar, General Cargo-3, Granite-2, S. Acid), 4 vessels discharging (Thermal Coal-2, con. Con, Logs), 1 vessel for repair bunkering; 3 vessels not ready to work at anchorage to load, 1 vessel awaiting order at anchorage to discharge; 1 vessel under arrest.
Cochin	14-May-2007	1 vessel waiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge; 21 vessels due (Crude-3, Domestic Passenger, Containers-5, POL-5, Chemicals-2, Fertilizer-2, CBFS, Research, Iron Billets).
New Mangalore	14-May-2007	8 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading (Iron Ore Fines-2, Pig Iron, POL), 4 vessels discharging (POL Crude, Timber, Urea, Met Coke); 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 6 vessels waiting berth at anchorage (2 to discharge, 4 to load); 16 vessels due (MOP, POL-3, Iron Ore Fines-5, LPG-2, Iron Ore(P)-2, POL Product, POL Crude, Steam Coal).
Mormugao	14-May-2007	4 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading Iron Ore, 3 vessels discharging (MOP, Furnace Oil, Met Coke); 7 vessels working at midstream loading Iron Ore, 1 vessel working at midstream discharging Coking Coal; 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load, 1 vessel waiting berth at anchorage to load; 4 vessel under dry docked; 5 vessels due (Coking Coal, Iron Ore-4).
Mumbai	14-May-2007	11 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Project/General Cargo, POL), 7 vessels discharging (Steel Cargo/General Cargo-5, Bulk Calcite Chips, POL), 1 vessel loading and discharging Vehicle; 1 vessel working at midstream discharging POL; 4 vessels waiting order at anchorage to discharge, 2 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge; 15 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 12 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel under laid up (Berths not required for cargo operations); 34 vessels due (Contaners-5, Oil-4, Fertilizer Raw Material, General Cargo-25).
J.N.P.T.	14-May-2007	8 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel discharging Cement; 7 vessels loading and discharging Containers.

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Kandla	14-May-2007	16 vessels operating at berth of which 7 vessels loading (Agriculture Product-2, Cement, Salt-2, Acid, Rice), 8 vessels discharging (Steel Cargo, Chemical, CPO, Methanol, Acid), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 2 vessels not ready to work at anchorage (1 to load, 1 to discharge).
Ennore	14-May-2007	1 vessel working at berth discharging Coal, 1 vessel working at inner anchorage loading Iron Ore; 3 vessels due (MV Gem of Ennore (Coal), MV Tamil Anna (Coal), MV Sinin (Iron Ore)).
Israel		
Ashdod	15-May-2007	No labour problems; Two vessels loading general cargo at berth, 10 discharging at berth (8 general cargo, 2 bulk cargo), 5 loading/discharging at berth (3 containers, 1 car carrier, 1 tanker); 6 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge general cargo, 1 waiting at anchorage to load/discharge containers; 20 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Eilat	15-May-2007	No labour problems; One vessel discharging general cargo at berth, 1 loading/discharging containers at berth; 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge general cargo; 1 vessel due, with no delays expected
Haifa	15-May-2007	No labour problems; Six vessels discharging at berth (3 general cargo, 3 bulk cargo), 9 loading/discharging at berth (5 containers, 4 tankers); 4 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge (1 general cargo, 3 bulk cargo), 4 waiting at anchorage to load/discharge (2 containers, 2 tankers); 4 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 22 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Kazakhstan		
Aktau	14-May-2007	Oil products: Five crude oil vessels at berth; 2 vessels in roads, both to load; 2 vessels due by 15/5, both to load.
Poland		
Gdansk	14-May-2007	Two vessels loading at berth (1 coal, 1 bulker), 7 discharging at berth (1 bulker, 1 grain, 3 general cargo, 2 tankers); 11 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; no vessels waiting at anchorage, none waiting in roads; 21 vessels due.
Gdynia	14-May-2007	Seven vessels loading at berth (1 coal, 3 general cargo, 2 bulkers, 1 grain), 5 discharging at berth (2 grain, 3 general cargo); 17 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; no vessels waiting at anchorage, none waiting in roads; 50 vessels due.
Russia		
Novorossiysk	14-May-2007	Thirteen vessels in port operating of which 9 loading, 4 discharging (2 bulk sugar, 1 vegetable oil, 1 zinc concentrate); 2 vessels in roads both to load wheat; 49 vessels due of which 46 to load, 1 to discharge cattle, 2 to load/discharge containers; Oil terminal: 2 tankers loading crude at berth; 3 tankers in roads, all to load (2 crude, 1 diesel oil); 5 tankers due, all to load crude oil.
Slovenia		
Koper	14-May-2007	Port working normally. Nine vessels berthed of which 2 discharging/loading containers, 3 loading general cargo/sawn timber, 4 discharging bulk cargo; no vessels waiting at anchorage; 15 vessels due over the next 2 days of which 3 to discharge/load containers, 3 to discharge bulk cargo, 2 to discharge general cargo, 2 to load general cargo/sawn timber, 1 tanker to discharge liquid cargo, 2 car carriers to discharge/load vehicles, 1 to discharge vehicles, 1 Ro/Ro to load general cargo.
Spain		
Bilbao	14-May-2007	Twenty-one vessels operating (9 tankers, 12 other vessels), of which 6 loading, 7 discharging, 8 loading/discharging.
Sagunto	14-May-2007	Twenty-one vessels in port operating, of which 5 loading (1 steel products, 3 bulk fertiliser, 1 cement), 13 discharging (11 steel products, 2 gas), 3 loading/discharging (1 steel products, 1 fruit, 1 general cargo); no vessels outside commercial wharf; 3 days berthing delay at present.
Sri Lanka		
Colombo	14-May-2007	Berthing/unberthing (pilotage) delays being experienced on breakbulk/conventional vessels. Delays to conventional vessels are due to the fact that container/feeder vessels are given priority at breakbulk berths if there is container congestion. Conventional cargo vessels at BQ 1 and 2 are facing navigation delays. Nine container/feeder vessels loading at berth, 17 vessels discharging at berth (10 containers/feeders, 4 bagged fertiliser, 1 bagged soya bean meal, 1 bulk gypsum, 1 bulk cement); 5 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge (3 containers/feeders, 2 bagged fertiliser); 5 vessels dry-docked; 9 container/feeder vessels due, with no delays expected for containers/feeders, 1 day for general cargo and 1-2 days for bagged cargoes.

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Turkmenistan

Aladja	14-May-2007	Oil products: One vessel loading crude oil at berth.
Okarem	14-May-2007	Oil products: Port open. One vessel loading crude oil at berth.
Turkmenbashi	14-May-2007	Oil products: One vessel at berth completed loading fuel oil; 13 vessels in roads, all to load (4 fuel oil, 1 gasoline, 5 gasoil, 3 others).

Ukraine

Ilichevsk	14-May-2007	Fifteen vessels in port operating of which 9 loading (2 steel products, 2 sunflower oil, 1 pig iron, 1 project, 1 barley, 1 sulphur, 1 ferronickel), 3 discharging (1 plates, 1 tin, 1 sunflower oil), 3 discharging/loading containers; 8 vessels in roads, of which 3 to load (1 billets, 1 sulphur, 1 barley), 5 to discharge/load containers; 12 vessels due of which 4 to load (1 steel products, 1 sulphur, 1 sunflower oil, 1 corn), 2 to discharge nickel ore, 6 to discharge/load containers
Mariupol	14-May-2007	Nine vessels in port operating, all loading (5 steel, 3 coal, 1 equipment); 9 vessels in roads, all to load (6 steel, 1 slag, 1 coal, 1 fire-clay); 54 vessels due of which 51 to load (26 steel, 11 coal, 9 fire-clay, 1 coke, 1 pitch, 1 barley, 1 sunflower beans, 1 kaolin), 3 to discharge (2 equipment, 1 magnesite)
Odessa	14-May-2007	Fifteen vessels in port operating of which 8 loading (5 metal, 1 scrap, 1 pig iron, 1 ore), 4 discharging (2 passenger vessels, 1 baggage, 1 bananas), 3 discharging/loading containers; 3 vessels in roads of which 2 to load metal, 1 to load/discharge containers; 74 vessels due of which 38 to load (28 metal, 2 pig iron, 2 oil, 1 pellets, 1 coal, 1 wheat, 1 general cargo, 2 scrap), 9 to discharge (3 metal, 2 bananas, 3 sugar, 1 general cargo), 27 to load/discharge containers.

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