

## Pride of America claim will be paid in full

**I**nsurers led by Basler Securitas in Bremen have agreed to pay in full the estimated euro150m (\$178m) claim on the newbuilding Pride of America, Lloyd's List understands .

The nearly-completed 72,000 gt Norwegian Cruise Line vessel sank in the early hours of January 14 while at the fitting-out quay of the Bremerhaven shipyard Lloyd Werft.

Three decks were under water — including the diesel-electric propulsion system. The cause of the sinking has not yet been established.

### Lifted

The vessel was later lifted by Dutch operator Smit. The Pride of America was built from a half-completed hull that came from the US.

The shipyard had to file for protection from creditors as a result of the accident and has been operating under a receiver since then. Lloyd Werft refused to comment yesterday on the insurance payment and said a statement would be made tomorrow.

The owner NCL America said that it had agreed a new delivery date for the Pride of America for June 6, 2005. The ship was originally scheduled for delivery at the end of April 2004.

### Extensive

"The repairs will be extensive and will be fully covered by the settlement reached with the insurers," NCL America said. The completion work represented a continuation of the contractual arrangements already in place between NCL and Lloyd Werft, the owner said. "NCL will fund the completion works as they are carried out and the total cost of the ship to NCL once delivered will not be materially different than if the January incident had not occurred."

The \$380m conversion job was insured under a conversion policy for \$300m, including delay and delivery cover. The risk is being led by the German market holding 50% with participation of London and other international insurers insuring the rest.

In the German consortium, Basler Securitas in Bremen is the leading insurer, with Allianz and most other German companies still doing hull work participating.

Allianz is said to carry below 10% of the risk.

The Bremerhaven sinking of the Pride of America is the latest setback in a series of major disasters hitting insurers covering shipyards.

In November 2002, a fire at Mitsubishi yard in Nagasaki hit Carnival's 108,806 gt Diamond Princess, reportedly causing \$250m in damage. In September 2003, hurricane Maemi caused \$65m to \$75m in damage to yards.

On October 17, 2003, HAL's 60,000 gt Westerdam was damaged in a fire at Fincantieri's Marghera shipyard near Venice, with a loss of \$50m to \$70m, according to market estimates.

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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>BRITISH ENTERPRISE</i>	chem/oil carrier	GBR	LR	23,682	35,858	2001	Reported grounded in Beira access channel Jun 29. Refloated Jun 30 with tug assistance. At outer anchorage, awaiting divers from Maputo.
<i>ENA 2</i>	tanker	DEU	—	—	—	1972	In collision with c.c. <i>Pudong Senator</i> at Hamburg Jun 28. Hull damage, double-hull cavities flooded. Grounded & partially sank after arriving at berth. Booms deployed. Righted Jul 4.
<i>GLOBAL WINNER</i>	bulker	PAN	KR	81,152	161,121	1997	Reported Jun 25 aground about 290 km east of Singapore, after striking coral reefs Jun 24. Several holes and tanks breached/flooded. Salvage services being rendered. Cargo: Iron ore.
<i>KIRAN PACIFIC</i>	bulker	TUR	GL	21,968	38,300	1987	Grounded amidships on reef W of Reykjavik, in lat 64 04.63N, long 22 08.88W, Jun 26. Holed in forepeak & No 1 ballast tank, some flooding. Salvors on scene. Refloated Jun 28 & arrived Straumsvik harbour. Redelivered to owners Jul 5.
<i>NAZEK T.</i>	general	PRK	HV	1,798	2,230	1970	Sank in Constantza South Harbour Jun 26. Salvors on scene. Salvage operations not commenced as of Jul 6. Cargo: Timber and caustic soda.
<i>NORDKING</i>	general	SWE	LR	1,155	1,472	1976	Had main engine breakdown about 15 miles east of Sjaellands Reef. Tug Sohesten towed to Vejle. Cargo was discharged. Tow then continued to Soby for repairs.
<i>ORANJE NASSAU</i>	trawler	NLD	—	458	—	1993	Reported fire in engine-room in lat 52 25N, long 04 07E, Jun 29. Fire reported extinguished by vessel's own systems. Coast Guard & other vessels alongside. Towed into Ymuiden Jun 30, where remains Jul 6. Machinery room severely damaged.
<i>P&amp;O NEDLLOYD</i>	ro-ro	GBR	GL	29,259	27,930	1981	Reported drifting off Sydney Jun 29 due to problem with engine flywheel. Scraped by a small fishing vessel while drifting, no damage. Assisted into Botany Bay same day by a tug. Subsequently sailed Jul 2.
<i>SAGA JANDAIA</i>	general	HKG	—	29,729	47,027	1998	Grounded 3,300 metres, nine degrees from Kannonzaki lighthouse, Okinawa prefecture, Jun 13. Refloated Jun 20. Cargo: Steel coils (25,729 tonnes)
<i>SILVER STREAM</i>	fishing	GBR	—	263	—	1968	Had serious fire while at Grimsby docks Jun 10, as a result of repair/maintenance work. Damping down operations continuing Jun 11. No decision taken regarding vessel's fate as of Jul 6. Effected repairs await insurance investigation.
<i>SKIATHO</i>	general	GRC	—	1,360	1,379	1972	Had fire in engine-room Jun 28 while at Volos anchorage. Fire extinguished by vessel's crew. Towed into Volos port same day. Sailed Jul 2 after inspection, no repairs required.
<i>SUNSHINE KING</i>	general	—	—	248	—	—	Reported Jul 1 vessel grounded near Zambales after encountering bad weather. All crew rescued and taken to Zambales. Salvage not commenced as of Jul 2. Cargo: Fertiliser.

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## ALASKAN VENTURE

See *Drew Foss*

## ALEXANDER THE GREAT (Greece)

Rijeka, Jul 1 — Passenger ro/ro *Alexander the Great* is still at Bijela under arrest. Next hearings should take place within a month. No works are underway. — Lloyd's Agents.

## ALGOECN (Canada)

London, Jun 25 — Bulk *Algocen* (18089 gt, built 1968) experienced engine trouble near Becancour Jun 24 while downbound in the St. Lawrence Seaway, forcing the vessel's crew to drop anchor.

London, Jun 29 — A hole was found in the No 2 starboard ballast tank of bulk *Algocen* (18089 gt, built 1968) in the port of Baie Comeau, Jun 26.

Montreal, Jun 30 — Bulk *Algocen* is on its way to Hamilton, Ontario with ETA, Jul 2. Damage must have been small and probably temporary repairs were done for it to complete the season. — Lloyd's Agents.

## ALMUDAINA (Madeira)

Singapore, Jun 28 — Crude oil tanker *Almudaina* sailed from Singapore on Jun 27. — Lloyd's Agents.

## AMORGOS (Greece)

London, Jun 26 — A press report, dated today, states: The first compensation made to Taiwanese individuals in connection with an oil spill by bulk carrier *Amorgos* has been received by the Hengchun Fishermen's Association in Pingtung County, the group's leader said yesterday. More than 4,000 group members affected by the spill should be compensated by August, he said. On Jan 14, 2001, *Amorgos*, Panaji for Shanghai, with iron ore, ran aground near Kenting National Park in Pingtung County due to bad weather. Four days later, 1,150 tonnes of fuel oil remaining in the vessel began to leak, contaminating 6,987 square metres of the Lungkeng Ecological Reserve. The accident caused serious water pollution, damaged coastal ecological systems and interfered with fishing in the area. After spending months cleaning up the polluted coast, both public and private sectors sought compensation from Assuranceforeningen Gard, representing the vessel's owners. According to association executive Yeh Ming-shun, US\$3.6 million, which is about 92% of the granted compensation, was transferred into the association's account on Thursday (Jun 24). The remainder is scheduled to be transferred on Jul 14. "We have to conduct a meeting after Jul 14 to decide how to compensate our members," Yeh said. He said that most association members agreed to use part of the

compensation as a fund for future ecological preservation. As for the public sector, on the first anniversary of the oil spill Hau Lung-bin, then Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) chief vowed to seek NT\$1 billion in compensation. Three months later, Taiwan received NT\$61.3 million in compensation for the clean-up costs. The payment marked the first time the nation's public sector has received compensation for marine pollution. However, the compensation was for the clean-up only and did not include damages or lawyers' fees. In January 2003, Hau said the agency had requested an additional NT\$900 million in compensation from the insurance company but the amount was reduced in negotiations to NT\$350 million. At that time, EPA officials said that Norwegian lawyers estimated it might have taken four or five years for a decision to be made. The vessel's owners also paid a NT\$9 million fine to the Pingtung County Government last year.

## ANDREW J. BARBERI (U.S.A.)

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated Jun 23, states: Workers at the Caddell Dry Dock in West Brighton, New York, have completed six months of repairs on ferry *Andrew J. Barberi* and the vessel is now undergoing test runs of various kinds, in expectation of getting Coast Guard certification. It could be back in service in a couple of weeks.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Staten Island ferry *Andrew J. Barberi* goes back into service today. The repaired and refurbished ferry is scheduled to make its first run at 1030 hrs from St. George. Mayor Bloomberg and family members of those who died in the Oct 15 disaster will be on board. The mayor will dedicate a plaque to the victims. Repairs to the ferry cost \$5.9 million. Investigators are still looking into what caused the accident. No charges have yet been filed.

## AQUA SIERRA (Cyprus)

Monrovia, Jun 30 — General cargo *Aqua Sierra* is still in port. There are no personnel on board. The Port Authority and agent do not know vessel's departure date and destination. Vessel's condition is worsening. — Lloyd's Agents.

## ARROYOFRIO DOS (Canary Islands)

See "Brittany, France" under "Pollution."

## ARTOMORO I (Belize)

London, June 28 — A press report, dated June 2, states: A rescue team was searching yesterday for at least five people still missing after cargo ship *Atmoro I* (? general cargo *Artomoro I*, 411 gt, built 1980, not *Atmoro I* as reported in issue of June 3), operated by PT Surya Timur Sejahtera, capsized in the waters off the eastern island of Sumbawa in West Nusa Tenggara (NTB) province. Fourteen victims survived the accident that occurred on

Friday (May 28) in bad weather, rescuers in the NTB capital of Mataram said yesterday. The vessel capsized at about 2000 hrs near Moyo island while sailing from Surabaya to Wangaipu, East Nusa Tenggara. It left Surabaya at about 1000 Thursday carrying cargo that included two cars and a truck, and a range of merchandise. The ship was manned by at least 19 crew members, including the master, who was among the survivors, said Mataram Search and Rescue Agency head Ida Bagus Gde Budisma. Officials at the Surabaya port said that in addition to the 19 crew members, the ship was also carrying 30 passengers when it left the port. However, this was denied by Budisma. He quoted the master identified as Anthon, as saying the ship capsized after being struck by strong waves in waters off Sumbawa. Budisma said five of the survivors were rescued by another cargo ship travelling from Waingapu to Surabaya. The survivors were taken to a hospital in Surabaya for treatment. Eight other survivors picked up by the rescue team were later transferred to Surabaya by car, in coordination with the vessel's operator. Another survivor, identified as Petrus Nongo from Sumba, was found by fishermen in the waters near Belanting village north of Lombok island, after spending three days and nights in the sea. He is currently receiving medical treatment at the Selong General Hospital in East Lombok. Budisma could not say why information on the accident was only received on Sunday. It may have been because the ship's radio was not working. He said the search was continuing for the five missing crew members four days after the accident.

#### **ATMORO I**

See *Artomoro I*.

#### **BALTIC FJORD (Norway)**

London, Jun 25 — Information received from Sandnes states: According to owners, general cargo *Baltic Fjord* will complete repairs on Jul 15.

#### **BARONESSA (Norway)**

London, Jun 30 — Information received from Sandnes, dated today: Ferry *Baronessa* completed repairs May 20, and returned back to normal service.

#### **BERGE NICE (French Southern Territories)**

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Lpg *Berge Nice* in a collision in the Magellan Strait in May has finally left Chile after undergoing repairs in Talcahuano ship yard. (Note — *Berge Nice* sailed Talcahuano Jun 26. Santiago, Jun 30 — Lpg *Berge Nice* completed repairs and sailed Talcahuano Jun 26 for Bahia Blanca. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **BLUE HORIZON (Greece)**

Bari, Jun 24 — Passenger ro/ro *Blue Horizon* arrived and sailed Bari Jun 21. — Lloyd's Agents

#### **BRITISH ENTERPRISE (U.K.)**

Beira, Jun 29 — Local agents of chemical/oil carrier *British Enterprise* (23682 gt, built 2001) advise that vessel is reported to have grounded in the Beira access channel at 1354 hrs. However, we would advise that most cases occur due to the low water in the channel when a vessel is coming to berth. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *British Enterprise* sailed Durban Jun 27 for Beira.)

Beira, Jun 30 — Chemical/oil carrier *British Enterprise* was refloated at 0019 this morning assisted by tugs. At the moment the vessel is at the outer anchorage waiting for divers from Maputo. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **BRITTOIL 4 (Singapore)**

Ymuiden, Jun 25 — Wijsmuller Salvage B.V. refloated grounded barge *Britoil 4* on Jun 23. Refloating was achieved using the SvitzerWijsmuller salvage tug *Albatros*. A Wijsmuller salvage team consisting of divers, technicians, a salvage master and a salvage manager from India and The Netherlands assisted in the operation. The monsoon weather and the shallow foreshore made this operation difficult and as such a special floating towing connection had to be established. The barge is currently awaiting permission to enter port and it has a slight list due to a breached compartment caused by the grounding. — Wijsmuller Salvage BV.

Ymuiden, Jun 26 — Wijsmuller Salvage BV delivered the refloated barge *Britoil 4* back to its owners this morning, after the SvitzerWijsmuller salvage tug *Albatros* was allowed by the authorities to tow the barge into the port of Mangalore. Due to the slight list the authorities had considerable difficulty in allowing the barge to come in, but in a close co-operation between Wijsmuller Salvage B.V., our Indian Salvage Manager and the barge owners these problems were overcome. The Certificate of Delivery was subsequently signed at 1100, local time, this morning. — Wijsmuller Salvage BV.

#### **BUGALED BREIZH (France)**

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Salvors of the sunken fishing *Bugaled Breizh* hope to lift it from the seabed off Cornwall tomorrow. If the ship remains afloat after being raised, it will be towed directly to Brest. Otherwise it will be attached to a floating barge and towed. Salvors attempted to lift the boat on Friday, but bad weather forced them to postpone the attempt.

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: The operation to recover the wreck of fishing *Bugaled Breizh* off the Cornish coast will continue today. The French prosecutor, Roland Esch, said in a statement that the operation had been held up because of bad weather and the swell off the Lizard. More equipment for the recovery operation has arrived at Falmouth docks. The salvage plan involves towing the wreck of *Bugaled Breizh* into calmer waters, possibly the

Fal estuary. Dutch lifting barge *Cormorant* would then transfer the wreck onto another barge which would be towed back to Brest. (See issue of Jun 29.)

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated Jun 30, states: A salvage operation to raise the wreck of fishing *Bugaled Breizh* has run into more difficulties. An attempt to lift the vessel ended when a cable broke. It is believed during a lifting attempt a cable broke and the hull fell five metres back to the seabed. The operation, which is being run by the French Navy and a Dutch salvage company, is surrounded in secrecy. However, the families of the five dead crew said that the French news agency AFP reported the cable incident. The families, who have been at the scene, said they were concerned any further damage to the boat may make the investigation into what happened more difficult. (See issue of Jun 30.)

#### **CAMEL ACE (Belize)**

Yokohama, Jul 1 — General cargo *Camel Ace* (3748 gt, built 1983) had engine trouble proceeding in the Kanmon Strait to Korea at 1050, Jun 28, and anchored in the strait. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Camel Ace* sailed Mizushima Jun 27 for Incheon.)

#### **CAPE AFRICA (Taiwan)**

London, Jun 25 — Following received from the bulk *Cape Africa* Joint Operations Committee, timed 1200, today: The cargo-lightening vessel, bulk *Bandar* will arrive in False Bay today and the SMIT Salvage team hope to begin the cargo removal phase of the *Cape Africa* salvage operation as soon as is possible. The cargo removal operation is weather dependent and will begin during the hours of daylight but will continue 24 hours a day, wind and swell conditions permitting. It is expected that at least five full, good-weather working days will be needed in order to complete the first phase of the cargo removal operation, which will entail the removal of some 78,000 tonnes of iron ore. *Bandar* will then sail for the port of Saldanha to discharge the first load of iron ore cargo, before returning to remove the balance of the cargo, some 66,000 tonnes, from *Cape Africa*, including that from the structurally damaged hold No.3. Once all cargo has been removed, it is expected that *Cape Africa* will be towed to Cape Town - during a period of good weather and along a predetermined route from False Bay. Repairs will be undertaken once the bulk carrier is berthed in Cape Town. After the lightening operation, the area of structural damage in hold No.3 will be above the waterline and the salvage team will complete temporary repairs to hold No.4 prior to it being towed to a port.

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: At the weekend, bulk *Bandar* began removing the iron ore cargo from bulk *Cape Africa*, which has been anchored in False Bay for several weeks. *Bandar* is to take 78,000 tons of ore off the ship, sail to

Saldanha, where the ore is to be discharged, and return to False Bay to remove the remaining 66,000 tons. By yesterday afternoon, *Bandar* had removed 37,000 tons. Removing 78,000 tons is likely to take five days of good weather. The intention is to lighten *Cape Africa* so that the hole, 20 metres by five metres, in its hull is above the waterline. Another reason for reducing the vessel's draught is that this will enable it to enter a South African port. Once all the cargo has been removed, *Cape Africa* will be towed to a port for repairs. Fully laden, it draws too much water for any local port. It was for this reason that the South African Maritime Safety Authority (Samsa) gave permission for the ship to be anchored in False Bay while the salvors tried to repair the hull. *Cape Africa* has been towed closer inshore in the bay to give it and *Bandar* more protection from the swell while the cargo is being removed. Tugs and pollution vessels have been on standby since *Cape Africa* entered False Bay.

#### **CELTIC SPIRIT (Bahamas)**

London, Jun 30 — General cargo *Celtic Spirit*, Tallinn for Warrenpoint, laden with sawn timber, ran aground off Suur-Pakri island, Estonia, Jun 13. Owners arranged for tugs, barges and cranes and part cargo was lightened. The vessel was refloated with the assistance of three tugs. Lightened cargo was reloaded and *Celtic Spirit* proceeded to Tallinn where all cargo has been discharged to allow the vessel to drydock for repairs. Owners have declared General Average.

London, Jul 1 — General cargo *Celtic Spirit* arrived at Paldiski on Jun 19.

#### **CHUN NA (South Korea)**

Yokohama, Jun 25 — Bulk *Chunana* (? general cargo *Chun Na* 1999 gt, built 1982) was in collision with fishing *Kou Maru*, 5 gt, which capsized after it had been involved in an earlier collision with an unidentified vessel. *Chun Na* was in collision with *Kou Maru*, 4,000 metres, 301 degrees from breakwater lighthouse in the port of Kikuma Prefecture at 2318, Jun 18. Two crew members of the fishing vessel were rescued by *Taisei Maru* at 0115, Jun 19. *Kou Maru* was towed by consort vessel and arrived at Shin Kurushima Dockyard at 1150, Jun 19. Japan Coast Guard is now investigating. — Lloyd's Agents.

Yokohama, Jun 25 — General cargo *Chun Na* arrived at Yokohama on Jun 24. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **CMA CGM HISPANIOLA (U.K.)**

San Juan, PR, Jun 30 — C.c. *CMA CGM Hispaniola* arrived San Juan Jun 20 and sailed Jun 21 for Rio Haina. There was a technician on board from Maersk Sealand Technical Organisation, Copenhagen. Purpose of technician unknown. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **CONGER (Cyprus)**

London, Jun 24 — Bulk *Conger* arrived Rotterdam, in tow of tug *Marzamemi*, 1520, Jun 23.

Maassluis, Jun 30 — Bulk *Conger* will leave Jul 5. Everything has been repaired. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **CORDELIA (Liberia)**

London, Jun 29 — C.c. *Cordelia*, Colombo for Damietta, passed Port Said Jun 21.

#### **CORYO NO.302 (South Korea)**

See *Suk Jeong No.505*

#### **DIAGORAS (Greece)**

See "Crews of Dane Sea Line Ferries" under "Labour Disputes."

#### **DREW FOSS (U.S.A.)**

London, Jun 29 — Tug *Drew Foss* (198 gt, built 1977) towing barges *Alaskan Venture* and *ZB355*, parted its towline while transiting Seymour Narrow, Campbell River, BC, at 0640, PDST, Jun 26.

#### **ELEFThERIA (Panama)**

Ravenna, Jun 30 — Bulk *Eleftheria* sailed Ravenna Jun 28 for Piraeus. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **ENA 2 (Germany)**

London, Jun 29 — Following received from Hamburg Port Authority, timed 0945, UTC: Non specific tanker *Ena 2* (built 1972), loaded with 960 tonnes of cargo, was in collision with c.c. *Pudong Senator* (53324 gt, built 1997) outbound at the entrance to the Prakhafen, Hamburg, at 1830, yesterday. *Pudong Senator* sustained only minor damage. *Ena 2* continued towards its berth but on arriving there it grounded and partially sunk. It is now resting on the bottom with part of its hull above the water.

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Eleven people were injured by acid burns or inhalation of fumes following a collision between *Ena 2*, loaded with 960 tons of sulphuric acid, and *Pudong Senator* in Hamburg yesterday. After the collision a cloud of sulphur drifted over the port, injuring nine workers and two policemen, while some fish have been observed floating dead in the harbour area. The outer skin of the double-hulled *Ena 2* was damaged and double hull cavities flooded and a boom has been placed around the harbour mouth to prevent acid spilling into the harbour basin. The cause of the accident is still unclear, according to a spokesman. The *Pudong Senator* sustained minimal damage and continued its voyage towards the North Sea, intact. A floating crane is proceeding to the site to begin salvage work on the *Ena 2*.

London, Jun 29 — Chemical tanker *Ena 2*, carrying 960 tonnes of sulphuric acid, collided with c.c. *Pudong Senator* and capsized in the port of Hamburg, injuring 11 people, authorities said this morning. Nine dock workers and two police officers were taken to hospital with burns from acid fumes, a spokesman for the fire brigade said. *Ena 2*, belongs to Norddeutsche Affinerie, Europe's largest copper producer. It was heading for the port's acid processing terminal when the collision happened. The vessel's acid

tanks appear so far to be undamaged according to tests, authorities said. Norddeutsche Affinerie said in a statement: "As a result of the damage done to the outer hull in the collision, water appears to have entered the space between the acid tanks and the hull and caused the ship to capsize."

Hamburg, Jun 29 — Non specific tanker *Ena 2* carrying 960 tonnes of sulphuric acid has capsized after a collision with c.c. *Pudong Senator* in the port of Hamburg, injuring 11 people, and causing a pollution scare. A fire brigade spokesman says nine dock workers and two police officers have been taken to hospital with burns from acid fumes, while many dead fish have been seen floating in waters near where the accident happened. The cause is not immediately clear, but police say they are investigating the captain of the tanker. The fire brigade says the vessel's acid tanks appear to be undamaged. A spokesman says about six tonnes of the vessel's load has escaped so far, but water measurements show there has been no major environmental damage. — Reuters.

London, Jun 30 — Non specific tanker *Ena 2*, carrying 960 tonnes of sulphuric acid, collided with c.c. *Pudong Senator* and capsized in Hamburg, leaving 11 people injured. The 62-metre tanker, which belongs to Europe's largest copper producer, Norddeutsche Affinerie, was heading for the port's acid processing terminal on Monday evening (Jun 28) when it collided with the 4,500 teu containership. NA said in a statement: "As a result of damage done to the outer hull in the collision, water appears to have entered the space between the acid tanks and the hull and caused the ship to capsize." *Ena 2* is lying upside down with its hull jutting out of the water. The tanker was twin-hulled, but part of the sulphuric acid has leaked from the ventilation system into the port. Nine dock workers and two policemen were taken to hospital with burns from acid fumes, a spokesman for the fire brigade said. Around the capsized tanker, fish have been dying. Salvage operations were scheduled to start this morning. A floating crane from Bremerhaven should help with the operations. It was expected to arrive in Hamburg late yesterday. Fire brigade officers secured the scene of the accident and secured the tanker. "The crucial point is when we will lift the ship on Wednesday," the spokesman said. The 36-year-old master of the tanker delivered a blood sample, the examination of which will take some days, according to a fire brigade spokesman. *Pudong Senator*, owned by German shipping company Laeisz, remained undamaged.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: The salvage of tanker *Ena 2* is to begin today. A first floating crane arrived on scene yesterday morning. Preparations for salvage began yesterday. Twenty-five firefighters and workers of the salvage company Harms were at the petroleum port to secured the tanker. At 2100 yesterday a second large floating crane was expected from Bremerhaven. The

walls of the four nearly filled acid tanks of *Ena 2* remained intact upto yesterday evening. By the air supply pipes of the tanks however approximately 3.2 cubic metres of acid was lost into the harbour basin and as a result 10,000 young fish have died. At 0800 today further details of the salvage are to be discussed. Werner Marnette, chairman of the board of the north German Affinerie (WELL) says then the tanker is to be salvaged: First the the ship is to be turned, the sulphuric acid removed from the tanks.

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated Jun 30, states: Salvage experts have delayed refloating chemical tanker *Ena 2* that sank in Hamburg port while divers check how its dangerous cargo can best be discharged, emergency services said. Salvage experts are also examining whether a giant crane brought into position to raise the vessel needs additional steel cables to support it. "We want to take as few risks as possible to make sure the ship doesn't break up," emergency services officials said. They said divers would examine the tanks to decide how and when the they could best be discharged. A 1,000-metre security zone has been set up around the area where the stricken vessel is lying in the harbour, and a number of companies located in the port area have been temporarily evacuated.

#### **FAIR MARE (Liberia)**

Dubai, Jul 1 — Crude oil tanker *Fair Mare* is still at Fujairah anchorage and is expect to be there for couple more weeks. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **GLOBAL WINNER (Panama)**

London, Jun 25 — Understand salvage services are being rendered by Wijismuller Salvage BV, under Lloyd's Open Form, to bulk *Global Winner* (81152 gt, built 1997) which is aground near Singapore.

Ymuiden, Jun 25 — Wijismuller Salvage BV, have been instructed by the shipowners to refloat fully loaded bulk *Global Winner* from its grounding position 180 miles east off Singapore Straits. The vessel has several tanks and holds breached/flooded. A Wijismuller Salvage BV skeleton team from Singapore is already in the area with further teams coming in from The Netherlands and Singapore in support. The necessary equipment and supporting craft are mobilised in as well for the required refloating preparations, which potentially will include cargo lighterage. — Wijismuller Salvage BV.

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Hyundai Merchant Marine appointed Svitzer Wijismuller to refloat bulk *Global Winner* which ran aground about 290 kms east of Singapore. *Global Winner*, chartered by South Korea's largest steelmaker, Posco, was carrying as much as 160,000 tonnes of iron ore when it hit coral reefs on Jun 24, said Kim Hong In, a spokesman at Hyundai Merchant Marine, which operates the ship.

#### **GUDRUN GISLADOTTIR (Iceland)**

Trondheim, Jun 24 — Sel-y Undervannservice inform that all attempts to refloat fishing *Gudrun Gisladdottir* have been stopped by the Norwegian authorities. Norwegian newspapers report that this is due to an excess of several million Norwegian kroner for attempts up to now. In addition the discovery of extended damage to the hull complicates the work. The situation today is that the vessel will remain "as lies" on the bottom. The oil onboard will, however, be removed. Only a political decision on the highest level may change the situation. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **GUY V.MOLINARI (U.S.A.)**

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated Jun 30, states: A loss of power on one of two tugs escorting the new ferry *Guy V.Molinari* (built 2004) led to an accident last week that damaged one of the vessel's propellers. The vessel was leaving its shipyard for trials in waters off Wisconsin, according to a city spokesman. The loss of power caused the ferry "to drift outside the navigation channel and come in contact with an underwater obstruction," possibly a piling, according to city Department of Transportation spokesman Tom Cocola. The Coast Guard is investigating the incident, which occurred where the Menominee River enters Green Bay, a part of Lake Michigan. *Guy V.Molinari* was taken back to the Marinette, Wis., shipyard where divers inspected it for damage. The vessel has been sidelined in the meantime, as workers prepare to raise it and replace the damaged propeller with another originally intended for ferry *September 11* under construction. Officials say it should not further delay delivery of *Guy V.Molinari* to New York Harbour.

#### **HALLGARTH (U.K.)**

Newport, Jun 30 — Tug *Hallgarth* sailed Newport Jun 29 for Bristol. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **HOEGH MINERVA (NIS)**

See under "Miscellaneous."

#### **HUMBER ARM (Bermuda)**

London, Jun 29 — General cargo *Humber Arm* arrived Civitavecchia Jun 13.

#### **INTERMAC 404 (U.S.A.)**

London, Jun 24 — An Argentinian Hydrographic Department Navigation Warning, dated Jun 17, states: Barge *Intermac 404* is sunk in lat 39 47.6S, long 49 49.6W. Tugs *Gulf Rambler* and *Luchador* are standing by in the vicinity.

#### **JAMBI JAYA (Indonesia)**

London, Jun 25 — A press release from the Maritime & Port Authority of Singapore, dated today, states: At about 0058 hrs, today, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) was informed that there was a fire on board wooden general cargo *Jambi Jaya* (521 gt, built 1980), which was about four kilometres south-east of Changi, in lat 01 17N, long 104 03E, outside the port

limit. It was also reported that the 13 Indonesian crew members on board had abandoned the craft. The MPA immediately deployed two patrol craft and two fire-fighting craft to rescue the crew members and to put out the fire. Ten of the crew members were rescued. Of the rescued crew, one was uninjured while nine others, who were injured, were sent to the Changi General Hospital. Seven of the injured crew members were given outpatient treatment at the hospital. The remaining two injured crew members were subsequently transferred to the Singapore General Hospital for treatment of their burns. The MPA is conducting search and rescue operations for three missing crew members. After the fire was put out, the craft was towed into port, where it subsequently anchored in shallow waters, north of Changi General Purpose Anchorage, in lat 01 20N, long 104 02.8E, at about 0455 hrs. At about 0625 hrs, the vessel sank at the position where it was anchored. There was no report of any oil pollution. The MPA is investigating the incident.

London, Jun 25 — A press report, dated today, states: The Maritime and Port Authority is searching for three Indonesian crew members missing after general cargo *Jambi Jaya* caught fire off Singapore's coast early this morning. They are among 13 Indonesian crewmen who abandoned their wooden vessel when it caught fire. The 45-metre vessel, had left Pasir Gudang Port in Malaysia carrying 450 tonnes of cargo. The shipment contained fertiliser, metal pipes and other goods and was headed for its home port of Jambi in Sumatra, Indonesia. The vessel was passing through Singapore waters at about 0100, today. It was just four kilometres south-east of Changi when it caught fire. All 13 Indonesian crew members on board abandoned ship. The MPA was alerted and deployed two patrol boats to the rescue. Ten men were picked up within an hour, one of whom was uninjured. Nine of them were sent to the Changi General Hospital. Seven of them received outpatient treatment while two were later sent to the Singapore General Hospital's Burns Unit. Two fire fighting craft were also sent to put out the fire. At about 0500 hrs, the damaged vessel was towed to an anchorage point, just 2km off Changi Naval Base. Barely one-and-a-half hours later, the cargo vessel sank. It's not known what caused the fire on board the vessel. The wreckage is lying under 12 metres of water on the sea floor. MPA says the salvage operation will be the responsibility of the company which owns the vessel. MPA says the vessel belongs to the Indonesian company PT Pelayaran Sabang Raya Indah. It's understood the owners will engage a Singapore company to salvage the wreckage.

London, Jun 26 — A press report, dated today, states: The search for three Indonesian seamen reported missing after general cargo *Jambi Jaya* caught fire and sank off Changi will resume today. It was temporarily stopped at about 1900, yesterday, when darkness

set in, after Maritime & Port Authority (MPA) craft had scoured the area for about 18 hours. They had started looking for the men, one of whom was the sunken Indonesian vessel's master, from the time the blaze was put out around 0100. A spokesman for Budiman Shipping and Forwarding, the vessel's Johor-based agent, said the two warded sailors worked as oilers in the engine-room of the 438-tonne craft that was headed for Jambi in southern Sumatra, one of its regular ports of call. The company's operations executive, Mr Yusri Yusof, said the vessel had been in good condition when it left Pasir Gudang in Johor at about 2200, on the night the vessel caught fire. It was carrying 450 tonnes of fertilisers and an additional tonne of small metal pipes and sprayers. Police interviewed eight of the crewmen yesterday, and arrangements are being made by the vessel's Indonesian owner, PT Sabang Raya Indah Jambi, to help them return to Indonesia.

London, Jun 27 — Following received from Singapore Port Operations, timed 0045, UTC: The three missing crew members from general cargo *Jambi Jaya* have still not been found, the search is continuing.

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: For almost 30 minutes seaman Mohamad Ridwan floated in the dark off the coast of Changi having jumped into the sea without a lifevest when the heat of the fire on general cargo *Jambi Jaya*, woke him. It happened at about 0100 last Friday (Jun 25). Yesterday, he and the seaman steering the vessel recounted their ordeal from the Indonesian embassy where they and six others were getting ready to go home today. Two others rescued are still warded in Singapore General Hospital for serious burn injuries. Mr Ruslan Abdul Ghani, 24, who was steering the wooden vessel, said the fire broke out in the engine-room, which was behind him. It spread so quickly, he felt the flames burn the back of his T-shirt. "I took it off, ran to the side of the vessel and jumped into the sea." The 10 men were rescued by police patrol boats, which spotted the burning vessel in Singapore waters some 4km off the Changi coast. Three men are still missing: Captain Heru Budi Santoso, 34, oiler Dani Haryadi, 28, and engineer Candra Sartono Tjia, 47. They too had jumped off the vessel into the sea like everyone else, said Mr Ruslan. An MPA spokesman said the search for the three missing crew was continuing.

#### JORGEN LAURITZEN (DIS)

Yokohama, Jul 1 — Ref *Jorgen Lauritzen* (14406 gt, built 1991), Kawasaki to Busan, and c.c. *Sandra Azul* (60117 gt, built 1994), Busan to Yokohama, were in collision 2.4 nautical miles, 95 degrees from Yokohama Honmoku Breakwater Lighthouse at 2312, Jun 23. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Jorgen Lauritzen* sailed Dalian Jun 20 and arrived Kawasaki Jun 23, sailing Jun 25 for Matarani. *Sandra Azul* sailed Busan Jun 22 and arrived Yokohama Jun 23, sailing Jun 29 for Nagoya.)

#### KAPITAN ENGLER (German)

Ipswich, Jun 24 — Tug *Kapitan Engler* (139 gt, built 1965) arrived Lowestoft May 25, from Denmark, with engine problems. Repairs were carried out and vessel sailed Jun 17. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Kapitan Engler* subsequently arrived Falmouth Jun 21.)

#### KIRAN PACIFIC (Turkey)

London, Jun 27 — Following received from Reykjavik MRCC, timed 1715, UTC: Bulk *Kiran Pacific* (21968 gt, built 1987), bound Straumsvik, loaded with cargo, grounded amidships on reef west of Reykjavik in lat 64 04.63N, long 22 08.88W, at 1800, UTC, Jun 26. Vessel, which has 21 crewmen on board, all Turkish, is holed in forepeak and No 1 ballast tank but there has been no leakage reported. A Coast Guard vessel is standing by and salvage experts from Wijsmuller are boarding vessel at the present time.

Ymuiden, Jun 27 — The SvitzerWijsmuller salvage division Wijsmuller Salvage B.V. was this morning awarded the LOF-SCOPIC contract to provide salvage services to the 33,000-ton alumni fully loaded bulk *Kiran Pacific*, which ran aground on rocks/reefs yesterday evening about seven miles west-south-west of Reykjavik. Several tanks of the 194-metre long vessel are breached and flooded. A Wijsmuller salvage team from the Netherlands and Iceland are on board as from this afternoon determining the condition/situation based on which the salvage plan will be fine-tuned and set into motion. Meetings with the relevant authorities have been started up. — Wijsmuller Salvage BV.

Reykjavik, Jun 28 — Bulk *Kiran Pacific* grounded on a reef at 1700, local time, Jun 26, three to four miles outside Straumsvik harbour, the vessel's port of destination. *Kiran Pacific* is still sitting on the reef and a Coast Guard vessel is waiting close by. Owners and insurance representatives have arrived on the scene and are considering the circumstances. — Lloyd's Agents.

Ymuiden, Jun 28 — Bulk *Kiran Pacific*: The SvitzerWijsmuller salvage division Wijsmuller Salvage BV has just succeeded in refloating the grounded vessel despite the fact that due to the grounding numerous tanks had been breached and flooded. Quick action by the six-strong Wijsmuller Salvage team was required considering the less than sheltered location. Buoyancy regaining techniques were applied instantly to make use of the rising tide. This resulted in a refloating of the vessel under command of the Wijsmuller salvage master around 1400, local time. The vessel is presently manoeuvred to a holding area for inspection purposes and is awaiting port entry. — Wijsmuller Salvage BV.

Reykjavik, Jun 29 — Bulk *Kiran Pacific* refloated on the high tide at 1430, Jun 28, with the assistance of a small harbour tug. The vessel entered Straumsvik harbour at about 1600 hrs, where discharging operations commenced. Hull inspections are being carried out by divers and underwater cameras. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### KLITSA (Canada)

London, Jun 29 — Ro/ro *Klitsa* (348 gt, built 1972) lost propeller while docking at Telegraph Harbour, Kuper Island, BC, at 1007, PDST, Jun 26.

#### KOU MARU

See *Chun Na*.

#### LIBERTADOR SAN MARTIN (Panama)

Buenos Aires, Jun 29 — Product tanker *Libertador San Martin*: Repairs started Jun 8. The vessel sustained the following damage: starboard plating and internals from stem up to forecastle, store-room aft bulkhead and between main deck and forecastle deck, bent, distorted and buckled affecting fairleads rollers/foundations, bulwark, railing, stanchions, anchor pipe and anchor shank in way. Forecastle upper deck & main deck below, variously waved and distorted. Starboard forward store-room burnt and distorted with all surfaces soot and foam stained. Carpenter room shell plating and internals in way of forward and aft bulkheads and between upper deck and forecastle deck, heavily distorted and holed all over. Bulbous bow plating variously holed and distorted all over with internals in way heavily distorted and torn off. Repairs are estimated to be completed by mid July. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### LOK PREM (India)

See "Acceptance of Previously Rejected Cargo, Mombasa, Kenya" under "Miscellaneous."

#### MAGDA (Belgium)

Maassluis, Jul 1 — General cargo *Magda* only sustained damage to the hatches, and continued on voyage. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### MARIO (Sierra Leone)

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Almost two years after tanker *Mario* carrying 500 tonnes of palm oil sank off the Sri Lankan coast, a Singapore company is suing NTUC Income Insurance Cooperative for US\$233,750, the sum insured for the cargo. According to legal documents *Mario* was transporting oil from Belawan to Nagapattinam when it sank off the Sri Lankan coast, some 120 nautical miles off Mullaitivu. Ten sailors, including a Singaporean ship supervisor, abandoned the ship and were marooned for several days, according to news reports at the time. The company which insured the goods, Agritrade International, then filed a claim with NTUC Income. But NTUC Income is challenging the claim based on several anomalies, according to its statement of defence. First, it disputes the age of the vessel. It says Agritrade had misrepresented the age of the vessel in an email when the premium for the cargo was being firmed up. In an email, the company had stated that the vessel was built in 1988. NTUC Income said inquiries after the claim was filed showed *Mario* had been built in 1974. According to NTUC Income, this representation was "material" as it

would have influenced their decision in fixing a premium or even determining whether the insurer wanted to take the risk. It is arguing that *Mario* had also "deviated from the voyage" covered in the policy. It covered the journey from Belawan to Nagapattinam, but the ship had allegedly made a stop in Penang days before it sank. The insurer says the deviation discharges it from its liability, according to the laws of the Marine Insurance Act. (Note *Mario* was reported to have sunk about Aug 2, 2002.)

#### **MIGHTY CONFIDENCE (Cyprus)**

Rio de Janeiro, Jun 24 — Bulk *Mighty Confidence* is expected to remain at ENAVI Repair Yard for another 15 days. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **MISS BERTIE (U.S.A.)**

Portland, Oregon, Jun 24 — Fishing *Miss Bertie* is in for repairs at Fred Wahl Marine Repair Co. Reedsport, Oregon. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **MIYA (Belize)**

London, Jun 30 — Following navigation warning broadcast today: Sunken wreck of cargo vessel 1205 tons (general cargo *Miya*) exists in lat 34 07 09N, long 132 59 16E.

#### **NAN CHANG RUN**

See *Zhong Hang 902*.

#### **NAZEK T. (North Korea)**

Constantza, Jun 27 — General cargo *Nazek T.* (1798 gt, built 1970), loaded with soda and wood, sank in Constantza South Harbour between 0100 and 0500, Jun 26. Multraship Romania, Holland and Titan Maritime dispatched their salvage teams to the spot. During dive survey, salvors closed vent pipes bunkers on deck temporarily. Owners or agents unavailable to answer salvors' calls. Apparently the vessel is not insured but there are rumours of P&I cover. Total situation is unrealistic for salvors and the only thing they can do is to wait for news and/or orders from parties concerned and/or authorities. — Multraship Romania Srl. (Note — *Nazek T.* arrived Constantza Jun 16 from Tripoli, Lebanon.)

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated Jun 27, states: General cargo *Nazek T.*, of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, capsized and sank early yesterday at Constantza port in eastern Romania. *Nazek T.*, which is bound for North Africa, capsized at 0130, local time, yesterday, while being loaded with timber and caustic soda, the Romanian News Agency reported. All 13 sailors on board escaped unhurt before the vessel sank one hour later, according to the report. The caustic soda on board the vessel, totaling some 500 tons and loaded in air-proof containers, will not spill and pollute the water, port officials said. A preliminary investigation blamed improper loading for the accident, a Romanian TV reported.

Bucharest, Jun 28 — General cargo *Nazek T.* sank at berth No.110 of Constantza South Agigea, during the night of Jun 25-26, on finalising loading

of a shipment of wooden logs. The vessel had loaded a shipment of about 500 tonnes of bagged soda at Berth No. 41, Constantza North, and a shipment of about 700 tonnes of timber at Berth No.22, between Jun 16 and 21. The incident occurred at 0129, Jun 26, when the vessel started to list to port. The attempts to correct listing were unsuccessful, with the vessel being partially sunk at 0230 hrs and sinking completely at 0600 hrs. Information available at present indicates that the vessel's fuel tanks are tight and at present there being no risk for pollution. There were no victims, the vessel's crew members succeeding in saving themselves in time. Preliminary reports of Constantza Port Authority are that the casualty was due to inappropriate stowage of the wooden logs. Arrangements are now made for the vessel to be refloated and discharged, the shipowners reportedly instructing for these operations a divers company known as "Shark". — Lloyd's Agents.

Bucharest, Jun 29 — Operations to refloat general cargo *Nazek T.* have not commenced yet, as the diving company are reportedly still estimating the costs for the operations. The operations are also delayed due to the difficulties encountered by the Port Authority in identifying the vessel's hull underwriters. — Lloyd's Agents.

Bucharest, Jun 30 — General cargo *Nazek T.* is still lying in the same position, and refloating operations have not yet commenced. Constantza Port Authority estimates that refloating may take at least a month once the operation begins. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **NORDKING (Sweden)**

London, Jun 25 — Reported that during the evening of Jun 14 general cargo *Nordking*, SDHJ, (1155 gt, built 1976), while on passage to Vejle, with a cargo of steel coils, experienced a main engine breakdown, approximately 15 miles east of Sjaellands Reef. Tug *Sohesten*, OZEX2, connected to and towed casualty to its destination and upon completion of discharge, to Soby for repairs. (Note — *Nordking* sailed Oxelosund Jun 13, arrived Vejle Jun 15 and departed Jun 16 for Soby.)

#### **OCEAN LAPIZ (India)**

Mumbai, Jun 28 — Anchor handling tug *Ocean Lapiz* (366 gt, built 1977) had water ingress through sounding pipes which contaminated the bunker fuel oil resulting in the engine stopping during the night of June 21. It was towed to Porbander June 22 for repairs and after successful completion the tug proceeded to Vadinar on June 25. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **OCEAN PACIFIC I (Panama)**

See "Crew on Panamanian Vessel" under "Labour Disputes."

#### **ORANJE NASSAU (Netherlands)**

London, Jun 30 — Following received from Den Helder MRCC, timed 0001, UTC: Trawler *Oranje Nassau*, PGOI, (458 gt, built 1993), six persons on board, reported a fire in the engine-

room 15 nautical miles west of Ymuiden in lat 52 25N, long 04 07E at 2200, UTC. The fire is believed to be extinguished after carbon dioxide released. A Coast Guard vessel and three other vessels are alongside. Tug *Massai* due on scene at 0020, UTC.

London, Jun 30 — Following received from Den Helder MRCC, timed 0900, UTC: Trawler *Oranje Nassau* arrived Ymuiden at 0611, UTC, brought in by two tugs.

Maassluis, Jul 1 — Trawler *Oranje Nassau* had a fire in the engine-room. The fire was put out by the men on board. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **OSIRIS (Netherlands)**

Plymouth, Jun 28 — General cargo *Osiris* was towed from Plymouth by tug *Alexandra* on Jun 26, bound for Rotterdam to effect necessary repairs. — Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Jun 23.)

Maassluis, Jun 29 — General cargo *Osiris* arrived at Rotterdam, in tow of tug *Alexandra*, on Jun 28. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

Maassluis, Jul 1 — General cargo *Osiris* is in dry dock at Eemhaven Damen Dock 8. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **P&O NEDLLOYD TARANAKI (U.K.)**

London, Jun 30 — Following received from Australia MRCC, timed 0030, UTC: Ro/ro/c.c. *P&O Nedlloyd Taranaki* (29259 gt, built 1981) reported engine problems with flywheel and drifting off Sydney at 0200, local time, Jun 29. While adrift a small fishing vessel scraped alongside, no damage to either vessel. *P&O Nedlloyd Taranaki* was assisted by tug into Botany Bay, arriving at 1730, local time, same day, where it remains.

#### **PACIFIC FUTURE (U.S.A.)**

Portland, Oregon, Jun 24 — Trawler *Pacific Future* completed repairs Jun 21 and is now proceeding to Newport, Oregon. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **PANTOKRATORAS (Cyprus)**

See under "Pollution."

#### **PATMOS (Greece)**

See "Crews of Dane Sea Line Ferries" under "Labour Disputes."

#### **PING YANG NO.5 (Cambodia)**

Yokohama, Jun 25 — General cargo *Ru Yi Quan*, China for Osaka, was in collision with general cargo *Ping Yang No.5* proceeding to Nishinomiya, 1,800 metres, 118 degrees from Nogutsunajima Lighthouse in Ehime Prefecture at 0202, Jun 13. No oil spill, personal injury or water ingress caused to either vessel. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **PONTA DO SOL (Portugal)**

Ponta Delgada, Jun 25 — General cargo *Ponta do Sol* sailed St. Michael's Jun 24. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **PRINCESS OF THE PACIFIC (Philippines)**

Manila, Jun 28 — Ro/ro *Princess of the Pacific*, which ran aground Jun 23, remained stranded off Nogas island in Anini-y, Antique province in central Philippines as of 1030 hours today. The



Philippine Coast Guard said that the distressed vessel was listing 3.5 degrees to port although it's 178 passengers and 82 crew remained safe. The salvage tug *Primo* attempted to free the vessel on Thursday (Jun 24). *Primo*, however, was only able to move the fantail of *Princess of the Pacific* by about three feet when the towlines broke. The Coast Guard said that the tug was encountering difficulties in freeing the vessel because of the strong southeast winds prevailing in the area. *Primo* is scheduled to make another attempt to tow the vessel today, the Coast Guard said. *Princess of the Pacific* was on its way from Manila to Zamboanga port in Mindanao when it developed engine trouble in the vicinity of Nogas island and drifted into shallow waters. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

London, Jun 30 — Reported salvage services to ro/ro *Princess of the Pacific* are being rendered by Malayan Towage & Salvage, under Lloyd's Open Form. Also reported vessel has 87 containers onboard.

Manila, Jun 2 — Salvors attempting to release ro/ro *Princess of the Pacific* revealed today that the vessel's engine-room was flooded with seawater and it would take weeks before it could be refloated. The ferry remained stranded for the ninth day since grounding on Jun 23 off Nogas island in Anini-y, Antique province in central Philippines. Officials from Malayan Towage and Salvage Corp, the salvage company attempting to free the vessel, said that *Princess of the Pacific* had sustained a hole in its hull through which seawater was pouring in. They did not say, however, where the hole was located. The salvors said that they would first have to patch up the hole and pump water out of the vessel before attempting to refloat it. Efforts to repair the vessel are being hampered, however, by the rough seas and strong winds in the area brought about by typhoon "Mindulle". "It would take more than a week to refloat the vessel," a Malayan Towage official said. The Philippine Coast Guard, in the meantime, said that the vessel's 178 passengers and two crew-members had been transferred by rubber dinghy to shore. The rest of the crew remained with the vessel. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

#### **PUDONG SENATOR (Germany)**

See *Ena 2*.

#### **QUEEN MARY 2 (U.K.)**

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

#### **RHODA AND ROMA (Canada)**

London, Jun 29 — Fishing *Rhoda and Roma* (51 gt, built 1989) with six persons on board, declared a Mayday after discovering a fire in the engine-room in lat 51 25N, long 53 44W at 2149, UTC, Jun 27. The fire was subsequently extinguished and the vessel proceeded to port under its own power.

#### **RODOS (Greece)**

See "Crews of Dane Sea Line Ferries" under "Labour Disputes."

#### **ROSEBANK (U.K.)**

Maassluis, Jun 28 — General cargo *Rosebank* is currently at Techno Maritiem in Ridderkerk and is expected to be ready in about two - three months. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **RU YI QUAN (China)**

See *Ping Yang No.5*.

#### **SAGA JANDAIA (Hong Kong)**

Yokohama, Jun 25 — General cargo *Saga Jandaia* (29,729 gt, built 1998) laden with 25,949 tonnes of steel coil, ran aground about 3,300 metres, nine degrees from Kannonzaki Lighthouse in Okinawa Prefecture at 1125, Jun 13. No oil spill or water ingress. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 25 — Understood general cargo *Saga Jandaia* was refloated Jun 20.

#### **SAMOS FLYING DOLPHIN I (Greece)**

London, Jul 1 — Lloyd's Casualty representatives in Piraeus report: During the afternoon of Jun 30, while sailing from Fournos, Ikarias bound for Pythagoreio, hydrofoil *Samos Flying Dolphin I* (142 gt, built 1980) sustained damage to the port main engine. The vessel had 61 passengers onboard. The port authority of Fournos prohibited the departure of the vessel pending survey of the repairs. The passengers were forwarded to their destinations on another vessel.

#### **SAND HARRIER (United Kingdom)**

Falmouth, Jun 24 — Sand suction dredger *Sand Harrier* undocked to a repair berth Jun 13 and is still undergoing repairs on Queens Wharf. ETS week 28 (Jul 5-11). — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **SANDRA AZUL (U.K.)**

See *Jorgen Lauritzen*.

#### **SHEILA ANN (Bahamas)**

See "Drugs Found on Bahamas Flag Vessel at Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada" under "Miscellaneous."

#### **SHIN CHING CHONG 181 (Taiwan)**

London, Jun 24 — Following notice to mariners broadcast at 2005, UTC, Jun 22: Derelict 65-ft fishing *Shin Ching Chong 181* adrift and on fire in lat 26 33.2N, long 154 39.0E, at 1943, UTC.

London, Jun 24 — A press report, dated today, states: The crew of US Military Sealift Command oiler *Guadalupe* rescued 13 fishermen from a burning vessel in the Pacific Ocean Jun 22, approximately 900 miles northeast of Guam. The fishermen, who had been adrift for five days with little food or water, were rescued from *Hsin Chin Chanz* (also reported as *Shin Ching Chong 181*), an approximately 65-foot Taiwanese-flagged vessel, and brought on board *Guadalupe*, where two were treated for burns. The next morning, the master of *Hsin Chin Chanz* and several of his crew were returned to the slow burning vessel, where they marked it as abandoned and opened scuttles that would eventually lead to its flooding. *Hsin*

*Chin Chanz* crew will disembark at *Guadalupe's* next port of call for subsequent repatriation.

London, Jun 24 — Following notice to mariners broadcast today: The fishing vessel on fire has sunk.

#### **SILVA (Cambodia)**

Esbjerg, Jul 1 — The situation regarding general cargo *Silva* remains unchanged. — Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Jun 10.)

#### **SILVER STREAM (U.K.)**

London, Jun 24 — A press report, dated Jun 11, states: A fire which tore through £1-million trawler *Silver Stream* (263 gt, built 1968) containing gas and fuel was like a "pressure cooker" waiting to explode. Crews from across North East Lincolnshire were called to extinguish the blaze on Grimsby Docks at around 1330 yesterday and were still damping down the ship this morning. The fire is thought to have been started accidentally by welding equipment, used while *Silver Stream*, was being refurbished in dry dock. Staff from some nearby businesses had to be evacuated because of the smoke billowing from the blaze, which could have been poisonous if inhaled. There was also concern that gas cylinders and drums of marine fuel on the ship could explode and, as a precautionary measure, people were told to avoid windows in case debris flew from an explosion. Traffic through the docks had to be diverted from Wickham Road while the blaze, which had taken hold in the bridge and accommodation area of the trawler, was tackled. The 106ft trawler was decommissioned in 2002 and is co-owned by its former skipper John Hancock, landlord of the Ship Inn, Barnoldby-le-Beck. Stuart Spence, assistant divisional officer for Humberside Fire and Rescue, said: "Crews were not sent in until last night, when the ship had cooled and the risk of gas cylinders and tanks of marine fuel exploding had decreased. No one was injured and there was no one inside." At one point, fire crews were required to drill holes in the ship to allow water to flow out. There were also concerns that if more water was pumped on to the ship to douse the flames, it could lose stability and topple over.

Hull, Jun 30 — Fishing *Silver Stream* caught fire at Grimsby as a result of workmen carrying out repairs/maintenance. At the moment it has not been decided what is to happen to the remains of the vessel. — Correspondent.

#### **SIR MICHAEL (Honduras)**

St. Vincent, Cape Verde, Jul 1 — Anchor handling tug *Sir Michael* is still arrested and we have no information when it is to be released. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **SKIATHO (Greece)**

London, Jun 29 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 0840, UTC: At 1355, local time, yesterday, general cargo *Skiatho* (1360 gt, built 1972), ex

*Eva S.*, while at Volos anchorage, reported with fire in the engine-room. The crew succeeded in extinguishing the fire and vessel *Pilio* towed *Skiatho* to the port of Volos, where arrived at 1730, local time. No injuries reported.

#### **SOLWAY HARVESTER (United Kingdom)**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: The owner of fishing *Solway Harvester* was due in court today, charged with the manslaughter of seven crew who died when the vessel sank off the Isle of Man. Richard Gidney, of Gatehouse of Fleet, Dumfries and Galloway, was due to appear at the High Court in Douglas, along with fisherman Douglas White, of Kirkcudbright. Gidney, a director of Jack Robinson Trawlers, which owned the vessel, is charged, along with the company, with seven counts of manslaughter. Gidney and White are also charged with illegally trawling over the site of the *Solway Harvester* wreck. The vessel went down on Jan 11, 2000, in high winds and heavy seas.

#### **SPIRIT OF ONTARIO I (Bahamas)**

London, Jun 27 — A press report, dated Jun 26, states: Passenger ro/ro *Spirit of Ontario I* (8500 gt, built 2004) ran into more rough seas today as engine trouble delayed its return trip to Rochester from Toronto. The vessel took off this morning for Toronto on its first ever sold-out trip. Officials say that on the way back to Rochester the vessel experienced engine problems and was delayed by more than two hours. A 1500 hrs trip to Toronto had to be cancelled. The vessel will undergo repairs in Rochester tonight and will resume trips tomorrow morning as scheduled. Officials say they are confident the repairs can be made overnight.

Troy, Michigan, Jun 30 — Passenger ro/ro *Spirit of Ontario I* was back cruising between Rochester and Toronto on Sunday (Jun 27), a day after engine problems sidelined the high-speed ferry. The engine problem involved a blown gasket in one of the vessel's four diesel engines. Canadian American Transportation Systems, the private company operating the new service, had to cancel one of its trips on Saturday, and hundreds of passengers had to ride buses provided by the company because of the engine problem and the change in schedule. — Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

#### **SPRINTER (Antigua & Barbuda)**

London, Jun 24 — Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1415, UTC: General cargo *Sprinter* is now under way at two knots, carrying out fine adjustments to its engine. The vessel was in position lat 53 15.4N, long 04 45.6E, at 1332, UTC. (See issue of Jun 25.)

London, Jun 28 — Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1130, UTC: General cargo *Sprinter* was reported by tug *Waker* at 1741, UTC, Jun 24, to be under way at five knots, heading east.

#### **SRI MURYANI 02 (Indonesia)**

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated today, states: At least 22 crew members including the Taiwanese master and a Chinese national were killed as their fishing *Sri Muryani 02*, owned by PT Indo Hong Hai (PT IHH), based in Bitung, exploded and caught fire in the Arufuru Sea, approximately 350 km southeast of Ambon, Maluku, survivors said today. The accident actually occurred on Saturday (Jun 26) but was just reported by the surviving five crew members who recently arrived in Bitung, North Sulawesi province, yesterday evening after being rescued by fishing *Udang 02*. The survivors said a short-circuit likely triggered the explosion that quickly ignited the wooden ship. The North Sulawesi water police unit stationed in Bitung confirmed the report on the accident but refused to speak further. "Sorry, we are not authorized to give any more details about the matter because the accident did not take place in our jurisdiction," said a local police officer.

#### **STINICE (Croatia)**

London, Jun 29 — Chemical/oil carrier *Stinice* (30770 gt, built 2003), that has been having alternator trouble, was on its way to the Fincantieri Palermo yard yesterday, where an alternator rewound in the UK was due to be delivered and installed. The vessel arrived at Portland, Dorset, on Jun 15 for emergency repairs to two of its generators, with the third removed and rewound by Dowding & Mills before being trucked down to Palermo. This repair solution was decided on because *Stinice* was due to deliver 30,000 tonnes of gas oil cargoes to Milazzo and Gela, which the vessel has reportedly done en route to Palermo. Portland, which received the vessel when it was en route from Immingham to Italy, accommodated a five day repair job for *Stinice*, carried out by A&P Group's ship care division.

#### **SUK JEONG NO.505 (South Korea)**

Busan, Jun 28 — Barge *Coryo No.302* sustained damage to the starboard bow area by approximately 1 x 2 metres and is at present in Mokpo, Korea, for inspection/investigation. The repair schedule has not yet been decided. General cargo *Suk Jeong No.505* is at present under salvage operations at the site which are expected to be completed at the end of July. Three out of a total seven crew missing at the time were found dead and the remaining four are still missing. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **SUNSHINE KING**

Manila, Jul 1 — Reported that general cargo *Sunshine King* (248 gt), owned by Venson Go, bound for Toledo, Cebu, with 20,000 bags of Atlas fertiliser, grounded after encountering bad weather near the town of Zambales. All crew members were rescued and sheltered in Iba Zambales. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **THOR HAWK (DIS)**

Kochi, Jul 1 — The main engine of c.c. *Thor Hawk* was classified as repairable.

The engine was brought to the upper deck from the engine-room and was subjected to an inspection by a team from Denmark to assess repair feasibility. Attempt at repairs was stated to be unsuccessful and the team left Kochi. Another team from Singapore is expected to arrive on Jul 2. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **THOR TRAVELLER (Thailand)**

Port Said, Jun 28 — Bulk *Thor Traveller* discharged about 3,000 tons of iron to ref *Lady Haya* and S.C.A tugs succeeded in refloating the casualty at 1100, local time, Jun 27. *Thor Traveller* is now moored in the west area reloading the cargo. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **VESTKAPP (Norway)**

Trondheim, Jun 24 — Owner of fishing *Vestkapp* has advised that the vessel arrived Fosen Gjevning for scapping on Jun 3 and it is anticipated that demolition work will commence in August/September. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **VITYAZ (Malta)**

Hull, Jun 30 — Product tanker *Vityaz* arrived Hull Jun 29 from Amsterdam. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **WAVERLEY (U.K.)**

Glasgow, Jun 29 — Passenger *Waverley* underwent a diver's inspection Jun 20. The results of the inspection were satisfactory, and the vessel resumed its normal passenger service straight away. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **YIOSONAS (Hong Kong)**

London, Jun 30 — Bulk *Yiosonas* sailed from Nantong on Jun 18.

#### **ZB355**

See *Drew Foss*

#### **ZHONG HANG 902 (China)**

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated today, states: A liner (*Nan Chang Run*) carrying 44 containers sunk this morning after colliding with a bulk carrier (*Zhong Hang 902*) in the estuary of the Zhu Jiang River. All the 15 crew members onboard the liner survived the shipwreck, which occurred at about 0145 hrs after being rescued by those on the carrier. Teams sent by the local maritime department rushed to the water areas at about 0540 hrs to salvage the 27 containers found floating nearby. There is no information yet about the whereabouts of the remaining 17 containers. Efforts are underway to search for them underwater. The missing containers hold no dangerous goods inside, and no pollution was caused to the water areas where the shipwreck took place, said the maritime department. An investigation into the cause of the accident is underway.

London, Jul 1 — Following received from Hong Kong MRCC, timed 1010, UTC: Following received from Guangzhou Marine Department: General cargo *Zhong Hang 902* was in collision with vessel *Nan Chang Run*, name only a rough translation as in Chinese characters, call sign BEWZ, in lat 22 16.324N, long 113 47.818E. As result *Nan Chang Run* sank.

## Port State Control

### UNITED KINGDOM

London, Jun 25 — A press report, dated today, states: Work is currently taking place on board passenger *Queen Mary 2* (142200 gt, built 2004) in its home port of Southampton, to put right fire safety rule breaches. The Marine and Coastguard Agency has told Cunard to fit extra sprinklers in *Queen Mary 2*'s 1,300 cabins. Extra smoke detectors are to be fitted in the cabins before the liner sails to New York from Southampton. Tests revealed material used in many of the cabins was too flammable. The alert is over the use of material in the majority of the ship's bathroom units which does not meet international fire safety regulations for marine use. Tests carried out yesterday morning by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency on two samples taken from the ship confirmed concerns first raised by a manufacturer in the Czech Republic. Alan Fairney, of the MCA, said: "Clearly the tests today have proven that the material does not come up to the standard. We have taken immediate action in conjunction with Cunard and agreed that sprinklers will be fitted in the bathrooms. Smoke detection is being fitted adjacent to the bathrooms and the fire patrols have been increased to every 15 minutes." Work to fit additional sprinklers in the bathrooms will be made simpler because each cabin already has a sprinkler in place. It is feared the ship may contain as much as 65,000 kg of the material causing concern.

## Seizures & Arrests

### ALEXANDER THE GREAT (Greece)

See under "Marine."

### ANNA DI MAIO (Bahamas)

Maassluis, Jun 29 — Bulk *Anna Di Maio* (35560 gt, built 1987), which arrived at Rotterdam on Jun 22 from Santa Marta, remains in the port under arrest. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

### APACHE (Honduras)

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: A secret French-South African anti-poaching operation in the southern ocean has led to the arrest of illegal fishing *Apache*, but only after shots were fired at the suspected poacher when it refused to obey repeated instructions to stop. Details of the arrest - first released by South Africa's department of environmental affairs today - are sketchy, but it was carried out three days ago by French

navy patrol vessel *Albatross*, which had earlier picked up two South African fisheries inspectors. *Apache* is understood to have been fishing illegally for Patagonian toothfish. The arrest took place about 5,000 kms south-east of Cape Town, within the economic exclusion zone (EEZ) around the French Antarctic island of Kerguelen. In a statement, environmental affairs said South African fisheries officials had "assisted the French sea patrol unit to arrest an illegal fishing vessel in French fishing waters in the southern ocean". "Three weeks ago, a French sea patrol unit moved through South African fishing waters near Marion Island. South African fishery compliance officials were taken onboard once it was suspected that vessels were fishing illegally in our exclusive economic zone. "After they patrolled the South African waters, which were clear, they continued into the French fishing waters, where they spotted an illegal vessel on the border of the French and Australian economic fishing zone. "The vessel, *Apache*, which did not have any permits to fish in that area, refused to stop after repeated instructions, and only complied after shots were fired. "The vessel is currently on tow to Reunion where the case will be investigated." (Note — A distress signal was received by Stavanger MRCC on Jun 25 from vessel *Apache*, 1146 gt, MMSI 334330000, in lat 44 06S, long 64 39E, which on investigation was a false alarm.)

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: South Africa's Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism reported the capture of illegal fishing *Apache*, caught poaching Patagonian toothfish in the Southern Ocean. The vessel seized by a French naval ship Jun 25 was found operating almost 6,000 km away from South Africa's southeast. The illegal vessel is now being towed to Reunion where it will undergo an investigation by French authorities. Details as to the origin of the illegal vessel and the nationality of its crew have still not been released to the Department. According to the head of South Africa's law enforcement at Marine and Coastal Management, Marcel Kroese, the vessel, which did not have any permits to fish in that area, only began to cooperate with the South African and French officials onboard the patrol vessel after warning shots were fired. According to a spokesperson from the Department, Carol Moses, this is the latest in a series of attempts to poach this valuable resource. According to COLTO (Coalition of Legal Toothfish Operators) *Apache* was previously named *Caroline Glacial* and *America No. 1*. Built in January 1997 by Stocznia Polnacza SA in Gdansk and West Contractors AS in Olenstvaag, as *Caroline Glacial* it was owned by Crown Hill Chartering AS and *Glacial Shipping S.A.* (1998) and flagged to Panama. *Caroline Glacial* was identified landing toothfish in Mauritius in February 1998, operating as part of a fleet of four vessels, including *Christina Glacial*, *Alida*

*Glacial* and *Aliza Glacial* (which had been arrested by Australian authorities in 1997). All four vessels were owned and operated by Norwegian hotelier, Magna Hisdal. *Caroline*, *Cristina* and *Alida Glacial* were then redeployed to Russian waters, abandoned to the Bergensbanken and sold in Busan in 2003. The three boats were bought by Harald Kongshavn's company, Longliners AS. Seaport Management Services LCC (Seaport) bought *Caroline Glacial* and *Christina Glacial* in June 2003, and renamed them *America No.1* and *American Warrior*. They were flagged to the USA, with Seattle as their home port. Seaport is an affiliate of Californian Company, Pac Fish Inc (Pac Fish). In September 2003, *America No.1* arrived in Santa Eugenia de Riveira, Spain after dry-docking. In late October 2003, the vessel was seen in waters south of Argentina. On Nov 3, it reached fishing *Galaecia* (19 miles from CCAMLR Area 48.1) and transferred fuel and 20 tonnes of bait to the Spanish flagged vessel. *America No.1* arrived in Dunedin on Feb 15, 2004, after its maiden Antarctic voyage fishing in the Ross Sea. On arrival, 15 Indonesian crewmembers on the vessel requested assistance from the International Transport Federation. The vessel was last seen in April in Montevideo where the boat was renamed *Apache* and is currently flagged to Honduras. The "owners" are claimed to be Staplefield Investments from Panama.

### ARDEAL (Romania)

Khulna, Jun 30 — General cargo *Ardeal* is still under attachment at Mongla. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

### DUIVELAND (Netherlands)

Maassluis, Jun 29 — General cargo *Duiveland* is still under arrest in the Rotterdam area. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

### ENDEAVOR II (Greece)

Karachi, Jun 30 — Karachi Port Trust (KPT) report crude oil tanker *Endeavor II*, is still under arrest at Karachi.. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

### FILIPPOS (Paraguay)

Rio Grande, Jun 30 — C.c. *Filippos* is still under arrest in Porto Alegre by the judiciary. No prospects for its release. — Lloyd's Agents.

### FRIDTJOF NANSEN (Germany)

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Norway says its research ? yacht *Fridtjof Nansen* (247 gt, built 1919) in Equatorial Guinea has been fired upon and briefly seized by the coast guard of the west African nation. The researchers say the vessel's officers were detained from Saturday (Jun 26) to Sunday, after the vessel was taken to the port city of Luba on Malabo island. Norway's Foreign Ministry says it is investigating the incident. Researchers say they were studying fish stocks along the west African coast as part of a project for the U.N. food agency. They say they have suspended their work and taken the vessel to a port in neighbouring Cameroon.

**GENEI MARU NO.5 (Japan)**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Russia's border security authority seized fishing *Genei Maru No.5* (138 gt, built 1995) in the country's exclusive fishing zone in the Mamiya Strait between continental Russia and Sakhalin on Sunday (Jun 27), it said yesterday. *Genei Maru No. 5*, from Hachinohe port in Aomori Prefecture, was found to be carrying 30 tons of trout, 100 kilograms of salmon roe and other marine produce, according to the authority.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated Jun 29, states: Fishing *Genei Maru No.5* was seized by border guards off Russia's eastern coast in the Sea of Japan, the Aomori Prefectural Government said today. Russian authorities apparently suspect the 138-ton *Genei Maru No. 5*, with nine crewmen on board, was engaged in poaching in Russia's exclusive economic zone. The vessel, out of Hachinohe port in Aomori Prefecture, was ordered Sunday (Jun 27) by a patrol ship to halt in Russia's exclusive economic zone and was found by inspectors to be carrying 30 tons of salmon and 100 kg of salmon roe, they said. The Foreign Ministry said it has information that the boat was towed to the port city of Olga and officials said they were trying to confirm this with Russian authorities. The boat's owner said the drift-netter was catching salmon in Japan's economic waters and it might have accidentally strayed into the Russian zone with caught fish aboard. Crew members reported to the owner Sunday morning that the boat was going to be inspected, but there has been no contact since that afternoon, the owner said.

**GENERAL BERNARDINO CABALLERO (Paraguay)**

Rio Grande, Jun 30 — General cargo *General Bernardino Caballero* is still under arrest in Porto Alegre by the judiciary. No prospects for its release. — Lloyd's Agents.

**GIANNIS (Malta)**

Maassluis, Jun 29 — Bulk *Giannis* (23406 gt, built 1988), which arrived at Rotterdam on Jun 26 from Richards Bay, remains in the port under arrest. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**MARISCAL JOSE FELIX ESTIGARRIBIA (Paraguay)**

Rio Grande, Jun 30 — General cargo *Mariscal Jose Felix Estigarribia* is still under arrest in Porto Alegre by the judiciary. No prospects for its release. — Lloyd's Agents.

**MEKHANIK YUZVOVICH (Ukraine)**

Trieste, Jul 1 — The situation of general cargo *Mekhanik Yuzvovich* remains the same. The vessel is in good condition and manned, but still under arrest with no prospects whatsoever. — Lloyd's Agents.

**OSTWIND (Antigua & Barbuda)**

Maassluis, Jun 29 — General cargo *Ostwind* is still under arrest at Vlaardingen. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**PILGRIM 3 (Cambodia)**

Odessa, Jun 24 — C.c. *Pilgrim 3* is still under arrest due to non-payment of disbursement account. — Lloyd's Agents.

**RAMBLER (Netherlands)**

Maassluis, Jun 29 — General cargo *Rambler* (1171 gt, built 1984) which arrived at Rotterdam on Feb 4 and was reported still in port on May 10, remains at the port under arrest. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**ROMANA I (Panama)**

Port au Prince, Jun 24 — Ro/ro *Romana I* is still lying at Port au Prince anchorage, abandoned. — Lloyd's Agents.

**SEA SERENADE (Cyprus)**

Trieste, Jun 29 — Ro/ro *Sea Serenade* is still in Trieste. Situation remains unchanged. — Lloyd's Agents.

**SEACHEM ENA (Honduras)**

Bari, Jun 25 — Chem.tank *Seachem Ena* remains in Monopoli under arrest. — Lloyd's Agents.

**SIMWER (Netherlands)**

Maassluis, Jun 29 — General cargo *Simwer* is still under arrest in the Rotterdam area. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**SIR MICHAEL (Honduras)**

See under "Marine."

**STRILBAS (Norway)**

Maassluis, Jun 29 — Standby safety vessel *Strilbas* remains under arrest at Rotterdam. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**TAI PING QUAN (China)**

London, Jun 28 — General cargo *Tai Ping Quan* is currently reported to be still at Western Anchorage No.1, Hong Kong, under arrest.

**TVILLINGER**

Trieste, Jun 29 — General cargo *Tvillinger* is still in Trieste. Situation unchanged. — Lloyd's Agents.

**VOYAGER (Netherlands Antilles)**

Maassluis, Jun 29 — General cargo *Voyager* is still under arrest at Rotterdam. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**WORLD DISCOVERER (Bahamas)**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated Jun 28, states: More than 100 passengers expecting to take a 19-day cruise along Alaska's coast were turned away because their vessel had been repossessed. Cruise operator Society Expeditions posted a statement on its Web site that said mortgage holders took possession of passenger *World Discoverer* (6057 gt, built 1989) before it was to depart on Jun 18. The cruise ship was to take passengers throughout the Bering Sea to remote islands, bird rookeries and walrus haulouts, at a cost of \$6,865 per passenger, according to the Nome Nugget. The cruise operator, which also sells trips to Antarctica and other exotic locales, said problems in the travel industry had led to fewer customers. "These unusually low numbers have led to financial

shortages, and we regret to inform you that our mortgage holders have unexpectedly taken possession of *World Discoverer*." Society Expeditions' statement read in part. Company officials did not return calls for comment this afternoon. Arrangements had been made for the passengers' return home from Nome. Some flew home, while others decided to stay in Nome a while longer. The ship was headed to Singapore this week to a shipyard of the company that owns the mortgage. A group of passengers, including many birders, flew out at the end of their voyage through prior travel arrangements. Some of these passengers had planned to stay longer in Nome, bunking on board the vessel, and to continue on a second leg of the cruise. "We didn't get hurt one bit. They left us totally paid up" Nome Nugget Hotel manager Gale Lyons said. "In fact, we gained some, because some of the people booked on the (next part of) the cruise needed rooms until they could make other travel arrangements."

London, Jun 29 — A press statement from "Society Expeditions" dated Jun 18, states: Although we have experienced a steady increase in bookings for our upcoming Antarctica and 2005 voyages, the general problematic situation in the travel industry has led to below budget numbers on this years summer and fall voyages. These unusually low numbers have led to financial shortages, and we regret to inform you that our mortgage holders have unexpectedly taken possession of passenger *World Discoverer*. All guests disembarking on Jun 18 will travel home as planned. For those passengers beginning their cruise in Nome on Jun 18, their travel plans have been prepared for their return home. We are doing our best to find an immediate solution to remedy this interruption and until then we kindly ask for your patience.

**ZAPIN LIMA**

Belize City, Jun 28 — Product tanker *Zapin Lima* was deleted from our registry on Apr 20, 2004; therefore, since this date the above vessel is not entitled to fly our flag. — International Merchant Marine Ministry Registry of Belize.

**ZAPIN LIMA (Belize)**

Penang, Jun 28 — Local agents of product tanker *Zapin Lima* (3022 gt, built 1974) informed us that the vessel has been under arrest since last year, due to a payroll problem between the shipowner and the crew members. However, vessel was reported to have sailed to Singapore on Jun 1. (Note — *Zapin Lima* arrived at Penang on Nov 29.)

**BALIKPAPAN, INDONESIA**

London, Jun 26 — A press report, dated today, states: An oil spill as long as three kilometres covered an eastern

beach near the East Kalimantan town of Balikpapan yesterday afternoon. It was not known whether the spill leaked from oil tankers passing offshore or came from offshore platform rigs around Makassar Bay. Large quantities of black oil clots were visible on beach sand along the beach. Officers were still investigating the damage to the beach and the cause of the spill.

#### BRITTANY, FRANCE

London, Jul 1 — In a hearing in Brest, a prosecutor pleaded for the imposition of a fine of E230,000 on the owner and master of Portuguese-flagged ro/ro *Arroyofrio Dos*, which was spotted at the head of a 10 km pollution slick 90 km south-west of the tip of Brittany. The Croatian master, Captain Goran Milicic, 47, claimed that the pollution was the result of snow accumulating and mixing with grease and oil on the construction engines the vessel was carrying. Subsequently, following the sound of an alarm, the second engineer had taken the decision to empty the contents of two sumps in the vessel's cargo hold into the sea, without realising they were contaminated. The court reserved judgment until Jul 20.

#### COROMANDAL HARBOUR, NEW ZEALAND

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: A diesel spill in the Coromandel Harbour was being mopped up yesterday after a 12m cement launch ran ashore. The boat, which slipped its moorings on Sunday night (Jun 27), was holding 400 litres of light diesel, but not much leaked. Harbourmaster Richard Williams used mop-up pads to soak up the escaped oil. Regional Authority Environment Waikato said the spill was unlikely to cause damage to marine farms or bird feeding areas.

#### HAMBURG, GERMANY

See *Ena 2*

#### PANTOKRATORAS (Cyprus)

London, Jul 1 — The runaway Romanian master and Greek owner of Cypriot general cargo *Pantokratoras*, accused of causing pollution off the French Atlantic coast last December, have been fined a record E350,000 (\$417,000). A court in Brest heard in May that 54-year-old Captain Adrian Inel refused to obey an order from the French judiciary to come into port for questioning after his vessel, *Pantokratoras*, was spotted from the air in the Bay of Biscay at the head of a 37 km pollution slick on Dec 19. Instead, he headed out of France's exclusive economic zone and continued his journey southwards towards the Strait of Gibraltar. The vessel was kept under air surveillance by the French and Spanish authorities, however, and was intercepted by a French naval vessel as it was returning northward towards the port of Le Havre in late January. It was brought into the port of Brest under escort. Its owners, listed by Equas as Piraeus-based Aghios Charalambos Shipping Co, were obliged to accept payment of E500,000 bail to have the vessel released. At the hearing in May,

the prosecutor pleaded for imposition of a E500,000 fine on the owners and master of *Pantokratoras* taking into account the master's conduct. Giving its judgment on Tuesday (Jun 29), however, the court opted for a smaller but still record E350,000 fine and E2,000 damages each to a number of environmental organisations which had laid complaints. Captain Inel himself denied having deliberately caused pollution. He said that if polluted substances had escaped from the vessel, they had been the result of accidental leakage. (See issue of Feb 2.)

#### POINTE NOIRE, REPUBLIC OF CONGO

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated Jun 25, states: A large oil slick off the coast of the Congo Republic that was threatening to pollute the shoreline at the southern city of Pointe Noire has been brought under control, Congolese authorities said today. "The situation is under control," the district's environmental chief, Charles Nsimou, told a press conference after travelling by helicopter to the site of the oil spill. The official confirmed earlier reports that crude oil had leaked from the Emerald oilfield off the coast of Pointe Noire, over an area of three square kilometres. He said that 55 barrels of crude had spilled from the oilfield, which is exploited by a subsidiary of the national oil company, SNPC, adding that the spill may have been partly caused by a ruptured pipeline. Floating barriers provided by the oil majors TotalFinaElf and Chevron-Texaco have been deployed around the slick, to prevent it from spreading towards the coast, Nsimou said. The environment ministry told reporters earlier today that a spillage from Emerald oilfield, which lies 20 kilometres offshore and produces between 8,000 and 9,000 barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil, was threatening the coast at Pointe Noire. Germain Kombo, an environmental adviser at the ministry said that regional officials would issue "an alert for hydrocarbon pollution, which allows the government to take the necessary decisions". SNPC's director of production, Jerome Moutou, told AFP that the slick came from a leak at Emerald and from another off the coast of Cabinda, part of Angola which lies just south of Pointe Noire. "There are oil leaks at the Emerald field ... and there is another slick that is coming from Cabinda. The leaks of oil from Emerald are sporadic and we have them under control," said Moutou. "Oil operators suspect that the leaks could have been caused by a pipeline being punctured," he added.



#### AUSTRALIA

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Strong winds

knocked out power to an estimated 5,000 homes in Tasmania overnight. Aurora Energy says the winds caused trees to fall onto powerlines, cutting electricity in the Channel and Huon Valley in southern Tasmania. Power was also cut to homes at Scottsdale, Derby and Mt Barrow in the north-east. The power is now back on except in two places in the north-east and at Hastings Caves. Meanwhile, police say a boat was blown from its moorings at Prince of Wales Bay in Hobart and a business was damaged at Moonah. Trees have also been reported across roads in the Hobart suburb of Berriedale, Savage River on the West Coast and Gray on the East Coast. Wind gusts of 135 kilometres an hour have been reported on Mt Wellington this morning.

#### BULGARIA

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated Jun 29, states: A Bulgaria Air Boeing 737 has been damaged in the strong thunderstorm that hit Sofia this afternoon. The strong wind set the plane swinging round on the runway and it hit an airport stairway, damaging one of its wings. There were no crew or passengers on board the plane. The pouring rain in Sofia caused damage, leaving basements and ground floors flooded and cars stranded. Most of the calls the fire service received were about fallen trees.

#### CHINA

London, Jun 25 — A press report, dated today, states: Twenty-seven people were confirmed dead and another 27 were missing after huge rainstorms lashed central China's Hunan province, forcing the evacuation of 168,000 people, an official said today. The rainstorms engulfed 30 counties over six days, disaster relief official Fang Zhiyong told AFP. A total of 168,000 people had to be relocated as their homes were threatened by the downpour and accompanying floods and landslides, the Beijing-based official said. The storms also caused thousands of houses to collapse, with material losses estimated at three billion yuan (\$516.5 million), the state Xinhua news agency said.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: At least 15 people were killed and seven missing after four days of rain in southwestern China's Sichuan province caused flooding and landslides, state media reported today. In Yibin City, where the most serious landslide occurred, six people were killed and seven went missing, Xinhua news agency cited the provincial disaster relief centre as saying. Seven counties and cities had recorded over 100 millimetres of rainfall and 21 had recorded over 50 millimetres by late today, the Sichuan provincial meteorological observatory said. Rescue work was under way and relevant authorities were on high alert.

#### JAPAN

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Strong winds blew through Saga Prefecture in south-western Japan yesterday morning,

causing blackouts, damage and slight injuries to 13 people, according to the local fire department and police. The gusts, which occurred around 0720, knocked down five power poles, cutting 24 electric cables and causing up to 6,300 houses in the area to lose electricity, Kyushu Electric Power Co officials said. Traffic lights also stopped working. About 330 houses were damaged and some cars were blown onto their sides.

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated today, states: Bullet train services in central Japan were left in tatters yesterday morning after heavy rains hit Shizuoka Prefecture, inconveniencing some 90,000 passengers. Central Japan Railway Co. (JR Tokai) cancelled 54 bullet train runs on the Tokaido Shinkansen Line, connecting Tokyo and Shin-Osaka stations, and temporarily suspended operations between Shin-Fuji and Kakegawa stations in Shizuoka Prefecture after the amount of rainfall exceeded the safety limit. A lightning strike resulted in a partial power outage at around 0730, causing a 20-minute halt to service between Odawara in neighbouring Kanagawa Prefecture and Shin-Fuji. The rain caused bullet train services to be partially halted shortly after 0800, and by 0900 all services between Tokyo and Shin-Osaka were stopped. Bullet train services were gradually resumed in the afternoon as the rain abated, but JR Tokai warned delays and cancellations could continue into later in the day. Conventional train services were halted between Atami and Kakegawa stations in Shizuoka Prefecture for more than four hours before resuming shortly before 1300. The heavy rain also caused expressway operators to close part of the Tomei Expressway linking Tokyo and Nagoya. Cold air flowing into the Kanto and Tokai regions caused thunder and rain in Pacific coastal areas, according to the Meteorological Agency. In the city of Shizuoka, the cumulative rainfall through noon reached 362 mm, already topping a daily record for the area. As much as 81.5 mm of rain was recorded in just one hour to 0900. The rain caused floods and landslides in Shizuoka and the neighbouring cities of Fujieda, Yaizu and Okabe.

#### **MALACCA STRAIT**

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated today, states: Malaysian authorities have issued a haze alert for seafarers plying the Malacca Straits, where hundreds of vessels pass through daily. "Visibility in the Malacca Straits has been reduced to just one kilometre from the normal six km due to the haze. I advise vessels and barter-traders to put on navigational lights," said Abdul Salam Abdul Halim, marine police chief in southern Johor state. Mr Abdul Salam warned vessels to remain alert because they usually travel at about 15 to 20 knots and with poor visibility, they would not have sufficient time to avoid a head-on collision. He also advised fishermen to work near the coast instead of in the open sea. Malaysia and Singapore have been hit

by the haze, blamed on forest fires in neighbouring Indonesia's Sumatra island. Malaysia's head of the department of environment air division, Asmah Ibrahim, said that the overall situation in the Klang Valley had improved but in Port Klang and the southern states of Johor and Malacca, the air quality remained "unhealthy". Haze continued to blanket the capital of Indonesia's Riau province for the fourth day, reducing visibility to 10 metres yesterday morning. At least 13 domestic and international flights to and from the Sultan Syarif Kasim II Airport in Pekanbaru were postponed on Tuesday (Jun 29) due to the smog.

#### **NICARAGUA**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated Jun 28, states: Nicaraguan officials said today that mudslides caused by heavy rain had killed at least 16 people, with 24 missing. Rescue teams were trying to reach thousands affected by the flooding in the northern Nicaraguan department of Matagalpa during the weekend (Jun 26-27). Villages around the Musun mountain were among the worst hit, with local residents describing hearing a huge explosion as the mudslide began. Some communities remained cut off by road and accessible only by helicopter. Officials said the death toll could still rise to nearly 50. About 1,400 people took refuge in the nearby town of Rio Blanco. However, Health Minister Jose Antonio Alvarado said casualties were comparatively light as the area is quite sparsely populated. "The landslide's route is covered with trees that were ripped from the root and some homes are seen in pieces," he said.

#### **PHILIPPINES**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Five people are reported dead and another 10 are missing after flash floods hit two towns in the southern Philippine province of North Cotabato. Reports say that 300 families have lost their homes in the floods, which followed several days of heavy rain. The governor of North Cotabato, Emmanuel Piniol, blamed illegal loggers for the disaster. Governor Piniol said continuous illegal logging operations in his jurisdiction have denuded forests which would have served as a barrier to the strong water currents. Mr Piniol threatened to file a civil suit against the businessmen behind the illegal logging activity. Heavy rains since last week caused a big lake to overflow into nearby towns. Houses and farm animals were reportedly swept away by the floods. Authorities have launched massive evacuation and rescue operations in the affected areas.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Flash floods triggered by nonstop heavy rains killed 9 persons while 15 others were missing in the remote towns of Alamada and Libungan in Cotabato province, reports from the Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council said. Reported dead from the disaster were Marco

Maco, Juan Astrolog, Boymar Flores, Lito Montoya, Noli Navarro, Rolando Barrientos, Edgar Barrientos, Salvacion Manlunas and Bernoy Manlunas. Twenty-eight houses were damaged by torrential rains and around 300 others were partially damaged. Around 100 individuals were also reported trapped on the roofs of houses, which were submerged in floodwaters. Disaster officials have also recorded 300 families who were evacuated to nearby schools and churches. Strong currents also forced a bridge to collapse in Almada, the report said. Floodwater started rushing in around 0630 Monday (Jun 28) after a weekend of heavy rains. Residents blame the rampant illegal logging activity in the area for the disaster. Rescue and evacuation operations are continuing since Tuesday afternoon. Two Huey helicopters from the Philippine Air Force and soldiers from the 40th Infantry Battalion of the Philippine Army have also been dispatched to provide assistance to the affected families.

#### **TROPICAL STORM "MINDULLE"**

See "Typhoon 'Mindulle'"

#### **TYPHOON "MINDULLE"**

London, Jun 29 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Typhoon "Mindulle" near lat 18.8N, long 123.6E, at 0600, UTC, Jun 29. Movement past six hours 280 deg at five knots. Position accurate to within 40 nautical miles, based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 125 knots with gusts to 150 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 50 nautical miles. Radius of 50-knot winds 100 nautical miles south semicircle, 80 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 180 nautical miles south semicircle, 155 nautical miles elsewhere. Forecast for 1800, UTC: Position lat 19.2N, long 122.8E. Maximum sustained winds 125 knots with gusts to 150 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 50 nautical miles. Radius of 50-knot winds 100 nautical miles south semicircle, 80 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 180 nautical miles south semicircle, 155 nautical miles elsewhere. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Jun 30: Position lat 20.2N, long 121.7E. Maximum sustained winds 130 knots with gusts to 160 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 50 nautical miles. Radius of 50-knot winds 80 nautical miles south semicircle, 90 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 160 nautical miles south semicircle, 185 nautical miles elsewhere. (See "Tropical storm 'Mindulle'" in issue of Jun 25.)

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Typhoon "Mindulle" headed for Taiwan today, threatening a national college entrance examination in which tens of thousands of high school graduates will participate, officials said. Education authorities said the national exam, involving some 117,000 high school graduates on Thursday (Jul 1), Friday and Saturday, would be postponed if any part of the districts on the island were affected by the typhoon. Television footage showed a coastal highway in the southeastern county of Taitung damaged by rising

waves whipped up by strong winds. Air traffic between Taitung and the offshore Orchid Island was interrupted while fishing boats sought shelter in ports. The Central Weather Bureau issued a warning urging the public to heighten their vigilance against the typhoon. "It managed to inch ahead for merely 20 kilometres the whole morning, but it obviously gained force," a CWB official said. The typhoon was 430 kilometres south-east of Eluanpi, the southernmost tip of the island, at 1700 hrs. With a radius of 250 kilometres, the typhoon was moving west-northwest at a speed of 8.0 kilometers per hour.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Taiwan has issued land and sea warnings for Typhoon "Mindulle" — the strongest storm to threaten the island this year. The Central Weather Bureau said "Mindulle" is set to bring heavy rain to Taiwan's east and south and could cause landslides. The system is packing sustained winds of 145 km with gusts of up to 180 km per hour. At 0000, UTC, today, "Mindulle" was 350 km south-south-east of Oluanpi, Taiwan's southernmost tip, and moving slowly west-north-west at eight km per hour. If it stays on course, the eye of the storm would pass closest to Taiwan early today, the bureau said.

London, Jun 30 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Typhoon "Mindulle" near lat 19.3N, long 121.9E, at 0600, UTC, Jun 30. Movement past six hours 300 deg at four knots. Position accurate to within 45 nautical miles, based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 105 knots with gusts to 130 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 45 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 50 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 50-knot winds 80 nautical miles east semicircle, 75 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 120 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 130 nautical miles north-west quadrant, 145 nautical miles elsewhere. Forecast for 1800, UTC: Position lat 20.0N, long 121.1E. Maximum sustained winds 110 knots with gusts to 135 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 45 nautical miles. Radius of 50-knot winds 95 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 80 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 75 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 160 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 145 nautical miles elsewhere. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Jul 1: Position lat 21.2N, long 120.5E. Maximum sustained winds 110 knots with gusts to 135 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 45 nautical miles. Radius of 50-knot winds 85 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 75 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 70 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 160 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 145 nautical miles elsewhere.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Typhoon "Mindulle" has left seven people dead and two others missing in the Philippines, rescuers said today. Three drowned in flash floods in the southern towns of Alamada and Maasim towns on Mindanao island, while three were

killed in an accident on a rain-slicked road in the northern town of Tabuk, they said. A man meanwhile died of exposure to the elements in the northern coastal town of Pagudpud. One other person was missing in flash floods in the southern town of Libungan and a man was missing after being swept away by rampaging waters in the Abra river near Sallapadan town. The typhoon brushed past the north-eastern Philippines yesterday before heading towards southern Taiwan, cutting power and telecommunications lines and inducing heavy rain that caused landslides and flooding, displacing more than 3,000 people and disrupting road traffic, rescue officials said. Ferry services in the islands were mostly suspended as the authorities barred small vessels from putting to sea, Coast Guard chief Arthur Gosingan said. Manila airport authorities said two domestic flights were cancelled today, but international flights were not affected.

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated today, states: Eleven persons were confirmed dead while thousands of families were evacuated as supertyphoon "Ihme" (international code name: "Mindulle") battered Ilocos, the Cordillera Autonomous Region and several areas in Mindanao for the second day yesterday, reports by the National Disaster Coordinating Council said. The typhoon rushed past north-eastern Luzon before streaking toward southern Taiwan, cutting power and telecommunications lines and inducing heavy rains that caused landslides and flooding and disrupting road traffic, rescue officials said. Four persons in Sarangani and Cotabato were reported missing due to flooding, the NDCC said. A total of 575 passengers were also stranded in the Bicol Region as buses and sea vessels could not travel because of the weather. Landslides were reported on Pinukpuk-Kalinga Road in Apayao and Tabuk in Mt. Province. The reports said 7,499 families from Ilocos Norte, La Union, Apayao, Benguet, Abra, Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat and Maguindanao were affected by the typhoon and were staying in eight evacuation centres. Damage from the typhoon was estimated at P10 million to P20 million in agricultural crops, P5 million in vegetables crops and P5 million in rice and corn. Villages in Baggao and Aparri in Cagayan province were still in knee-deep floods since yesterday afternoon. Electricity was out in the northern part of the province owing to strong winds. In Camangcamang village in Isabela, Negros Occidental, a tornado damaged 11 houses. Since yesterday morning, storm signal No. 4 was up in northern Cagayan, the Calayan Groups of Islands, Batanes Groups of Islands, Apayao and Ilocos Norte. By Thursday morning, "Mindulle" is forecast to be at 70 km west of Calayan islands and at 250 km west-north-west of Calayan on Friday morning (Jul 2). In Northern Luzon, three persons died, three were hurt and one was reported missing. More than a thousand were evacuated as "Mindulle" continued to whip the

Cordillera and the rest of the Ilocos and Cagayan regions. The rains also caused landslides at the Cordillera that injured at least three people. The whole of Baguio City had no electricity. The Benguet Electric Cooperative reported that a number of falling trees cut power lines. There were also power outages in Abra, Kalinga and Ifugao. Only Naguillan and Marcos Highway, two of the four major routes to Baguio, were declared by authorities open for traffic. In Ilocos at least three people were killed and five were injured because of heavy rains, reports from the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council said.

London, Jul 1 — Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: At 0600, UTC, today, the centre of typhoon "Mindulle" was located near lat 22.2N, long 121.6E. Movement over the past six hours: 335 degs at seven knots. Position is accurate to within 60 nautical miles and based on centre located by satellite. Present wind distribution: maximum sustained winds: 65 knots, gusts 80 knots. Radius of 64 knot winds: 15 nautical miles in all four quadrants. At 0600, UTC, Jul 2, the centre is predicted to be near lat 24.8N, long 121.5E, with maximum sustained winds of 45 knots and gusts to 55 knots.

#### **TYPHOON "TINGTING"**

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Record-breaking rains brought by Tropical Storm "Tingting" yesterday caused flooding and mudslides on Guam, and the storm was expected to become a typhoon before hitting the Northern Mariana Islands today. Guam received 16 inches of rain yesterday, shattering the daily rainfall record of 3.16 inches set in 1962, the National Weather Service said. The rain caused flooding over most of the island and triggered mudslides, some of which slid through homes and buried yards, but no deaths or injuries were reported. Guam's airport was closed yesterday and Gov. Felix Camacho declared a state of emergency. Several people had to be rescued by Jet Skis after their cars stalled in a rising flood near Untalan Middle School in Barrigada, said Shawn Gumataotao, the governor's spokesman and public announcement coordinator for Civil Defence. The island's monthly rainfall tally was a record 35.72 inches as of this morning, the weather service said. In the Northern Marianas, Saipan and Tinian were under a typhoon warning as the storm moved north-west at about 13 mph. Forecasters with the weather service's Joint Typhoon Warning Centre at Pearl Harbor estimated "Tingting" would become a typhoon by early this afternoon. The storm had maximum winds of 70 mph with gusts of 85 mph shortly before noon today, with damaging winds extending up to 140 miles from the centre, forecasters said.

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: The Northern Mariana Islands were under a typhoon warning today as Tropical Storm "Tingting" was upgraded to typhoon status. As the storm moved through the

region, it dumped record-breaking rains, causing flooding and mudslides on neighbouring Guam. Saipan and Tinian were under a typhoon warning as the storm moved north-west at about 9 mph, according to the National Weather Service. As of early this afternoon, the storm had maximum winds of 75 mph with gusts of 90 mph, with damaging winds extending up to 140 miles from the center, forecasters said. The centre of the typhoon was located 100 miles north-northeast of Saipan, 175 miles north-northeast of Rota and 230 miles north-northeast of Guam. The storm shattered rainfall records on Guam, which remained under a tropical storm warning. The island received 16 inches of rain yesterday, shattering the daily rainfall record of 3.16 inches set in 1962, the weather service said. The monthly rainfall tally was a record 35.72 inches as of 0300, today, the weather service said.

London, Jun 29 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Typhoon "Tingting" near lat 19.9N, long 143.1E, at 0600, UTC, Jun 29. Movement past six hours 330 deg at nine knots. Position accurate to within 40 nautical miles, based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 80 knots with gusts to 100 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 45 nautical miles south semicircle, 40 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 50-knot winds 70 nautical miles south semicircle, 50 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 170 nautical miles south semicircle, 140 nautical miles elsewhere. Forecast for 1800, UTC: Position lat 21.9N, long 142.3E. Maximum sustained winds 85 knots with gusts to 105 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 45 nautical miles south semicircle, 40 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 50-knot winds 75 nautical miles south semicircle, 55 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 175 nautical miles south semicircle, 145 nautical miles elsewhere. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Jun 30: Position lat 24.1N, long 141.8E. Maximum sustained winds 90 knots with gusts to 110 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 50 nautical miles. Radius of 50-knot winds 80 nautical miles south semicircle, 60 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 175 nautical miles south semicircle, 150 nautical miles elsewhere.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: A powerful typhoon was moving north in the Pacific early today and is likely to come close to the Ogasawara Islands, south of Tokyo, from later in the day to tomorrow morning, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. Typhoon "Tingting", the season's eighth, is expected to change direction slightly eastward, the agency said, warning that its windstorm zone may encompass the Chichijima and Hahajima islands tonight.

London, Jun 30 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Typhoon "Tingting" near lat 24.5N, long 142.4E, at 0600, UTC, Jun 30. Movement past six hours 360 deg at seven knots. Position accurate to within 45 nautical

miles, based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 75 knots with gusts to 90 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 30 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 55 nautical miles north-west quadrant, 60 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 50-knot winds 55 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 75 nautical miles north-west quadrant, 100 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 145 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 150 nautical miles north-west quadrant, 180 nautical miles north-east quadrant and 200 nautical miles south-east quadrant. Forecast for 1800, UTC: Position lat 27.1N, long 142.7E. Maximum sustained winds 80 knots with gusts to 100 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 75 nautical miles north semicircle, 50 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 50-knot winds 75 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 90 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 110 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 160 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 185 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 180 nautical miles elsewhere. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Jul 1: Position lat 29.2N, long 143.2E. Maximum sustained winds 75 knots with gusts to 90 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 75 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 50 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 60 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 50-knot winds 110 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 100 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 90 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 180 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 155 nautical miles north-west quadrant, 170 nautical miles elsewhere.

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated today, states: Typhoon "Tingting" was moving north across the Pacific early today, with its windstorm zone hitting the Ogasawara Islands, south of Tokyo, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. The season's eighth typhoon is expected to change direction and move eastward away from the Japanese archipelago. But the agency warned of high waves on the Izu Islands and the Pacific coastal side of Honshu.

London, Jul 1 — Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: At 0600, UTC, today, the centre of typhoon "Tingting" was located near lat 29.1N, long 143.7E. Movement over the past six hours: 25 degs at eight knots. Position is accurate to within 60 nautical miles and based on the centre located by satellite. Present wind distribution: maximum sustained winds: 65 knots, gusts 80 knots. Radius of 64 knot winds: 20 nautical miles in all four quadrants. At 0600, UTC, Jul 2, the centre is predicted to be near lat 31.6N, long 145.9E, with maximum sustained winds of 60 knots and gusts to 75 knots.

#### UNITED STATES

London, Jun 25 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: The tornado that left a two-mile-long path of destruction in Wisconsin's Outagamie County yesterday caused at least \$6.9 million in damage. Kaukauna Mayor John Lambie said he fears damage could reach that much in the city alone.

"The current estimate of damage in Kaukauna is \$5 million, but that could reach \$10 million by the time all of the damage is assessed," he said. Industrial parks in Kaukauna and Little Chute were hard hit by the tornado that struck shortly after 2100 hrs. The tornado also severely damaged several homes in Kaukauna while another twister in Waupaca County damaged homes and flattened a barn. Waupaca County officials do not yet have damage estimates for a 10-mile stretch centering on Radley Road, southeast of the city of Waupaca. Outagamie and Waupaca counties were included in a state of emergency Gov Jim Doyle declared in 11 counties because of the severe thunderstorms and tornados that caused millions of dollars in damage and killed a rural Green Lake County man. The other counties included the declaration were Adams, Jackson, Juneau, Marquette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Portage, Sauk and Waushara. Earlier this month, Doyle declared a state of emergency in 12 counties, including Winnebago, affected by flooding. In Kaukauna and Little Chute, 16 businesses and 27 homes were damaged, according to Outagamie County Emergency Management Director Bruce Sim, who said cleanup could take up to several months. The National Weather Service in Green Bay said the Outagamie County tornado was one of several reported in eastern Wisconsin as a cold front from the west collided with a warm front heading north. The Waupaca and Outagamie tornadoes were rated an F-1 on the Fujita scale, which rates tornados based on the damage caused. An F-1 packs winds ranging from 73 to 112 mph, said Gary Austin, a meteorologist with the Green Bay weather office who saw the Waupaca damage. "The Kaukauna tornado was a weak F-1 while the tornado in Waupaca County was a high-end F-1," he said. Before the governor's declaration, Outagamie County Executive Toby Paltzer declared a local state of emergency, after similar actions by Kaukauna and Little Chute officials. He said the declarations were a necessary prerequisite to Doyle's emergency declaration. Paltzer said the declaration is the first step in allowing a municipality or county to apply for state and federal funds to assist residents and businesses. Doyle directed the Federal Emergency Management Agency to begin damage assessments in 16 counties affected by yesterday's storms and flooding dating back to May 19. "FEMA has an operating centre in Winnebago County right now," Paltzer said. "We hope to tag on to FEMA in connection with the flooding in Winnebago and Fond du Lac counties to get emergency funding for our businesses and residents. The dollar loss in property will be a huge issue, especially with the tornado hitting two industrial parks." The twister raised up and touched down several times, striking between 15 and 20 locations between N and County J, Sim said. The most heavily damaged structure was the 300,000-square-foot WOW Logistics warehouse in the Little



Chute industrial park. "The tornado ripped right down the middle of the warehouse from one end to the other, causing severe damage and severing their natural gas and water lines," Sim said. After lifting briefly, Sim said the tornado inflicted severe damage to several homes in the Elderbery and Sherry Lane neighbourhoods situated on opposite ends of Kaukauna's industrial park and to a half-dozen businesses in the industrial park itself.

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated Jun 28, states: Thunderstorms rolling across the US South caused flooding that chased dozens of people from their homes in Texas, whipped up a tornado in Louisiana and knocked out power to thousands in South Carolina. Yesterday's violent weather was blamed for at least four deaths. One person was killed on a rain-slickened Texas highway, and lightning killed three people and injured six others in a park at Buford, GA. Storms also caused flooding in Colorado. Emergency workers in San Antonio awakened residents of Mobile City Estates late yesterday and told them they had to evacuate as Leon Creek rose above its banks. Fire department officials said water rapidly rose to waist-deep in the neighbourhood of 70 homes. As the thunderstorms streamed eastward from Texas, a tornado hurled trees onto about 19 homes in Franklinton, LA. "We're fortunate," police Chief Lynn Armand said. "There was a lot of damage, but nobody was hurt." Electricity in Franklinton had been restored by this morning. High wind caused power outages and destroyed a school gymnasium in central Mississippi, and about 10,000 customers lost power around Columbia, SC, said Robin Montgomery, a spokesman for South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. About 7,000 South Carolina customers still had no power this morning. Flooding displaced about 40 people from an apartment building in Columbia, police said. To the west, more than three inches of rain along Colorado's Rocky Mountain foothills flooded streets and basements and destroyed at least one house. A 12-year-boy riding his bicycle through a creek was swept nearly a mile downstream by rushing water yesterday in Colorado Springs, said fire department Capt Randy Royal. Several other people needed to be rescued from rising water by passers-by and firefighters.

## Earthquakes



### BULGARIA

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated Jun 27, states: An earthquake with a 4th-Richter-scale rating shook west-south Bulgaria in early afternoon hours today. The epicentre was located some 80 km south of capital Sofia, where shakes were felt on the territory of Blagoevgrad, Gotse delchev and

Razlog. No casualties or material damages have been reported so far. A second quake shook Bulgaria, this time rattling through the southern parts of the country in close proximity to Turkish and Greek borders. The earthquake, like the earlier one in western Bulgaria, was rated at 4.3 on the Richter scale, causing no casualties or material damages. The epicentre was located some 300 km south-east of capital Sofia. Meanwhile, the Anadolu Agency reported today about 4.5-Richter-scale jolts on the territory of Turkey.

### GERMANY

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: A moderate earthquake, measuring 4.1 on the Richter scale, hit the Freiburg area of south-west Germany early today, France's earth sciences observatory in Strasbourg reported. The epicentre was located in lat 47.52N, long 08 16E, to the south-east of Freiburg, the observatory said.

### INDONESIA

Jakarta, Jul 1 — An earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale shook eastern Indonesia today, but there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties, officials said. An official at the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency (BMG) in North Sulawesi provincial capital of Manado said the quake struck shortly after dawn with its epicentre in the ocean, 114 km north of the coastal city. "We have not yet heard if there were any casualties or damage," the official said from Manado, 2,200 km northeast of Jakarta. Officials said the quake was felt in Manado. — Reuters.

### IRAN

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Two earthquakes measuring 3.7 and 3.1 degrees on the Richter scale hit the city of Damavand in Tehran Province early today. According to the seismological base of Tehran University's Geophysics Institute, the tremors occurred at 0047, local time, and 0055, local time. There were no immediate reports of any casualty or damage to property.

### PHILIPPINES

London, Jul 1 — press report, dated today, states: Two earthquakes struck the central Philippines but there were no reports of injuries or damage other than a brief power outage, government officials revealed. The first quake, measuring 4.3 on the Richter scale, caused a 15-second power outage in Sinalay City and Hioba-an town in the central island of Negros late yesterday, civil defense officials said today. The quake's epicentre was off the western coast of Negros, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said. Another earthquake, measuring 4.1 on the Richter scale was detected today with its epicentre off the eastern coast of the island of Bohol but there were no reports of any damage, the institute said.

### TURKEY

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: An earthquake measuring 4.5 on the Richter scale shook an area on the Greek-Turkish border today, the Anatolia news agency reported. The quake, registered by the seismological institute of Bosphorus University, was felt in the Turkish border town of Edirne, Anatolia said. It gave no indication if casualties or damage resulted.

### UNITED STATES

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: There was a powerful earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 7.0 in Alaska early today, but no significant damage was reported, police and scientists said. The quake occurred at 0150 hrs, and was centred beneath the ocean about 70 miles northwest of Dixon Entrance, the waters between the southern end of the panhandle and the Queen Charlotte Islands of British Columbia, or about 60 miles southwest of Craig, said Bill Knight, a scientist at the Alaska Tsunami Warning Centre. The observatory received numerous calls from people who felt the quake in Craig and Petersburg, but had no reports of significant damage, "just items falling off the shelves," Knight said.

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: A brief earthquake struck the Midwest early today, rattling windows and awakening sleeping residents from Wisconsin south to Missouri and from Indiana west to Iowa. No injuries were reported from the quake, which occurred about 0111, CDT. Brian Lassige, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Colorado, said the quake was magnitude 4.5, and its epicentre was about eight miles north-west of Ottawa in northern Illinois, close to the small village of Troy Grove. The rural area is about 70 miles west of Chicago. Initial reports indicated no major damage from the temblor, although police agencies and radio stations within the quake area were inundated with telephone calls.

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated Jun 28, states: A powerful earthquake jolted Alaska panhandle residents out of their sleep early today, but no significant damage was reported, authorities said. The quake happened at 0150, Alaska time, and was centred beneath the ocean off the southern end of the panhandle, said Bill Knight, a scientist at the Alaska Tsunami Warning Centre at Palmer. The centre had calculated a preliminary magnitude of 7.0 but the US Geological Survey later put the magnitude at 6.7. The jolt, capable of significant damage had it happened near populated areas on land, did not generate a tsunami or seismic sea wave, Knight said. Callers to the centre reported only "items falling off shelves," he said. Residents deluged police with calls. Nobody reported damage to buildings but some effects may be evident only after daybreak, Craig, AK, police chief James See said.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: A magnitude 4.4 temblor struck the Lakeview area at

0522, today, according to preliminary reports of the U.S. Geological survey. There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage. It happened 4 miles east of Lakeview, which is near the California border, and was centred 15 miles south-east.

## Volcanic Activity



### ANATAHAN, NORTH MARIANA ISLANDS

London, Jun 26 — A press report, dated today, states: The Northern Marianas is asking the US to conduct a study on Anatahan volcano. The emergency Management Office Director Rodolfo Pua says he asked the US Geological Survey to further study the movements of Anatahan volcano as soon as it settles down. Mr. Pua says the study is needed so that nearby islands can prepare for any eventualities. He says the USGS already accepted the task and is now waiting for the volcano to settle down. Anatahan volcano is located 75 miles north of Saipan, the centre of Northern Marianas, a chain of 14 islands in the Pacific politically linked to the US. The volcano erupted in May 2003 and then again in April this year. The office says the volcano continues to spew ashes and lava but scientists say it is still not an immediate danger to the nearby islands.

## Political & Civil Unrest



### AFGHANISTAN

Kabul, Jun 27 — Taliban guerrillas kidnapped and killed 16 people in an Afghan province after finding them with voter registration cards for the country's September elections, officials said today. The killings Friday (Jun 25) night in the province of Zabul were the most serious attack yet on the elections, which the Taliban and allied Islamic militants have vowed to disrupt. News of the violence came a day after a bomb killed two young women, one a student, working to register voters for the U.N.-Afghan electoral body in the eastern city of Jalalabad. — Reuters.

Kabul, Jun 28 — American special forces captured two Taliban leaders in southern Afghanistan in raids on their compounds at the weekend, the U.S. military said today. Spokeswoman Master Sergeant Cindy Beam named the men as Abdul Hafiz Majid and Mohammad Daud. "Coalition Special Operations Forces raided two anti-coalition compounds and captured two top enemy leaders in missions conducted pre-dawn Saturday (Jun 25)

in southern Afghanistan," she said in a statement. Beam gave no precise location for the raids. However, Abdul Latif Hakimi, who claims to speak for Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime, said the commanders were not senior figures within the movement. — Reuters.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Two explosions today injured as many as 27 people in an eastern Afghan city, and insurgents in another province burned trucks supplying American troops and abducted their Afghan crews, officials said. The explosions occurred a few minutes apart near security checkpoints in downtown Jalalabad, 80 miles east of tKabul, officials said. Faizan, a spokesman for the provincial government, said 27 people were wounded — five police officers and 22 civilians. "It's a very crowded area, and they were mainly shopkeepers and people just walking by," Faizan said. General Mohammed Yunus Noorzai, chief of police for the surrounding province of Nangarhar, said only nine people were injured. Officials said the blasts shattered the windows of nearby homes and shops. Faizan said the police made no immediate arrests, but blamed "the enemies of the Afghan nation" — a byword for anti-government militants such as rebels of the ousted Taliban regime. The blasts follow a bomb attack on a bus carrying women election workers in Jalalabad on Friday (Jun 25), killing two of them and wounding 13 other people. A spokesman for the Taliban, which has vowed to disrupt the vote due in September, claimed responsibility for that attack. Further south, suspected Taliban stopped four trucks bound for an American base, burning them and abducting 12 people manning the vehicles, an Afghan military official said. The trucks were stopped yesterday afternoon in Nesh district of Uruzgan province as they were carrying food to American bases, said Khan Mohammed, a senior commander in neighbouring Kandahar province. "We have no idea where the drivers and the truck crews have been taken," Mohammed said. US troops man bases in Deh Rawood, home town of Taliban supreme leader Mullah Omar, and the provincial capital of Tirin Kot. American Marines based in Tirin Kot have spearheaded operations against suspected Taliban that the military says killed more than 80 enemy fighters since May 25.

### COLOMBIA

Bogota, Jun 28 — The Colombian government today removed two local paramilitary commanders from peace talks and ordered them arrested after gunmen abducted a former Colombian senator and seven family members. Former Sen. Jose Genecco, of the Liberal Party, was driving between the Caribbean cities of Santa Marta and Riohacha, when his SUV was intercepted. Genecco, his wife and five children were abducted, along with his niece and bodyguard. No group immediately took credit for the abductions, but President Alvaro

Uribe's office blamed two local paramilitary commanders for the kidnapping. Uribe's announcement comes days before commanders of 20,000 far-right Colombian paramilitaries are scheduled to confine themselves on Jul 1 to a small rural area in a bid to deepen negotiations with the government to disarm their men. Presidential spokesman Ricardo Galan, reading a statement to reporters, said Uribe had ordered the arrest of paramilitary bosses Rodrigo Tovar Pupo and Hernan Giraldo Serna. "These individuals no longer have safe-conducts in the concentration area in Santa Fe de Ralito, and security forces have orders to arrest them inside and outside the concentration area," Galan said. He referred to the 144-square-mile, cattle-ranching and farming zone in northern Colombia, which will serve as the headquarters for the negotiations. Hundreds of gunmen of the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia — known by the Spanish acronym AUC — have gathered in Santa Fe de Ralito to provide security for AUC commanders. They have received safe-conducts from the government and want protection against extradition to the United States. — Reuters.

Santa Fe de Ralito, Jun 30 — Colombia's far-right paramilitary warlords and the government begin formal peace talks tomorrow. About 10 bosses of the 20,000-strong Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (AUC), will take part in the talks. Although militia leaders and government envoys have been talking in secret since July 2003, the carefully orchestrated ceremony in Santa Fe de Ralito in northern Colombia marks the first time the two sides will take their peace process public. The AUC commanders, armed with government safe-conduct promises and assurances they will not be extradited to the United States — where some are wanted on drug charges — will remain within a 144-square-mile rural zone monitored by observers from the Organization of American States. Reaching a peace accord with the paramilitaries is central to President Alvaro Uribe's strategy to end a four-decade-old guerrilla war that claims thousands of lives each year. The demobilisation of the paramilitaries would remove from the equation a well-armed private army which has swollen in size in recent years thanks to its links with drugs. The year-old negotiations to demobilise AUC fighters by 2006 has been marked by broken cease-fires. The warlords insist that immunity from jail time be a condition of any settlement, a demand which has outraged human rights groups. Hours before the talks were due to start, a warlord freed a former senator who had been kidnapped over the weekend, removing a last-minute obstacle which had threatened to derail tomorrow's ceremony. — Reuters.

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated Jun 25, states: The presidents of

the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda have agreed to abide by a 2002 peace pact to avoid renewed conflict in the region. Congolese leader Joseph Kabila and his Rwandan counterpart Paul Kagame made the declaration after talks today. Mr Kabila had accused Rwanda of backing rebels who briefly took control of the eastern town of Bukavu. Rwanda denied the charges and said the deployment of 10,000 troops to their common border was hostile. The three hour summit, held at Nigeria's Abuja airport, was facilitated by Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo in an effort to rebuild trust between the two men. The presidents also agreed to continue the work of the joint verification committee to ensure that there were no more Rwandan troops in DR Congo and that ethnic Rwandan Hutu extremists who fled Rwanda after the 1994 genocide had been disarmed and repatriated.

### INDIA

Jammu, India, Jun 26 — Suspected militants shot dead at least 12 villagers, including four children, in their sleep in Indian Kashmir today, a day ahead of talks between India and Pakistan over the disputed Himalayan region. The attack, one of the biggest to target civilians in the troubled region in recent months, took place near a remote hilly village in Poonch district, about 160 miles north of Jammu, winter capital of Indian Kashmir, police said. "They descended on the village around 0130 hrs, barged into a house and fired on sleeping villagers," a police officer said by telephone from Poonch. P.L. Gupta, inspector general of police for the Jammu region, said ten people were also wounded in the attack, four of them critically. "Seven of the 12 killed were men who were members of the local village defence committee," Gupta said, referring to groups of villagers who are armed and trained by Indian security forces to guard remote hamlets from militant attacks. The dead were all Muslims, police added. No militant group has claimed responsibility for the attack. Elsewhere, troops laid siege to a village mosque in Pulwama district, south of Srinagar, summer capital of Indian Kashmir, after militants attacked a security patrol and took refuge in the mosque after they were chased by soldiers, police said. The rebels later fled to a nearby house after releasing some 50 people who were trapped inside the mosque. By this evening it was unclear whether the rebels were still in the house or had escaped the soldiers' security cordon. — Reuters.

### INDONESIA

London, Jun 26 — A press report, dated Jun 25, states: A soldier and three suspected rebels have been killed in clashes between troops and separatists in the Indonesian province of Aceh. The Indonesian military says the soldier died in an ambush set by rebels of the Free Aceh Movement, (GAM) at Sawang in South Aceh. At almost the same time a GAM attack on a military post elsewhere in South Aceh

led to fighting in which two rebels died. The military says another suspected rebel died in an exchange of fire in East Aceh. (See issue of Jun 16.)

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Indonesian troops killed eight suspected Acehese rebels during gunbattles in the war-torn region, an army spokesman said yesterday. The Free Aceh Movement rebels were killed in clashes across the province on Sunday (Jun 27), said Lt. Col. Asep Sapari from Banda Aceh, the provincial capital. He said Indonesian troops also confiscated three automatic weapons, a handgun and hundreds of rounds of ammunition. It was impossible to independently verify the claims because Indonesian authorities have restricted the movement of journalists in the region.

### IRAQ

Arbil, Iraq, Jun 26 — A car bomb explosion killed a man and wounded 40 people in the Kurdish city of Arbil today as insurgents kept up a bloody drive to derail Iraq's transition to an interim government in four days' time. Gunmen assaulted a Shi'ite party building in Baquba, north-west of Baghdad, killing three guards, and blew up a building used by interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi's party. Two guards were wounded in the attack on the office of the Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq, a moderate Shi'ite group. One of them said the gunmen stormed the building in the mixed Sunni-Shi'ite town at 0830 hrs. In a separate attack in Baquba, armed men chased the guards from a building used by Allawi's Iraqi National Accord group and then destroyed it with explosives, police said. The blast in Arbil, 220 miles north of Baghdad, killed a shopkeeper and wounded Mahmoud Mohammed, culture minister in the Kurdish regional government, in the head. "I was on my way to the ministry. There was a car bomb. The blast hit my car from outside. The people who were with me were injured too," Mohammed said from his hospital bed. Arbil has been relatively free of trouble since US-led forces invaded Iraq last year, though twin suicide attacks on Kurdish party offices in February killed more than 100 people. In another attack in the north, gunmen ambushed a police patrol 30 km south of Kirkuk today, killing one policeman and wounding another, police said. The US military said an American soldier died of his wounds overnight after an ambush in Baghdad. That brought to 623 the US combat toll in Iraq since last year's invasion. US and Iraqi officials say they expect more violence in the run-up to the June 30 handover of power. A string of bloody attacks Thursday (Jun 24) killed about 100 people in five cities. — Reuters.

London, Jun 27 — A press report, dated today, states: At least 17 people have been killed and 40 wounded by a car bomb in the Iraqi city of Hilla, as Islamic militants threatened to behead three Turkish hostages, four days before the troubled country receives sovereignty. An al-Qaeda-linked Islamic

militant group threatened to kill three Turkish hostages unless Ankara pulls its companies out of the country within 72 hours, in a videotape broadcast on al-Jazeera television. The footage carried by the Qatar-based news channel showed the three hostages seated on the ground in front of two gunmen, in front of a black banner bearing the yellow emblem of the Tawhid wa al-Jihad (Unity and Holy War), the group of wanted Islamist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. An accompanying statement read out by the al-Jazeera correspondent said the group was "holding three Turkish hostages who we will behead in 72 hours unless Turkey withdraws all firms working with occupation forces in Iraq". A powerful blast ripped through the centre of the city of Hilla, 100 kilometres south of Baghdad, killing at least 17 people and wounding 40, US Brigadier-General Mark Kimmitt said. The cause of the explosion was suspected to be a car bomb, the deputy director of US-led coalition operations said.

Baghdad, Jun 27 — Turkey today rejected the demands of militants threatening to behead three Turks held hostage in Iraq during President Bush's visit to Turkey and on the eve of the formal start of Iraqi self-rule. Militants loyal to suspected al-Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi said in a statement to Al Jazeera television yesterday that the three hostages would be executed within 72 hours unless Turks stopped working with US-led forces in Iraq. "Turkey has been fighting terrorist activity for more than 20 years," Turkish Defence Minister Vecdi Gonul said in Istanbul. "They ask many things, they demand many things. We never consider them with seriousness." Jazeera showed footage of the three hostages crouching in front of masked gunmen and holding up their passports. Turkey is not part of the US-led force in Iraq but many nationals work as drivers and support staff for US forces. Yesterday evening two car bombs were detonated in a busy street Hilla, a town 100 km south of Baghdad. The US military said the latest casualty reports showed 23 people were killed and 58 were wounded. — Reuters.

Umm Qasr, Jun 28 — Basrah Oil Terminal and Khor Al Amaya Oil Terminal: Repair works at the southern pipeline were successfully completed at 2200, local time, Jun 25 and operations at both terminals resumed at their normal levels with effect from 2345, local time, same day. As of 0600, local time, Jun 26, the flow rate was at the level of 80,000 bbls/hour. — Lloyd's Agents.

Baghdad, Jun 28 — The United States transferred sovereignty to an interim Iraqi government today, formally ending the controversial 14-month occupation two days earlier than expected. In a surprise ceremony that was finished before it was announced and before ordinary Iraqis were aware of it, Iraq's outgoing U.S. governor Paul Bremer handed a letter to Iraqi officials sealing the transfer of powers. "This is a historic day, a happy day, a day that all Iraqis have been looking forward to,"

Iraqi President Ghazi Yawar told the ceremony, which began at 1026 hrs. Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said in Istanbul the handover was brought forward to try to avert attacks by insurgents mounting a campaign of bloody attacks. Although the interim government led by Prime Minister Iyad Allawi will have "full sovereignty," according to a U.N. Security Council resolution on the handover earlier this month, there are important constraints on its powers. It is barred from making long-term policy decisions and will not have control over more than 160,000 foreign troops who will remain in Iraq. The government has the right to ask them to leave — but has made clear it has no intention of doing so. In other matters, yesterday the Arabic-language satellite channel Al Jazeera broadcast footage of a blindfolded U.S. Marine, whose captors said they would kill him unless Iraqi prisoners were released. "A Marine assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force has been absent from his unit since June 21," a U.S. statement said. "However, Naval Criminal Investigative Services cannot confirm that Corporal Wassef Ali Hassoun has been taken hostage." Also yesterday, a C-130 transport aircraft was hit by small arms fire after takeoff from Baghdad airport. One person was wounded and later died, the U.S. military said. Several explosions also rang out in central Baghdad as guerrillas aimed mortars at the "Green Zone" compound housing the U.S.-led administration's headquarters. One mortar killed two boys playing near the Tigris river, doctors said. — Reuters.

London, Jun 28 — On Jun 26, it was reported that the second pipeline supplying the Basrah and Khor Al Amaya oil terminals re-commenced operations at 0130 hrs, Jun 26, Iraqi local time. At 0800 hrs, Jun 26, the loading rates at the terminals were as follows: Basra oil Terminal: 52' bbls/hour, Khor al Amay: 28' bbls/hour.

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: An Arabic TV channel has reported that a US soldier missing in Iraq since an ambush west of Baghdad in April has been shot dead by his captors. Al-Jazeera TV broadcast a video which it said showed Private Keith Maupin, 20, kneeling blindfolded just before his killing by anti-American militants. It said it had received the footage along with a statement from a group called The Sharp Sword against the Enemies of God and His Prophet. The statement, couched in Islamist terms, said the soldier had been killed in protest at US policies in Iraq and at deaths of "martyrs" in Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Algeria. A US military spokesman said it was too early to confirm the soldier's death. The video emerged hours after the US handed over power to an interim Iraqi government two days early. US administrator Paul Bremer left the country after transferring sovereignty to an Iraqi judge. Hours later, the first US ambassador to Iraq in a decade, John Negroponte, arrived in Baghdad. The new Iraqi government is reported to be meeting later today to discuss

whether or not to impose emergency laws. Elsewhere, other militants fighting the US-led coalition have threatened to kill another US soldier, a Pakistani and three Turkish hostages. Islamist militants have threatened to behead a man they say is Corp Wassef Ali Hassoun, a US marine of Lebanese origin, who went missing in Iraq on Jun 21. Al-Jazeera said a group calling itself Islamic Response was threatening to kill the man if Iraqi prisoners were not released. Anti-coalition militants have also threatened to kill a captured Pakistani driver, Amjad Hafeez, and three captured Turkish citizens over their countries' alliance with the US.

Baghdad, Jun 29 — A roadside bomb blast killed three U.S. marines in Baghdad today. A U.S. military spokesman said two marines were also wounded in the explosion that wrecked a Humvee vehicle escorting a convoy carrying engineering equipment. Elsewhere, three Turkish hostages walked free after their release by a group led by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a suspected al Qaeda ally. His group had previously threatened to behead the Turks today unless their government told companies to stop dealing with U.S. forces in Iraq. Ankara had rejected the demand. A Turkish government official confirmed the three men had been freed. Another two Turks seized in Iraq three weeks ago have told their families they are well and will return to Turkey within a week, Turkish media reported. — Reuters.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Iraqi insurgents have fired up to 10 mortar rounds at a US base on the outskirts of Baghdad airport, wounding at least six soldiers. The base has been subject to almost daily mortar attacks, but this is the first time significant injuries have been caused, AP news agency said. In other developments, Saddam Hussein will be handed over to Iraqi legal custody today. However, he will not be physically transferred, but will remain under US guard until Iraqi police have secure facilities in which to hold him. He will be charged tomorrow with crimes likely to include crimes against humanity and war crimes. Up to 11 other senior members of his regime - including former Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, Ali Hassan al-Majid - known as "Chemical Ali" - former Vice-President Taha Yassin Ramadan, and two of Saddam Hussein's half-brothers - are also expected to appear tomorrow to face charges. Saddam Hussein is expected to face war crimes charges over the 1990 invasion of Kuwait and subsequent suppression of Shia and Kurdish uprisings, the use of chemical weapons against the Kurds in 1988 and the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war.

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated today, states: Four people were killed when a house in Falluja was hit by a US air strike, witnesses have said. Another 10 people were injured in the incident and residents are still digging through the debris. The US military said the house was a hide-out for

members of the Tawhid and Jihad movement led by senior al-Qaeda member Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. US authorities accuse Zarqawi, believed to be a close ally of al-Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden, of masterminding a series of spectacular suicide bombings in Iraq and beheading a US hostage in Iraq. Yesterday, US Secretary of State Colin Powell increased the reward for information leading to Zarqawi's arrest or conviction from \$10m to \$25m.

## ISRAEL

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Palestinian militants have dug a tunnel under an Israeli army outpost in the Gaza Strip and set off a massive explosion that injured six soldiers. One soldier was in a critical condition, having been trapped in rubble for more than an hour. The attack happened at the Gush Katif junction, near Israeli settlements. Israeli helicopters later fired missiles on two metal workshops in the Zeitoun area of Gaza City, but no serious injuries were reported. Soon after the attack on the outpost, a Palestinian police officer and a teenager were killed by Israeli gunfire near the nearby Khan Yunis refugee camp. The Israeli army said there was heavy Palestinian gunfire from the camp and that troops fired back. Initial reports had spoken of up to 30 Israelis injured in the blast at the heavily-fortified army outpost, prompting hundreds of Palestinians to celebrate on the streets of Gaza City. Palestinian militant groups Hamas and the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades both separately claimed responsibility for the attack, saying they were avenging the deaths of leaders and activists killed by Israel, including seven militants shot dead in the West Bank over the weekend (Jun26/27). The explosion at the army base went off at shortly before 2200, local time, yesterday, bringing down a building. Hamas told journalists that its military wing dug a 350m tunnel under the outpost and then packed it with hundreds of kilograms of explosives. The militant group said its forces waited until there was a shift change in the tower and then set off the explosives when there was the maximum number of soldiers inside. Israel was braced for huge numbers of casualties, but the commander of the base said the blast did not hit sleeping or resting areas where large numbers of troops might have been congregated. Earlier yesterday, Palestinian militants vowed to avenge the killings on Saturday of seven Palestinian militants in the West Bank city of Nablus. Among the dead were the West Bank leader of al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade and top figures in Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Tens of thousands of mourners attended the funerals.

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Israeli tanks have pushed into a town in the Gaza Strip in the wake of air strikes by helicopter gunships on Palestinian facilities. This followed the deaths yesterday of two Israelis after rockets were fired from Gaza. More rockets were reported to

have hit Israel today. A media centre in Gaza City and a workshop in the Nusseirat refugee camp were hit in the Israeli air strikes. Tanks and armoured bulldozers then pushed into the town of Beit Hanoun. Palestinian witnesses said a 25-year-old man was killed as about two dozen tanks and bulldozers moved in. There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military. The Palestinian sources spoke of an intense barrage of machine-gun fire preceding the Israeli advance. Three missiles hit a multi-storey building in Gaza City housing a BBC office and other media outlets, which were apparently unoccupied at the time. Two people were injured in the attack on the media centre and the empty metal workshop in Nusseirat refugee camp was destroyed, Palestinian witnesses said. Close to midnight, a drone aircraft could be heard circling above the city, our correspondent says. Soon afterwards, there was the sound of at least one helicopter in the sky and then came a series of explosions as missiles were unleashed. The missiles slammed into a lower floor of the media building. An Israeli military spokesman quoted by AFP news agency said that yesterday night's air strikes had targeted Palestinian militants and their allies. The Nusseirat workshop had been used by Hamas, the source said, and the media housed "the headquarters of an organisation that incites [anti-Israeli] hatred and is in constant contact with terrorists". A three-year-old boy was one of the two Israelis killed in Sderot yesterday when two rockets launched from Gaza exploded near a kindergarten. At least nine other people were injured. Palestinian militant groups Hamas and the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades both separately claimed responsibility for the attack. They said they were avenging the deaths of leaders and activists killed by Israel, including seven militants shot dead in the West Bank over the weekend.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Israel's High Court has ordered changes to the route of the West Bank barrier, saying it is hurting Palestinians. It said the route around Jerusalem must be changed to reduce hardships, even if that meant less security for Israel. Israel says the barrier is necessary to keep out suicide bombers; Palestinians call it a land grab that divides people from their families, jobs and schools. The decision comes before a non-binding ruling by the UN's top court on the legality of the controversial network of fences and walls, planned to extend for 640km through occupied territory. The International Court of Justice was asked to examine the issue last December amid mounting international concern and has said it will release its findings on Jul 9. The landmark ruling by the High Court of Justice affects a 30km section of the barrier to the north-west of Jerusalem. Opponents who lodged the case said it would disrupt the lives of 45,000 people living in 10 villages by cutting them off from farms, schools and jobs, according to the

petitioners' lawyer Mohammed Dahla. The three-judge panel decided an alternative route was possible. "The route disrupts the delicate balance between the obligation of the military commander to preserve security and his obligation to provide for the needs of the local inhabitants," the ruling said. Construction of the section of the barrier affected by the ruling was frozen by the court in March while the case was pending. Mr Dahla said some parts would now need to be dismantled.

Gaza, Jun 30 — Israeli soldiers besieging the Gaza border town of Beit Hanoun shot dead a teenager today during stone-throwing protests by Palestinian youth. The 16-year-old was killed as he tried to plant a Palestinian flag on a mound of earth as dozens of other youths pelted Israeli armour and soldiers with stones, Palestinian witnesses said. Five other Palestinians were wounded. Military officials said Israeli forces fired a warning shot which hit a youth after they came under attack by hundreds of Palestinians throwing rocks and concrete bricks at the entrance to Beit Hanoun. Israel's military operation on the outskirts of the town entered its second day today. Armoured bulldozers destroyed scrub and trees the army said were used as cover by Palestinian militants firing rockets into Israel. — Reuters.

#### **MADAGASCAR**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated Jun 27, states: At least 33 people have been injured in grenade attacks during Independence Day celebrations in Madagascar, a Government official says. Public Security Ministry official Tantely Razafimanantsoa says unknown assailants hurled the grenades into celebrating crowds in the towns of Toliara in the south-west, Mahajanga on the west coast and central Fianarantsoa. "These were not isolated acts, it is a campaign of destabilisation," he said. In the worst attack, a grenade was thrown into a dense crowd at an independence day fireworks display at Toliara, injuring about 30 people. Four of the injured are said to be in serious condition. Another grenade injured three people in Mahajanga during a military parade to mark the 44th anniversary of the Indian Ocean island's independence from France. A similar attack on Friday (Jun 25), when a grenade was thrown at a deputy's car in Fianarantsoa, caused no casualties.

#### **PAKISTAN**

Karachi, Jun 24 — Pakistan's largest organisation, the Water & Power Development Authority (WAPDA) said that one tower of the 500Kv main extra high voltage transmission line was destroyed and another was partially damaged by massive blasts, near the village of Taga in Sindh Province. As a result, power supply was suspended to different parts of the country from the main Guddu-Dadu section circuit-line early yesterday morning. However, WAPDA, through a parallel system of high-transmission Guddu-Dadu line on section-II restored power supply to

several areas. Law-enforcement personnel and a bomb disposal squad visited the area and collected parts of the bombs. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

#### **PERU**

Lima, Jun 24 — Some 30 Shining Path rebels killed one soldier in an attack on a military patrol in Peru's Andean region, the second fatal assault on state security forces this month, the army said today. Rebels attacked soldiers guarding an asphalt factory yesterday in the remote highland town of Cangari 360 miles south-east of Lima, an army spokeswoman told Reuters. "One soldier was killed in the attack," she said, adding that there were no reports of injured officers. — Reuters.

#### **RUSSIA**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated Jun 28, states: The Russian authorities say that one of the alleged organisers of last week's raids on Ingushetia has been killed. More than 80 people died in a series of simultaneous devastating attacks. President Vladimir Putin demanded that the rebels be caught and punished, and today, Russian officials announced they had made progress. A military spokesman said one of the alleged organisers, rebel fighter Magomed Yevloyev, had been killed in a special operation in Ingushetia. Meanwhile, prosecutors announced that 10 suspects had been detained in connection with the violence. Three had already been charged with terrorism.

#### **SAUDI ARABIA**

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Four people were killed today after Saudi security forces engaged in a heavy exchange of gunfire with five suspected Islamic militants in eastern Riyadh, witnesses said. The witnesses, who live in the Al-Quds area where the gunbattle took place, could not say who were among the dead, only that they had seen four bodies. The suspected militants had been traveling in three cars when the shooting broke out.

#### **SOMALIA**

Mogadishu, Jun 28 — At least two people, including the mayor of the northern Somali port town of Bosaso, were shot dead by gunmen today, residents said, further destabilising security in the breakaway enclave of Puntland. The masked gunmen also shot and injured three other people believed to be aides of Bosaso Mayor Mohamed Said Sayruq, hospital officials said. "There is tension in the town. We are fearing retaliatory attacks any time now," said one resident who witnessed the shootings outside the town's crowded market. He and other residents of Bosaso attributed the killings to increasing political rivalries among various militias in Puntland, triggered by a decision of the enclave's parliament to dissolve its cabinet. — Reuters.

London, Jul 1 — Mogadishu's main port facility remains closed, as rival militias battle for control of the city.

There are also reports of vessels attempting to offload fuel coming under mortar and rocket fire, and being forced to withdraw. The privately owned El Maan port is the country's key link to the Gulf and East Africa.

#### SRI LANKA

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Norwegian-led truce monitors have set off for emergency talks with the Tamil Tigers after their pull-out from meetings reviewing the implementation of a fragile ceasefire, officials said. The head of the Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission (SLMM), Trond Furuho, flew to the rebel-held town of Kilinochchi for discussions with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), government officials said today. Diplomatic sources said the SLMM was deeply concerned with the Tiger withdrawal on the eve of fresh attempts by peace broker Norway to get the stalled negotiations back on track. Norway's special peace envoy, Erik Solheim, was due in Colombo later today to launch a renewed attempt to jumpstart negotiations that have been on hold since April last year, diplomats said. The LTTE told the SLMM Friday (Jun 25) it would no longer attend meetings with security forces to review the ceasefire in a protest over suspected military backing for a renegade regional commander of the LTTE known as Karuna. The meetings are aimed to iron out problems relating to the implementation of the Norwegian-brokered ceasefire, in place since February 2002. The government admitted Thursday (Jun 24) that elements of the military had supported Karuna despite LTTE warnings that capitalising on the Tamil Tiger split could push the country back to war.

#### SUDAN

Khartoum, Jun 26 — Rebels from Sudan's Darfur region today demanded the imposition of a military no-fly zone, free access for aid workers and war crimes trials for Arab militias who have looted and burned throughout the region. In an urgent letter to U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, both of whom will visit strife-torn Darfur next week, the rebel Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) made a list of demands which must be met before political talks can begin. After long conflict between Arab nomads and African villagers, two rebel groups launched a revolt last February in Darfur, in western Sudan, accusing the government of arming the Arab militias known locally as Janjaweed. The fighting has driven hundreds of thousands of people from their homes and triggered what the United Nations calls the world's worst humanitarian crisis. The rebels' statement added that more than 158,000 refugees encamped in neighbouring Chad and one million displaced should be returned to their homes once they had been paid compensation by the Sudanese government. It also formally asked for a judicial investigation into what it called "war crimes" in Darfur, and to

prosecute those responsible under international law. "After all this then, and only then, can there be talk of direct political negotiations on the issues of power, development, security, legislation and the legal status of the region and its relations with the center (Khartoum)," the statement said. — Reuters. (See issue of Jun 4.)

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated today, states: Sudan has promised action to re-impose order in the western region of Darfur, where pro-government Arab militias have been accused of ethnic cleansing. The Sudanese foreign minister said more security forces would be sent to the area to provide security. He was speaking during visits to Sudan by US Secretary of State Colin Powell and UN Secretary General Kofi Annan. Mr Powell urged Khartoum to rein in the militias, and warned that the UN Security Council could step in. The US has drafted a resolution that would impose sanctions on the militias - which are accused of terrifying black villagers and driving about a million people from their homes. The draft plan would authorise an arms embargo and ban on training for the Janjaweed - the Arab militia blamed for perpetrating atrocities against black African farmers. It would also impose a travel ban on Janjaweed members named on a list compiled by a Security Council committee set up to monitor the sanctions. The draft resolution also requires the Council to decide after 30 days whether the arms embargo and travel ban against the militias should be extended to others "responsible for the commission of atrocities in Darfur". It also endorses sending monitors from the African Union to Darfur and calls for a further team of human rights monitors to be despatched by the UN. But a former governor of Darfur, Ahmed Diraige, said that the embargoes on the Janjaweed have "no meaning". Speaking of the travel ban he explained "these are local militias, they have never been outside their territories... their movements are internal, they are moving from village to village destroying and killing people". He said the arms embargo would be similarly ineffective: "The militias get their arms internally. The arms are in the country, they buy them on the black market, they buy them from other militias and soldiers. So really an arms embargo would only really be effective against the government."

#### TURKEY

Istanbul, Jun 29 — An explosion inside an aircraft at Istanbul Airport injured three people today, hours before US President George W. Bush was due to fly out of the city from the same location, Turkish police said. They said the Turkish Airlines aircraft, on a domestic flight from the western port of Izmir, was being cleaned after landing in Istanbul. Turkey's biggest city is hosting a NATO summit attended by Bush and dozens of other world leaders, and security is extremely tight. Bush was due to leave Turkey from a different terminal later today. Police said they could not immediately say if

the blast was caused by a bomb. A Turkish Airlines spokesman said three cleaners boarded the aircraft at 1230 hrs (0930, UTC) after passengers had disembarked. "One of the workers picked up a wallet from the ground and there was an explosion. He lost a finger and the two others were injured but only slightly," the spokesman said. A series of small explosions in the run-up to the NATO summit, one of which killed four people including the bomber, has left nerves on edge. They were blamed on leftist groups that have long been active in Turkey. — Reuters.

#### YEMEN

Sanaa, Jul 1 — Yemeni government forces have killed 10 supporters of an anti-U.S. rebel cleric in clashes in the mountainous north of the county and seized some of their bases, a security source said today. He said yesterday's action brought to more than 60 the number of supporters of Hussein al-Houthi killed since Jun 20, when government forces launched an offensive against Houthi's "Believing Youth" group in Saada province. Dozens more fled or gave themselves up, the source said, as security forces besieging the area took over some of the rebels' fortified bases. Sources close to Houthi have put the death toll from the clashes at about 200. Security sources say nine policemen have also died and 10 have been wounded. Yemeni authorities believe Houthi, a leader of the Zaidi Shi'ite sect, also heads the rebel group which has staged violent protests against the United States and Israel. They have accused him of setting up and training militia in secret and attacking mosques and preachers in Saada, 150 miles north of the capital, Sanaa. On Tuesday (Jun 29) Yemeni forces killed Zaid bin Ali al-Houthi, deputy commander of "The Believing Youth" and officials said they seized weapons and ammunition along with pamphlets "which promote sectarian strife." — Reuters.

### Kidnappings



#### IRAQ

See under "Political & Civil Unrest."

### Labour Disputes



#### BANGLADESH

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: An opposition-backed general strike, called by journalists to protest killing of a newspaper editor, crippled Khulna today as shops and schools were closed and streets remained empty. The

shutdown paralysed life in the city, where the editor of a vernacular daily 'Janmabhumi', Humayun Kabir Balu, was killed in a bomb attack outside his office on Sunday (Jun 27). The main Opposition, Awami League, and several other parties have extended support to the strike which suspended all normal activities in the the third largest city of Bangladesh. This was the first time that journalists enforced the shutdown to protest any action.

#### CAPE VERDE

St. Vincent, CVI, Jun 28 — Stevedores have started today a strike at the port of Praia. However they will break Saturdays and Sundays. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### CREW ON PANAMANIAN VESSEL

Odessa, Jun 25 — General cargo *Sea Life ex Ocean Pacific I* is currently still at Ilichevsk shipyard, but is expected to leave by Jun 30. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### CREWS OF DANE SEA LINE FERRIES

London, Jun 25 — Lloyd's Casualty representatives in Piraeus report: Passenger ro/ro *Diagoras* (6939 gt, built 1990) is presently anchored off Piraeus. The crew of ferries *Rodos* (10298 gt, built 1973) and *Patmos* (8992 gt, built 1972) all of operators Dane Sea Line have apparently not been paid for two months and they are presently preventing *Diagoras* from departing Piraeus.

#### FRANCE

London, Jun 25 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: A wave of strikes affecting electricity and gas supplies in France has passed its peak, the government has claimed. Staff at state owned supplier EdF are in the middle of a twenty-four hour national stoppage in protest at plans to part privatise the business. However, finance minister Nicolas Sarkozy said only 3% of EdF's 150,000 staff were involved and that the worst of the demonstrations were now over. Workers today sought to cut EdF's daily capacity by 12% of its normal output. The walkout, accompanied by a rally in Paris, follows a series of regional stoppages in which the homes of leading politicians were targeted. Job fears The French parliament is debating a draft proposal to change EdF's status. This would see Europe's largest power supplier and sister company Gaz de France transformed into limited liability firms, a key step to privatisation. The French government ultimately wants to sell off a 30% stake in EdF to fund what it sees as an urgently needed investment in the electricity network. Unions, which fear that privatisation will lead to widespread job losses, staged their first national strike on Jun 15. The action reduced production by up to 15,000 MW of EdF's 100,000 MW capacity. A series of regional strikes in the past week have cut up to 6,000 MW from France's national grid. Areas of Bordeaux and Grenoble were plunged into darkness by the action while power supplies were

cut to the country residence of Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin and to the homes of other ministers. Workers also targeted five nuclear power stations owned by EdF and national landmarks including the Champs Elysees and the Eiffel Tower. Unions have said that strike action could continue until the middle of July.

#### INDIA

Kochi, Jun 29 — The Trailer Owners' Association at Kochi Port has declared an indefinite strike from the morning shift on Jun 28. This has paralysed all container traffic in and around Kochi Port. The operations of container vessels in Kochi are likely to be paralysed for three or four days. The reason for the trailer strike is a protest against Government Policy on traffic rules. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: With the container carrier owners' associations deciding to continue with the strike launched from Monday (Jun 28), Kochi port is set to lose business to the tune of Rs 25 lakh per day. Besides there is a fear of present business getting shifted to the neighbouring Tuticorin and Mangalapuram ports. The Cochin Container Carrier Owner's Welfare Association (CCCOWA) and Cochin Trailer Users' Welfare Association (CTUWA) have decided to go ahead with the strike after a meeting with the Additional District Magistrate (ADM) failed to evolve a solution. "The ADM has assured us to desist from strict implementation of vehicle laws for one or two days. But after that, it will be a repetition of what has happened all these days," says M.K.M. Nair, president of CCCOWA. The associations also demanded the intervention of the Chief Minister in the issue. "We doubt foul play from certain quarters to sabotage the prospects of Vallarpadam Transshipment Container Terminal. The lack of interest shown by the authorities concerned to solve the issue is a pointer to this. So the CM should immediately look into the matter," demanded the spokesperson of CCCOWA. Though the Cochin Port Trust (CPT) authorities somehow managed to handle the cargoes in two ships yesterday, they fear that it would be difficult to carry on from today onward. "We could load a ship which anchored this morning with the containers stocked earlier. But if the strike prolongs, it will be difficult as the yards are getting crowded," says Jacob Thomas, chairman of CPT. Meanwhile the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) has urged the State Government to immediately intervene and take necessary action to put an end to the frequent container trailer strikes. In a statement issued here, the CII said that such strikes would raise questions about the ability of the port to conduct business without hassles, especially when initiatives like Vallarpadam container terminal and other expansion programmes have been taken up to facilitate growth of trade and commerce in the State. The Ernakulam District Congress Committee also has

demanded the intervention of the Transport Minister to resolve the crisis. Mini-lorry workers union (CITU), Kochi regional committee president M.D. Antony and Secretary K.J. Maxy has asked the government to urgently intervene and settle the container trailer strike. The committee which has announced its support to the strike warned that the strike would be taken to other areas unless the government and port authorities intervene. They pointed out that the transport department's action would lead to the downfall of the port and would in turn badly affect the labourers.

Kochi, Jun 30 — The movement of containers to and from Kochi port continued to be disrupted for the second day yesterday on account of the indefinite strike called by trailer truck operators in Kerala. The trailer truck operators have been on the warpath since Monday protesting against alleged harassment by officials of the Kerala Road Transport Authority in charging their vehicles for overload and imposing huge fines. Following the strike call, 700-odd trailer operators had stopped plying their vehicles, thereby hindering the movement of export/import cargo from the port. The operators' association pointed out that containers are always overloaded because the trailers are designed according to international standards. However, the rules in Kerala stipulate that only 25 tonnes of cargo are allowed in 40-ft containers and 16 tonnes in 20-ft boxes. They said there were no restrictions in the neighbouring States, and it is permitted to carry up to 42 tonnes without any restrictions. Though loading and unloading operations have been in full swing inside the container terminal, senior port officials maintained that the outside movement of containers had been totally disrupted. At present, there are sufficient boxes inside the wharves and if the strike continues, it would definitely affect the movement of export/import cargo to and from the port. The port had sent fax messages to the State Chief Minister and the Chief Secretary requesting them to hold talks with trailer operators' associations. It has also been decided to take up the matter with the Union Government of amend the provisions in the Motor Vehicles Act to enable loaded containers with higher capacity to ply on the roads, the officials added. Meanwhile, the CII, Kerala, has urged the State Government to take immediate steps to put an end to the frequent container trailer strikes, which have crippled the functions of the port. In a statement issued here, it said such strikes would put to question the ability to conduct business through the port. — Lloyd's Agents.

Kochi, July 1 — The trailer owner's strike at Kochi port is still continuing. Negotiations with Government to withdraw the strike are in progress. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### ITALY

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated Jun 28, states: A four-day

blockade of rail tracks in southern Italy to protest against a rubbish dump nearby has ended. Demonstrators occupying the tracks blocking the main line south of Naples accepted a government plan to close the dump after nine months. Thousands of travellers were left stranded on trains or in stations. Rail traffic was to resume tonight. Waste facilities in the region are overflowing but locals oppose opening new dumps amid health risks concerns. Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi's office said "selfish positions" taken up by single communities were unacceptable. "Problems of this type must not be transformed into issues of public order," Mr Ciampi's office said in a statement. His intervention appears to have broken the deadlock, but for four days, one of southern Europe's main railway arteries remained blocked. Several hundred locals occupied the station in Montecorvino Rovella, about 60 kms south-east of Naples, angered at the re-opening of a landfill site near their homes. Since the sit-in began on Friday (Jun 25), emergency teams had to deliver food and water rations to passengers forced to camp out on stranded trains. Rail authorities tried to reroute some trains to Calabria and Sicily via Italy's east coast today. Officials around Naples have struggled for years to cope with mounting heaps of rubbish and too few dumps. Plans to build incinerators and more rubbish sites have been fiercely resisted by local people and environmentalists who voice concerns over health risks. The festering problem erupted in March this year when thousands of tons of rubbish were left uncollected on Naples streets for two weeks, prompting authorities to close schools and local markets. The rubbish problem also has more sinister overtones. The national anti-mafia prosecutor warned recently that the Neapolitan mafia, the Camorra, was actively sabotaging plans to build incinerators because it grows rich on running illegal rubbish dumps.

Genoa, Jun 29 — The Genoa port railways terminal workers are on strike from Jun 28 to Jul 1. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **NORWAY**

London, Jun 25 — A press report, dated today, states: Norway's government intervened to end a week-old oil-worker strike over pensions that has stopped more than 10 percent of output from the world's third-largest oil exporter and threatened to bring all operations to a halt. The government dictated a settlement that both unions and employers must accept, ending the strike immediately. The intervention comes after employers including Statoil ASA and Exxon Mobil Corp. yesterday threatened to lock out 2,450 workers as of Monday at midnight, a move that would have brought the nation's oil and gas activities to a standstill. "The government has called us and said there will be a dictated settlement to the strike," said Bjoern Tjessem, deputy leader of the OFS labor union, in a telephone interview. Norway depends on oil and gas for more than half of its

exports, pumping about 3 million barrels of oil daily, most of which is sold abroad.

London, Jun 28 — Emergency arbitration power exercised by Norway's government has forced an end to the offshore workers' strike that today was to shut down almost all production by the world's number three oil exporter. Oslo's centre-right coalition invoked mandatory arbitration laws on Friday morning (Jun 25) after the crisis threatened to escalate into a lockout of around 3,000 strikers from tonight. Oil employers effectively forced the government to step in after they chose on Thursday to adopt strong-arm tactics with the shipment of strikers back to shore and the indefinite shutting of facilities. Labour minister Dagfinn Hoybraten warned that the escalation would have a big economic impact, with a fifth of Norway's gross domestic product from oil and gas, and threaten its reputation as a reliable producer. Norwegian law now requires all staff to return to work and employers to call off their lockout, with a state arbitrator appointed to settle the dispute. The Federation of Oil Workers' trade union, OFS, and the Norwegian Association of Supervisors had decided to strike over pensions and temporary contracts. Unions gave their reserved acceptance of the government back-to-work order with memories still raw from sackings in 1990 of "wildcat" strikers. "We have to go back," OFS deputy leader Bjorn Tjessem told local news sources. "We do not want to do anything illegal." Norwegian Oil Industry Association director-general Per Terje Vold added after the imposition of a return to work that further escalation would have had "major and serious consequences" for the Norwegian oil and gas industry. Closure of the nation's offshore oil and gas industry would have halted the production of most of its 3m barrels-a-day output and 200m cu m of gas. Statoil said its Snorre and Vigdis fields would be back to normal by the weekend, although ConocoPhillips was unsure when its 60,000 bpd facility would be working normally. Norsk Hydro, with a 17.65% stake in the Snorre field and its 240,000 barrels-a-day output, said its loss of production had been "insignificant".

#### **SOUTH KOREA**

Seoul, Jun 28 — The labour union at South Korea's KorAm Bank said today it would go on indefinite strike after talks with management over job guarantees and other demands collapsed. About 1,200 out of a total 2,700 union members of the country's sixth-largest bank launched a walkout late on Friday (Jun 25), the first in KorAm's 21-year history. As of today, 2,500 workers, including contract employees, had joined the strike, the union said, disrupting operations at most of the bank's branch offices. Only 57 outlets out of 223 were running as normal, the bank said separately. The unionised workers have demanded job guarantees and opposed bank plans to delist the bank, ahead of the integration into Citigroup's local

branches. KorAm's walkout comes a day before a planned general strike by the country's second-largest umbrella labor group, the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, which includes South Korea's top auto maker Hyundai Motor Co. — Reuters.

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Tens of thousands of workers from South Korea's largest automaker Hyundai joined a strike today to demand better pay and working conditions. The strike halted operations on the company's assembly line, a spokesman for Hyundai said in Seoul. The work stoppage, which began last Friday (Jun 25), aims to secure a 10.5-percent pay raise and improved benefits for hourly workers. The labour union, which includes 40 000 members, plans to continue the strike for a full day tomorrow. "We've presented a new offer on the negotiating table," said a Hyundai company spokesman, without providing details. The strike also affected Hyundai's subsidiary Kia Motors, where workers walked off the job for several hours.

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated Jun 30, states: Unionized workers of Daewoo Motor today decided to go on strike, moving one step closer to joining walkouts by autoworkers of Hyundai and Kia. The decision drew much attention as the threatened collective action might have negative implications for General Motors' planned acquisition of Daewoo Incheon Motor. It is also feared that the latest series of work stoppages staged or planned by unionists of the nation's big-four carmakers will aggravate the economic downturn. More than 64 percent of workers from Daewoo Incheon Motor and GM Daewoo Auto and Technology cast a vote in favour of the walkout plan as negotiations with management broke down, the union said. The main subject of negotiations between labor and management is GM Daewoo's acquisition of the manufacturing facility in Pupyong, Incheon. The union is demanding GM Daewoo acquire Daewoo Incheon Motor by unifying the corporations by December 2005, the third anniversary of GM's acquisitions of Daewoo Motor. The union is also demanding the reinstatement of all workers dismissed at the time of the acquisitions, better treatment for them, and wages rises of 16.6 percent. Hyundai Motor workers continued a full-day strike for two days in a row, calling for higher wages and better working conditions. Kia Motors unionists also walked off their jobs for four hours and will continue the partial strike until Friday (Jul 2). The unionized autoworkers' walkout is expected to damage the nation's economy, as Hyundai and Kia officials estimated losses resulting from the strike until yesterday at 238 billion won and 52 billion won, respectively.

#### **THAILAND**

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated Jun 30, states: Thousands of teachers in Thailand have gone on strike in protest against a spate of attacks on colleagues in the south. Dozens of government run



schools have been torched, staff killed and several students slashed in machete attacks conducted by suspected Muslim militants engaged in a new wave of separatist violence that has dogged the south for decades. In the latest incident a teacher and a student were shot and injured by gunmen on a motorbike. Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra has condemned the teachers' strike and their demands for better protection saying teachers are already paid a risk premium.

#### UNITED KINGDOM

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Evening rush hour began early in London today, as many people left work early to beat a 24-hour strike on the capital's subway system. Last-minute talks between London Underground managers and a union representing subway workers produced no breakthrough in a dispute involving pay and work conditions, prompting the employees to go ahead with their action at 1830 hrs. Thousands of subway drivers, signallers and maintenance workers began walking out as the strike started, causing travel chaos for millions of people in the capital. Most subway services were expected to be closed down within a few hours of the strike starting and will be crippled throughout tomorrow. During last-minute talks, London Underground managers and the Rail Maritime and Transport Union remained at loggerheads over a pay deal that would give the workers a two-year pay increase worth 6.75 percent. The union has complained about conditions attached to a pay deal, including the modernisation of technology that could cost some workers their jobs. Bob Crowe, general secretary of the RMT, said the union supported the strike. The London Underground called the strike "completely unnecessary" and said it would create a hardship for millions of Londoners. Mayor Ken Livingstone criticised some of the workers for requesting a four-day week, saying that "would lead to crippling fares for Londoners."

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Millions are struggling into work today as a rail union strike crippled London Underground (LU). The 24-hour walkout over pay began at 1830, BST, yesterday despite last-minute contact between the Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) union and management. Just a handful of trains were running instead of the normal 500 in the morning peak period. There is also heavy congestion on the roads and people are being advised to walk where possible. LU says there is a very limited service on the East London, Metropolitan, Victoria, Piccadilly, Northern and District lines. Buses, trams and the Docklands Light Railway are running as usual and river services are free until the strike ends at 1830, BST, today. There are no extra parking spaces and the congestion charge still applies. Services will be crippled

throughout the day and will continue to be hit into the evening, even after the strike ends. The union's general secretary, Bob Crow, said he could not rule out further strikes and union leaders are expected to meet in the next few days to decide their next move. Maurice Fitzpatrick, head of economics at business group Numerica, said the strike would cost the London economy £100m in lost fares and lost productivity.

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated today, states: London Underground (LU) says services have returned to normal after a 24-hour strike over pay and conditions. Although the strike officially ended at 1830, BST, yesterday, its impact was felt until the end of the night as a number of lines remained closed. The union has warned that it may call for further industrial action unless a settlement is negotiated. During yesterday's morning rush hour, there were only about 80 of the usual 500 trains, but by the afternoon LU said one in four were running. Transport for London said every available bus, an extra 1,000, had been "scrambled" to help take an extra one million Tube commuters who switched to the bus service. Seven million people crammed onto buses during the day - the highest number since 1950. The RMT described the action as "100% successful" and said it had been solidly supported. The union's general secretary Bob Crow said: "We hope the company will look at its position and get round the table and negotiate a settlement that is acceptable to our members. Obviously if the company doesn't negotiate seriously we will have to look at putting more action on." The cost to London's economy has been estimated at between £60m and £100m in lost productivity and fares. The action is partly linked to mayor Ken Livingstone's attempts to "modernise" the Tube with new technology, such as the Oyster travelcards, which could lead to the end of ticket booth and barrier jobs. The RMT rejected an improved offer from LU managers on Monday (Jun 29), which would give workers a pay rise of 3.5% over the next year and a guarantee to reduce the working week by two-and-a-half hours by 2006. It said there were unacceptable "strings" attached to the deal and fears 800 jobs could be lost. It is also fighting for a four-day week.

#### UNITED STATES

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Georgia Ports Authority's Garden City terminal, the nation's fifth-busiest container port, was uncharacteristically quiet yesterday. Upset over low wages, soaring fuel prices and anti-union laws, about 25 local truckers parked their tractors and cars outside the authority's main gate on the first day of a nationwide strike aimed at slowing the movement of cargo at U.S. ports. Independent truckers, who are paid for each container they haul, have called for strikes at major container ports,

including New York/New Jersey, Baltimore, Hampton Roads, Va.; Charleston, Savannah, New Orleans and Houston. The strike is expected to continue through the week. Other issues include unpaid wait times, dangerous chassis and other equipment, and trucking companies that violate "truth in leasing" regulations in their dealings with drivers. Truckers also want to be able to form unions and collectively bargain for better contracts from the shipping and trucking companies that lease their services. Owner-operators are considered independent business people and, as such, are forbidden by federal price-fixing laws from negotiating or talking with employers together. In Savannah, traffic appeared unusually light at Gate 4 yesterday. With some 13 lanes, the interchange handles most of the container traffic moving in and out of the port. Robert Morris, GPA director of internal affairs, said by midday port traffic at Gate 4 was down only 15% from the previous Monday. Elsewhere yesterday, about 200 independent truckers demonstrated at the Port of New York and New Jersey's Port Newark facility. In Charleston, the nation's fourth-busiest container port, dozens of truckers walked picket lines. And some 30 truckers went on strike at the Port of New Orleans. GPA will continue to monitor the situation in Savannah, Morris said, adding he does not expect the strike to have any significant impact on port operations here. The strike is planned to continue through the Fourth of July weekend, with hauling schedules back to normal Monday.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: U.S. ports are facing freight movement delays due to labour slowdowns, including protests by independent truckers, coupled with increased cargo volumes associated with the peak season. At Miami, protests are being staged by independent truckers concerned about rising fuel prices and the lack of compensation. According to local reports, Miami was at a complete standstill earlier this week. Vessels are being discharged, but no containers are going in or out of the port. Other south coast Florida ports are preparing for similar protests. Port Everglades said they would take a proactive stance in case of possible disruption and are planning to deploy additional deputies at various strategic points. Picket lines were also organised by independent drivers in the Ports of Charleston, SC, and Savannah, GA, according to published accounts. In New York and New Jersey, reports indicate that most independent truckers are refusing to operate and most traffic is being carried on over-the-road or by company-owned vehicles.

Miami, Jun 30 — The truckers' strike is not affecting the movement of cargo at the ports in our jurisdiction. There are some peaceful protesters at the Port of Miami but they are not interrupting traffic. — Lloyd's Agents.

## Awards & Settlements



### DEATH IN MID-AIR COLLISION, GERMANY

See "Collision In Mid-Air, South Germany" under "Aviation."

### EXTENDED LAY-OVER AT BRISBANE AIRPORT, AUSTRALIA

See "Incident at Brisbane Airport, Australia."

### INFECTED WALNUT TREES, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: A San Joaquin County, California, jury ruled that Stuke Nursery Co Inc. of Gridley must pay \$4,497,216 in damages to Brititalia Ventures, a Linden walnut grower. Brititalia sued in early 2002, claiming that Stuke delivered walnut trees infected with crown gall disease, resulting in millions of dollars of lost production. Brititalia Ventures, a family business, planted 14,000 trees from Stuke and 6,000 trees from a Stanislaus County nursery in 1998, said Craig Podesta, owner/operator of the 1,000-acre walnut and apple business. Within two years, many of the Stuke trees were showing signs of crown gall disease, which produces parasitic, cancerlike root growths that stunt the trees and decimate nut production, Podesta said. Almost half the Stuke trees had the disease, while almost none of the trees from the other nurseries were afflicted — "all in the same ground," he said. The award will cover all losses, including replacement of the Stuke trees, lost production and lost future production, he said. About a third of the Stuke trees have already been pulled, and the affliction is so extensive that Brititalia will probably have to pull all the trees out, Podesta said. Replacing walnut trees takes acreage out of production for about four years. Some of the damages involved not crown disease but the mistaken delivery of the wrong variety of walnut tree, attorney Richard Archbold, who served as counsel to Stuke, said. Stuke admitted to that mistaken delivery of 5,000 of the 14,000 trees to Brititalia Ventures. Stockton lawyer William Parish, Brititalia Ventures' counsel, said he thought the case was the first to prove that crown gall is related to a nursery's horticultural practices.

### PATENT INFRINGEMENT, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: A Houston jury has awarded Halliburton Co. \$24 million in damages in a patent infringement lawsuit against Smith International Inc. Security DBS, Halliburton's drill bit business, filed the lawsuit in September 2002 seeking damages for Smith's alleged infringement of the patented technology. The jury found

that Smith's competing bits, known as IDEAS, including Twist and Shout bits, willfully infringed three of Halliburton's patents. Halliburton said the jury also rejected Smith's claims that the patents are invalid. Halliburton and Smith International are oilfield services companies based in Houston.

### WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated Jun 29, states: A man freed after spending 14 years on Nevada's death row for a murder he always said he did not commit has settled a lawsuit for \$5 million, attorneys announced today. Roberto Miranda had sued Clark County, the public defender's office and two former Las Vegas police detectives, claiming authorities violated his civil rights. "There is no amount of money that will give him back those 14 years," said his attorney, JoNell Thomas. Miranda claimed an inexperienced public defender did not do enough to help him avoid conviction and a death sentence in 1982. He was freed in 1996, after a judge found that the trial attorney had committed glaring errors. The lawsuit argued Las Vegas public defenders routinely gave lie detector tests to defendants and used the results to decide how vigorous the defence should be. Miranda, a native Cuban, also claimed whites and members of the Mormon church got better legal help than minorities and non-Mormons. "We're glad for all parties involved that we can put this behind us now," said Mary Miller, Clark County counsel. She said many improvements had been made at the defenders' office, and the insurance-covered settlement "closes the door on that chapter." Miranda repeatedly argued that someone else committed the 1981 slaying that led to his death sentence. Ten years after the stabbing death of Manuel Rodriguez Torres, a federal judge appointed a new attorney for Miranda. That lawyer helped persuade a state judge to grant Miranda a new trial, and prosecutors later declined to proceed with the case.

## Railway Accidents



### ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Sixty homes were evacuated, but no injuries were reported this morning when a train carrying a hazardous chemical derailed south of Ardmore. Authorities said the Burlington Northern Santa Fe train derailed around 0130, today. The derailment happened about 30 miles north of the Oklahoma-Texas border near Lake Murray Road. Officials said several cars on the train were carrying a compound similar to anhydrous ammonia. One of the cars ruptured and exploded, prompting officials to make the evacuation order. Firefighters were

able to extinguish the blaze around 0600 hrs. Officials were still working to clean up the scene of the accident and repair damaged train tracks this afternoon.

### CAMPO AREA, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 25 — A press report, dated Jun 24, states: For the second time in a week, there has been a derailment on the Carriso Gorge Railway in the East County. Three hopper cars loaded with sand derailed today near La Posta Road in Campo. No one was hurt, but several hundred yards of track were torn up. Last Thursday (Jun 18), four train cars parked on a siding had their brakes released. They rolled down a hill and derailed on a curve near Jacumba.

### SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: A trail derailed this morning in San Antonio, in southwest Bexar County, setting off a chlorine spill. The fate of six people, including the train engineers and some people who went looking for them, was not known. Authorities have closed a 2-mile stretch of Pearsall Road. No mandatory evacuations have been ordered but people are asked to leave their homes if they smell the chemicals, which are not considered to be deadly but can cause shortness of breath. The train was carrying ammonium nitrate and a tank of chlorine when it derailed around 0600 hrs.

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Two freight trains collided in Texas today, killing an engine driver, derailling 40 cars and releasing clouds of chlorine and ammonium nitrate that shut down two busy roads. The gas clouds drifted up to 16km to the SeaWorld amusement park, near San Antonio, before dissipating. The four leaking cars were believed to have been left nearly empty, said Fire Department spokesman Randy Jenkins. Bexar County Sheriff's Deputy Chief Ray Trevino confirmed the engineer's death, but no details were available. Fifteen people, six of them from SeaWorld, were treated for minor respiratory irritation, Mr Jenkins said. A Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight train was pulling onto a siding when it was struck by a Union Pacific freight train, said Joe Faust, a spokesman for Fort Worth-based Burlington. Union Pacific spokesman John Bromley said his company's train was travelling about 30kph at the time. He said 23 of the 74 UP cars derailed, including four locomotives. Seventeen BN cars derailed. No evacuations were ordered, but two heavily travelled roads in the area were closed.

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated Jun 30, states: Crews today finished repairing and then re-opened a railroad line near San Antonio where a two-train wreck left three people dead. Autopsy results indicate a Union Pacific crewman and two people who were in a home nearby died from chlorine gas inhalation in Monday's (Jun 28)

accident. About 40 cars derailed in the crash that caused the release of poisonous chemicals, which were being transported by rail. Authorities believe the Union Pacific freight train ran into a Burlington Northern Santa Fe train.

**WEST CAMP, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: A one-and-a-half mile portion of US Route 9W near the Ulster-Greene county line remained closed late yesterday night as CSX crews worked to complete clean-up and repairs after a freight train derailed before sunrise. Eight cars from two trains derailed around 0445 yesterday morning near the West Camp Post Office. One car landing onto a portion of 9W, CSX spokeswoman Misty Skipper said. No one was injured in the derailment, state police in Ulster said. Six of the derailed cars were empty and the other two were carrying general merchandise, such as radios and other electronics, Skipper said. The two twin-engine trains were each headed from the Newark, N.J., area bound for Selkirk, according to Skipper. Skipper said she expected the track to re-open by this morning. Police said they did not know when the affected portion of 9W would re-open to traffic. The cause of the derailment is under investigation, Skipper said.



**DOWNLOAD.JECT**

London, Jun 27 — A press report, dated today, states: A mysterious computer infection is spreading on the Internet, with visitors to some popular websites unwittingly downloading programs that could allow hackers to steal sensitive data, security experts said Friday (Jun 25). Unlike viruses that spread by e-mail, this infection is propagated simply by visiting an infected site, which can install a so-called trojan or keystroke logger that allows hackers access to the PCs. Security experts labeled the malicious program Scob, and said it was also known as Download.Ject or Toofer. "Users should be aware that any website, even those that may be trusted by the user, may be affected by this activity and thus contain potentially malicious code," said the government-funded Computer Emergency Readiness Team in a warning posted late Thursday. Scob affects websites running Microsoft's IIS 5.0 program for Web servers, experts said. "If users of Internet Explorer visit web pages infected by Scob, their computer may attempt to download a file from a Russian website," the security firm Sophos said Friday. Microsoft called the incident "critical" and urged users to download updates to protect their systems. "A large number of websites,

some of them quite popular, were compromised earlier this week to distribute malicious code," said the Internet Storm Centre of the SANS Institute, a collaborative effort of universities and private researchers. SANS did not name the sites. "If a user visited an infected site, the javascript delivered by the site would instruct the user's browser to download an executable from a Russian website and install it," SANS said. "Different executables were observed. These trojan horse programs include keystroke loggers, proxy servers and other back doors providing full access to the infected system." SANS noted that this is not the first time trojans have been attached to websites, but added, "This attack is special because it affects a large number of servers and is not easily detectable."

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated Jun 28, states: A potentially dangerous Internet attack by a virus traced back to Russia spread across the Internet on Friday (Jun 25). The virus was designed to steal financial data and passwords from web users, computer security experts said. The attack, which surfaced on Thursday and is known as Scob or Download.Ject, exploits a vulnerability in servers using a version of Microsoft's Internet Information Services software, and has been called more dangerous than the recent "Sasser" and "Blaster" infections. The infected servers in turn exploit another vulnerability in Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser to install a "Trojan horse" virus on the PCs of web surfers who visit the infected sites, said Alfred Huger, senior director of engineering at Internet security company Symantec Corp. "All of this takes place while it looks like you're viewing the same web page," Huger said. "You don't even know that parts of your browser have been redirected to another web site." The US Computer Emergency Readiness team warned on its web site that "any web site, even those that may be trusted by the user, may be affected by this activity and thus contain potentially malicious code." The Trojan horse places a keystroke logger on users' PCs and is designed to capture credit card numbers and passwords and send them back to a server in Russia, said Michael Murray, director of vulnerability and exposure at computer security firm nCircle. By late Friday, however, the threat to users' personal data seemed to have diminished, at least for the time being. "The Russian server appears to have been shut down in the last eight hours," Murray said. "We don't know if it was shut down by authorities or whether it was accidental." The attack is more alarming than most because there are no patches available yet from Microsoft to fix the vulnerability in Internet Explorer that lets the hackers take control of computers, security researchers said. On its web site, Microsoft said users could search for the files "Kk32.dll" or "Surf.dat" to see whether their PCs were infected. The company also suggested that users set their browser security level to "high." Stephen Toulouse, a security program

manager at Microsoft, said there were three vulnerabilities involved in the attack, two of which Microsoft addressed in April with software patches. He said Microsoft was working on a patch to fix this latest vulnerability, which was published about two weeks ago. Toulouse said that version 5 of Microsoft's Internet Information Services software, which had not had an April patch installed, was vulnerable to being turned into a virus transmitter. "The attacker is exploiting a vulnerability and changing the web pages on the server and turning them around to try and exploit vulnerabilities on Internet Explorer that customers are using to view the infected web sites," Toulouse said. Experts also urged computer users to update their anti-virus protection software. The Macintosh version of Internet Explorer is not affected, nor are non-Microsoft browsers such as Mozilla, Opera and Apple Computer's Safari browser, security experts said.



**ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUSLY REJECTED CARGO, MOMBASA, KENYA**

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated Jun 30, states: A Sh500 million fertiliser consignment that was rejected by the Kenya Tea Development Agency is being off-loaded at the port of Mombasa. The agency had allegedly rejected the consignment for being substandard. A Kenya Ports Authority official said bulk *Lok Prem* (16818 gt, built 1990), the vessel carrying the fertiliser, had left Mombasa on Jun 2, after the tea agency rejected the cargo. It, however, returned on Jun 21, and immediately started off-loading. Yesterday, the vessel was discharging the fertilizer at berth No.8. The Kenya Tea Agency public relations manager Chris Njoga said the agency accepted the fertiliser after the controversy surrounding it was cleared. Mr Njoga said this was after the non-negotiable report of finding issued by the pre-shipment agency was cancelled, and a clean report of finding issued. He said Bivac International, the pre-shipment agency, had on Jun 8 written to the tea agency cancelling the report and issued the clean report on Jun 10. Mr Njoga said the fertiliser had not been rejected for being substandard, but for having arrived without the correct report. Its off loading, he said, would have amounted to dumping. Independent sources said that the vessel had sailed to Saudi Arabia, where it went for bunkering before returning to Mombasa. "The information I have is that an agreement was reached between the tea agency and the supplier's over issues raised in the test before the fertiliser was accepted," the official said. He said results of tests on

the fertiliser by different firms to establish whether the fertiliser met local standards showed that it surpassed the nutrients requirement by one per cent. "It was agreed that the fertiliser should only have been rejected if its nutrients were less, and not more, and that is why tea agency has accepted the fertiliser," the maritime official said. (Note — *Lok Prem* had originally arrived Mombasa May 12 from Constantza.)

#### **COLLAPSE OF PIER ON EXPRESSWAY, TAMPA AREA, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Early estimates show the pier collapse that damaged three bridge segments on the new elevated lanes of the Lee Roy Selmon Expressway will cost close to \$9 million and delay the project's completion for two months. Officials with the Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority said the estimates are only preliminary. They said the precise cost of the collapse won't be known until engineers can examine the pier that sank 20 feet on Apr 13 during the morning rush. "We will have no idea of what happened until we can get in there and find out," said Bill McDaniel, vice president of URS Corp., the authority's general engineering consultant. Brady Sneath, the authority's chief financial officer, said insurance will cover about 90 percent of the repair costs. Both spoke today during the monthly meeting of the authority's board of directors. McDaniel said workers have spent the past 11 weeks removing the damaged bridge spans and cleaning up debris around the sunken pier. He said work crews should be able to start inspecting the pier next week. Officials suspect a sinkhole developed in the limestone under the pier, causing it to give way. McDaniel said he has seen no evidence that the pier itself failed. McDaniel said the biggest cost will be replacing the damaged bridges and pier. Tentative estimates show that will cost \$7.7 million. Rather than replacing the old pier on the same spot, McDaniel said the authority likely will direct construction workers to build two new ones on either side.

#### **DRUGS FOUND ON BAHAMAS FLAG VESSEL AT SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA**

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated Jun 30, states: Officials at the port of Sydney (NS) made the not-so-routine discovery of two duffel bags stuffed with 83 kilograms of cocaine during a routine examination of a vessel today. Michel Proulx, spokesman for the Canadian Border Services Agency, said the bags were hidden in the rudder area of bulk *Sheila Ann* (41428 gt, built 1999) that had sailed from Venezuela to Sydney. "It is a substantial find, definitely," said Proulx. "But it's not uncommon for legitimate companies to be unknowingly exploited by organised crime for the movement of contraband." Proulx said the Canada Steamship Lines vessel was carrying a legitimate

form of coke, or bulk coal, and was destined to head on to Halifax and then Florida. Proulx said no charges were laid.

#### **HOEGH MINERVA (NIS)**

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: A Norwegian cargo fleet operator has been fined \$3.5 million for obstructing an investigation into illegal dumping of oil into the ocean, the US attorney's office said. Hoegh Fleet Services admitted in March that an engineering officer on general cargo *Hoegh Minerva* instructed his workers to build a pipe to bypass the vessel's oil-content sensor, a system for preventing waste oil from being discharged into the ocean. Hoegh pleaded guilty to seven felony counts, including obstruction of justice and making false statements to federal inspectors. The case came to light after a whistleblower on the vessel slipped a note to Coast Guard inspectors when the vessel arrived in Vancouver, Washington. At sentencing yesterday, US District Judge Ronald Leighton also granted prosecutors' request that the unidentified whistleblower receive a \$300,000 award. Besides the fine, Leighton ordered Hoegh to implement a compliance plan for its 38 vessels that call at US ports. A portion of the fine, \$1.6 million, will be used to fund environmental projects along the coasts of Washington and California.

#### **OUTBREAK OF "BIRD FLU"**

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated Jun 30, states: A strain of bird flu virus that is not lethal to humans has killed at least 4,500 chickens in Vietnam, three months after an outbreak of the deadly H5N1 type that killed 16 people was declared over, officials said. The chickens on three farms in the Mekong Delta province of Bac Lieu died or were destroyed after testing positive for the H5 strain of the bird flu disease. While the H5 type is not known to be harmful to humans, another strain, H5N1, is lethal. "We are doing everything we can to contain the outbreak, our hope is that it will not spread," a spokesman for the animal health authority in Vinh Loi district where the three farms are situated said today. "All random tests on the chickens in these farms were positive for avian influenza of the H5 strain," he added. Anton Rychener, Vietnam representative for the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organisation, said news of the outbreak was not surprising. "We have said all along the virus is really still out there and may periodically resurface," he said. Last week, Nguyen Van Thong, deputy director of the Agriculture Ministry's Animal Health Department, said many of the more than 10,000 poultry blood samples tested recently were H5 positive. "So far the virus is not dangerous to human health but it is a present threat, all poultry should be inspected before consumption," Mr Thong said. He said the tests were done on samples from 37 cities and provinces around the country and that most of the positive results came from water fowl, such as ducks. Chinese and US

researchers reported on Monday (Jun 28) that the frightening H5N1 strain of bird flu is mutating into an ever more deadly form in ducks and needs to be controlled quickly. A small outbreak of the H5N1 virus was found in a farm in the south of the country in May but was quickly contained, state media had reported. Bird flu erupted across many parts of Asia from late last year and killed millions of chickens and devastated poultry industries in several countries. It also killed eight people in Thailand. Vietnam declared itself free of the disease on March 30.

#### **POWER OUTAGE, SINGAPORE**

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: From about 2200 last night, a quickly spreading blackout plunged many parts of Singapore into darkness. Not just home lights, but street lamps and traffic signals winked out, causing traffic in Hougang and Sengkang to slow to a crawl as half-blinded motorists switched on their high beams. As it turned out, the blackout, the Energy Market Authority (EMA) said, was caused by a disruption of the supply of natural gas from neighbouring Indonesia. It did not elaborate. Restoration of power got under way almost at once, with generators switching to diesel: By 2230, the darkness was beginning to be pushed back in places like Bishan. Clementi and Sengkang went bright again at about 2245 and Eunos at around 2300. By 0015, according to Singapore Power, power had been restored in all areas. So widespread was the blackout, it also hit Ang Mo Kio, Clementi, Woodlands, Toa Payoh, Serangoon and Ghim Moh, as well as the Holland Village and Mohamed Sultan Road leisure spots that only a few areas, including Yishun and parts of the south, escaped. The Energy Market Authority may fine a company up to \$1 million, or 10 per cent of its revenue, for negligence. Its licence can even be revoked.

### Fires & Explosions



#### **BITUMEN FACILITY, DUBLIN, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated Jun 27, states: A huge fire broke out in a bitumen facility at Dublin fuel port near Ringsend, causing a thick black cloud over the River Liffey near Sir John Rogerson's Quay. The fire was brought under control by eight units of the fire brigade. Fire officers say the situation is still the same at Irish Shell tar in Dublin Port, with emergency services still at the scene. The fire, which broke out around 1500 today, caused extensive damage to the fuel depot but there are no reports of any injuries.

Dublin, Jun 30 — A large fire broke out at about 1500, local time, Jun 27, at

Irish Shell Tar Terminal at Dublin Port. The emergency services were involved, including eight units of the Dublin Fire Brigade. To date the cause of the fire is still unknown, but it is considered very likely that it originated from an oil jetty, where extensive damage was caused. There is no evidence that there was any vessel involved. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **CLUB, HOUSTON, TEXAS, UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated Jun 30, states: Arson is suspected as the cause of a three-alarm fire at a southwest Houston adult club today, officials said. Houston firefighters responded to a fire at the Bourbon Street Club on Ponderosa near Bissonnet and the Southwest Freeway around 0450 hrs. A Houston Fire Department spokesperson said a third alarm was called around 0600 hrs to rotate firefighters. A total of 100 firefighters responded to the scene. Firefighters extinguished the blaze just before 0700 hrs, after the second-floor apartment collapsed. Arson investigators said that when crews arrived, the front door of the club was open, which they said was suspicious. "We know that there weren't any utilities connected — no gas, no electricity, and a door was ajar when the fire department got here. Those circumstances says you're going to look at something suspicious," Robert Kent, with the Houston Fire Department, said. The owner of the building said the tenant did not have any insurance, and that the club was closed for renovations after receiving damage from a fire on May 24. It was scheduled to reopen Friday (Jul 2). No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Samples taken from inside the club will be sent to a lab to be tested for possible accelerants, but it could be weeks before the results are back.

#### **FACTORY, NORTH WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE, PAKISTAN**

Karachi, Jun 28 — At least four workers were killed and thirty five were injured during a huge fire that broke out at Saadi Cement Factory at Hattar Industrial Estate in North West Frontier Province of Pakistan on Saturday (Jun 26). According to Police and fire brigade sources fire was triggered by a blast in a furnace plant of the factory around 2030 on Saturday night. The flames quickly trapped more than 50 factory workers. On receiving information about the incident, fire engines from Haripur, Wah Cantonment and HMC Taxila reached the site and succeeded in extinguishing the fire after five hours of continuous efforts. The injured were shifted to the POF hospital, Wah Cantonment, where two of them were pronounced dead on their arrival. The deceased had received 95 per cent burns. Later, two other injured also succumbed to their injuries at the hospital's burn unit. Over 35 people with 30 to 50 per cent burn injuries were shifted to different hospital of Rawalpindi and Islamabad due to a few

numbers of beds in the burn unit. An inquiry is being ordered. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

Karachi, Jun 30 — The death toll in the recent fire at a cement plant has risen to eight. The fire broke out at Saadi Cement plant in Hattar Industrial area in the North West Frontier Province of Pakistan on Saturday evening. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained. A factory worker who escaped unhurt in the inferno disclosed that pipes carrying raw material (melted stone) from the kiln to the cyclone drum had got choked and when employees tried to clear the obstruction, the hot raw material gushed out with a bang and spilled over the workers present in the premises of the pre-heater. As result, when the burning liquid hit the drums filled with furnace oil, it caught fire with a blast setting that portion of the building on fire. — Lloyds List Correspondent.

#### **FACTORY, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA**

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated today, states: Power for 23,000 homes in Sydney's inner west remains cut following a fire in a chocolate factory next to an electricity sub-station overnight. Police said residents heard an alarm about 2355 hrs and saw smoke coming from the two-storey chocolate factory in Meeks Road, Marrickville. Emergency services were contacted and went to the scene as the building was engulfed by flames, destroying the premises. Amid concerns a factory wall would collapse on the nearby substation, and following advice from emergency crews, authorities shut down power about 0100 hrs. The fire was controlled but a thick blanket of smoke was covering the area.

#### **FILM STUDIO, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA**

London, Jun 27 — A press report, dated today, states: A fire at the Movie World theme park on Queensland's Gold Coast has destroyed a film studio. Studio eight was largely engulfed in flames when fire crews arrived on the scene at 1830, AEST, yesterday. Several large LPG cylinders intensified the blaze. It took 10 crews several hours to bring the fire under control. There are no injuries. The senior operations coordinator for the south-east region, Ross Mutzelberg, says the damage bill will be in the millions of dollars. "The building has partially collapsed and it's been fully involved in fire," he said. "It'll be a complete loss for that sound stage." The studio recently played host to American hotel heiress Paris Hilton, who was acting in a horror film. Mr Mutzelberg says an investigation into the cause of the blaze will continue today. "When the fire's at a stage where people can enter, we will have our fire investigation unit attend," he said. "The police will most naturally have their investigators there too and a full investigation will be undertaken."

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: The cinders should be finally extinguished at Movie World

on the Gold Coast today, after a multi-million dollar weekend fire. A controlled stunt in a sound studio at the Gold Coast theme park went wrong on Saturday night (Jun 26), sparking a fire during filming of the feature film House of Wax. The studio was evacuated and no-one was hurt. Helensvale station officer Scott Williams says fire crews should finish the job off today. "Because of the construction being a tilt-slab building, there's still, some of the fire is quite deep-seated," he said. "Now we don't think there's any flame, maybe some cinders and a lot of smoke, that's down beneath all the tonnes of concrete. Those crews will be back there. They'll be pulling it all apart and using the hydraulic cutting equipment, cutting it and tearing it all away and we will be back there ensuring the fire is completely extinguished."

#### **FORESTS, CHINA**

London, Jun 25 — A press report, dated today, states: Forest fires caused by lightning are spreading in virgin forests in north China's Greater Khingan Range, firefighters said today. More than 1,000 police officers are fighting fire in the mountain, a major base for the country's virgin forest reserve. There are a total of 10 separate flame spots that are expanding to larger areas, according to the police. Lasting high temperatures and aridity since late May posed a great fire risk. Continued lightning that began in mid June stroke dry, withered trees and caused fire, police said. Helicopters were employed to send firefighters to the fire sites which are mostly located in the far inland of dense woods. An additional 400 police officers were mobilised today and would be sent to join in extinguishing efforts later in the day, police said.

#### **RECYCLING PLANT, LEICESTER, UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Fire crews are still at the scene of a large fire at a recycling plant in Leicester more than 20 hours after it broke out. The fire at the newly opened Biffa plant started at 1030 BST, yesterday. An investigation has begun, but police have said they do not believe the cause to be suspicious. It took nearly 50 firefighters several hours to bring the flames under control, and crews have worked through the night to dampen down the area.

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated today, states: Environmental chiefs in Leicester say it could take at least three months to get a recycling scheme back on track after a major fire at the weekend. The blaze broke out at the newly opened Biffa centre in Beaumont Leys in Leicester on Sunday morning (Jun 27) morning. It took around 45 fighters several hours to bring the flames under control and several road blocks were placed around the plant. The cost of the damage caused to the site is still unknown. An investigation is underway, but police have said they do not believe the cause of the fire to be suspicious.

**SCHOOL, RUGBY,  
UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: More than 70 firefighters are tackling a blaze at a Rugby secondary school. Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service were called to the Avon Valley School on Newbold Road at about 0200, BST. A spokesman said half of the building had been damaged and there was a danger of the fire spreading to three other school buildings. County Fire Officer William Brown told BBC Radio Coventry they were yet to establish the cause and an investigation had been launched. Warwickshire Police have sealed off surrounding roads.

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: A secondary school near Rugby has been destroyed in what firefighters suspect was an arson attack. Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service were called to the Avon Valley School in Newbold-on-Avon at around 0200 BST, today. Its 900 pupils now have the week off while temporary buildings are put up. The fire service said it was investigating the cause and stressed the school would still be standing if a sprinkler system had been fitted.

**SHOPPING MALL, PERTH,  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: A nine-year-old boy set off a \$2 million blaze at a Perth shopping centre using a cigarette lighter to ignite aerosol cans in a supermarket, authorities said yesterday. West Australian Fire and Emergency Services Authority spokesman Kevin Gray said the fire broke out about 0845, Saturday (Jun 26) in the Farmer Jack's supermarket at Thornlie Square. The centre was evacuated and closed for several hours as fire crews fought the blaze. The fire itself caused only minor damage, but stock and fittings in many shops were ruined by water. Mr Gray said it was fortunate no one was killed in the blaze. Police said the boy could not be charged because he was under the age of 10.

**VEHICLES AND PREMISES,  
ZAHEDAN AREA, IRAN**

London, Jun 27 — A press report, dated Jun 26, states: A gasoline tanker truck slammed into a row of packed buses, setting off a fiery explosion that killed at least 90 people and injured more than 100 in south-eastern Iran, officials said yesterday. Many of the victims were burned alive because firefighting equipment had to arrive from Zahedan, about 110 kilometres away, said Heidar Ali Nouraei, the region's governor. Many of the injured suffered severe burns, officials said. Officials said the death toll could rise to 200 as rescue workers scoured charred buses, cars and trucks in the gruesome task of collecting body parts. "Ninety bodies have been recovered, but the death toll could rise further," a Red Crescent official in Zahedan, the capital of Sistan-Baluchistan province, told Iranian media. He said 114 injured had been removed from the accident scene.

The buses, along with a truck containing tar, were parked at a police station on the main highway between Zahedan and Bam, nearly 1,100 kilometres south-east of Tehran, when the accident occurred late Thursday night. The driver of the tanker, which was carrying 18,000 litres of fuel, apparently lost control — perhaps due to a steering failure — and his vehicle slammed into the buses and the other truck, the Islamic Republic News Agency said. State-run television showed charred bodies in the burned-out buses, the tanker lying on its side, and grieving men walking among the destroyed vehicles. Another Red Crescent official, Alireza Ghadiani, said many of the bodies had melted into the ground due to the intense heat. Mr Nouraei said the horror of the accident meant it would take time to establish a definitive death toll. The official IRNA news agency said most of the dead were women and children who had stayed in the passenger buses while their husbands were being searched by police. Trucks and buses often wait outside police stations in the area to be inspected for drugs and other contraband.

**WAREHOUSE, KILWINNING,  
AYRSHIRE, UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Jun 25 — A press report, dated today, states: Firefighters have been battling a fire which has led to the collapse of a warehouse. Eight fire appliances and 50 firefighters tackled the blaze, which engulfed a cash-and-carry storage unit in Ayrshire causing £2m of damage. The fire at V R Imports Direct Ltd at Longford Avenue, Kilwinning, was reported at 2150, BST, yesterday. A police spokesman said they were not ruling out any suspicious circumstances and a full investigation would be held. He added: "The blaze is being fought with six water jets being applied from external locations due to the almost total collapse of the single-storey building." Strathclyde Fire Brigade said that 15 firefighters and three appliances were still at the scene trying to completely extinguish the blaze.

**WAREHOUSE, SALEM, OREGON,  
UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: A four-alarm fire tore through a downtown Salem lumber warehouse in the pre-dawn hours early today. The fire in a building used by Keith Brown Lumber at 775 Front Street NE was reported at 0245 hrs and caused significant damage to the structure, which was used to assemble and store doors. Flames dozens of feet high shot through the air while more than 50 firefighters from Salem, Polk County Fire District No.1 and Keizer Fire District worked to successfully contain the fire to the one damaged building. Deputy Fire Marshal Bill Holmstrom said the cause of the fire is suspicious. The point of origin is believed to be a pile of pallets outside the building. Holmstrom said it took about one hour and 20 minutes to contain the fire. A section of Front

Street NE off of Commercial Street NE to be closed for several hours while fire crews continued to mop up the blaze. No injuries were reported.

**WILDFIRES, CANADA**

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated Jun 27, states: British Columbia has put out a call for more firefighters. Twenty more from Manitoba have been sent to battle the almost 440 blazes burning across B.C. The 20 firefighters will be deployed to the Williams Lake area in central B.C. They'll stay for about two weeks. There aren't any major fires in Manitoba right now, because the weather has been damper and cooler. There are already 42 Manitoba firefighters in B.C., as the cost of putting out the province's fires soars. Expenses have been pegged at about \$20 million so far. That's more than twice what the province spent at this time last year. British Columbia has a direct fire budget of about \$50 million for the season. If costs go beyond that, the Ministry of Forests will hold an open vote on whether the budget should be increased. The fire in Lillooet, 160 kilometres west of Kamloops, is the one that is currently causing the most concern. Thousands of the town's residents are on one-hour evacuation alert. Residents of the tiny B.C. Cariboo village of Kluskus, near Quesnel, decided to voluntarily leave their homes on Friday (Jun 25) because of all the dense smoke caused by two nearby fires. Officials say the biggest blaze is the Swan Lake fire. It's burning near the Yukon border, where high winds have expanded it to cover 100-square-kilometres. The good news is the flames isn't a threat to any people or their homes because of its remote location.

**WILDFIRES, UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 25 — A press report, dated Jun 24, states: Light initial attack was reported nation-wide with 106 fires reported. Two new large fires were reported, one in northern California and one in Alaska. Four large fires were contained, one each in northern California, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. The north-western states will again have an unseasonably hot day today caused by a lingering high pressure. (See issue of Jun 24.)

London, Jun 26 — A press report, dated today, states: Firefighters tried to intensify their efforts to control a wildfire burning in the Cibola National Forest yesterday, while crews in north-west New Mexico managed to slow down a quick-moving fire that destroyed at least one home. San Juan County dispatchers received several calls about a brush fire in a rural area east of Farmington yesterday. The fire destroyed a mobile home and burned at least 20 acres before crews managed to slow it down. Dispatchers said the blaze was 90% contained yesterday evening and authorities were investigating the cause. In the Davenport Mountains near Datil, a single-engined air tanker dropped fire retardant to keep a wildfire from encroaching upon a summer church camp. Light winds also

pushed the flames away from the camp. State Forestry Division spokesman Dan Ware said no structures at the camp were threatened. Children who were attending the camp were on a field trip when the fire flared up and were safe in another area yesterday evening. "The fire is burning in a very spotted manner," Ware said. "We believe three or four lightning strikes sparked the fire." Fire information officer Karen Takai said the blaze sent up a large plume of smoke yesterday as it moved through 40 acres of ponderosa pine, mixed conifer and dead trees.

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: A fire along the eastern Sierra Nevada that had threatened Marine Corps housing grew to about 2,100 acres yesterday but no longer threatened structures, officials said. Higher humidity and cooler temperatures helped firefighters, who got the fire 45 percent contained, fire information officer Franklin Pemberton said. No major injuries were reported. Pemberton said helicopters and air tankers helped keep the fire well away from homes in the Coleville area, about 70 miles south of Reno, Nev. Earlier, officials were concerned the fire could reach a housing unit north of Coleville used by the US Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Centre. The fire still threatened habitat for mule deer and the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout, Pemberton said. There was no estimated containment date for the blaze, which was burning in brush and pinon-juniper forests.

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated Jun 28, states: With dry weather and near-record heat in Alaska's interior, wildfires burned on more than a half-million acres of remote forest today, but no populated areas faced immediate threat. One fire burned within two miles of Venetie, a community of 200 on the Chandalar River about 160 miles north-east of Fairbanks and 150 miles west of the Canada border. But a wind shift yesterday led fire managers to decide no evacuations were necessary. Traffic remained halted for a third day today on the Steese Highway, which begins in Fairbanks and runs about 160 miles to Circle, a community of about 100 on the Yukon River. The Forestry Division estimates the Boundary fire at 47,300 acres, and division spokeswoman Brett Ricker said some mining camps and hunting cabins may be threatened. Elsewhere in Alaska, about 80 mine workers were evacuated from the Pogo mine after strong winds brought the lightning-caused Camp Creek fire to within two miles of the mine. At the Pingo fire, the largest of the blazes dubbed the Solstice Complex, flames burned trees within two miles of Venetie. The Pingo fire had scorched 120,660 acres, while the Winter Trail fire, the second largest in the Solstice complex, had burned 102,000 acres, bringing the combined total to nearly a quarter million acres. The other 14 fires in the complex are out or in monitoring status, he said. Spokeswoman Kris Eriksen said three fires in the Taylor Complex affecting the highway are the

49,900-acre Chicken fire, the 12,600-acre Wall Street Fire and the 79,762-acre Porcupine fire. The National Interagency Fire Centre, in its daily report today, said wildfires were burning on 527,080 acres in Alaska.

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated Jun 28, states: Dry vegetation in harsh terrain helped fuel the growth of a wildfire in the Tonto National Forest to at least 12,000 acres, officials said. The "Willow" fire could be as large as 14,000 acres, but officials were waiting for flyovers to determine the blaze's size and boundary. Containment was estimated at less than 10%. While the blaze was miles away from ranches, crews set backfires to protect the three ranches and consume fuel between the private property and the fire. The fire's rapid growth over rugged terrain prompted authorities to bring in an elite management team that handles high-priority fires, said forest spokesman Vinnie Picard. "The fire is growing so fast and seems to have so much potential to burn, why wait for it to get to a critical point?" Picard said. About 300 firefighters, four helicopters, seven fire engines, one air tanker and two bulldozers were fighting the fire yesterday. Crews had secured the south-western end of the fire on Saturday (Jun 26) and prevented it from moving west. The wilderness area is closed to the public. The lightning-sparked fire began on Thursday. Other large fires continued burning in Arizona over the weekend. The "Jacket" fire had consumed about 4,600 acres in the Coconino National Forest about eight miles southeast of Flagstaff. That fire is contained by natural barriers and is expected to burn itself out within the next couple days, said Raquel Poturalski, a spokeswoman for the Coconino National Forest. It was ignited by lightning last Tuesday. The "Nuttal" fire, south-west of Safford, has burned about 125 acres in the Coronado National Forest.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated Jun 29, states: A good day on the fire lines allowed crews to head toward containment of wildfires that have blackened more than 3,000 acres near the rural community of Coleville, California. The Vittori fire broke out late yesterday and quickly spread to 900 acres. It broke out near where some 470 firefighters were battling a 2,100-acre wildfire that began on Friday (Jun 25) in the same area about 70 miles south of Reno, Nevada. The larger blaze was fully contained today and crews were pulled off it to attack the Vittori fire. They were joined by 10 helicopters while five single-engine air tankers were sent back to their base. The smaller fire was 75% contained today after briefly threatening a Marine Corps housing unit and closing US 395. The highway linking western Nevada to Southern California reopened at midday. "Steep, rocky slopes and limited access is expected to slow the progress of firefighters. Air operations combined with crews on the ground will be essential to establish containment and control lines," fire spokesman Franklin Pemberton said today. The fire

was burning in grass, sagebrush and mixed pinon-juniper left dust-dry by five years of drought.

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated today, states: Fire crews burned trees and brush around the town of Payson, Arizona, yesterday to keep a spreading wildfire from coming any closer. Seventeen buildings, including homes, barns and sheds, were considered threatened by the fire, which was four miles away, and on the far side of a containment line, said Gary Roberts, spokesman for the crew fighting the fire. The fire has burned roughly 32,000 acres and was considered only 5 percent contained. In Alaska, dozens of people fled their homes and took refuge at a lodge northeast of Fairbanks after a wildfire grew substantially overnight, perhaps doubling in size to about 117,000 acres, fire information officer Michelle Finch said. Meanwhile, officials in California said a wildfire in the Sierra Nevada that shut down a major highway and forced the evacuation of a Marine Corps housing compound was sparked Monday (Jun 28) by a cooking fire built by four youths. The district attorney's office had not yet decided whether to file charges against the youths, said Murray Shoemaker, fire information officer. Also yesterday, lightning touched off a series of wildfires across hundreds of acres on the edge of Reno, Nev., sending up large plumes of smoke just west of the city but posing no immediate threat to homes.



#### ACCIDENT, WAU, SUDAN

London, Jun 27 — A press report, dated today, states: A Sudanese cargo aircraft caught fire and swerved off the runway as it tried to take off from the southern city of Wau, injuring three crew members and a boy in a nearby field. Engines on board the Soviet-built Antonov caught fire during the takeoff attempt and the aircraft veered from the runway yesterday, the Sudanese Civil Aviation Administration said in a statement. It said the five-member crew managed to get out off but that three of them were slightly hurt. An eight-year-old boy in a nearby field also suffered a broken leg, it said. The aircraft belongs to Saria, a private aviation company, and was on its way back to Khartoum, the capital, after unloading its cargo of timber. Investigators were looking into the cause of the engine fires.

Karachi, Jun 28 — The Sudanese Civil Aviation Administration in a statement to local press, said that a Sudanese cargo aircraft caught fire and swerved off the runway as it tried to take off on Jun 26 from the southern city of Wau. As a result three crew members and a boy in a nearby field were injured. It is reported that engines of the Soviet-built Antonov caught fire during the take-off attempt, and that the aircraft veered

from the runway. The aircraft grounded and an inquiry is being ordered.—Lloyd's List Correspondent.

#### **AIRCRAFT DAMAGED IN STORM, SOFIA, BULGARIA**

See "Bulgaria" under "Weather & Navigation."

#### **C-FAUM**

London, Jun 30 — Cessna A185E, C-FAUM, on floats, when landing on Lake Temiskaming near New Liskeard, slowed very fast and yawed to the right, aircraft nosed over and sank at 0930, EDT, Jun 28. The pilot sustained minor injuries.

#### **C-FUSU**

London, Jun 29 — On Jun 26, Piper PA-28-235, C-FUSU, was on a training flight with an instructor and student pilot aboard. The aircraft was performing a simulated forced approach to runway 27, Tyendinaga (Mohawk), Ontario, with the student pilot at the controls. During the final approach the instructor took over the controls. Prior to touchdown the nose dropped and the aircraft landed hard on the runway. The nose landing gear and left wing were substantially damaged. There were no injuries.

#### **C-FVIN**

London, Jun 30 — Luscombe 8A, C-FVIN, two persons on board, on final approach, turned away from Estevan runway due to wind gust or turbulence but it descended and bounced on the runway at 1030 CST, Jun 29. When the aircraft descended and bounced a second time the pilot applied power to go around. The aircraft went off the side of the runway and overturned. Neither the pilot nor the passenger were injured, the aircraft incurred substantial damage.

#### **C-FXYZ**

London, Jun 30 — Piper PA 30, C-FXYZ, Red Deer to Olds-Didsbury, during touch down at Olds-Didsbury the right main tyre burst at 1710, Jun 24. The landing was described as being a hard landing. The aircraft swerved off the runway to the right contacting some small dirt mounds collapsing the right main gear. Damage reported was to the right engine, propeller, right gear leg and flap. There were no injuries to the three occupants. Winds were estimated to be a 15-20 knots right crosswind with little turbulence.

#### **C-GSHH**

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: A helicopter carrying a forest fire crew crashed in a remote and mountainous area northeast of 100 Mile House late last Friday (Jun 25), but the pilot and his three passengers were not seriously injured. The chartered aircraft, operated by Highland Helicopters and taking crew from a small fire near Spanish Creek to a staging area, plunged to the ground and was badly damaged. The pilot and passenger only sustained minor injuries.

London, Jun 29 — On Jun 25, Aerospatiale AS350B-2, C-GSHH, SN 3192, operated by Highland Helicopters, was departing a hill-side helipad, 120 nautical miles north-east of Vancouver, with three forestry personnel, when the engine appeared to lose power. The low rotor RPM warning sounded and the pilot attempted to return to the helipad. The helicopter struck the terrain parallel to the helipad. The helicopter was substantially damaged. All four occupants sustained only minor injuries.

#### **CANCELLATION OF FLIGHT, HONG KONG**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Northwest Airlines yesterday cancelled a flight for mechanical reasons, disrupting travel plans for hundreds of passengers who had to delay journeys by up to 24 hours. Passengers on Northwest Flight 18, due to take off at 0810 for Tokyo and New York, were grounded at Hong Kong International Airport because a spare part was not available. Because it is the peak season for travel, all other flights were full and Northwest could not transfer passengers to other airlines, as it normally would have done. Instead, it told the 361 passengers to go home and call its reservations line for another flight. "We could not give them an answer before 0900 because none of the airlines could tell us the number of available seats they had. So, many customers felt insecure," said Northwest's Hong Kong general manager Gilbert Chow Yun-cheung.

#### **COLLISION IN MID-AIR, SOUTHERN GERMANY**

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated Jun 30, states: Families of Russian children killed in an aircraft collision two years ago have reached a multimillion-dollar compensation deal with Switzerland's air traffic control company, officials and lawyers said today. "We've reached a settlement," said Skyguide spokeswoman Rosemarie Rotzetter, adding that she could not immediately disclose the sum to be paid to the families of 28 children who died in the Jul 1, 2002, crash. The accident, over southern Germany, occurred in Swiss-controlled airspace, and investigators pointed to failings at Skyguide. In a statement, the families' German-based attorney Michael Witt said they each would receive "a six-figure sum in U.S. dollars." Swiss newspapers have reported the settlement would be about \$150,000. Witt said he had decided to drop plans also to seek compensation in U.S. courts. A total of 71 people died in the collision of a cargo plane and a Russian charter jet. Skyguide already has reached a compensation deal worth a reported \$300,000 with the families of the 12 Russian crew members. A handful of other claims are still to be settled. Although Rotzetter said she could not provide figures, all compensation deals are "based on the principle of equality, so there aren't some who get more and others who get less," she told The Associated Press.

#### **CRACKS ON RUNWAY, STANSTED AIRPORT, ESSEX, UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated Jun 28, states: Airport officials said several flights into Stansted Airport were diverted to Luton Airport today because of cracks on the runway. A spokesman for Stansted Airport said engineers investigated the runway surface and fixed the problem. At least 17 flights were diverted this afternoon. Outgoing flights from Stansted were leaving on time, and the spokesman said flights heading to Stansted were "getting back to normal" by 1800 BST.

#### **CRASH INTO LAKE LIDO, JAVA, INDONESIA**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: The Cessna aircraft which went down with five people on board after attempting an emergency landing on Lido Lake, Sukabumi, West Java, on Jun 21 was raised from the 18-metre-deep lake yesterday. The salvage operation, which took two hours, was conducted by the search and rescue team from Aves Aerosport Club, with help from locals. The aircraft was put on an islet in the middle of the lake. Yoseph Wardi from Aves rescue team said the aircraft would remain on the islet while a team investigated the cause of the crash. The team comprises experts from Aves, the Indonesian Aerosport Federation and the Indonesian Air Force. The pilot, Major Yohan Pahlawan, was killed in the crash, along with the four passengers; Australian parachutists Willy Elison and Priscilla Hall; parachuting instructor Edi Kristiono from Aves and Air Force member Roni Hendriono.

#### **CRASH, BAUCAU AIRPORT AREA, EAST TIMOR**

London, Jun 25 — A press report, dated today, states: The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) has released a report into a plane crash in East Timor that killed six people last year. The Russian built cargo jet crashed at Baucau in East Timor in January 2003. The Bureau's investigation found numerous errors in the flight crews preparations and operations while in the air. It says the crew did not obtain proper information for the flight before departing, and did not request weather information, which was bad at the time and contributed to the crash. The ATSB also found that at one point, engine thrust was applied at the wrong time during descent and that the pilot had taken the plane too low for the surrounding terrain. The report also says the flight crew failed in its operations, only realising they were going to crash two-and-a-half seconds before impact.

#### **CRASH, BEACON AREA, HONITON, UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated Jun 27, states: Three men and a woman have been killed and two men seriously injured in a light aircraft crash in Devon. The Cessna 206 single-



engine aircraft crashed shortly after 1800, BST, today at Luppitt Woods near the village of Beacon just outside Honiton. Three injured men were taken to the Royal Devon and Exeter hospital by air ambulance - one of them died overnight. Witnesses said the aircraft appeared to be heading back to a nearby airfield as its engine spluttered. Moments before the crash it flew low over a nearby house before making the final three miles back to Dunkeswell Airfield. The aircraft almost broke in half as it crash landed and ended up with its nose buried in the ground and the middle of its fuselage broken. The party had set off from Dunkeswell Airfield earlier today to do a parachute jump, a fire service spokeswoman said. The pilot had tried to put it down in the field and it had crashed while making a forced landing.

#### **CRASH, FORT LAUDERDALE AREA, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES**

See N9578C.

#### **CRASH, MIANYANG CITY, SICHUAN PROVINCE, CHINA**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: A coach plane crashed this morning in Mianyang City in south-west China's Sichuan Province, killing two crew aboard the aircraft, Xinhua learned. At about 0900, the aircraft of civil aviation crashed into a patch of farm land in the suburbs of Mianyang, 120 km away from Chengdu, the provincial capital, sources from the city said.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated Jun 29, states: Rescuers tried to cut into the cockpit of the wrecked coach plane for the two crew aboard after the aircraft crashed this morning in Mianyang City, south-west China's Sichuan Province. At about 0900, the aircraft plunged into a vineyard in Shitang Township, causing no explosion and fire, after hovering a circle in the air, said witnesses who had reported the accident to police immediately. Police from Mianyang City, 120 km away from Chengdu, the provincial capital, arrived first at the spot. The aircraft belongs to China Civil Aviation College, situated in Guanghan County, 23 km away from Chengdu.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: A coach and a student pilot were killed yesterday morning when an aircraft crashed shortly after taking off from Mianyang, Sichuan Province, according to sources with the China Civil Aviation College. The aircraft plunged into the ground about 1 kilometre away from the runway, according to the sources. It was diverting its course after take-off, said the sources. The TB200, made in France, belongs to the college, which has its headquarters in Guanghan County, 23 kilometres away from Chengdu, capital of the southwestern province. The college has a flight training base in Mianyang. The weather was fine with visibility reaching 4.5 kilometres when the accident occurred, said the sources. Investigators from the country's south-west civil aviation administration

rushed to the scene to direct the rescue. The college has 107 teaching planes and more than 500 coaches. More than 100 coaches have all-weather flight experience with more than 2,500 hours recorded flying hours. The school has an air strip at Mianyang where it maintains French Socata TB-200 four-seater propeller planes. Located outside Sichuan's capital, Chengdu, the college trains most of China's commercial pilots, along with flight personnel and air traffic controllers from Vietnam, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Iran, authorities said.

#### **CRASH, VILANCULOS AIRPORT AREA, MOZAMBIQUE**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: The crew of a twin-engined aircraft was killed when the plane crashed shortly after take-off from Vilanculos airport, Mozambique, South Africa's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) confirmed today. The accident, which is still to be investigated, happened yesterday afternoon, said Moses Seate, a spokesperson. "We are not sure of the details but a CAA investigator will be flying to Mozambique to investigate the accident along with Mozambican authorities," he said. He said it seemed as if the aeroplane, a King Air 200, crashed as it was taking off from the airport, but the CAA was receiving conflicting information from sources in Mozambique.

#### **CRASH, YENGEMA AREA, SIERRA LEONE**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: All 24 people on board a United Nations helicopter are dead after it crashed in eastern Sierra Leone, UN officials say. The bodies of all the victims were later found at the site of the crash, near the town of Yengema. There were three Russian crew and 21 passengers on board, many of them aid workers. The Russian-built Mi-8 helicopter was carrying members of the UN peacekeeping mission and had taken off from the capital Freetown, bound for Yengema. At least 14 of the passengers were Pakistani nationals, and there were thought to be one Bangladeshi policeman and two non-UN civilian staff also on board. There was no immediate word on the cause of the crash. The UN has deployed about 11,000 peacekeepers in Sierra Leone since the country's 1991-2002 civil war. There have been no known attacks on UN officials since the fighting stopped. A search mission for the aircraft was despatched after radio contact was lost. The burning wreckage was found in dense forest on the side of a mountain. Russian media say UT Air, the charter company which owned the helicopter, is a major player in the air charter industry with 301 available aircraft. It carried a total of 1.5 million passengers in 2003.

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated Jun 30, states: The UN peacekeeping mission in Sierra Leone grounded some helicopters today, police said, after a UN-chartered Mil Mi-8 slammed into a remote hill in the east of the country

yesterday, killing 24 peacekeepers, aid workers and others. The victims included 14 Pakistani peacekeepers, one Bangladeshi peacekeeper, three Russian crew and six civilians, including one local UN staffer, said Marie Okabe, a spokeswoman at UN headquarters in New York. Recovery teams today brought the burned bodies to a Pakistani-manned U.N. base in Koidu, near the crash site. The remains of all 24 would be transferred to the capital, Freetown, UN spokeswoman Sheila Dallas said. A police official said the UN mission had ordered all other Mi-8s grounded in Sierra Leone pending the results of an investigation into the cause of the accident. It was not immediately known how many aircraft were effected; the UN has other makes of helicopters in Sierra Leone.

#### **DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT DEPARTING FROM MANCHESTER AIRPORT, UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated Jun 28, states: One of Manchester Airport's runways had to be temporarily closed after debris fell from a plane. The object - a small piece of panelling - fell from a Portugal-bound Monarch A300 plane as it took off at about 2030, BST, yesterday. Runway Two was closed for nine minutes as the tarmac was checked for damage. An airport spokeswoman said there was no danger to anyone on the ground. As a precaution the plane returned to the airport, and landed safely. There were 316 passengers on the flight to Faro, which has been taken out of service for repairs. "At no point was the passengers' safety at risk," a Monarch spokeswoman said. The Civil Aviation Authority has been informed.

#### **EMERGENCY LANDING, SOFIA AIRPORT, BULGARIA**

London, Jun 25 — A press report, dated today, states: A Turkish aircraft with 63 passengers on board made an emergency landing briefly after taking off from the Sofia airport late yesterday, state TV reported. There were no injuries. The pilots decided to land the Boeing 737 because of suspicions that one of its wheels had not folded properly into its hatch. The aircraft was bound for Istanbul. It took off safely on its destination one hour after the landing.

#### **EMERGENCY LANDING, WANGARATTA AIRPORT, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA**

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated today, states: An aircraft carrying seven people was forced to make an emergency landing at the Wangaratta Airport, in north-eastern Victoria, this morning. The eight-seater Beech King Air was en route from Essendon Airport to Albury, in southern New South Wales, when the pilot noticed smoke in the cockpit. Sergeant Paul Pursell says emergency services rushed to the Wangaratta Airport, but the pilot landed the aircraft safely around 1030, AEST. Wangaratta Airport supervisor Stephen Larke says the cause of the problem will be investigated. "The

owner of the aircraft will be sending up an engineer to inspect the aircraft just to find out what caused the smoke and give it the all clear and away they'll go again," he said. "The actual passengers are being transported by car up to Albany."

#### HI-301SP

London, Jun 29 — Piper PA-28, HI-301SP, owned and operated by the pilot, was destroyed following an encounter with weather while in cruise flight near Yamasa, Dominican Republic, at 1450, EDT, Jun 9. The pilot, student pilot, and two passengers were killed.

#### INCIDENT AT BRISBANE AIRPORT, AUSTRALIA

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated today, states: More than 400 Qantas passengers bound for Los Angeles remain stranded in Brisbane more than 24 hours after their flight to the United States was due to leave. One of the passengers, Graham Gillespie, says staff spent more than an hour trying to close one of the aircraft's doors while passengers were on board yesterday morning and the airline is yet to fix the problem. Speaking from the international terminal, Mr Gillespie says he has now been told the aircraft may be ready to leave at 2200, AEST.

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: QANTAS will pay more than Australian \$200,000 (£76,294) to passengers who were this week burdened by one of the longest aviation delays in Australia's recent history. Analysts and sources believe Qantas's 35-hour lay over at Brisbane International Airport was one of the longest by a local carrier in Australia. The direct Brisbane-to-Los Angeles flight left on Monday (Jun 28) at 2200 hrs, but had been scheduled to leave on Sunday (Jun 27) at 1100 hrs.

#### INCIDENT AT MANCHESTER AIRPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 1 — A press report, dated today, states: A Northwest Airlines jet clipped a regional commuter jet on a taxiway at Manchester Airport yesterday, injuring none of the crew or passengers, but immediately grounding both aircraft. The accident occurred at 0635 hrs on the taxiways serving runway 17-35. The regional jet, which suffered a gash to its tail and tail rudder, was a 50-seat United Express commuter plane operated by Atlantic Coast Airlines. The matter, which has been classified as an "incident", is under the investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration. The investigation could take from a couple of weeks to a couple of months to complete, and will likely involve statements from pilots, air-traffic controllers, witnesses, even passengers, said Arlene Salac, spokesman for the FAA. Both aircraft were under control of air traffic controllers at the time of the incident, Salac said. Both had been assigned for a north takeoff on runway 17-35. Salac said the United plane was holding on Taxiway P when the left wing tip of the Northwest jet, which

was taxiing on Taxiway A, struck the tail. No one was hurt. Passengers were put on later flights, airline and airport officials said. Northwest Flight No. 811 was bound for Detroit. Five crew and 95 passengers were aboard, said Thomas Becher, a spokesman for Northwest Airlines. The pilot and co-pilot were placed on non-flying status for an undetermined length of time, Becher said. The Northwest airplane, a 124-seat Airbus A319, remained in Manchester yesterday and was being examined by company mechanics who drove to the airport from Boston, he said. The United Express aircraft, a 50-seat Canadair CRJ, had 39 passengers and crew on board. United Express Flight No. 567 was bound for Dulles Airport in Washington, D.C. Rick Delisi, director of corporate communications for Atlantic Coast Airlines, said a small team of mechanics, flight operations people and safety officials travelled to Manchester to survey the plane yesterday. The rudder will have to be replaced, and Atlantic Coast's own maintenance crew will do the work, Delisi said. It is standard policy for the flight crew involved in an incident to be relieved of duty for the remainder of the day, Delisi said. They crew had days off scheduled but will be back on the company schedule later this month, Delisi said. Salac said the flying status of the pilots is up to the airlines at this point. Depending on the results of the investigation, the FAA could take action to restrict their pilot certification, she said. An investigation could also result in fines, but she said that is rarely done.

#### INCIDENT AT NOVOSIBIRSK AIRPORT, RUSSIA

London, Jun 25 — A press report, dated today, states: One of the power plants of an Il-76 airliner carrying 10 passengers and 13 crew members from Kamchatka to Chkalovsk, Moscow region caught fire while the aircraft was landing at Novosibirsk airport. The officer on duty at the Novosibirsk directorate for civil defence and emergency situations told ITAR-TASS that the crew put out the fire within 15 minutes and there were no injuries. The incident happened at about 0100, local time, today. An investigation is in progress into what had caused the fire.

#### N2364A

London, Jun 30 — A press report, dated today, states: The Federal Aviation Administration will today try and determine what caused a small plane to crash in Anderson County. Police say a single-engine plane crashed shortly after takeoff from the the Capital City Airport in Frankfort around 2000 hrs, yesterday. The Tomahawk Piper apparently went down in a field about 12 miles away from the airport. Police say two men were on board. Both were said to be coherent and were taken to the UK Medical Centre.

London, Jun 30 — Piper PA-38-112 (Tomahawk) N2364A crashed near Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, at 0020, Jun 30. One of the two persons on board suffered minor injuries.

#### N27TV

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated Jun 27, states: A helicopter offering sightseeing rides clipped power lines and crashed into the Cimarron River in Oklahoma yesterday night, killing two of the five people aboard. The Bell 206B helicopter crashed into water about five feet deep after hitting three power lines, said Aaron Sauer, an investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board. It had taken off from an Elks Lodge about five miles away in Cushing, about 55 miles north-east of Oklahoma City, Sauer said. "We were told that the pilot was giving rides at a birthday party of some kind," said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman John Clabes. After recovering the bodies from the water, crews removed the helicopter from the river today. Jim Johnson, founder of helicopter owner Interstate Helicopters Inc. of Oklahoma City, said he could not give out any information beyond what authorities had released. Federal officials were investigating the cause of the crash.

London, Jun 29 — Bell 206B JetRanger, N27TV, crashed into the Cimarron River, near Cushing, Oklahoma, at 0215, Jun 26, while on a local flight from Cushing. The aircraft was destroyed. Two of the five persons on board were killed and the other three were seriously injured.

#### N441MG

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated Jun 27, states: Three people were killed in a helicopter crash south of Atlanta, Georgia, early today, authorities said. In Georgia, a helicopter crashed about 0600 hrs behind a home in Lamar County and killed all three people on board, said FAA spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen. No one was hurt on the ground. Killed were the pilot and the two passengers, said Lamar County Sheriff Larry Waller.

London, Jun 29 — Robinson R44, N441MG, crashed near Barnesville, Georgia, at 0955, Jun 27, while on a flight from Greenville, South Carolina, to Apalachicola, Florida. The aircraft was destroyed. The three persons on board were killed.

#### N5006F

London, Jun 27 — A press report, dated today, states: A three-day search for a missing helicopter ended yesterday when the wreckage of the aircraft was found, along with the bodies of two of the three men who had been aboard. Local authorities continued to look for the third man in a shallow, muddy area of Vermilion Bay about two miles south-east of Intracoastal City, after the Coast Guard called off its search. The Coast Guard said the helicopter, a Bell 206L, left Eugene Island Thursday afternoon (Jun 24) en route to Abbeville, then changed course to Intracoastal City about 40 minutes later. The helicopter reportedly sent out a mayday call during stormy weather about 25 miles from Intracoastal City. The helicopter is owned by Omni Energy Services Corp.,

a Carencro-based seismic surveying company that provides services to oil and natural gas companies.

London, Jun 29 — Bell 206L-1 LongRanger II, N5006F, operated by American Helicopters Inc, crashed near Intracoastal City, Louisiana, at 1846, Jun 24, while on a flight from Eugene, LA, to Intracoastal City. The aircraft was destroyed. The three persons on board were killed.

#### **N6183M**

London, Jun 29 — A press report, dated today, states: A small aircraft crashed at Harvey Young Airport, a small airfield on Tulsa's east side, injuring two of four passengers, police said. The seriousness of the injuries was not immediately known, Tulsa Police Sgt. Kim Presley said. The other two passengers did not report injuries, she said.

London, Jun 30 — Stinson 108-3 (Voyager) N6183M crashed near Tulsa, Oklahoma, at 1912, Jun 29, while on a flight from Tulsa. The aircraft sustained substantial damage. One of the three persons on board suffered minor injuries.

#### **N73909**

London, Jun 24 — Bell 47G-3B1, N73909, operated by Pacific Air Research Inc, crashed near Woodrat Mountain, Jackson County, Oregon, at 1700, Jun 23. The aircraft sustained substantial damage. The one person on board was seriously injured.

#### **N7673N**

London, Jun 29 — Beechcraft Bonanza A36, N7673N, crashed near Hurricane, Alaska, Jun 25. The aircraft was destroyed. The one person on board was killed.

#### **N802RA**

London, Jun 28 — A press report, dated Jun 27, states: A sea plane crashed into the Connecticut River this morning, injuring the pilot. The Coast Guard credited a nearby boater for rescuing the pilot, who was alone on board. Police said the 54-year-old man was upside down in the wreckage when the boater pulled him out of the water. He was taken to a nearby hospital and is expected to survive, police said. The small aircraft took off from nearby Chester Airport. Deputy Fire Chief James Budney said investigators are unsure what brought the aircraft down. State Police Sgt. J. Paul Vance said the crash is being investigated by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board. The wreckage was being towed away from the scene.

London, Jun 29 — Lake LA-250 (Renegade), N802RA, crashed into the Connecticut River, near Deep River, CT, at 1158, Jun 27, while on a local flight from Chester, CT. The one person on board suffered minor injuries.

#### **N9578C**

London, Jun 24 — Piper PA-28-181 (Cherokee Archer II), N9578C, crashed near Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at 1533,

Jun 23, while on a flight from Fort Lauderdale to Pompano Beach, FL. The aircraft was destroyed. Two of the three persons on board were killed and the third was seriously injured.

#### **N97AZ**

London, Jun 25 — Bell 206B, N97AZ, crashed near Mesa, Arizona, at 0410, Jun 24. The aircraft was destroyed. The one person on board was killed.

London, Jun 27 — A press report, dated Jun 26, states: The owner of a northern Arizona sightseeing company died Thursday night (Jun 24) in a helicopter crash at Falcon Field Municipal Airport in Mesa. Ned Kent Buher, 41, owned Arizona Helicopter Adventures, a Sedona-based sightseeing company that offers air tours of surrounding attractions, including the Grand Canyon and Sedona's Red Rocks. Buher's initial landing Thursday night was successful, said Vicki Kerr, a management assistant at Falcon Field. He touched down about 2100 and refueled the Bell 206 helicopter (N97AZ) before attempting to place the rotorcraft on a flatbed trailer. It was during that landing attempt that he crashed. One of the helicopter skids became caught on the trailer, causing the aircraft to lose control. It crashed on its right side, according to Mesa police. Buher died instantly, police said. Bystanders put out a small fire in the wreckage before calling 911. The Federal Aviation Administration was on the scene of the accident yesterday morning to investigate. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the crash, as well, Kulina said. The helicopter had not been moved from its resting place and was being left for further investigation by the FAA and NTSB, according to Kulina. The helicopter, built in 1977, was registered to Buher, according to public documents.

## Product Recalls



#### **FERRARI MOTOR VEHICLES, JAPAN**

London, Jun 25 — A press report, dated today, states: The Japanese importer of Ferrari cars said yesterday it is recalling 132 of the Italian-made vehicles in two models to fix a defective power-steering system free of charge. Subject to the recall are 70 of the 360 Modena sports car and 62 of the 360 Spider sports car that were imported between December 2002 and August last year. A device connecting a power-steering hose and pump may be damaged while the vehicle is in motion due to a structural problem, causing an oil leak which could lead to the vehicle catching fire, the importer said.

#### **WHEELBARROWS, UNITED STATES**

Washington, DC, Jun 23 — In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer

Product Safety Commission, Ames True Temper Inc., of Camp Hill, Pa., is again voluntarily announcing the recall of about 647,000 wheelbarrows. The plastic wheel assemblies on these wheelbarrows, manufactured by O. Ames, a predecessor company of Ames True Temper, can break when the tyres are being inflated. This can result in plastic pieces exploding from the rims of the wheels, possibly hitting nearby consumers and causing lacerations and other injuries. Ames True Temper has learned of additional serious incidents involving the recalled wheelbarrows since the original recall announcement. A total of 21 incidents have occurred from 1996 to the present, including injuries involving hand, arm and facial fractures and cuts. In a few cases, more serious and permanent injuries have been reported. To prevent further injuries, consumers should not inflate the tyres on these wheelbarrows. Ames True Temper is offering a free replacement steel wheel assembly for each wheelbarrow and is offering consumers a free gardening tool gift as an incentive to have this repair performed. The wheel assemblies on these wheelbarrows have a black plastic rim and have an approximately 14-inch diameter wheel. They have red, green or orange tubs or trays made of steel or plastic and were sold under the brand names "Easy Roller," "Homeowner," "Mustang," or "Thoroughbred." The brand name was printed on the label attached to the tray at the time of purchase. Wheelbarrows with metal wheel assemblies are not part of this recall. No "True Temper" or "Jackson" wheelbarrow is part of this recall. Hardware stores and home centers nation-wide sold the recalled wheelbarrows from January 1993 through December 2000 for between \$20 and \$30. In addition to the free replacement wheel assembly and free gardening tool incentive, the company is conducting the recall campaign with new measures to reach home gardeners who are the primary users of these recalled wheelbarrows. These new measures include placing ads in gardening publications, providing recall information to editors and webmasters of specialty gardening magazines and Web sites, and providing new point-of-sale posters to retailers. — Consumer Product Safety Commission.

## Port Conditions



#### **INDIA**

See under "Labour Disputes."

#### **ITALY**

Genoa, Jun 29 — Port situation Jun 29: Genoa: One container vessel awaiting berth. Savona: No vessels awaiting normal berths. One vessel awaiting special berth. La Spezia: No vessels awaiting berths. — Lloyd's Agents.

**PANAMA CANAL**

London, Jun 24 — A press report, dated today, states: The Panama Canal Authority faced a backlog of 55 vessels waiting to transit the Canal yesterday, but predicted it would improve the situation. The backlog is due to a lane outage and a 15-percent increase in traffic, the authority said. "Vessels waiting to transit the canal should return to normal levels — below 40 — this weekend," it added. On Jun 8, the canal authority reported that one of its lanes was closed to replace the locomotive tow tracks at its Atlantic locks. The lane is now back in operation. These lane outages are scheduled to take place once every month, for a maximum of 11 days for each outage, from June until October, the authority said.

London, Jun 25 — The Panama Canal Authority has advised that the transit situation in the Canal has improved considerably, following the recent backlog. Arrivals remain moderate, but the Authority has managed to achieve a high number of vessel transits (about 40 per day), which is reducing the number of vessels waiting to transit.

Vessels with beams of 91 feet and over, or those with transit restrictions due to their cargo and/or drafts, are now facing delays of one-two days, transiting in either direction. "Non-restricted" vessels with beams less than 91 feet, transiting in either direction, are experiencing delays of 24 hours. Based on the projected arrivals, and if the Authority continues to maintain the high number of daily transits, traffic conditions are expected to return to "normal" by the beginning of next week.

London, Jul 1 — The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) released the following traffic and operations notice, Jun 28: The ACP announced today that as of Jun 28, the number of vessels waiting to transit the Canal has returned to normal levels, with just 17 vessels currently queuing, a considerable reduction from the 55 vessels waiting on Jun 23. On May 31, the ACP closed the West lane of Gatun Locks to replace the locomotive tow tracks, aimed to enhance the waterway's safety, reliability and efficiency. The ACP returned the lane back to service the morning of Jun 9, 42 hours ahead of schedule. Lane outages are scheduled to

occur once every month, for a maximum of 11 days for each outage, from June to October. Notice of major outages is given at least six months in advance. The tow track replacement will dramatically improve the canal's operations and is part of its modernization program.

**SOUTH KOREA**

Busan, Jun 30 — Berthing congestion/delays Jun 30: Busan: One hundred and thirty-seven vessels in port, 97 at berth and 40 at anchorage. No delays. Ulsan: One hundred and fifty-three vessels in port, 86 at berth and 67 at anchorage. No delays. Pohang: Fifty-seven vessels in port, 46 at berth and 11 at anchorage. No delays. Incheon: Seventy-six vessels in port, 59 at berth and 17 at anchorage. No delays. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**SYRIA**

Lattakia, Jun 19 — Waiting time is presently one day at Lattakia and four days at Tartous. — Lloyd's Agents.

Lattakia, Jun 26 — Waiting time is presently one day at Lattakia and two days at Tartous. — Lloyd's Agents.

**Port Delays**

Country/Port	Date of report	No.of vessels waiting and/or days delay
<b>Australia</b>		
Abbot Point	30-Jun-2004	Coal: 1 vessel berthed; 9 vessels due by 16/7; no delays expected.
Dalrymple Bay	30-Jun-2004	Coal: 1 vessel berthed, 4 anchored; 52 vessels due by 12/8; vessels berthing in order of cargo availability; depending on type of cargo required, delays of up to 14 days can be expected.
Hay Point	30-Jun-2004	Coal: Due to a major mechanical breakdown of the Berth 1 outloading conveyor system, the berth will be closed for repairs for approx. 4-5 days. Indications are that about 4 vessels will be affected with berthing delays of 2-4 days.
Gladstone	30-Jun-2004	Coal: R.G. Tanna coal terminal: 1 vessel berthed, 4 anchored; 32 vessels due by 23/7; up to 7 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; a 7 day shutdown of shiploader No. 1 will start 26/6 for replacement of luffing winch. Barney Point: 3 vessels due by 20/7; up to 6 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; a shutdown will take place from 06.00 hrs. 30/6 until 23.00 hrs. 2/7 for conveyor maintenance. Grain: 2 vessels due by 12/7, 1 to load wheat, 1 sorghum; no delays expected.
Brisbane	30-Jun-2004	Coal: Fisherman Island coal berth: 2 vessels due by 1/7; up to 2 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability. Grain: 3 vessels due by 9/7, all to load wheat; no delays expected.
Newcastle	30-Jun-2004	Coal: Kooragang 4, 5 and 6: 3 vessels loading, 2 waiting; 21 vessels due by 10/7; Dykes 4+5: 2 vessels loading, 4 waiting; 14 vessels due by 14/7; 1-5 days delay expected prior to berthing due to planned maintenance at Kooragang terminal and heavy shipping schedule. Grain: 5 vessels due by 12/7, all to load wheat; 1-9 days delay at present due to berth congestion and cargo availability.
Port Kembla	30-Jun-2004	Coal: 1 vessel berthed, 1 anchored; 8 vessels due by 25/7; CB1: 4 vessels due by 25/7; up to 1 day's delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability. Grain: 4 vessels due by 25/7, all to load wheat; up to 9 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability.
Port Hedland	30-Jun-2004	Iron ore: BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Mt. Newman (Nelson Point), "A" berth: 5 vessels anchored; 6 vessels due by 7/7; up to 8 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; "B" berth: 5 vessels anchored; 5 vessels due by 7/7; up to 6 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Goldsworthy (Finucane Island): no vessels; Westyard "D" berth: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 anchored; 6 vessels due by 6/7; berth delays subject to berth congestion and cargo availability. Due to heavy demand for product, acute cargo shortages are being experienced at wharf stockpiles. Vessels will continue to berth as product becomes available.
Dampier	30-Jun-2004	Iron ore: Parker Point: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 anchored; 13 vessels due by 14/7; up to 4 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; cargo shortages are evident, long delays are anticipated and vessels may berth out of turn; there will be a planned 48 hour maintenance shutdown starting 2/7. East Intercourse Island: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 anchored; 17 vessels due by 11/7; up to 9 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; cargo shortages are evident, delays are anticipated and vessels may berth out of turn; 16 hour planned maintenance shutdown will take place 7/7 and a 72 hour shutdown is planned to start 21/7.

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Port Walcott	30-Jun-2004	Iron ore: 2 vessels berthed and loading, 2 anchored; 20 vessels due by 16/7; up to 2 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability.
Melbourne	30-Jun-2004	1 vessel load barley, 1 waiting to load wheat; 3 vessels due by 21/7, all to load wheat; up to 5 days delay at present due to berth congestion and cargo availability.
Geelong	30-Jun-2004	Grain: 1 vessel waiting to load barley; 7 vessels due by 5/7, 1 to load canola, 4 wheat, 1 barley, 1 unknown cargo; 3-13 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability.
Portland	30-Jun-2004	Grain: 1 vessel berthed to load barley; 3 vessels due by 16/7, 1 to load wood-chips, 1 faba beans, 1 barley; up to 1 day's delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability.
Port Adelaide	30-Jun-2004	Grain: No. 27 berth: 5 vessels due by 13/7, 1 to load barley, 4 wheat; 3-8 days delay expected due to berth congestion.
Wallaroo	30-Jun-2004	Grain: 1 vessel due 21/6 to load wheat; up to 3 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability. ETSA maintenance will take place from 18-21/7 and there will be no movements or shipping during this period.
Port Pirie	30-Jun-2004	Grain: No. 2 berth: no vessels scheduled. Berth will be closed to shipping from 1/7 to 9/8 for electrical upgrade in silo control room.
Port Lincoln	30-Jun-2004	Grain: 5 vessels due by 14/7, 3 to load barley, 2 wheat; 1-10 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability.
Geraldton	30-Jun-2004	Iron ore: 3 vessels due by 9/7; up to 1 day's delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; a 36-48 hour clean-down of the loader/hopper/conveyor system is planned. Grain: 5 vessels due by 13/7, all to load wheat; up to 7 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability.
Kwinana	30-Jun-2004	Grain: 16 vessels due by 29/7, 13 to load wheat, 2 barley, 1 unknown cargo; 1-7 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability.
Albany	30-Jun-2004	Grain: 4 vessels due by 16/7, all to load wheat; 1-6 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability.
Esperance	30-Jun-2004	Grain: 3 vessels due by 21/7, 1 to load barley, 1 feed, 1 unknown cargo; up to 1 day's delay expected due to cargo availability and berth congestion.
<b>Azerbaijan</b>		
Baku	25-Jun-2004	Oil products: Bay of Baku: no vessels; Azerneftiyag terminal: no vessels; AzerTrans terminal - Nobel avenue: 2 vessels berthed, both discharging, of which 1 jet fuel, 1 crude oil; Sangachal district: 1 vessel berthed discharging crude oil; Transserve terminal: closed.
<b>Brazil</b>		
Santos	29-Jun-2004	Twenty-four vessels berthed of which 1 bulk salt discharger, 1 bulk LPG discharger, 4 chemical products dischargers, 1 bulk wheat discharger, 1 bulk juice loader, 1 general cargo loader, 1 gasoline loader, 1 bulk soya loader, 10 sugar loaders, 1 other loader, 1 Ro/Ro loader/discharger, 1 full container loader/discharger; 93 vessels due over the next 7 days; 32 vessels waiting in roads; Private terminals: Terminal 37: 1 full container loader/discharger; Tecondi: 2 full container loaders/dischargers; Termares: 1 Ro/Ro loader; Rodrimar: 1 Ro/Ro loader; Cosipa: 2 steel products loaders, 1 bulk coal discharger, 1 chemical products discharger; Ultrafertil: no vessels; Cargill: 1 bulk sugar loader, 1 bulk soya loader; Santos Brasil: 3 full container loaders/dischargers.
Rio Grande	29-Jun-2004	Three vessels berthed of which 1 potassium chloride discharger, 1 fertiliser discharger, 1 lumber loader; 1 vessel waiting in roads; 22 vessels due over the next 10 days.
Rio de Janeiro	29-Jun-2004	Porto do Rio: 2 steel products loaders, 1 wheat discharger, 1 general cargo loader; Tecon: 1 general cargo loader; 10 vessels due over the next 7 days.
Vitoria	29-Jun-2004	Two vessels berthed of which 1 cellulose loader, 1 malt discharger; Terminal Vila Velha: 1 cellulose loader, 2 granite loaders/dischargers, 1 vessel carrying rails; Tubarao: 3 iron ore loaders, 1 fertiliser discharger, 1 soya bean loader; Praia Mole: 3 steel products loaders, 2 coal dischargers; Portocel: 2 cellulose loaders; Ubu: 1 iron ore loader; 18 vessels waiting in roads; 12 vessels due over the next 7 days.
Sao Sebastiao	29-Jun-2004	Five vessels berthed, 3 waiting in roads; 5 vessels due over the next 10 days.
<b>Bulgaria</b>		
Bourgas	28-Jun-2004	Six vessels in port operating, of which 3 loading (1 bulk ammonium nitrate, 1 baryte concentrate, 1 containers), 3 discharging (1 containers, 1 lead/zinc concentrate, 1 jet fuel); 9 vessels waiting in roads, of which 5 to load (3 empty, 1 chemicals, 1 bunkers), 2 to discharge (1 crude oil, 1 coils), 2 for repairs; 9 vessels due of which 4 to load (1 containers, 1 steel sheet, 2 coils), 5 to discharge (1 containers, 1 coal, 1 LAB, 1 iron ore, 1 scrap).
Varna	28-Jun-2004	Varna East, Varna West, Electrical Power Station, Balchik: Forty-four vessels in port operating of which 22 loading (1 sunflower seeds, 1 packed hardboard, 1 packed hardboard/chipboard, 1 kaolin, 2 scrap, 1 kaolin/other, 6 soda, 1 soda/other/kaolin, 1 bulk silica sand, 1 caustic soda solution, 1 bulk clinker, 2 cement, 2 bulk NPK, 1 bulk NPK/TSP), 13 discharging (1 bagged cement, 1 detergent, 7 bulk coal, 1 containers, 2 raw phosphate, 1 bulk copper concentrate), 9 discharging/loading (7 containers, 1 equipment in packing cases, 1 iron bars/bagged dense soda); no vessels waiting in roads.
<b>Colombia</b>		
Buenaventura	29-Jun-2004	Shore crane operational. Seven vessels berthed (1 containers, 1 general cargo, 4 bulkers, 1 tanker), 1 general cargo vessel anchored; 20 vessels due (12 containers, 3 general cargo, 3 bulkers, 1 tanker, 1 PCC), with 2 days delay expected for general cargo.

## Port Conditions

### **Egypt**

Alexandria	28-Jun-2004	Twenty-eight vessels berthed (loading/discharging) of which 23 general cargo, 4 bulkers, 1 Ro/Ro; 9 vessels at inner anchorage, 7 at outer anchorage.
Dekheila	28-Jun-2004	Eleven vessels berthed (loading/discharging) of which 6 general cargo, 1 containers, 1 tanker, 3 bulk carriers.
Damietta	28-Jun-2004	Thirteen vessels berthed (loading/discharging) of which 9 general cargo, 3 containers; 3 vessels at outer anchorage, 1 at inner anchorage.
Port Said	28-Jun-2004	Fourteen vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 11 containers, 3 passenger vessels.
Adabia	28-Jun-2004	Six vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 5 general cargo, 1 containers.
Suez	28-Jun-2004	Three vessels berthed (loading/discharging) of which 1 general cargo, 2 passenger vessels; 2 tugs.
Suez Canal	28-Jun-2004	Twenty-two vessels transiting Northbound, 21 Southbound.

### **Georgia**

Poti	25-Jun-2004	Oil products: Berth No. 1: 1 vessel berthed; Berth No. 2: no vessels berthed; 2 vessels waiting in roads of which 1 to load gasoil, 1 to discharge gasoline; 3 vessels due by 27/6, all to load gasoil.
Supsa	25-Jun-2004	Oil products: 1 vessel waiting in roads to load crude oil; 1 vessel due 27/6 to load crude oil. Terminal due to be shut down for maintenance of off-shore cargo lines for ca. 3 weeks in July. Dates will be confirmed nearer the time.

### **India**

Mumbai	29-Jun-2004	No labour problems. One vessel loading at berth, 8 discharging at berth; expected delays: container vessels: 12 hours; bulkers: 1-2 days on completion of 50% of cargo documents; general cargo vessels: berthing within 24 hours of arrival.
Calcutta	29-Jun-2004	Five vessels loading at berth, 12 discharging at berth, 1 discharging at anchorage; 1 vessel bunkering, 4 under repairs/dry-docked; 32 vessels due, with no delays expected.
Cochin	29-Jun-2004	Six vessels loading at berth, 4 discharging at berth, 2 other vessels in port; 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to load, 1 waiting at anchorage to discharge; 1 vessel under repairs, 2 dry-docked; 9 vessels due, with no delays expected.
Chennai	29-Jun-2004	Eight vessels loading at berth, 14 discharging at berth, 1 other vessel at berth; 5 vessels at outer anchorage in not ready status, 2 requesting specific berth; 30 vessels due, with the following delays expected: TNEB coal, steaming coal, fertiliser, others: up to 1 day; scrap, iron ore: up to 2 days; containers: 1-3 days.
Mormugao	29-Jun-2004	No labour problems. Two vessels loading at berth, 2 discharging at berth; 3 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge, 4 under repairs/dry-docked; 11 vessels due (7 iron ore lumps /fines, 1 coking coal, 1 liquid ammonia, 1 steel, 1 containers), with the following delays expected: coking coal: 3-4 days; steel: 2-3 days; iron ore/liquid ammonia/containers: no delays expected.
Kandla	29-Jun-2004	Four vessels loading at berth, 4 discharging at berth; 3 vessels waiting to load, 4 waiting to discharge; 2 tankers discharging at berth; 27 vessels due, with 1-5 days expected; 8 tankers due, with up to 1 day's delay for edible oil/chemicals expected.
Mangalore	29-Jun-2004	No labour problems. Four vessels loading at berth, 3 discharging at berth; 2 vessels waiting for berth to load; 14 vessels due, with no delays expected.
Jawaharlal Nehru	29-Jun-2004	One vessel discharging at berth (fertiliser/raw materials/cement/food grain); 1 vessel discharging at liquid berth; 2 tankers waiting at anchorage to discharge; 7 tankers due; no delays expected for berthing at LB-01/LB-02.
Paradip	29-Jun-2004	Six vessels loading at berth, 3 discharging at berth; 2 vessels waiting at anchorage to load, 1 waiting at anchorage to discharge; 20 vessels due, with no delays expected.
Tuticorin	29-Jun-2004	Five vessels discharging at berth; 1 vessel waiting to load at anchorage, 1 waiting to discharge at anchorage; 4 vessels due, with no delays expected.
Visakhapatnam	29-Jun-2004	Seven vessels loading at berth, 4 discharging at berth; 2 vessels waiting to load at anchorage; 20 vessels due, with 1-2 days delay expected.

### **Iran**

Neka	25-Jun-2004	Oil products: 2 vessels berthed, both discharging crude oil; 3 vessels to berth 25/6, all to discharge crude oil; 5 crude oil vessels waiting.
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### **Israel**

Haifa	29-Jun-2004	No labour problems. Two general cargo vessels discharging at berth, 6 vessels loading/discharging at berth (3 containers, 2 tankers, 1 passenger vessel); 1 general cargo vessel waiting at anchor to discharge, 5 vessels waiting at anchor to load/discharge (1 containers, 2 passenger vessels, 2 tankers); 3 vessels under repairs/dry-docked, 1 awaiting orders; 15 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Ashdod	29-Jun-2004	No labour problems. Eight general cargo vessels loading at berth, 4 vessels discharging at berth (2 general cargo, 2 bulkers), 3 container vessels loading/discharging at berth; 2 bulkers waiting at anchor to discharge, 2 vessels waiting at anchor to load/discharge (1 containers, 1 car carrier); 1 vessel under repairs/dry-docked, 1 awaiting orders; 12 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.

### **Kazakhstan**

Aktau	25-Jun-2004	Oil products: 1 vessels in roads to load crude oil; 3 vessels due by 24/6.
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**Port Conditions**

**Mozambique**

Maputo	24-Jun-2004	Twenty-four hour berthing/sailing. Some restrictions to berthing at certain badly-lit wharves. Vessels have to be geared for general cargo berths as no shore cranes available. The Port is working normally and is expected to remain so, hence vessels should berth on arrival, daylight, draft and weather permitting. No berthing delays envisaged. Three vessels are currently operating, of which 1 coal, 1 discharging rice, 1 loading/discharging containers; 2 military vessels, 2 vessels on standby; 20 vessels due by 27/7, of which 8 to load (5 citrus, 1 sugar, 1 coal, 1 scrap), 6 to discharge (2 wheat, 1 petcoke, 1 vegetable oil, 1 alumina, 1 vehicles), 5 to discharge/load (3 containers, 2 containers/steel plate).
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**Pakistan**

Karachi	28-Jun-2004	Four vessels loading at berth (1 MOL, 3 rice), 6 discharging at berth (1 crude oil, 2 coal, 2 DAP, 1 jute), 1 container vessel loading/discharging at berth; 3 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge (1 phosphate, 1 chemicals, 1 DAP); no vessel under repairs/dry-docked, 1 awaiting orders; 4 vessels due (1 containers, 1 general cargo, 1 MOL, 1 chemicals), with no berthing delays expected.
Port Qasim	28-Jun-2004	Three vessels discharging at berth (2 palm oil, 1 coal), 1 container vessel loading/discharging at QICT berth; 1 container vessel waiting at anchorage to load, 4 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge (1 containers, 1 iron ore, 2 palm oil).

**Panama**

Panama Canal	21-Jun-2004	Confirmed locks outage: Gatun lock: 5-15/7 (11 days).
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**Russia**

Novorossiysk	28-Jun-2004	Ten vessels in port operating, of which 8 loading (2 cars, 1 bulk cement, 1 scrap, 1 pipes/steel billets, 2 bulk NPK, 1 wheat), 2 discharging bulk sugar; 3 vessels waiting in roads, of which 1 to discharge bulk sugar, 2 to load (1 diesel oil, 1 bulk sugar); 46 vessels due of which 42 to load (5 aluminium, 5 bulk NPK, 4 pig-iron, 1 steel sheets/coils, 5 copper, 1 DRI, 2 HBI, 6 coils, 1 pipes/paper, 3 bulk ammonium nitrate, 1 slabs, 1 steel sheets, 2 steel billets, 1 pipes/coils, 1 UAN solution, 2 bulk urea, 1 diesel oil), 4 to discharge/load containers. Oil terminal: 4 tankers berthed, all loading crude oil; 5 tankers in roads, all to load crude oil; 3 tankers due, all to load crude oil.
Tuapse	28-Jun-2004	Oil products: 3 vessels berthed, all loading, of which 2 gasoil, 1 fuel oil; 1 crude oil vessel in roads; 5 vessels due by 26/6, of which 3 to load gasoil, 1 naphtha, 1 fuel oil.
Makhachkala	28-Jun-2004	Oil products: 1 vessels berthed; 2 vessels waiting in roads; 2 vessel due by 25/6.

**Sri Lanka**

Colombo	28-Jun-2004	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, and vessels loading at Northern and Eastern ports of Sri Lanka are granted priority berthing. Conventional cargo vessels at BQ 1 and 2 are facing navigation delays. Occasional rains being experienced.
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**Turkmenistan**

Turkmenbashi	25-Jun-2004	Oil products: 2 vessels berthed, 1 discharging crude oil, 1 to load gasoline; 4 vessels in roads, all to load, of which 3 fuel oil, 1 gasoil; 1 vessel due 25/6, to load jet fuel.
Okarem	25-Jun-2004	Oil products: 2 vessels in roads, both to load crude oil.

**Ukraine**

Odessa	28-Jun-2004	Twelve vessels in port operating, of which 8 loading (7 metal, 1 scrap), 2 discharging (1 sugar, 1 luggage), 2 discharging/loading containers; 7 vessels in roads, of which 2 to load metal, 2 to discharge sugar, 3 to discharge/load containers; 68 vessels due, of which 30 to load (26 metal, 2 wood, 1 ferro alloy, 1 equipment), 3 to discharge (1 meat, 1 citrus, 1 building materials), 35 to discharge/load containers.
Mariupol	28-Jun-2004	Four vessels in port operating, all loading, of which 1 steel, 1 coal, 1 fire-clay, 1 sulphur; 1 coal vessel undergoing survey; 3 vessels in roads, all to load, of which 1 ferrous metals, 2 fire-clay; 40 vessels due, of which 36 to load (22 steel, 1 ferrous metals, 8 coal, 3 fire-clay, 2 sunflower beans), 4 to discharge (2 equipment, 1 zinc, 1 cars).
Ilichevsk	28-Jun-2004	Thirteen vessels in port operating, of which 8 loading (2 wheat, 1 oil, 1 cellulose, 4 steel products), 3 discharging (2 ore, 1 steel products), 2 loading/discharging containers; 2 vessels in roads, 1 to load steel products, 1 to load/discharge containers; 11 vessels due, of which 7 to load steel products, 3 to discharge (2 steel products, 1 steel rails), 1 to load/discharge containers.

**United States**

Charleston	29-Jun-2004	Charleston's deep draft is 45 ft. MLW. Some berth congestion expected over the next month as one out of four berths is unavailable due to repair work in progress
Houston	29-Jun-2004	Cargill terminal: 2 days delay expected; LDC
New Orleans	29-Jun-2004	Mississippi River terminal berthing delays: Cenex-Harstates/Myrtle Grove: no delays; Cargill-Westwego: 2 days delay expected; ADM/Ama: 3-4 days delay expected; Bunge/Destrehan: no delays; ADM/Destrehan: 3-4 days delay expected; ADM/Reserve: 3-4 days

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Seattle, WA	29-Jun-2004	delay expected; Cargill/Reserve: 2 days delay expected; Peavey/Paulina: 1 day's delay expected; Zen-Noh/Convent: 1-2 days delay expected; Cargill/Baton Rouge: no delays; Mississippi River mid-stream buoys - estimated berthing delays based on new vessel presented as load-ready and weather permitting: Mile 121.5 ADM (Gemini) - Destrehan: 3-4 days delay expected; Mile 158.0 Cargill (K2) - Convent: 14 days delay expected; Mile 180.0 Cooper (America) - Darrow: 5 days delay expected.
Tacoma, WA	29-Jun-2004	Louis Dreyfus (Pier 86) terminal: 2 days delay expected.
Kalama, WA	29-Jun-2004	Temco terminal: 1 day's delay expected.
Vancouver, WA	29-Jun-2004	Kalama export terminal: 2 days delay expected.
Portland, OR	29-Jun-2004	United Harvest terminal: 1 day's delay expected. Columbia Grain terminal: 2 days delay expected.

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