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Australian ore giants declare force majeure

By Keith Wallis

MINING companies Rio Tinto and Xstrata joined BHP Billiton yesterday in declaring force majeure on some Australian thermal coal sales following last weekend's storms that paralysed exports through Newcastle, Australia's largest coal export port.

This came as salvors continued working on preparations to free the 2006-built

76,781 dwt Pasha Bulker which ran aground at Nobby's Beach, about 2 km south of the entrance to Newcastle port, on Friday morning.

Commenting on its decision to declare force majeure, Rio Tinto said its Coal & Allied subsidiary would be unable to deliver coal to the port because the severe weather had flooded mines, cut railway lines and disrupted coal loading. The

declaration applies to sales contracts agreed from June 8 and would apply to ships joining the queue of nearly 60 vessels waiting to load.

The other leading coal producer in the region, Peabody Pacific, was still mulling the options.

Meanwhile, Pasha Bulker salvage company Svitzer is believed to be close to agreeing a charter for an anchor-handling vessel that will be used in the salvage of the panamax bulker. NSW Maritime spokesman Neil Patchett said salvors completed ballasting in number four hold yesterday and were carrying out additional ballasting in the aft sections of the Panama-flagged ship.

The vessel is owned by Japan's Fukujin Kisen Kaisha and on charter to Denmark's Lauritzen Bulkers, although it is sublet to a Japanese shipping company, believed to be Sansho Kaiun.

New Australian regulations require ships to dispose of their water ballast about 20 km offshore for environmental reasons before they take on local ballast water. But observers suggested that ships discharge their ballast water and head to Newcastle without any significant ballast at all to reduce downtime and speed up the loading operation when they get alongside.

In the ultra-light conditions of the storm, the Pasha Bulker would have been highly susceptible to dragging her anchor when the sea conditions rose.

A full investigation into the casualty is being carried out by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau.

IMB sets up 24-hour maritime terror hotline

By Marcus Hand

THE International Maritime Bureau has launched a 24-hour global hotline for seafarers to supply maritime security information amid warnings from Malaysia's police chief that terrorism in the Malacca Strait is a "real and possible threat".

Piracy watchdog IMB announced it was expanding its piracy reporting service with new hotline for ship's crew and stevedores to report activity they believe may be linked to maritime terrorism or organised crime.

"There is a general concern about organised crime and terrorism. This provides a response to that as a way for people to report information," IMB director Potengal Mukundan told a press briefing following its tri-annual conference in Kuala Lumpur.

Reports can be made either via email or the IMB's existing 24-hour telephone hotline of its Piracy Reporting Centre in Kuala Lumpur.

People working at what Mr Mukundan described as the 'sharp end of the maritime business' would be encouraged to report a range of illegal activity covering areas such as terrorism and drug smuggling.

IMB will study the information before passing it onto relevant law enforcement agencies.

The launch of the hotline comes a day after Malaysia's top policeman Tan Sri Musa Hassan warned that maritime terror in the Malacca Strait was a real possibility.

"Another threat that is real and possible and lurking in the straits, is maritime terrorism," said Tan Sri Musa, Royal Malaysian Police inspector-general.

He warned of the potential for the severe disruption to trade if a vessel such as an LPG carrier was hijacked and used for a suicide mission.

"Such an act would devastate southeast Asia's economic environment and severely disrupt trade.

"Significant impediments to the flow of oil would be a direct threat to national security at countries that are highly dependent, particularly Japan and South Korea. It would mean re-routing the vessels, which would lead to sky-rocketing freight rates."

He urged the close co-operation of enforcement agencies from different countries to combat the threat of maritime terror. "With this close cooperation I think we can prevent these things from happening," he said

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

Vessel	Type	Flag	Class	GT	DWT	Bit	Casualty
<i>ATLANTIC SUPERIOR</i>	bulker	BHS	LR	23,955	38,900	1982	Reported rudder problems in Chesapeake Bay Jun 4. Escorted to Baltimore, where repairs effected.
<i>BAHIA</i>	general	CYP	LR	8,843	15,098	1979	Had engine problem when due to leave Belize City May 28. Repairs effected. Sailed Jun 5.
<i>CSO WELLSERVICER</i>	diving support	GBR	NV	9,158	4,626	1989	Had fire in the engine-room when arriving at Stavanger Jun 5. Controlled by fire brigade. One crewman injured. Alongside for inspection
<i>DUBAI TRANS</i>	ro-ro	PAN	—	6,172	5,096	1979	Had main engine failure and total blackout in severe weather in lat 21 13N, long 60 32E. Water entered steering compartment. Deck cargo lashings broke. Abandoned by crew. Eleven rescued, 10 missing.
<i>GLORIOUS ACE</i>	vehicle carrier	PAN	NK	46,047	17,743	1981	Contacted with the quay while entering the Kallosluis Jun 4. Holed 3m X 3m above waterline. Returned to berth at Antwerp to await inspection.
<i>JIN CHENG</i>	general	CHN	CS	11,959	18,755	1975	Had fire on board at Chittagong Jun 4. Extinguished within an hour. Several cabins damaged. One crewman injured.
<i>MARINA</i>	general	KHM	—	5,985	7,250	1980	Reported Jun 3 not under command due engine failure four miles west of Lesvos Island in lat 39 10N, long 25 47E. Completed repairs Jun 4 and anchored off Lesvos awaiting class inspection. Passed Dardanelles Jun 5.
<i>NAIK JADUNATH SINGH PVC</i>	crude oil tanker	IND	IR	37,855	67,169	1984	Had fire in the engine-room while undergoing repairs at Colombo Jun 3. Thirteen injured. Extinguished same day.
<i>PORT PIRIE</i>	bulker	HKG	LR	18,070	27,407	1997	Contacted a light beacon at Saganoseki May 30. Cables tangled in propeller. Untangled following salvage operation. Slight damage to propellers and shafts.
<i>TEMERNIK</i>	general	RUS	RS	3,796	4,400	1997	Reported main engine cylinder damage in lat 46 47N, long 03 04W, May 31. Towed to St. Nazaire, where arrived Jun 1 for repairs.
<i>THERMOPYLAE SIERRA</i>	general	CYP	NV	15,612	24,784	1985	Had engine trouble about 75 miles from Trimcomalee May 19 and drifting shorewards. Technicians put on board May 21 and on completion of repairs escorted to Trincomalee, where arrived Jun 3.
<i>TOMI MARU NO.53</i>	fishing	JPN	—	279	—	1987	Sustained a large leakage of ammonia at Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy Jun 7. One crewman died and four were hospitalised. Towed to eight miles from the coast as a precaution.
<i>WEELEK NO. 3</i>	chem/oil tanker	PAN	NK	10,316	16,956	1983	Reported Jun 6 stopped in lat 21 25N, long 62 59E, with main engine problem. Tug due in two days.

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ACCORD (Philippines)

Manila, Jun 4 -- Salvors are encountering difficulties in refloating the Philippine-registered general cargo *Accord* because of a shortage of electric pumps to drain out the seawater in the vessel's cargo holds. The vessel was originally scheduled to be refloated last week, but the vessel continues to be weighed down by the amount of seawater which continues to flood the vessel from several holes in the bottom hull. "We have brought in a total of 20 pumps over the week-end which should hopefully drain the remaining water," a Matsya official said. "Once the water is drained, patches will be applied to the holes in the hull. Once the ship is watertight, it should float to the surface," he added. Also adding to the difficulties, is the presence of toxic fumes which has fouled the air in the cargo compartments. The toxic fumes are believed to have been caused by a mixture of rotting rice, oil and saltwater. -- Correspondent.

AKASH (India)

London, Jun 5 -- Following navigation warning issued at 0530, UTC, today: Unmanned tug *Akash* (394 gt, built 1984) adrift northerly in lat 22 03N, long 68 58E. Mariners to exercise caution.

AL BARAKAT 1 (Bolivia)

Chittagong, Jun 7 -- Chemical tanker *Al Barakat 1*: According to the vessel's local agents the vessel is still at RM-8 under repair. The reason for the delay is that reportedly some engine parts were sent to Singapore for repair which are expected to arrive Chittagong on Jun 20. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ALIANCA CORDILLERA (Cyprus)

Buenos Aires, Jun 6 -- Container Carrier *Alianca Cordillera*: Repairs have been completed. Vessel is now operating normally and bound for Santos May 24. -- Lloyd's Agents.

AMAPOLA (Argentina)

London, May 31 -- Following navigation warning dated today, states: Fishing *Esperanza* towing fishing (general) *Amapola*, call sign LW9459, in lat 41 22S, long 60 22W, bound Montevideo.

Montevideo, Jun 4 -- Fishing (general) *Amapola* arrived in tow at Montevideo Jun 2. As reported by the master/owner, its propeller was fouled with fishing net/rope causing trouble to the main engine and was towed to Montevideo. Surveyor's are attending on board today/tomorrow in order to survey damages. -- Lloyd's Agents.

AMBAR (Honduras)

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

ARADOS (Panama)

London, Jun 1 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Arados* was still at anchor in lat 40 11 37.51N, long 26 22 07.38E at 1902, UTC, today. (See issue of Jun 1.)

London, Jun 4 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Arados* was still at anchor in lat 40 11 33.71N, long 26 22 07.16E at 0349, UTC, today.

London, Jun 5 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Arados* was in lat 40 19 13.94N, long 26 37 36.67E at 1301, UTC, today, speed 8.7 knots, course 48.6 degrees.

London, Jun 7 -- Understand bulk ore carrier *Arados* solved its engine problem and sailed for Berdiansk, at 1420, local time, Jun 5.

ARKTIKA (Russia)

St. Petersburg, Jun 5 -- Icebreaker *Arktika* is currently still on voyage. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ASPOE (Cyprus)

London, Jun 4 -- General cargo *Aspoe* sailed from Gdynia at 0020 hrs, Jun 1, bound for Uusikaupunki, Finland.

ATLANTIC SUPERIOR (Bahamas)

Baltimore, Jun 6 -- Understand that bulker *Atlantic Superior* (23955 gt, built 1982) reported rudder problems in the Chesapeake Bay en route to Baltimore on Monday, Jun 4. The vessel reportedly anchored and requested a tug escort before continuing to Baltimore, where she berthed at Sparrows Point New Ore Pier later same day. Understand that repairs have been completed and that the vessel may shift to another berth in Baltimore sometime today. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ATM 2015 (U.S.A.)

Chicago, May 31 -- Barge *ATM 2015* is still sunk, but salvage operations are currently underway to refloat the vessel. Understand another barge or more may have also been damaged, and/or sunk. -- Lloyd's Agents.

AURELIA M (North Korea)

Bucharest, Jun 5 -- General cargo *Aurelia M* is still at Midia. Understand from the vessel's agents that the repairs to the damage from the explosion, which affected a double bottom tank in way of hold No 2 and tank top plating and frames in the relevant area, have been completed. At present, the vessel is continuing the owner's scheduled repair work at Midia Shipyard. -- Lloyd's Agents.

AVANTIS IV (Greece)

Piraeus, Jun 5 -- General cargo *Avantis IV* was towed to Volos port on May 26, for repairs. According to her owners, the repairs will be completed within the next month. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BADRINATH (Liberia)

Falmouth, Jun 6 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Badrinath* is still under repair at Falmouth. -- Lloyd's Agents.

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BAHIA (Cyprus)

Belize City, Jun 6 -- General cargo *Bahia* (8843 gt, built 1979) was erroneously reported to have sailed Belize City May 28 to London. Vessel did not sail due to an engine problem. *Bahia* has been serviced and it sailed at 1300, yesterday, bound for London with a cargo of raw sugar. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BALTIYSK (Russia)

Berlin, Jun 4 -- According to agents of Roll on roll off *Baltiysk*, vessel left Sassnitz harbour Jun 3, destination Kaliningrad. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BARRI (Latvia)

London, Jun 1 -- Following received from Riga MRCC, timed 1125, UTC: Pollution control vessel *Barri* had explosion in engine-room in Riga port at 1323, UTC, May 26. As a result, the vessel sank after the explosion. There was pollution in the area and considerable damage to the vessel. At 0805, UTC, May 27 it was lifted by two cranes.

Riga, Jun 7 -- The aft section of pollution control vessel *Barri* was lifted by a floating crane on Jun 4, and patches were placed over the holes. Due to heavy damage to the engine-room and hull, the vessel is total loss and will be towed to Riga Shipyard next week for scrapping. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BBC ARCTIC (Isle of Man)

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

BEAUTY SONG (Panama)

St. Petersburg, Jun 5 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Beauty Song* is presently discharging at St. Petersburg. General cargo *Nevskiy 34* has sailed St. Petersburg. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BORELLY

London, Jun 1 -- General cargo *Borelly* is currently still at Ridderkerk.

CANARIAN REEFER (Panama)

London, Jun 4 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Canarian Reefer* arrived at Berkeley Sound, Falkland Islands, on May 18 and sailed on May 19.

CAPT. GLENN (U.S.A.)

London, Jun 6 -- A Semco Salvage report, states: At 1330, May 19 our salvage tug *Salvaliant* while en-route to Port Fourchon intercepted a distress message from the US Coast Guard requesting any vessel in the vicinity to provide assistance to the distressed fishing *Capt. Glenn* (122 gt, built 1967). The vessel was drifting with three personnel on board and some 84 miles north-west of *Salvaliant's* position. Capt. Mike Sapatinan, master of *Salvaliant* altered course and on full speed headed towards the distressed fishing vessel and finally arrived at *Capt. Glenn's* location at 0001, May 20. Upon going alongside, *Salvaliant's* crew immediately boarded to ensure that the three crew members were safe and provided for, before towing it to back to Port Fourchon. At 0550, May

22, the tow arrived at Port Fourchon and *Capt. Glenn* thereafter berthed safely alongside the wharves.

CAPT. JOHN B. (U.S.A.)

London, Jun 2 -- A press report, dated Jun 1, states: Efforts to raise sunken tug *Capt. John B.* in the port of Florence could begin today. Jerome Hand, a spokesman for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, said a salvage crew is expected to lift the sunken boat today or tomorrow. Jim Loew, director of the Florence-Lauderdale Port Authority, said the cause of the sinking has not been determined. The vessel belongs to Muscle Shoals Marine Service of Florence. "We're probably not going to know anything about why it sunk until we get it out of the water so we can inspect it," Loew said. U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Thomas Blue said divers have stopped the flow of diesel that was leaking from the tug's fuel tank. Hand said more than 1,000 gallons of diesel leaked from the tank. A floating boom was placed around the crippled boat to contain the fuel spill. The spilled fuel is being siphoned from the surface and pumped into a tank truck on the shore. A sheen of diesel fuel was floating on the surface of the water outside the containment boom yesterday. Loew said the fuel slick was from diesel that leaked before the containment boom was deployed. Loew expects the fuel slick to evaporate soon. The sunken vessel has not hindered other tugs from entering or leaving the port, he said. "Fortunately, it has not impacted any business in the port-significantly."

CAPTAIN LYMAN (U.S.A.)

London, Jun 5 -- A Coast Guard Woods Hole, Mass, press release, dated Jun 4, states: The Coast Guard reports that fishing (general) *Captain Lyman* (105 gt, built 1977) ran aground on the south-east side of Naushon Island late last night. The vessel ran aground in Lackey's Bay north of Job's Neck as it headed west through Vineyard Sound (lat 41 25N, long 70 45W). No injuries or pollution were reported. Coast Guard Station Woods Hole responded with a patrol boat to assess the situation and to confirm that no pollution occurred. The vessel's owner hired a commercial company that successfully towed the vessel away from where it ran aground and escorted it to New Bedford, Mass. *Captain Lyman* had a five-man man crew on board when the grounding took place. No injuries were reported. The Coast Guard is investigating the incident.

CAPTAIN P. (Liberia)

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

CATHLAMET (U.S.A.)

London, Jun 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passenger ro/ro *Cathlamet* (2477 gt, built 1981) rammed the outer dock at Mukilteo early today, causing some damage to the vessel and a wing wall. No injuries were reported. Ferry system

spokeswoman Susan Harris said officials did not immediately know the cause of the accident. For some reason, the vessel came in at higher-than-normal speed at about 0600 hrs and hit pilings that help guide the vessel into the dock, she said. The vessel was moved to an open slip at Clinton on Whidbey Island to assess damage to the vessel. The Coast Guard is investigating, along with the ferry system. Harris said part of the investigation would include a drug test for the master.

Seattle, Jun 1 -- Passenger ro/ro *Cathlamet* rammed the outer dock at Mukilteo, causing light damage to vessel and wing wall early this morning. No injuries reported. State officials do not yet know the cause of the accident. The Washington State Ferry *Cathlamet* came in at faster than normal speed at about 0600, PDT and hit pilings that help guide vessels to dock. *Cathlamet* has been moved to open slip at Whidbey Island to assess damage. Coast Guard and WSF to investigate. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 2 -- A Washington State Ferries press release, dated Jun 1, states: Washington State Ferries (WSF) announced that one boat service has resumed on the Mukilteo-Clinton route with a 1430 hrs departure from Clinton, followed by a late 1500 hrs sailing from Mukilteo. WSF plans to resume full two-boat service by late afternoon. Service on the Mukilteo-Clinton route was suspended temporarily this morning while WSF worked to repair damage to the vehicle slip in Mukilteo that was caused when passenger ro/ro *Cathlamet* landed hard and damaged a dolphin. The impact of the landing, which occurred just before 0600 hrs, caused the dolphin to collapse, blocking the entrance to the slip. A tug was on the scene by late morning to clear the dolphin out of the way. The cause of the incident is unknown at this time. WSF is conducting an extensive investigation into the landing, in collaboration with the U.S. Coast Guard and the Washington State Patrol. Because *Cathlamet* needs to go into the shipyard for repair, several vessels are being rerouted around the system to provide replacement. WSF announced that the following vessel moves will occur to replace *Cathlamet*: *Evergreen State* is being moved from the San Juan Islands this afternoon to operate as the second vessel on the Mukilteo-Clinton route. Late this evening *Evergreen State* will move to the Fauntleroy-Vashon-Southworth route, allowing *Issaquah* to operate as the second vessel on the Mukilteo-Clinton route. *Nisqually* was rerouted from Port Townsend to the San Juan Islands to replace *Evergreen State*. It will continue inter-island service beginning with the 1415 hrs departure out of Friday Harbour. *Quinault* will continue to operate on the Port Townsend-Keystone route, which will be on a one-boat schedule until further notice.

London, Jun 2 -- A press report, dated Jun 1, states: Passenger ro/ro *Cathlamet* came in faster than normal

and struck an outer part of the docking system at the Mukilteo terminal, said ferry system spokeswoman Susan Harris. The contact punctured the ferry above the waterline, which is enough to put it out of service. For a time, the ferry system tried to operate the run with just one ferry, the *Kitsap*, but *Cathlamet* became stuck in its slip, Harris said. A tug was needed to free it so runs could operate again, she said. Harris said some vehicles were damaged when the ferry hit the dock, but that there were no injuries reported to the ferry's crew. The damaged ferry was moved to an open slip at Clinton on Whidbey Island to assess damage to the vessel. It will need to go to a shipyard for repairs, but finding a shipyard available to do the work could prove difficult at this time of the year, Harris said.

CEBU TRADER (Panama)

Yokohama, Jun 7 -- Roll On Roll Off *Cebu Trader* (4518 gt, built 1978), Vladivostok for Fushiki-Toyama, was unable to navigate due to cracked No.1 generator cylinder cover and malfunction of No.2 generator switchboard, in lat 40 07.2N, long 133 27.9E, at 2000, May 27. The vessel could still not recover from the failures despite repairs by crew so the vessel called for assistance on May 29 and was then towed to Fushiki-Toyama port on Jun 3. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Cebu Trader* sailed Vladivostok May 26 for Toyama.)

CFE SEINE (Bahamas)

London, Jun 2 -- According to the local media the Roll On Roll Off *CFE Seine* (9071 gt, built 1984) was in contact with the eastern pier in Ostend this afternoon. The ferry, loaded with trailers and containers, entered the port around 1400, local time and for unknown reason it collided with the pier. Understand there is no damage to vessel or pier.

CONSTITUTION (Canada)

London, Jun 6 -- Passenger ro/ro *Constitution* (187 gt, built 1983) reported a fire in the engine-room, while en route in Burrard Inlet, B.C in lat 49 18N, long 123 10W, May 27. The fire occurred when the alternator seized and the belt overheated. The fire was extinguished shortly after.

CSO WELLSERVICER (U.K.)

Sandnes, Jun 5 -- At 0015 hrs, today, minutes before arriving at Stavanger, a fire broke out in the engine-room of diving support *CSO Wellservicer* (9158 gt, built 1989). The fire brigade from Stavanger attended the vessel shortly after and at 0130 hrs, the situation was under control. One member of the 90 crew was taken to hospital with some injuries. The vessel is now alongside a quay in Stavanger for inspection. -- Correspondent.

DALMACIJA (Croatia)

See "Germany" under "Port State Control".

DANICA WHITE (DIS)

See "Somalia" under "Piracy".

DELPHIN VOYAGER (Bahamas)

See *Kiel*.

DUBAI TRANS (Panama)

London, Jun 6 -- Following received from Hong Kong based managers of crude oil tanker *Shinyo Navigator*, timed 0805, UTC: At 0730 hrs, today, our vessel observed a lifeboat containing 11 crew members of Roll On Roll Off *Dubai Trans* (6172 gt, built 1979), in lat 21 13.7N, long 60 32.5E. By 0820 hrs, they had all safely been taken on board our vessel. It is understood that *Dubai Trans* had a crew of 21. The other 10 crew members, including the master, are reportedly on a second lifeboat and our vessel, along with two other vessels in the vicinity are conducting searches for these missing men. The master of our vessel is still obtaining information from the rescued crew members. It is understood that the vessel was abandoned after experiencing a total black-out in severe weather (cyclone "Gonu").

London, Jun 6 -- Following received from Dubai based operators of Roll On Roll Off *Dubai Trans*, timed 0810 hrs: *Dubai Trans* was on a loaded passage from Mukalla for Hamriyah (Dubai), when it was caught up in cyclone "Gonu". After the vessel began rolling heavily, her engine then became disabled and a total black-out followed. It was also reported that some water had entered into the steering compartment. After some of the deck cargo lashings broke, it is believed the master then gave the order to abandon ship, at approximately 1800, UTC, yesterday. Eleven crew, in one lifeboat, have been safely rescued by *Shinyo Navigator*, but we have no information as yet, as to the fate of the remaining 10 crew. The master, who we understand was the last person to abandon ship, is amongst the missing crew. We have contacted the rescue authorities in Oman, but to date, due to the severe weather conditions, they have not been able to offer any assistance. The current status of the vessel is unknown.

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London, Jun 7 -- Following received from Hong Kong based managers of crude oil tanker *Shinyo Navigator*, timed 0105, UTC: *Shinyo Navigator*, along with two other vessels, continued searching for the 10 missing crew members of Roll On Roll Off *Dubai Trans* until late evening local time, without success. *Shinyo Trans* then continued on voyage. The master of *Shinyo Navigator* reported that *Dubai Trans* was in lat 21 36.2N, long 61 08.1E, at 1600, local time, drifting north-easterly at 2.5 to three knots.

London, Jun 7 -- Understand that P&I representatives were at the owners of Roll On Roll Off *Dubai Trans* office late yesterday, arranging a rescue plan.

EMMA (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Jun 1 -- General cargo *Emma* is still at Rotterdam.

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

London, Jun 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passenger ro/ro *Empress of the North* which ran aground in Alaska last month should be back in service in south-east Alaska on Jul 7. *Empress of the North* will undergo final repairs at the Cascade General shipyard in Portland. It will have cancelled eight out of 20 sailings planned this summer if it returns to operation Jul 7. The National Transportation Safety Board and U.S. Coast Guard are still investigating.

ETERNAL DAWN (Republic of Ireland)

London, May 31 -- Following received from Dublin MRCC, timed 1355, UTC: Fishing (general) *Eternal Dawn*, abandoned and on fire in lat 54 32N, long 09 40W: At 1107 hrs, sister ship *Atlantic Quest* on scene and reports flames appear to have stopped and thick smoke coming from casualty. At 1337 hrs *Atlantic Quest* reported that two crew members on board casualty and taking her in tow to Killybegs. Killybegs Harbour-master advised and prepared to accept casualty. ETA 2100/2200 hrs.

London, May 31 -- Following received from Dublin MRCC, timed 2219, UTC: Fishing *Eternal Dawn*, under tow of fishing *Atlantic Quest*, arrived alongside at Killybegs at 2200, local time, today.

Dublin, Jun 1 -- Fishing (general) *Eternal Dawn* is now alongside at Killybegs. The fire has been extinguished by the fire brigade and the extent of damage to the vessel is being assessed. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ETHNOS (Panama)

London, Jun 1 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1700, UTC: Bulker *Ethnos* (36303 gt, built 1984), Hamburg for Brazil, in ballast, drifting in lat 54 15.7N, long 05 31.2E due to cylinder problems. Vessel has been drifting since 1130, UTC and crew are attempting to make repairs by its own means.

London, June 1 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 2210, UTC: Bulker *Ethnos* reported repairs complete at 1950, UTC, and vessel proceeding on voyage.

EVIAPETROL I (Greece)

London, Jun 4 -- Product tanker *Eviapetrol I* arrived at Agioi Theodoroi on May 19 and sailed on May 20.

FA JY MAAN

Lima, Jun 1 -- Fishing (general) *Fa Jy Maan*, BI2063, is 726 gt, 289 nt, built 1985 and is owned by Jenn Kuan Fishery Co., Ltd., Kaohsiung, Taiwan. - Lloyd's Agents.

FA JY MAAN (Taiwan)

Lima, May 31 -- Fishing (general) *Fa Jy Maan* is valued at US\$600,000. Arrangments are being made for the 34 crew, who are all on board a near sistership, to be brought to shore today. A small boat is to stand by at the scene when the sistership leaves the area. The water ingress to the vessel was caused by a broken sea valve. As of yesterday the vessel was in lat 07 00 40S, long 80 13 10.9W. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Lima, Jun 6 -- Fishing (general) *Fa Jy Maan* is approximately half a mile from shore about four kilometres north of Pimentel at a small fisherman's bay called San Jose. Thieves have been seen on board, approximately 10-11 climbing all over her. The Port Captain along with his technical expert have been on board. The situation has been in the newspapers and last night was broadcast on local TV. There was approximately 180 kilolitres of marine gas oil on board the vessel which is worth about US\$115,000, however, cannot confirm this now after the thieves have been seen on board. -- Lloyd's Agents.

FALAK G. (Slovakia)

London, Jun 4 -- General cargo *Falak G.*, now renamed *Lena* under St. Vincent & Grenadines flag, was reported arriving at Rochefort at 1650 hrs, Jun 4.

FRAU NANCY (North Korea)

London, Jun 7 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Frau Nancy*

was still in port at Valletta at 1051, UTC, Jun 7.

FULLERTON COVE (Australia)

London, May 31 -- A press report, dated Jun 1, states: Tug *Fullerton Cove* worth millions of dollars could be freed today after being ripped from its moorings in heavy seas at Burnie yesterday. *Fullerton Cove* broke eight mooring lines early yesterday and was washed to sea before being pushed on to a beach. Owner North Western Shipping and Towage will attempt to salvage the vessel, worth A\$6 million to replace, late this morning. Four men from the company were ferried to the tug late yesterday afternoon by a rescue crew from the Burnie Surf Life Saving Club. The team spent the night checking conditions on board the tug and preparing for a salvage attempt this morning. The tug is stuck fast on the beach just east of the mouth of the Emu River on the outskirts of Burnie. The Environment Department is monitoring the vessel but doesn't believe it will pose a serious risk. Senior environmental officer Rosemary Holness was on site yesterday and said it appeared to be stuck firm and not leaking anything. The boat has about 20,000 litres of diesel on board but its thick hull is not expected to break or leak.

London, Jun 1 -- Following received from Australia RCC, timed 0005, UTC: Tug *Fullerton Cove*, with 20,000 litres of diesel on board, broke from its moorings at Burnie and grounded on a sandy beach in lat 41 03.9S, long 145 55.6E during the night of May 30/31. There are no reports of damage. Booms have been placed around the vessel in preparation for a refloating attempt today.

Sydney, Jun 1 -- North Western Shipping and Towage is confident its grounded tug *Fullerton Cove* will be refloated today (Friday, Jun 1). "We've got a very strong tow line and with the assistance probably of another tug, we think we'll be able to achieve it," North Western Shipping and Towage managing director Graeme Phillips said. The tug broke its mooring and was washed ashore at Burnie yesterday morning. -- Lloyd's List Daily Commercial News.

London, Jun 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: Tug *Fullerton Cove*, stuck overnight on a beach in Tasmania North-West, has been refloated. The vessel was refloated on the high tide shortly before midday. It was blown ashore on Wivenhoe beach, east of Burnie, by gale-force winds early yesterday morning. It took less than half an hour to free the 330-tonne *Fullerton Cove* which was blown ashore by gale-force winds early yesterday morning. Authorities say none of the 20-thousand litres of diesel fuel was spilt. The tug has been towed to Burnie port where it is being inspected by divers.

London, Jun 2 -- A press report, dated Jun 1, states: Tug *Fullerton Cove* was freed today on the first attempt. *Fullerton Cove* used its own engines as two other tugs towed the vessel stern-

first off the sand about 1115, AEST, today. The tug was being returned to Burnie port to be checked for damage.

London, Jun 3 -- A press report, dated today, states: Tug *Fullerton Cove* which was grounded on Tasmania's North West Coast during strong winds four days ago will be put into dry dock later this week for a thorough inspection. The managing director of North Western Shipping and Towage, Graeme Phillips, says divers have completed an initial inspection of the tug. He says the boat has not been seriously damaged. "We have checked the water-tight integrity of it and everything else, and it is fine," Mr Phillips said. "We have not punctured the hull which is one of the most important things. We are going to take it to dry dock and inspect it fully."

GAUDOS (Malta)

London, Jun 4 -- Part of the ramp's hydraulic mechanism broke off passenger ro/ro *Gaudos* (4893 gt, built 2001) on arrival at the Cirkewwa terminal at 0730, this morning. The company mechanics managed to close the vessel's ramp at around 1330 hrs and navigated to the Malta Shipyards for immediate repairs.

GIOLLA NA MARA (Republic of Ireland)

London, Jun 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: An Irish fishing vessel was at the centre of a major search off the coast of Scotland this morning. Clyde Coastguard MRCC launched a search operation for the trawler *Giolla Na Mara* (61 gt, built 1982) after the satellite distress beacon signal from the vessel was detected. The signal indicated the boat had sunk or was in serious difficulty around 25 miles south of the Isle of Tiree. A rescue helicopter, lifeboats and other vessels in the area were alerted and about two and a half hours later the vessel was spotted. The vessel with a crew of six had sustained a lightning strike which had knocked out its communications.

London, Jun 2 -- Fishing *Giolla Na Mara* is returning to port in Donegal after it was struck by lightning and its communications systems were damaged.

GLENSHIEL (Canada)

London, Jun 6 -- A press report, dated today, states: Four crew members were rescued early today after their tug sank in the Nakwakto Rapids off B.C.'s north-central coast across from the northern tip of Vancouver Island. They had radioed a distress call at about 0300 hrs that their vessel was in trouble in the narrow channel at the entrance to Seymour Inlet. The tug had been towing a barge to a heli-logging camp up the inlet. A Cormorant helicopter and a Buffalo aircraft were dispatched from CFB Comox on Vancouver Island and found the men had managed to escape on a life line to the barge, which had become anchored by the sunken tug. They were rescued and taken to Port Hardy. Steve Church of the Victoria Rescue Co-ordination Centre said the strong current appears

to have been the cause of the sinking. "The barge is supposed to stay behind the tug, but sometimes because of the current or conditions, the barge can end up passing the tug and then it's a very dangerous situation, where the more power you apply to the tug to try and control the barge, the barge almost pulls the tug over, is what happens." Church said Transport Canada will conduct an investigation, and will determine whether there is any environmental damage from the sunken tug.

London, June 6 -- Following received from Victoria, BC, timed 2235, UTC: Tug *Glenshiel* (99 gt, built 1943) sank in lat 51 05.95N, long 127 30.1W.)

GLORIOUS ACE (Panama)

Maassluis, Jun 4 -- Vehicle carrier *Glorious Ace* (46047 gt, built 1981) while entering the Kallosluis, was in contact with the quay at approximately 1615, today. As a result, the vessel sustained a hole of approximately three metres by three metres above the waterline. Vessel is returning to its berth in Antwerp and is awaiting inspection. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

GOLDEN ROSE (South Korea)

London, Jun 1 -- Rescue teams have scaled back the search for seafarers missing from the South Korean general cargo *Golden Rose*, which sank off Yantai, north-east China, after colliding with the Chinese Container Carrier *Jin Sheng* on May 12. Six bodies, three Korean and three Myanmarese, have been recovered from the vessel. A further 10 crew from the *Golden Rose* are still missing, including the sole Indonesian seafarer on board the vessel. Pusan-based Boo Kwang Shipping said China Yantai Salvage, the Chinese salvage company it engaged to search for the missing crew, had stopped the search because it was unlikely to find any more bodies inside the vessel. However, Chinese maritime authorities plan to continue searching the area around the vessel. More than 30 divers, together with over 300 vessels, were mobilised in the days immediately after the sinking in what was seen as one of the largest marine search and rescue efforts ever mounted in China. The bodies of the crew who have been recovered include those of the master, Heo Yong-yoon, 58, and the 57-year old cook, Kang Gye-jung. The bodies of the three South Koreans have been flown to Seoul and are expected to be transferred to their home towns later.

GOLDEN SKY (Cyprus)

Riga, Jun 7 -- Bulker *Golden Sky* Vessel is still under arrest, despite a Letter of Undertaking and payment of correctly prepared claims. -- Lloyd's Agents.

HAO ZHEN (Cambodia)

London, Jun 4 -- Following navigation warning issued at 0650, JST, today: Engine troubled general cargo *Hao Zhen* (589 gt, built 1978) exists in vicinity of lat 33 49N, long 131 38.8E.

London, Jun 4 -- Following navigation warning issued at 1700, JST, today:

Engine troubled general cargo *Hao Zhen* has weighed anchor. Cancel earlier warning.

HOANG DAT-36 (Vietnam)

London, May 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Towing and Salvage Company of the Viet Nam Marine Administration has finished lifting out all cargo from general cargo *Hoang Dat-36*, which sank in a collision with another vessel two weeks ago. In the next step, divers will weld the holes in the vessel and then pump water out from inside the vessel. Two cranes of 100 and 300 tonnes will be used to gradually raise the vessel. According to the company, the place where the vessel will be floated will be decided by the Port Authorities.

HONG SUCCESS

(St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Jun 4 -- General cargo *Hong Success* was reported sailing from East London on May 29.

HYBUR TRADER

(Antigua & Barbuda)

Miami, May 31 -- Roll on roll off *Hybur Trader* arrived Port Everglades May 31 and is presently under repair. Approximately 45 feet of bulwark on the port side was torn away, and five containers were lost overboard. The vessel's owners hope to have the vessel back in service next week. -- Lloyd's Agents.

IL SUNG T-1 (South Korea)

Busan, Jun 4 -- Permanent repairs to tug *Il Sung T-1* were completed on May 30. The vessel is presently at Busan, waiting for her owner's instructions. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

IONIS (Malta)

Durres, May 31 -- A fire broke out on board passenger ro/ro *Ionis* (8135 gt, built 1971) at about 1200, local time, today while the vessel was berthed at the terminal berth of Durres Port. The fire was apparently caused by welding activity being carried out in the engine-room. The fire was extinguished quickly and no injuries were reported. Two tugs were in attendance, but were not used. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 5 -- Passenger ro/ro *Ionis* arrived at Bari on Jun 1 and sailed on Jun 2, bound for Durres.

IVS LAVENDER (Hong Kong)

London, Jun 4 -- A press report, dated Jun 5, states: Savage weather led to a salvage operation last week after bulker *IVS Lavender* (18020 gt, built 2004) lost its anchor and chain in Foveaux Strait. The vessel, which had sailed from Newcastle, Australia, with a load of coke, had its anchor and chain ripped out in hurricane-strength winds on May 26 near the pilot station off Dog Island. The vessel sailed on, berthing at the wharf in Tiwai. South Port NZ port general manager Russell Slaughter said it left Bluff Harbour on Thursday (May 31) with plans to salvage the anchor and chain by winch as it left for Australia but was forced to "cut and run" that afternoon as it was

too expensive to delay any more. Divers had located the anchor and chain earlier in the week and an attempt to salvage it would be made at a later date, he said.

London, Jun 5 -- Bulker *IVS Lavender* arrived at Tauranga at 0846 hrs, Jun 3 and sailed at 1545 hrs, Jun 4, bound for Gladstone.

IWASHIRO (Panama)

Durban, Jun 4 -- Container carrier *Iwashiro* sailed Durban May 31 for Penang. -- Lloyd's Agents.

JAMAL

(St. Vincent & Grenadines)

See "Italy" under "Port State Control".

JAN VAN HASSELT SR. (Netherlands)

London, Jun 1 -- Tug *Jan Van Hasselt Sr.*, built 1953, 21 metres, ran aground while towing *Ljburg 2* on the River Scheldt, at the lock near Antwerp, buoy 60, in the morning, May 30. Tugs *Union Diamond* and *Leendert Muller* came to assist, but *Jan van Hasselt Sr.* was ultimately able to refloat under its own power.

JIN CHENG (China)

London, Jun 4 -- A press report, dated Jun 5, states: General cargo *Jin Cheng* (11959 gt, built 1975) caught fire yesterday morning at Chittagong Port leaving one of its crew hurt and the officers' cabins gutted. Laden with cargoes like paper rolls, CR coils and steel plates, the vessel, however, escaped extensive damage, thanks to the prompt actions taken by the fire fighting teams of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA), Bangladesh Navy and Fire Brigade. Chui Dianfang, 44, the chief cook of the ship, was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) with burn injuries to legs. His burns are not serious, hospital sources said. The fire broke out at about 0645 hrs at the master's cabin of the vessel of Cosco Bangladesh Shipping Lines Ltd berthed at jetty 1 of the port and soon spread to adjacent rooms, port sources said. Two units of Fire Brigade, Chittagong Port's rescue ship *Kandari-10* and Navy ship *Khadem* rushed to the spot. The blaze was brought under control within one hour and was completely put out at about 1000 hrs. To probe the incident, the CPA formed a three-member committee headed by Harbour Master Captain AKM Jafarullah Chowdhury yesterday, which would submit a report within three days starting from today. Deputy Managing Director Khandaker Sirajuddin of Cosco Shipping, a sister concern of HRC Shipping Lines suspected the cause of the fire was an electric short circuit. Although sources said that the extent of damage could only be determined after the completion of investigation, Shafiqul Alam Jewel, managing director of berth operator Ruhul Amin and Brothers, estimated that the damage would be no less than Tk 1 crore.

Chittagong, Jun 5 -- General cargo *Jin Cheng*, loaded with 16,052 tonnes of general cargo (steel material and paper

rolls) arrived at Chittagong outer anchorage on May 30. After lightening 2,000 tonnes, the vessel berthed at Chittagong Port jetty No.1 on Jun 2. Reportedly, a fire broke out in the masters cabin at about 0600 hrs, on Jun 4. The fire was brought under control. Discharge operations were stopped during the morning of Jun 4, until 1600 hrs, when operations resumed. The vessel's local agents, COSCO Shipping, Chittagong, stated that at about 0630 hrs, on Jun 4, a fire broke out in the masters cabin, reportedly due to a short circuit. The fire brigade attended at about 0700 hrs and extinguished the fire with CO2 and water. The fire spread to the bridge and other areas of the accommodation. Our representative attended the vessel at 1000 hrs, today, and met with the master. He stated that at about 0630 hrs on Jun 4, when he was inside the holds, suddenly he heard warnings being shouted by the crew. He came back to his cabin and noticed that smoke was emitting from his "Book Room". The master entered his cabin and gathered all important documents including his passport etc., with the help of the local agents representative. They unsuccessfully tried to control the fire using carbon dioxide (CO2). Thereafter, Port Authority fire brigade and Bangladesh Navy personnel brought the fire under control at about 1020 hrs. The master stated that furniture and two PCs in his room were burnt. The cause of the fire, as per the master statement, is "electric short". Discharge of cargo is presently continuing from holds No. 2 & 4, BOB 11,000 tonnes up to 0800 hrs today. -- Lloyd's Agents.

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Ruhul Amin and Brothers, estimated that the damage would be no less than Tk 1 crore.

Chittagong, Jun 7 -- Understand from the local agents of general cargo *Jin Cheng* that the owner's representative is expected to arrive from China within two to three days to oversee temporary repairs. Two crew members were injured due to the fire on board the vessel and were admitted to National Hospital, Chittagong. One crew member has reported back to the vessel after treatment and the other is still in hospital. -- Lloyd's Agents.

JO BETULA (NIS)

London, Jun 3 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1815, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Jo Betula* has been released from detention.

JOHN M. RIVERS (U.S.A.)

London, May 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: A breakway barge sank this morning near the McKinley Bridge, closing the Mississippi River to traffic for six miles through this area. The barge was one of 15 that broke loose from the tug *John M. Rivers* (932 gt, built 1981) as the vessel took on a load just north of the McKinley Bridge, said Coast Guard Lt.Christian Barger. Other vessels rounded up 14 of the barges with half an hour, Barger said. But the 15th struck the McKinley Bridge and sank with a load of corn, Barger said. The bridge was undamaged, Barger said. But until the wreck can be recovered, the river is closed from a mile south of the MacArthur Bridge north for six miles to the southern end of the Chain of Rocks Canal. Barger said that *John M. Rivers* was owned by the Ingram Barge Co. of Nashville.

London, Jun 1 -- A press release, issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, St. Louis, dated May 31, states: The Coast Guard re-opened the Mississippi River from mile marker 180 to mile marker 184 to limited vessel traffic today at 1430 hrs. The Mississippi River was closed today to all vessel traffic when a barge sank in the river channel at approximately marker 182 after the barge struck the McKinley Bridge in St. Louis. The Coast Guard, working with local industry partners, has determined it safe for limited vessel traffic to transit through the area of the sunken barge from Eads Bridge, mile marker 180, to the south end of the Chain of Rocks Canal, mile marker 184. Local towing service fleets and docks in the area will be allowed to operate with two barges in tow northbound and one barge in tow southbound. Additionally, larger tows will be allowed to transit northbound through the area, in an attempt to minimise affects of the closure on the towing industry. All vessel traffic transit in this area will be limited to daylight hours and no meeting or passing in the vicinity of the barge is authorised at this time. The sunken barge remains at its current position. Salvage operations are expected to begin tomorrow. The cause of the

incident remains under investigation by Coast Guard Sector Upper Mississippi River.

London, Jun 3 -- A Coast Guard St.Louise, press release, dated today, states: The Coast Guard reduced restrictions today on the Mississippi River from mile marker 181 to mile marker 182 to vessel traffic transit. The only remaining restrictions include no passing and no meeting situations in the affected area, and vessels are required to transit at the slowest safe speed possible. The river was closed Thursday after 15 barges broke their tow from tug *John M. Rivers* resulting in one loaded corn barge striking the McKinley Bridge in St. Louis and later sinking in the channel. The barge owner, Ingram Barge Company, began salvage operations on the sunken barge Friday morning. Today the barge was removed from the channel. Salvage operations are expected to continue for the next three days along the Illinois bank. The Coast Guard deemed the river safe for transit. The exact cause of this incident is still under investigation by the Coast Guard.

KAMARI (Cyprus)

London, Jun 3 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1815, UTC: Bulker *Kamari* (41010 gt, built 1983) grounded near Mile Marker 1, lower Mississippi Jun 1. Vessel refloated and is awaiting permission to sail. *Kamari* lost an anchor and 11 chain shackles in the incident.

London, Jun 5 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulker *Kamari* was in lat 25 41 48.29N, long 79 40 03.49W, at 2317, UTC, Jun 4, proceeding on a course of 41.6 deg at 15.3 knots.

KATHARINA EHLE (Germany)

See *Sagasund*.

KATHRYN SPIRIT (Canada)

London, Jun 1 -- Bulker *Kathryn Spirit* (9261 gt, built 1967) struck the wharf while manoeuvring for departure at Becancour, Quebec, at 1312, May 31.

Montreal, Jun 5 -- Bulker *Kathryn Spirit* struck Berth No 3 at Becancour at approximately 1200, local time, May 31, due to a navigation error. The vessel's hull was slightly perforated. Temporary repairs were completed at 2130 the same day and the vessel resumed its voyage at approximately 2220 hrs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

KIEL (Germany)

Kiel, Jun 1 -- Passenger (cruise) *Delphin Voyager* (21884 gt, built 1990) collided with support *Kiel* (465 gt, built 1986) in the port of Kiel, when departing at 1930, local time, May 31. *Delphin Voyager* tried to leave its berth stern first, between a pontoon moored at the Norwegian quay and *Kiel* moored at a ro-ro berth of the Sweden quay. *Delphin Voyager* then hit *Kiel*, the bulwark of which was dented and some equipment damaged. *Delphin Voyager* was only slightly damaged and returned to its berth at the Bollhoern quay for investigations. Gusting winds probably caused the ship to get too far to the west side of the harbour basin. -- Correspondent.

Kiel, Jun 1 -- Passenger (cruise) *Delphin Voyager*, after its collision with support *Kiel*, finally departed Kiel after investigations were completed at 2100, local time, May 31, bound for Stockholm. The ship this time called the assistance of tug *Falckenstein* for leaving. -- Correspondent.

London, Jun 5 -- Passenger (cruise) *Delphin Voyager* arrived at Kiel on Jun 3, sailing later the same day.

KIMIHA (New Zealand)

Wellington, Jun 1 -- Barge *Kimihia* is not back in service, it will probably be another week or so yet. -- Lloyd's Agents.

KOMET III (U.K.)

London, May 31 -- Following received from Coastguard Dover MRCC, timed 1435, UTC: Container Carrier *Komet III* is still carrying out repairs with the Coastguard tug on scene.

London, Jun 1 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS Container Carrier *Komet III* was reported 22 nautical miles off Brixham in lat 50 9 15.42N, long 03 13 47.1W, speed 11.3 knots, course 260 deg at 0535, UTC, today.

London, Jun 4 -- Container Carrier *Komet III* arrived Belfast on Jun 2 and sailed on Jun 3, bound for Antwerp.

KOVAMBO (NIS)

London, Jun 6 -- Following navigation warning dated Jun 5, states: Mining ship *Kovambo* (3284 gt, built 1979) lost an anchor in 104 metres of water in lat 26 27.7S, long 14 56.85E. Anchor is marked with an orange marker buoy.

KRISTINA REGINA (Finland)

Kiel, Jun 2 -- After the collision of the passenger (cruise) *Kristina Regina* with a log barge towed by the *Pioneer* May 29, several thousand logs with a length of about five metres are drifting in the Baltic. The barge was towed to Wismar, its lost cargo is still a threat for shipping south of Langeland and off Fehmarn. Multi purpose ship *Scharhörn*, the emergency tug *Blk* of SFK, Kiel, the Danish *Gunnar Seidenfaden*, a Navy search aircraft and more vessels are busy collecting the logs. Yesterday the *Scharhörn* unloaded 2000 logs in Kiel-Holtenua. The search is continuing during the weekend and next week. -- Correspondent.

London, Jun 6 -- Passenger (cruise) *Kristina Regina* arrived at Helsinki on May 30, sailing later that day for Naantali, where she arrived on May 31. She departed from Naantali on Jun 5.

KVITHOLMEN (Norway)

Kiel, Jun 1 -- Fishing (general) *Kvitholmen* (70 feet) contacted with a pier and subsequently ran aground in the Nyksund, off Holmsnes, in the afternoon of May 31. The vessel took a sharp list to starboard. The engine was still working. *Kvitholmen* was refloated by a rescue boat and taken to port, where police were waiting to drug test the crew. -- Correspondent.

Trondheim, Jun 7 -- Fishing (general) *Kvitholmen* is presently alongside the private quay at Stokmarknes.

Understand there is a possibility that the vessel will be condemned. -- Lloyd's Agents.

LIBERTY OF THE SEAS (Bahamas)

London, Jun 2 -- A press report, dated Jun 1, states: Almost 200 passengers on board Royal Caribbean's newest vessel, passenger (cruise) *Liberty of the Seas* (160000 gt, built 2007), have contracted the norovirus. According to Royal Caribbean representatives, 172 passengers and 10 crewmembers began to experience symptoms of the norovirus on board the vessel that left (Miami) on a weeklong excursion beginning May 26. Cruise officials say all of the ill patients responded well to over-the-counter medication. *Liberty of the Seas* is expected to return to the port of Miami tomorrow, Jun 2.

London, Jun 3 -- A press report, dated Jun 2, states: Royal Caribbean Cruises says more than two hundred people on board passenger (cruise) *Liberty of the Seas* fell ill from a gastrointestinal illness during a seven-night cruise. The company said in a statement that two hundred guests and 12 crew members were sick on board the cruise. The vessel was carrying more than three thousand guests and more than one thousand crew members. The vessel left the Port of Miami on May 26 and returned today as scheduled. A Royal Caribbean spokesman says sick passengers were treated with over-the-counter medication and most had recovered by the time the vessel docked.

LILAC ACE (Panama)

See *Shinline 4*.

MAERSK RUNDVIK (Malta)

Maassluis, Jun 6 -- Container carrier *Maersk Rundvik* has completed repairs and will sail this evening for Bremerhaven. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

MAGDALENA (Argentina)

Buenos Aires, Jun 4 -- Fishing (general) *Magdalena* caught a fire in its laundry room/accommodation while fishing at Gulf San Jorge in lat 46 28S, long 65 57W at 1630, May 22. The fire reached one of the bathrooms and its stern causing 15% of damage on the ceiling of her processing/refrigerating plant. The upper cabins were also damaged as a consequence of the heat radiation. The vessel is currently berthed at Puerto Deseado, where repairs are being carried out. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MARIA S. (Panama)

Kochi, Jun 5 -- Understand Container Carrier *Maria S.* diverted to Colombo Jun 2 for repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Kochi, Jun 7 -- Container carrier *Maria S.* has returned to Tuticorin anchorage. The owners' representative has arrived at Tuticorin and has approached Tuticorin Port Authority for permission for the vessel to enter Tuticorin port for immediate repairs, as the leakage is serious. The port authority has not yet made a decision. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MARIAM TRANS (Sierra Leone)

Mumbai, Jun 1 -- According to local newspaper reports Coast Guard vessels and aircraft are monitoring the "post sinking" situation, after general cargo *Mariam Trans* sunk recently, 15 nautical miles southwest off Porbandar. The vessel was bound for Alang shipyard in Gulf of Cambay, from Dubai for demolition and the authorities feared oil spilling into the sea. The precise volume of the oil which the vessel was carrying is not known, officials told DNA. Coast Guard vessels *ICGS Meera Behin* and *ICGS Tarabai* were deployed to continuously monitor the drifting and listing *Mariam Trans*. Coast Guard vessels and special aircraft are patrolling the area where the vessel sank. "A round-the-clock vigil is being carried out at the site of the sunk vessel to ward off possible oil leaks," said Coast Guard commandant (West region) A Rajasekhar. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MARINA (Cambodia)

Piraeus, Jun 4 -- General cargo *Marina* (5985 gt, built 1980), with 22 crew members on board, was reported not under command four nautical miles west of Lesvos Island, in lat 39 10N, long 25 47E, at 1515, Jun 3, due to engine failure. Vessels in the vicinity were requested to keep in radio contact and offer assistance if required. -- Correspondent.

London, Jun 4 -- Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1336, UTC: General cargo *Marina* has completed repairs and is presently anchored off Lesvos Island, awaiting class inspection.

London, Jun 6 -- General cargo *Marina* was reported passing through the Dardanelles, in an easterly direction, at 1020 hrs, Jun 5, on a reported voyage of Alexandria, from where she departed on May 30, for Diliskelesi, Turkey.

MIGHTY SERVANT 3 (Netherlands)

London, Jun 5 -- A SMIT Salvage BV report states: Semi-sub HL vessel *Mighty Servant 3* was salvaged by means of sheerlegs *Taklift 7* and by pressurising the various compartments with compressed air. Initially the bow was refloated and stabilized. Subsequently the stern was lifted. Ultimately the vessel was fully dewatered and successfully redelivered to the owners on May 26.

MIKHAIL DUDIN (Malta)

Riga, Jun 5 -- General cargo *Mikhail Dudin* sailed from Ventspils on May 31, bound for Tallinn, on completion of repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MINERVA CONCERT (Greece)

Kiel, Jun 1 -- Crude oil tanker *Minerva Concert* is to enter drydock at Blohm & Voss, Hamburg, today, for repairs to its damaged bottom. -- Correspondent.

MONTFALCO (Spain)

See under "Miscellaneous."

MSC GENEVA (Germany)

See *Varmland*.

MSC GENOVA (Germany)

London, Jun 4 -- Container Carrier *MSC Geneva* arrived at Antwerp on Jun 1 and sailed at 0133 hrs, Jun 3, bound for Le Havre.

NAIK JADUNATH SINGH PVC (India)

London, Jun 3 -- A press report, dated today, states: A fire broke out on board an Indian oil tanker undergoing repairs at the Colombo harbour today, officials said. Thirteen local workers were hospitalised with burn injuries following the incident, officials said. The fire broke out in the engine-room, but was put out within about an hour. The vessel was at the dry docks of the Colombo Dockyard, a subsidiary of Japan's Onomichi Dockyard Company.

London, Jun 3 -- Following received from Colombo Radio, timed 1630, UTC: Crude oil tanker *Naik Jadunath Singh PVC* (37855 gt, built 1984) reported an engine-room fire this afternoon. Fire was soon extinguished.

London, Jun 3 -- A press report, dated today, states: A fire broke out on board crude oil tanker *Naik Jadunath Singh PVC* undergoing repairs at the main port of Colombo today, injuring 13 people, officials said. The engine-room of the vessel caught fire around 1430, local time (0900, UTC) while it was being repaired at Colombo Dockyard Limited, a spokesman for the Fort fire brigade said. "Thirteen people were hospitalised, mostly due to fire-related injuries," an official from Colombo Dockyard said adding that there were no other serious damages. The cause of the fire was not immediately known, fire brigade officials said adding that the matter is being investigated.

London, Jun 4 -- A press report, dated today, states: Thirteen Sri Lankan technical workers were injured in a fire while repairing crude oil tanker *Naik Jadunath Singh PVC* at the Colombo harbour today, officials said. "The fire broke out suddenly in the engine-room when the technicians were carrying out repairs on the ship this afternoon but was put out within about an hour," officials said. Director Accidental Services of the Colombo National Hospital, Dr Hector Weerasinghe said all 13 Sri Lankans were admitted to the accident ward this afternoon with burn injuries. "Some of them were with serious burn injuries," Dr Weerasinghe said.

NAUTICAL LEGACY (Canada)

London, Jun 1 -- Following received from Halifax RCC, timed 1419, UTC: Understand fishing (general) *Nautical Legacy* has now burned down to the waterline.

London, Jun 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: Six fishermen were plucked from frigid waters off the coast of Newfoundland last week by search and rescue crews from Canadian Air Force 103 Search and Rescue Squadron, 9 Wing Gander. Fishing (general) *Nautical Legacy* caught fire about 80 miles east-north-east of St. John's. The crew sent a mayday

distress call and abandoned ship. Four Coast Guard ships, a CC-130 Hercules from 413 Transport and Rescue Squadron, 14 Wing Greenwood, and a CH-149 Cormorant from 103 Squadron responded to the distress call. A Fisheries and Oceans surveillance aircraft operated by Provincial Airlines and a fishing vessel also joined in the search and rescue operation. Within an hour and a half of the distress call, the CH-109 Cormorant located the vessel and rescued the crew. But, by then, the survivors had been in the 35-degree Fahrenheit water for more than two hours. However, the fishermen putting their survival knowledge into practice helped save their lives, according to the RCAF. Of the six fishermen, five were wearing survival suits. They had tied the sixth man to a buoy and formed a close huddle around him to maintain as much body heat as possible. The men were treated for hypothermia once on board the helicopter and flown to St. John's, Newfoundland, where they were transferred to a local medical facility for observation. All have since made a good recovery.

NEPTUNE PLOES (Malta)

London, Jun 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: Engine trouble on Roll On Roll Off *Neptune Ploes* (13251 gt, built 1983) during Dardanelles passage, just in front Akbas Lighthouse at 1240, local time, today. Vessel repaired its engine, inspected and heaved anchor at 1615, local time, to proceed for destination port.

London, Jun 5 -- Roll On Roll Off *Neptune Ploes* is reported to have arrived at Algiers at 1000 hrs, Jun 4.

NEVSKIY 34 (Russia)

See *Beauty Song*.

NOORA (Comoros)

Chittagong, Jun 7 -- According to local agents of bulker *Noora* the vessel berthed at CUFL jetty at 1600, Jun 5. After completion of temporary repairs to the No.1 crane, discharging of cargo resumed from hold No. 1 and expected to complete discharge by Jun 10. -- Lloyd's Agents.

NORTHSEA (Cambodia)

London, Jun 3 -- A press report, dated Jun 2, states: Lightning has killed six Ghanaian sailors and the Ukrainian master of product tanker *Northsea* off the coast of Benin. The bodies of four of the sailors have been retrieved but those of the Ukrainian master, identified as Nasonov Volodymyr, and two other sailors are still missing. Twenty-two of the crew, comprising 19 Ghanaians, two Ukrainians and one Romanian, however, survived the tragedy which occurred last Tuesday (May 29) when lightning struck the oil tanker 200 nautical miles from the coast as a result of a storm which also swept through Ghana the same day. *Northsea*, owned by Atlantic Oil Maritime S.A., with 29 crew members on board, had finished offloading oil from Nigeria onto another vessel when it was struck by the lightning. Speaking in Tema, the Harbour-master,

Captain Victor Jonah, said on Wednesday he had a distress call on the disaster from the agent for the vessel, Atlas Services Limited. He said Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority tug *Manhean* was, therefore, sent out to rescue the sailors. Captain Jonah said a sister vessel of the tanker, *April*, was called to convey the survivors and the four retrieved bodies to meet the tug which, in turn, conveyed them to the port. He said the police were informed about the accident and the dead were conveyed to the Police Hospital, while the 22 survivors were sent to the Caiquo Hospital in Tema for medical attention. Captain Jonah said the Ukrainian and Romanian survivors had been put in some hotels in Tema, awaiting documentation to be flown home, while the 19 Ghanaian survivors had also been given accommodation to overcome the trauma before they would be sent home. The Port Captain of Atlas Services Limited, Captain Seth Aboagye, who called at the offices of the Daily Graphic in Accra, confirmed the incident. According to him, the parent company of Atlantic Services Limited, known as Atlantic Oil Maritime S.A. based in Greece, received a distress message from Lloyd's Casualty Department (Lloyd's Marine Intelligence Unit) that thunder and lightning had struck the vessel, resulting in the death of some members of its crew. He said the survivors were initially picked by another vessel, crude oil tanker *Toledo Spirit*, before arrangements were made to send another vessel, *April*, to bring them to Tema. According to Captain Aboagye, the Ukrainian master and two other Ghanaians whose bodies were yet to be retrieved were affected by an explosion which occurred as a result of the lightning and thunder. He said the remaining four persons who died were believed to have been trapped by fenders.

NORWEGIAN DAWN (Bahamas)

Boston, MA, May 31 -- Passenger (cruise) *Norwegian Dawn* entered dry dock at Boston on May 27 and is currently undergoing repairs to the propulsion system "among other things". The vessel is expected to leave the dock on Jun 7. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 4 -- Passenger (cruise) *Norwegian Dawn* was reported sailing from Boston, Mass, at 0632 hrs, Jun 3 (? for trials). According to Lloyd's MIU AIS at 1202 hrs, Jun 3, vessel was stationary, in Boston, Mass.

OCEAN DISCOVERY (U.S.A.)

Honolulu, May 31 -- Passenger (cruise) *Ocean Discovery*: An underwater inspection was completed and no damage was found. The vessel has returned to service. -- Lloyd's Agents.

OCEAN LEADER (U.S.A.)

London, Jun 7 -- A press report, dated today, states: Mammoet Salvage have been contracted to salvage research *Ocean Leader* which sank off the coast of Mexico (on Dec 1). The salvage operation has started.

OTTON (Panama)

Bilbao, Jun 1 -- Fire fighting tug *Otton* remains at Bilbao, under repair. -- Lloyd's Agents.

P-36

London, Jun 1 -- Petrobras has been ordered to pay R\$100 million (US\$52 million) in compensation for environmental damage caused by the sinking of oil platform *P-36* in March 2001. Petrobras is expected to appeal the ruling by the First Federal Circuit Court in Campos, Brazil. The platform's sinking resulted in the leak of 150 cu m of crude oil, 1.2 million litres of diesel fuel and caused a 58 sq km oil slick, according to prosecutors. The court also said Petrobras used an excessive amount of chemicals to disperse the slick.

PACIFIC FAITH (Canada)

London, Jun 3 -- Fishing (general) *Pacific Faith* (89 gt, built 1988) grounded in lat 51 21N, long 127 3W, Boswell Inlet, Finis Nook, Smith Sound, BC at 0545, May 30.

PALESTEL 29 (Belgium)

Kiel, Jun 2 -- General cargo *Palestel 29*, 80 metres, 1227 dwt, bound Ruhrort, was in collision with four unloaded barges in the night of Jun 1. Fifteen tonnes of gasoline leaked into the Rhine as a result. The accident happened on the Rhine at km 789,8, close to Binsheim off Schwelgern. *Palestel 29* was passing a berthed barge train and hit one barge on its starboard side. The vessel was damaged at the stern on a length of 50 cm. Through this gash the gasoline leaked into the water. The remaining cargo of the damaged tank was pumped into other tanks and thus the escape of oil stopped. The authorities allowed the master to proceed to Duisburg, where it is surveyed. -- Correspondent.

PATER NOSTER (Norway)

Trondheim, Jun 4 -- Fishing (general) *Pater Noster* arrived Tromso Shipyard in tow on May 21. Due to the severity of the damage, the vessel will probably be condemned. A decision is expected by the end of this week. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Trondheim, Jun 7 -- The decision regarding the possible condemnation of fishing (general) *Pater Noster* has been postponed until a survey has been carried out. -- Lloyd's Agents.

PIETARI FLAME (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Ponta Delgada, Jun 3 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Pietari Flame* completed main engine repairs and sailed 2100, local time, today for St.Petersburg. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Ponta Delgada, Jun 5 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Pietari Flame*, which sailed Ponta Delgada Jun 3 after main engine repairs, is now returning back to this port in order to receive spare parts. -- Lloyd's Agents.

PIONEER BAY (Liberia)

Maassluis, Jun 4 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Pioneer Bay* is still under repair. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

PORT PIRIE (Hong Kong)

Yokohama, Jun 7 -- Bulker *Port Pirie* (18070 gt, built 1997) when approaching a quarantine anchorage at Saganoseki contacted a light beacon. As a result the vessel entangled its propellers with the beacon's cables in lat 33 15.63N, long 131 51.64E, at 1116, May 30. The vessel was parted from the beacon following a salvage operation arranged by the vessel's owners at 1935, May 31. The vessel sustained slight damage to propeller shafts and propellers, while the beacon was "completely broken." -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Port Pirie* had sailed Onsan May 30 for Saganoseki, and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was subsequently reported anchored in lat 34 49 20N, long 119 49 07E, at 0351, UTC, today.)

PORTLAND CASTLE (Malta)

Chittagong, Jun 3 -- Bulker with container capacity *Portland Castle* (29660 gt, built 1985) sustained further damages to starboard side, while another lighter vessel, *Nirjhar-1*, was mooring alongside at Chittagong outer anchorage at 2055, Jun 1. Master lodged a notice of "Damage Report" to the stevedoring company the same day. -- Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Jun 1.)

Chittagong, Jun 4 -- *Nirjhar-1* is an inland coaster vessel with a loading capacity of 1600 tonnes. It is owned by Shamata Shipping, Chittagong. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Chittagong, Jun 5 -- Bulker with container capacity *Portland Castle* sustained further damage to its starboard side after contact with four lightering vessels, *Al-Meskat 3*, *Three Star*, *Baridi* and *Novroz* while mooring alongside at Chittagong outer anchorage, yesterday for lighterage purpose. Master has lodged a notice of "Damage" to the stevedoring company yesterday holding them responsible for the damages to the vessel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

PRECIOUS (Panama)

Chittagong, Jun 4 -- Understand from the agents of general cargo *Precious* that the vessel completed repairs and shifted to Chittagong outer anchorage on Jun 3, where it is presently awaiting instructions. -- Lloyd's Agents.

PROGRESS II (Republic of Ireland)

London, Jun 1 -- Following received from Dublin MRCC, timed 1051, UTC: Fishing (general) *Progress II* is presently under tow to Killybegs, ETA 1130, UTC, today.

London, Jun 1 -- Following received from Dublin MRCC, timed 1226, UTC: Fishing (general) *Progress II* was reported alongside at Old Town Pier, Killybegs, at 1128, UTC, today.

REGINA BALTICA (Latvia)

London, Jun 5 -- Passenger ro/ro *Regina Baltica* sailed Riga May 21.

REGINA SAPPHIRE (Panama)

London, Jun 2 -- Following received from Australia RCC, timed 0205, UTC: General cargo *Regina Sapphire* (4750

gt, built 2006) reported in lat 29 24N, long 128 11E, at 2300, UTC, Jun 1 with a 20 degree list to port. A Japanese Coast Guard vessel is now on scene and trying to escort the vessel to a safe port. (Note -- *Regina Sapphire* sailed Hong Kong 0604, May 30 for Chiba.)

London, Jun 2 -- Following received from Japan Coast Guard, timed 0420, UTC: General cargo *Regina Sapphire* is now under escort to Amami Island. The vessel's list is now 10 degrees.

RIVER ALN (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Jun 3 -- General cargo *River Aln* sailed from Liverpool at 2315 hrs, May 29, bound for Rotterdam, where it arrived at 1340 hrs, Jun 1.

ROYAL RAY (Malta)

Las Palmas, Jun 1 -- Vehicle carrier *Royal Ray* was towed (to Las Palmas) due to damage to tailshaft and is drydocked at Astican shipyard for repair for at least 15 days. -- Lloyd's Agents.

RTS SINDBAD NUI (St. Kitts-Nevis)

London, Jun 6 -- Following received from Coastguard Falmouth MRCC, timed 0230, UTC: General cargo *RTS Sindbad Nui*, V4CV, (2651 gt, built 1971) reported not under command and rolling heavily in cyclone. Position not given. (Note -- Cyclone "Gonu" was forecast to strike Oman at 0001, today.)

London, Jun 6 -- Following received from the Dubai operators of general cargo *RTS Sindbad Nui*, timed 0515, UTC: We have not been able to contact the vessel direct or the master on his mobile phone.

London, Jun 6 -- Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 0520, UTC: General cargo *RTS Sindbad Nui* reported its engine had failed in heavy seas in lat 22 41.3N, long 60 18.8E, at 0234, UTC, today.

London, Jun 7 -- Following received from the Dubai operators of general cargo *RTS Sindbad Nui*, timed 0435, UTC: A message was received from the master of *RTS Sindbad Nui* at 1306 yesterday reporting that the vessel was in lat 23 14.7N, long 60 26.83E, at 1300 hrs, speed 7.5 knots. At 1531, same day, the master reported: "As per weather forecast cyclone is along the coast of Oman, heading towards Strait of Hormuz and weakening, pressure also increasing. We are adjusting course according to swell presently doing northerly course to remain further away from the centre of the cyclone. Cyclone moving at five knots, vessel doing 10 knots presently." At 0034 today master reported "situation bit improved," wind/swell has reduced and pressure is rising. Vessel doing five knots due to pitch problem. Observing cyclone movement through weather forecast.

RUNNER 4 (Dominica)

London, Jun 7 -- A press report, dated Jun 6, states: Mammoet Salvage have been contracted to recover a cargo of aluminium (? from sunk general cargo *Runner 4*) in the Gulf of Finland. The operation is planned to start in August.

SAGA MUSKETEER (Bahamas)

London, Jun 4 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1444, UTC: General cargo *Saga Musketeer* (30987 gt, built 1977), moored, and refrigerated general cargo *Tineke* (11335 gt, built 1984) in collision at Houston City Dock, Houston, at 0345, UTC, Jun 2, causing approximately \$200,000 damage. *Tineke* sustained handrail damage and *Saga Musketeer* a tear. "*Saga Musketeer* no longer under restriction. Understand *Tineke* under restriction." (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, "*Tineke* in lat 28 30 42.96N, long 93 22 15.42W, Gulf Gateway Terminal 32.1 nautical miles, speed 17.9 knots, at 0931, UTC, Jun 4, and *Saga Musketeer* in lat 29 43 31.8N, long 95 16 6W, port of Houston, at 1453, UTC, Jun 4.")

Houston, Jun 5 -- General cargo *Saga Musketeer*, collision with refrigerated general cargo *Tineke*: *Saga Musketeer* is currently berthed at the Port of Houston, City Dock 30 undergoing repairs. The vessel is scheduled to sail on Jun 6 upon completion of repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 7 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Saga Musketeer* was in lat 28 12 56.4N, long 92 53 07.8W, at 0858, UTC, Jun 7, proceeding on a course of 137 deg at 13.3 knots.

SAGASUND (Norway)

Sandnes, May 31 -- Passenger ro/ro *Sagasund* (257 gt, built 1964), while leaving Halden for Stromstad, had engine trouble and made contact with Container Carrier *Katharina Ehler* (3992 gt, built 1993) at 1030, May 30. *Sagasund* grounded slightly and proceeded back to quay assisted by a local tug after a few minutes. The propeller is damaged. Only minor damage to *Katharina Ehler*. -- Correspondent. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Sagasund* was located in lat 59 05 10.79N, long 11 12 56.01E, at 0824, UTC, May 30, while *Katharina Ehler* was located in lat 53 42 49.74N, long 08 17 16.98E, 14.4 nautical miles from Wilhelmshaven, at 2033, UTC, today.)

London, Jun 3 -- Container Carrier *Katharina Ehler* arrived at Bremerhaven at 1930 hrs, May 31. She departed at 0805 hrs, Jun 1, arriving at Hamburg later the same day, at 1541 hrs.

Oslo, Jun 7 -- Passenger ro/ro *Sagasund* was underway for Halden for a trip to Stromstad. When she was approaching the quay, the gear locked itself and the vessel backed over the fjord and into Container Carrier *Katharina Ehler* which was at Sauoya. No passengers on board *Sagasund*. Three crewmembers, no injuries. *Katharina Ehler* continued to Oslo. *Sagasund* sustained minor damages. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SAM JIN NO.1 (South Korea)

Busan, Jun 4 -- After completion of permanent repairs at J. Y. Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., Busan, Non specific tanker *Sam Jin No.1* sailed on May 31, bound for Ulsan. Barge *Dae Sung 5001* is scheduled to drydock at the Daepyung

Shipyard Co., Busan, today, for permanent repairs, which are expected to be completed by Jun 11. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

SANDRA (Netherlands Antilles)

See "Germany" under Port State Control."

SEA PARK (Panama)

Durres, Apr 5 -- General cargo *Sea Park*: The situation remains the same. Vessel is berthed at Durres Shipyard with a minimum number of crew. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SEALTH (U.S.A.)

Seattle, May 31 -- Roll on roll off *Sealth* completed repairs and returned to service May 27. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SERENADE (Bahamas)

London, Jun 3 -- The Louis cruise passenger (cruise) *Serenade* (14173 gt, built 1957) was slightly damaged yesterday when it grazed the pier while docking at the Greek island of Tinos, the company said. A Louis spokesman said while the vessel was entering the port it "touched off the dock". The incident, which happened in the morning, caused a small hole on the left side of the vessel's bow above the water line. "It wasn't anything serious," the Louis spokesman said yesterday afternoon. "It has now been fixed and the ship will be on its way to Syros in the next hour." The *Serenade* was on a seven-day cruise from Limassol to the Greek islands with 671 passengers, mainly Cypriots, and 258 crew members.

London, Jun 5 -- Passenger (cruise) *Serenade* arrived at Limassol on Jun 4.

SHAH BADAR-I

Chittagong, Jun 7 -- Understand from agents of unknown *Shah Badar-I* that the vessel is still lying idle at shore side (Patenga Sea Beach) awaiting repairs. Reportedly repair works cannot be undertaken due to non availability of funds. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SHARK (Lebanon)

Beirut, Jun 5 -- General cargo *Shark* is still lying sunk and under arrest at Beirut. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SHINLINE 4 (Malaysia)

London, Jun 3 -- General cargo *Shinline 4* was reported arriving at Moji on May 26. She departed later the same day, bound for Subic Bay. Vehicle carrier *Lilac Ace* arrived at Singapore at 0305 hrs, May 30 and departed at 0145 hrs, May 31, bound for Colombo.

TAHOMA REEFER (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Jun 1 -- A press report, dated May 31, states: The Captain of refrigerated general cargo *Tahoma Reefer*, the first vessel that was stolen from the Freeport of Monrovia says his company is holding the Government of Liberia (GOL) and the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) responsible for the stolen vessel. Captain Volodymyr Shteinberh said with the million of dollars the

international community is pumping into UNMIL's operation, it is surprising that they could not use their sophistication to stop the pirates who took the vessel away. He said an investigation conducted by Estonian International Maritime Law Association proved that the disappearance of the vessel was the work of pirates. Mr. Shteinberh said even though his company is blaming the government, the bulk of the blame is on the UNMIL who it is expected to have the internationally experience to combat piracy. "Everyone knows that Liberia is coming from a protracted civil conflict that broke down her navy and other security apparatus. That is why the International Community is giving millions of dollars to UNMIL," he said. Captain Shteinberh said when the vessel was stolen on May 9, it remained in Liberia's territorial waters until May 11, at which time the pirates sailed her to the Ivory Coast. "I immediately wrote to the UNMIL but they did nothing to stop the pirates. At times the UNMIL generals refused to return my telephone calls. My company is therefore holding UNMIL responsible and has already brought the issue to the attention of the UN Security Council. The council is expected to discuss the issue in their next meeting in New York," the Captain who hailed from Ukraine said. He said when the vessel was in Liberia's territorial waters a UNMIL officer, Slobodan Radunovic and General Maritz Du Toit, continuously assured him that they had the capacity to stop the pirates but to the contrary, they did noting to retrieve his vessel. The Captain said he was ashore when the pirates attacked the vessel in the port of Monrovia, and threw his crew members ashore. "Why should UNMIL photograph the ship being taken away by pirates and could not stop them from taking the ship. The UNMIL is seriously responsible," the captain said. He said his company is claiming a damage of US\$5 million from the UNMIL and GOL. "We are especially holding the UNMIL responsible because they are in charge of security. We are also holding the Government of Liberia responsible, because Liberia as a big maritime country had subscribed to all conventions of the sea," the captain stressed. The UNMIL boss, Alan Doss at the Mission's regular briefing yesterday told reporters that the Mission is monitoring the port on a daily basis, since it is the gate way to Liberia's economy. He said knowing the importance of the port; his Mission will continue to do the best it could to provide maximum security. According to Mr. Doss, following the mysterious disappearance of the vessel, his Mission did the best it could to locate the vessel but to no avail. He however gave the assurance that UNMIL is in total control of the port, and that it would ensure that such incident doesn't recur.

TEMERNIK (Russia)

London, Jun 1 -- Following received from Etel MRCC, timed 0951, UTC:

General cargo *Temernik* (3796 gt, built 1997), Sables d'Olonne for New Holland with 4,200 tonnes maize, reported damage to No.8 main engine cylinder in lat 45 57.9N, long 03 04.8W, at 1140, UTC, May 31. The crew were unable to effect repairs, and a tug was dispatched to take the vessel in tow. The tow arrived St. Nazaire at 0500, UTC, Jun 1, and the vessel is now berthed for repairs.

THERMOPYLAE SIERRA (Cyprus)

London, Jun 6 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Navy took swift action to rescue the general cargo *Thermopylae Sierra* (15612 gt, built 1985) marooned 75 nautical miles off Trincomalee after experiencing engine trouble. The vessel developed engine trouble May 19 about 75 nautical miles away from Trincomalee and started drifting towards the coast while sailing from China to Egypt with 20,000 tons of steel, a Navy Spokesman tsaid yesterday. According to Navy, there were 24 crew members including 16 Sri Lankans on board the vessel. øThe Navy provided security and technical support for the ship after it contacted the Navy seeking help for repairs,ø the spokesman added. øFor nearly two weeks the ship and the crew were protected by the naval fleet units to make sure that she will not end up hostile shores,ø the spokesman added. øThe Navy transported the technicians from the local agent on May 21. On completion of repairs, the vessel sailed towards Trincomalee port under the protection of naval fleet units,ø he added. The vessel reached Trincomalee harbour safely under naval protection on Sunday (Jun 3).

TINEKE (Netherlands Antilles)

See *Saga Musketeer*.

TOMI MARU NO.53 (Japan)

Portsmouth, UK, Jun 7 -- At 1329, local time, Jun 7, fishing (general) *Tomi Maru No.53* (279 gt, built 1987), detained for poaching in November last year, sustained a large leakage of ammonia at the port of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatka. As a result of the leakage one of the five crew on board died and the rest were hospitalized. A state of emergency was introduced locally and the vessel was towed to eight kilometres from the coast. -- Correspondent. (See issue of Jan 2 under Seizures & Arrests.)

TRANS-1 (Bangladesh)

Khulna, Jun 2 -- The Assistant Harbour Master of Mongla port has advised that barge *Trans-1* is still lying sunk at Alpha-15, Harbaria, Mongla Outer Anchorage. Salvage operations have not yet been started. It is understood that the barge owner is taking the necessary steps to salvage the vessel by appointing local agents M/s Sardar Trade International for the salvage operation. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

VARMLAND (U.K.)

Kiel, Jun 3 -- At 1454 hrs, May 30 Container Carrier *Varmland* (6393 gt,

built 2003) was in collision with Container Carrier *MSC Geneva* (50963 gt, built 2006). *Varmland* intended to berth at the Predohl quay (Hamburg), starboard side on, and contacted *MSC Geneva* which was lying at berth 6. On *Varmland* a container broke out of its fixing and a hatch cover was damaged. The stern of *MSC Geneva* sustained minor damage. *Varmland* was initially not allowed to leave port. The matter was investigated by the police. -- Correspondent. (Note -- *Varmland* arrived at Hamburg at 0600 hrs, May 30 and departed at 0930 hrs, May 31, bound for Tallinn. *MSC Geneva* arrived at Hamburg at 1309 hrs, May 30 and departed at 1210 hrs, May 31, bound for Antwerp.)

VIRTUSU (Isle of Man)

Maassluis, Jun 5 -- General cargo *Virtusu* is still at Reimerswaal Shipyard, but is expected to sail before the end of this week with a destination of either Antwerp or Rotterdam. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

Maassluis, Jun 7 -- General cargo *Virtusu* sailed from Reimerswaal last night and is expected to arrive at Rotterdam this afternoon. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

WEELEK NO.3 (Panama)

London, Jun 6 -- Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 0525, UTC: An Inmarsat C distress was received from Combined chemical and oil tank *Weelek No.3* (10316 gt, built 1983) in lat 21 25N, long 62 59E, at 1846, UTC, yesterday. No further contact with the vessel.

London, Jun 6 -- Following received from the owners, in Taipei, of Combined chemical and oil tank *Weelek No.3*, timed 0530, UTC: *Weelek No.3* has stopped with a main engine problem. A tug should be with the vessel in two days. Weather in the area is very bad. (Note -- *Weelek No.3* sailed Jubail May 30 and was last reported by Lloyd's MIU AIS in lat 22 20 10N, long 60 53 44E, at 0711, UTC, Jun 4, speed 11.7 knots, course 126.1 degrees.)

WEST SAILOR (Malta)

Portsmouth, Jun 3 -- Chemical tanker *West Sailor* (3427 gt, built 1981), transiting the Firth from east to west, lost power and turned down the west coast of the island of Stroma, yesterday morning. It quickly (at 2-3 knots) started to drift towards the island on the flood tide, but missed the northern tip of the Island by a couple of cables (approximately 1200 feet). It then drifted eastwards on the flood back to Duncansby Head, before they could restart the engines. It was joined by the Longhope lifeboat which stood by, while it sailed westwards again at about 5-6 knots. The lifeboat stood down at Dunnet Head and the vessel is proceeding westwards at about 11 knots. *West Sailor* is reporting its destination as Eastham. -- Correspondent.

London, Jun 5 -- Chemical tanker *West Sailor* is currently alongside at Eastham.

London, Jun 7 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, chemical tanker *West Sailor* was in lat 49 50 19.06N, long 03 13 06.45W, at 0954, UTC, Jun 7, proceeding on a course of 92 deg at 13.4 knots.

WILLEM VAN DER ZWAN (Netherlands)

Maassluis, Jun 6 -- Understand scrapping of fishing (general) *Willem Van der Zwan* is expected to be completed within half a year. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

WILSON MUUGA (Cyprus)

reykjavik, Jun 5 -- Bulker *Karim*, ex *Wilson Muuga*, sailed Hafnarfjordur Jun 4 for Tripoli, Lebanon, where final repairs will be carried out. -- Lloyd's Agents.

WILSON TRENT (Cyprus)

Poznan, Jun 1 -- Bulker *Wilson Trent* is currently under repairs in Nauta Shipyard in Gdynia, most probably until the end of June. -- Lloyd's Agents.

WINDWARD (U.S.A.)

Portsmouth, UK, Jun 5 -- A press report, dated Jun 4, states: Authorities are reporting a small diesel fuel spill in Prince William Sound, caused when fishing (general) *Windward* (137 gt, built 1988) struck a rock. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation says the 82-foot-long *Windward* hit the rock shortly after 2030 yesterday, rupturing one of the vessel's fuel tanks. No one was hurt in the mishap near Goose Island about 30 miles south of Valdez. Department of Environmental Conservation spokesman Bob Petit says the crew was able to transfer some of the fuel from the 2,000 gallon tank, but an amount estimated at less than 300 gallons spilled into the Sound. A 400-foot-by-60-foot sheen was reported at the scene. Petit says it quickly dissipated. *Windward* made it to Valdez on its own speed, arriving around 0900 this morning. The Coast Guard is investigating the incident. -- Correspondent.



SOMALIA

Gothenburg, Jun 2 -- Mr Jorgen Folmer, the owner of general cargo *Danica White* (997 gt, built 1985), confirmed tonight that the vessel, with five crew on board, was hijacked 240 nautical miles from the coast of Somalia. The vessel was today heading for Mogadishu, according to a French naval vessel and furthermore, they have three small yachts in tow. There is a possibility that the men on board are armed. No contact has been made with the crew, due to the situation. -- Westax Marine Services A.B.

London, Jun 3 -- A press report, dated Jun 2, states: A Danish cargo vessel

with five crew was hijacked off Somalia's coast, the owner said today, citing a report by the French navy. General cargo *Danica White* was on passage to the Kenyan port of Mombasa from Dubai when it was seized by pirates today or late yesterday, Jorgen Folmer, a spokesman for Danish shipping company H. Folmer & Co. said. He said a French naval vessel in the area had confirmed the vessel was hijacked but was unable to intervene because it could not enter Somali waters. He said it wasn't clear exactly where and how the ship was seized but "we can see that it has been hijacked off the Somalia coast." The company had not been able to reach the crew. "We don't know if they are safe," he said, adding the 200-foot-long freighter was transporting construction materials.

London, Jun 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Danica White* has been captured by pirates in the latest series of ships and fishing vessels being boarded and taken over, with their crews held to ransom, off the Somalia coast. The vessel, owned and operated by H. Folmer & Co. Copenhagen, Denmark, was on a voyage from Dubai to Mombassa with a cargo of building materials. About 240 miles off the Somali coast she was intercepted and captured by what are presumed to be Somali pirates. A French warship reportedly looked on as the event unfolded, and refused to enter Somali waters as the vessel was taken into the region. It is understood she is now anchored in Hobyo. The ICC International Maritime Bureau has said that ships should stay clear of the Somali coast and their report says that "coalition forces aircraft" observed the vessel heading into Somali waters in tow of three boats that had come out to capture the ship. Reportedly Danish authorities are awaiting whatever demands the pirates make. Some experts fear it could be very high indeed considering the captives are Danish nationals. The IMB reports the capture took place on the evening of Jun 1. An Indian dhow and three fishing vessels have also been captured and some reports say a Taiwan fisherman has been killed.

Port State Control



GERMANY

London, May 31 -- General cargo *Sandra*, which had sailed Bilbao for Vesteras, arrived Hamburg 1423, May 24, and subsequently, according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, was at Riga at 1313, UTC, today.

London, Jun 1 -- Passenger (cruise) *Dalmacija* arrived at Helsinki on May 26, sailing later the same day. She was next arriving at and sailing from Tallinn on May 29.

ITALY

Genoa, Jun 1 -- General cargo *Jamal* (1991 gt, built 1977) has been seized by the La Spezia Port Authority in view of its poorly maintained condition and lack of safety equipment. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Jamal* arrived La Spezia May 28.)

UNITED STATES

London, Jun 1 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1413, UTC: Container carrier *Captain P.* (10225 gt, built 1980) is presently under Port State Control detention at Houston due to various deficiencies. (Note -- *Captain P.* arrived Houston May 29.)

London, Jun 3 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1815, UTC: Roll On Roll Off Container Car *BBC Arctic* (8811 gt, built 1998) is presently under Port State Control detention at Houston due to various deficiencies. (Note -- *BBC Arctic* arrived Houston May 31.)

London, Jun 5 -- Roll On Roll Off Container Car *BBC Arctic* sailed from Houston at 1550 hrs, Jun 4.

London, Jun 6 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, container carrier *Captain P.* was in lat 28 25 52.23N, long 94 25 02.77W, at 0334, UTC, Jun 6, proceeding on a course of 183.4 deg at 15.4 knots.

Seizures & Arrests



AGIOS SPYRIDON K. (Greece)

London, Jun 5 -- Roll On Roll Off *Agios Spyridon K.*, under arrest at Salamina since December 2003, arrived at Piraeus on Feb 7 and sailed from that port, under the name of *Ai Giorgis*, on Jun 2.

AIMI (Panama)

London, Jun 5 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Aimi* was in lat 32 21 45.78N, long 10 16 04.08W, at 0606, UTC, Jun 4, proceeding on a course of 45 deg at 7.4 knots.

ALTRANS (Slovakia)

Beirut, Jun 5 -- General cargo *Altrans* (1895 gt, built 1976) has been seized at Beirut for breaching the rules of the Israeli Boycott Regulations. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ANNIE SIERRA (Cyprus)

Karachi, Jun 1 -- Port Qasim Authority inform that bulker *Annie Sierra* is still under detention at Bandal mooring at Port Muhammad Bin Qasim, due to some court disputes. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ASIAN EXPRESS (Maldives)

Kochi, Jun 4 -- General cargo *Asian Express* is still under arrest at Tuticorin anchorage. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BIGA (Canary Islands)

Bilbao, Jun 1 -- General cargo *Biga* is still under embargo at Bilbao. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BOREAS (Cyprus)

Bilbao, Jun 1 -- General cargo *Boreas* is still under embargo at Bilbao. -- Lloyd's Agents.

CITY OF TEMA (Panama)

Tenerife, Jun 6 -- General cargo *City of Tema* is still in port. On Jun 4, it moved to another berthing zone within the port, in order to tranship its cargo of Nigerian palm kernel extraction meal to general cargo *Oslo* (which arrived at Tenerife on May 30). -- Lloyd's Agents.

EGEON P. (Greece)

Piraeus, Jun 7 -- Bulk cement carrier *Egeon P.* is still under arrest at Perama. There are no developments regarding the prospects for its release. -- Lloyd's Agents.

HOSHIN MARU NO.88

London, Jun 6 -- A press report, dated today, states: Fishing *Hoshin Maru No.88* seized in waters east of the Kamchatka Peninsula arrived at a port in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy on the peninsula yesterday evening, Japan's Foreign Ministry said. Following the vessel's arrival, the Japanese Consulate General in Vladivostok contacted *Hoshin Maru No.88* and confirmed all of the 17 fishermen are fine, the ministry said.

HOSHIN MARU NO.88 (Japan)

London, Jun 3 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Japanese fishing vessel was arrested by Russian Authorities in waters off the Kamchatka Peninsula in north-western Russia, according to a news report issued today. Fishing *Hoshin Maru No.88* (173 gt, built 1987) with 17 crew, was being taken to a port in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy after being suspected of illegal fishing, Kyodo News agency reported citing unnamed officials of the Japanese consulate general in Vladivostok and Russian media reports. The vessel was stopped Friday (Jun 1) evening by authorities and was to arrive at the port in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy today, Kyodo said. Kyodo quoted an unnamed official of Ikeda Suisan, the operator of the vessel in Toyama in north-western Japan, as saying that the boat was not seized but under inspection. The vessel declared 14 tons less than the actual catch, Kyodo said.

JAVA BASSET

Karachi, Jun 5 -- Anchor handling tugs *Java Beagle* and *Java Basset* are both still under court arrest and both are presently moored at "shipyard channel", Karachi. -- Lloyd's Agents.

JAVA BEAGLE (Singapore)

See *Java Basset*.

JULIANA (Panama)

Beirut, Jun 5 -- General cargo *Juliana* is still under arrest at Tripoli, Lebanon. -- Lloyd's Agents.

LAMA (Belize)

Beirut, Jun 5 -- General cargo *Lama* is still lying sunk and under arrest at Beirut. -- Lloyd's Agents.

OTAPAN (Mexico)

London, Jun 1 -- Tank barge *Otapan* is still at Waalhaven.

PAN ACE (South Korea)

Portsmouth, UK, Jun 6 -- South Korean Coastguard officials have detained a vessel off the country's south coast on suspicion of transporting illegal immigrants into the country. An extensive and lengthy air and sea chase was necessary to bring the general cargo vessel, named in various news reports as general cargo *Pan Ace* (5607 gt, built 1986), to a halt off the southern island of Jeju on Monday (Jun 4). The coal-carrying vessel apparently failed to heed demands from Coastguard officials to stop for routine security and cargo inspections and a six-hour chase involving nine patrol boats and two helicopters ensued. The vessel was towed to the port of Jeju where 88 suspected illegal immigrants were found concealed in the vessel's hold. Most of them are believed to be ethnic Korean residents of China seeking higher-paid employment in South Korea. The ship had left the Chinese port of Tianjin. Nobody was injured in the incident and the crew and stowaways are now being interrogated by Korean officials. It is not known if the stowaways were onboard the vessel with the operator's or charterer's consent. -- Correspondent.

PLAVA (Albania)

Bari, Jun 6 -- General cargo *Plava* is still under arrest at Bari. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SHIREEN S. (U.K.)

Maassluis, Jun 6 -- Tug *Shireen S.* is still under arrest at Rotterdam due to a dispute between the owner and the shipyard. Prospects are that it could be a long time before she is released. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

TALING (Netherlands)

Maassluis, Jun 6 -- Pontoon *Taling* is still under arrest at Dordrecht. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

TIBER (Albania)

Bari, Jun 6 -- General cargo *Tiber* is still under arrest at Bari. -- Lloyd's Agents.

VYTAUTAS (Lithuania)

Portsmouth, UK, Jun 6 -- A French Naval aircraft patrolling the Bay of Biscay noted pollution by hydrocarbons over an area 37 km long by 50 metres wide, 270 km Penmarc'h Point, inside the French economic zone. The pollution was observed in the wake of general cargo *Vytautas* (3097 gt, built 1995), which was carrying wood from Haraholmen to Elefa, Greece. The authorities ordered the vessel to make a course for Brest escorted by a French Navy vessel. *Vytautas* is expected to arrive at Brest at 1000 this morning. -- Correspondent.

London, Jun 7 -- A press report, dated Jun 6, states: French authorities arrested general cargo *Vytautas* suspected of dumping oil into the Atlantic Ocean after a 37-kilometre slick was traced to the ship, maritime authorities said today. A French navy surveillance plane spotted the oil slick off the coast of the northwestern Brittany region on Monday (Jun 4) and traced it to the *Vytautas*. The ship was escorted into port in Brest, where it is awaiting an inspection by naval security experts. (Note -- *Vytautas* arrived Brest 0530, Jun 6.)

YUNITA (Singapore)

London, Jun 7 -- A press report, dated today, states: Thai Customs accelerated their effort against smuggling items into the country, in accordance with social protection policy. Product tanker *Yunita* (1893 gt, built 2004) with a cargo tank filled with smuggled diesel oil, worth baht four million was intercepted in the middle of Sriracha Bay. On Jun 5, Mr.Chawalit Sethmethheekul, Customs Director-General commanded a team including Mr.Sangkorn Phuengpradit, Deputy Director-General of Tariff Justification with Mr. Somsak Photpatinya, Laem-Chabang Customs Director and Mr. Thanat Suwatmathakul, Investigation Director, in cooperation with Chonburi Police, to search and make arrests on board the ship that was smuggling diesel fuel into Thai territory and transferring the diesel to another ship. *Yunita* was spotted near Kang-Khao Island, attached to an oil barge. The quantity of diesel in the cargo tank was approximately 20,000 litres. The investigation team also discovered daily reports showing that 150,000 litres of diesel had been transferred to tug *Britoil 12*, without manifest, which was anchored at the Laem Chabang Customs Pier. Mr. Sangkorn declared that it is illegal to smuggle diesel into the country without paying the tariff, or to transfer the smuggled goods to another ship without manifest. Police arrested the master of the ship and transferred the diesel fuel to Laem Chabang Customs for further legal action. The diesel was valued at about baht four million.

lay the pipeline underground otherwise a similar or worse disaster might take place.

Karachi, Jun 2 -- A high pressure 12-inch diameter gas pipeline of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd (TGTDC) of Bangladesh developed a crack when an undisclosed trawler accidentally hit the pipeline while it was trying to anchor, near Ashulia Bazar on the outskirts of Dhaka city, yesterday evening. According to local media, experts and officials of gas utility - TGTDC, rushed to the spot to repair the pipeline. The authorities have suspended gas supplies through the pipeline that connects Tongi-Ashulia-Aminbazar- the north central part of country. The repair works is expected to be completed today. -- Lloyd's List Correspondent.

BAYELSA STATE, NIGERIA

Lagos, May 31 -- A leak on a major oil export pipeline in Nigeria has forced Royal Dutch Shell to shut another 77,000 barrels per day, a spokesman said today. The pipeline leak occurred on May 25 on the Nembe pipeline in the southern state of Bayelsa and the company is trying to gain access to the site to begin repairs, he added. -- Reuters.

PAKISTAN

London, Jun 6 -- A press report, dated today, states: Some unidentified men have blown up a gas pipeline in vicinity of Dera Bugti. Official sources said some unknown persons in Pir Koh area of Dera Bugti had planted an explosive device by the 16 inch diameter pipeline, which supplies gas to Purification Plant. There was an explosion which ruptured the gas pipeline severely.

TOMSK REGION, RUSSIA

London, Jun 1 -- A gas pipeline ruptured in the Tomsk Region today. Nobody was hurt, the Russian Emergencies Ministry's regional department told Itar-Tass. Gas is supplied through the gas main to the Kuzbass (Kemerovo) coal mining region. The pipe ruptured and a fire occurred due to the gas discharge, department spokesman Yevgeny Penchukov said. The pipeline section is blocked. Repair work is under way there, he said. Gas will be piped to the Kemerovo Region through a reserve line for the repair period.

Pipeline Accidents



ASHULIA AREA, BANGLADESH

London, Jun 1 -- An old high-pressure gas pipeline of Titas Gas Company near Ashulia yesterday developed a crack and started leaking huge gases. Experts and officials of Titas Gas Transmission Company Ltd (TGTCL) rushed to the spot and started repairing the pipeline. The work was in progress as of 2030 hrs. The pipeline had previously developed similar cracks in 2000. Following its repair, the experts had advised the authorities to

Pollution



BEACON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 1 -- A fuel spill of unknown origin has fouled the water along a 2.5 mile stretch of coastline, prompting the closure of several North County beaches and the cancellation of a large weekend surfing competition. The spill was first reported around

1130, yesterday by a boater who noticed a large sheen on the water about five miles offshore of Beacon's Beach, said U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Jereme Altendorf. The spill is estimated to be between 500 to 1,000 gallons of some type of petroleum product.

ENCINITAS AREA, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 2 -- A press release, issued by the U.S. Coast Guard San Diego, dated Jun 1, states: The Coast Guard is responding to a report of a diesel spill approximately four miles long by one mile wide off Encinitas, Calif. The spill was spotted and reported to the Coast Guard yesterday at approximately 1045 hrs. The Coast Guard is working with the Department of Fish and Game, the County of San Diego and City of Encinitas to minimise any environmental damage. Environmental Services/National Response Corporation has been hired to clean up the spill, and the Coast Guard has not received any reports of oiled or injured wildlife. A safety zone has been set by the Coast Guard between Batiquitos and San Elijo Lagoons out to three nautical miles offshore until 0800 hrs, Monday (Jun 4) to facilitate clean-up. Boaters are asked to use caution when transiting the surrounding area. The cause of the spill is under investigation.

London, Jun 2 -- A second press release issued by the U.S. Coast Guard San Diego, dated Jun 1, states: The Coast Guard, Department of Fish and Game, County of San Diego and City of Encinitas continue to respond to a report of a light fuel oil spill off Encinitas, Calif. The source of the spill is still under investigation by the U.S. Coast Guard and Department of Fish and Game officials. The National Response Corporation/Environmental Services is on scene attending to the spill. They have deployed boom and absorbed as much of the oil as possible. There have been no reports of oiled or injured wildlife. Water contact at the beaches is closed for recreational use. Conditions will be re-evaluated Sunday (Jun 3) morning.

London, Jun 3 -- A press report, dated Jun 2, states: Authorities said today that they were continuing to test vessels suspected to be the source of a fuel spill last week that is believed to be the largest Encinitas has seen in 30 years. Meanwhile, although most of the fuel had been cleared, the water remained off limits to beachgoers until at least today, when more tests were to be conducted, officials said. U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Jereme Altendorf declined to say how many vessels were being tested in connection to the spill, which leaked 500 to 1,000 gallons of a substance believed to be diesel fuel. The Coast Guard is working with several other agencies, including the U.S. Navy, San Diego County Health and Human Services and the Department of Fish and Game, to test and determine the source of the fuel, he said. "We're running down leads,"

Altendorf said, adding that it could take several weeks to a month to conduct the investigation. "There's no guarantee we'll get a match, but we'll try." Coast Guard and Department of Fish and Game officials also conducted an early morning survey today and found no damage to wildlife on the affected stretch of coastline between Grandview and D streets in Encinitas, Altendorf said. The area will be monitored daily this week to check for affected wildlife, the lieutenant said. The spill was discovered by a boater who reported an oily sheen on the water Thursday (May 31) morning. An extensive cleanup was launched yesterday, in which a boom was deployed to corral the fuel, which was then mopped up with absorbent pads. Altendorf estimated the current cost of the clean-up at \$80,000. Authorities successfully removed most of the fuel, but a small amount clung to kelp beds, Altendorf said. Although the residue leaves a greasy glaze on the water that is visible from the coast, the fuel should eventually dissipate, he said.

SAKHALIN ISLAND, RUSSIA

London, Jun 5 -- A major oil spill in the north of Sakhalin Island has contaminated a river used by endangered fish species to spawn, a spokesman for a regional environmental group said today. "Local residents discovered the spill," the spokesman said. "They saw an open valve at the base of a well spewing oil, which was flowing into the river Piltun. After blocking off the flow, they called the local Rosneft subsidiary, Okhaneftgaz, as well as the police." An inspection team found large pools of oil at the site, and estimated the spill at no less than 700 cubic metres. An area of no less than two hectares has been contaminated. The head of the local emergencies service said the well has now been sealed off and the oil flow stopped. An environmental spokesman said the river Pultin is used by several endangered fish species to spawn. He said that an official notice of the spill, consisting of written and photographic documentation, has been sent to the Sakhalin prosecutor's office, the local government administration, the environmental protection agency and the Sakhalinmorneftgaz oil and gas company.



CANADA

London, Jun 3 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: The Newfoundland Government has delayed the start of the ferry service by one week due to ice conditions. It was due to start next week but according to the government website its delayed until the following week.

CHINA

London, May 31 -- Shipping channels in the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River are to be dredged as the water falls to its lowest level in 20 years. Authorities have withdrawn a large silt dredger from a north China offshore construction site to dredge channels at Heishazhou (Blacksand Shoal), 40 kilometres upstream from Wuhu Bridge on the lower reaches, said Wan Dabin, a senior official with the Yangtze River Waterway Bureau. The country's longest river usually reaches its summer flood season in middle or late May, but this year the levels are abnormally low. "Though it's already the flood season, the water level in the river has kept dropping, which has hindered navigation," said Wan. By Monday (May 28), the water level monitored near Hankou on the middle reaches was 4.53 metres, two metres lower than the same period a year ago.

Beijing, Jun 3 -- Floods after days of prolonged rainstorms have brought down about 2,000 houses in China's eastern province of Jiangxi, news agency Xinhua said today. Houses in 59 towns were wrecked by the floods, which caused an economic loss of nearly 100 million yuan (\$13 million), following heavy rains across most of Jiangxi between Thursday and today. "The floods have caused casualties and evacuations of residents in some areas, but the exact number has yet to be counted," Xinhua quoted a local official as saying. Weather forecasters said the province would suffer more rain over the next two days. -- Reuters.

TROPICAL CYCLONE "GONU"

London, Jun 3 -- Severe cyclonic storm "Gonu" is forecast to strike Oman at about 2000, GMT, Jun 5. Data supplied by the US Navy and Air Force Joint Typhoon Warning Centre suggest that the point of landfall will be near lat 20.8 N, long 59.9E. "Gonu" is expected to bring 1-minute maximum sustained winds to the region of around 129 km/h. -- Reuters.

London, Jun 4 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical cyclone "Gonu" near lat 19.2N, long 64.9E, at 0600, UTC, Jun 4. Movement past six hours 320 deg at nine knots. Position accurate to within 25 nautical miles, based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 130 knots with gusts to 160 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 40 nautical miles. Radius of 50-knot winds 65 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 70 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 115 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 125 nautical miles elsewhere. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Jun 5: Position lat 20.9N, long 62.1E. Maximum sustained winds 115 knots with gusts to 140 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 35 nautical miles. Radius of 50-knot winds 60 nautical miles north semicircle, 55 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 105 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 115 nautical miles elsewhere.

Dubai, Jun 5 -- Cyclone "Gonu" has been upgraded to a category 5 storm, with wind speeds forecast to reach up

to 185 kph over the next 24 hours. Omani authorities have stated that the storm is expected to make landfall in Oman between Masirah Island and Ras al Had, late today or early tomorrow and is then expected to move northwest along the Omani coast towards the Bitnah coast over the following two days. The intensity of the storm may reduce during this period, but Authorities in Oman are preparing to evacuate low-lying islands and have issued a weather warning to all citizens. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 5 -- Super cyclonic storm "Gonu" is forecast to strike Oman at about 0000, Jun 6. Data supplied by the US Navy and Air Force Joint Typhoon Warning Center suggest that the point of landfall will be near lat 22.8N, 60.4E. "Gonu" is expected to bring 1-minute maximum sustained winds to the region of around 222 km/h. -- Reuters.

London, Jun 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: Super-cyclone "Gonu", packing wind speeds of around 200 kph, is reported to be bearing down on Oman's eastern seaboard. It is forecast to make landfall tomorrow night. In anticipation of the storm, Port Sultan Qaboos in Muscat closed its operations today until further notice. Mina Al Fahal is also expected to close down shortly. The OMIFCO / LNG Terminals in Sur were closed this morning for the next 48 hours. Salalah is presently still open. The approaching storm is likely to have an impact as early as this evening, unleashing heavy rains, gusting winds and tidal waves.

London, Jun 5 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical cyclone "Gonu" near lat 21.3N, long 61.9E, at 0600, UTC, Jun 5. Movement past six hours 305 deg at seven 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 55 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 60 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 50-knot winds 90 nautical miles north-west quadrant, 70 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 85 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 120 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 110 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 125 nautical miles elsewhere. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Jun 6: Position lat 23.3N, long 60.1E. Maximum sustained winds 105 knots with gusts to 130 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 45 nautical miles. Radius of 50-knot winds 70 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 75 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 90 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 130 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 125 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 115 nautical miles north-west quadrant and 110 nautical miles south-west quadrant.

London, Jun 5 -- As Cyclone "Gonu" approaches and weather conditions deteriorate, the port of Sohar has been closed effective from 1400, local time today, until at least 0730, local time, Thursday (Jun 7). Re-opening of the port will be subject to prevailing weather conditions.

London, Jun 5 -- All small boat operations from Fujairah port and bunkering operations at anchorage are suspended with immediate effect until further notice. For guidance, the local state machinery (hospitals/ civil defence/ police etc) has been placed on a state of high alert.

Dubai, Jun 5 -- Following a government announcement today, the public and private sectors will be closed from Jun 6-9 due to tropical cyclone "Gonu", which is expected to pass through Oman. This includes the Port of Salalah General Cargo Terminal. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: Mina Al Fahal has been closed in anticipation of cyclone "Gonu" which is approaching Oman.

London, Jun 6 -- A press report, dated today, states: Tropical cyclone "Gonu" is passing near the Gulf state of Oman, bringing heavy rains to Muscat. Tropical Cyclone "Gonu" is continuing north-west towards Iran but wind speeds have dropped to about 100mph. Thousands of residents were evacuated from Oman's coast and the offshore island of Masirah. Hundreds have also been evacuated from the Iranian coast. The storm is the most powerful in the region for 60 years. The US military predicted that Gonu would become a "very weak" tropical cyclone over the next 48-72 hours. But there were predictions that heavy rains could cause flash flooding by the time "Gonu" reached the south coast of Iran. In Oman, people were told to stay indoors, while schools and public buildings were emptied to make room for the evacuees. Schools have been designated as emergency shelters and the international airport is closed. The most powerful part of the storm was expected to hit Oman tomorrow, before moving north across the Gulf to Iran.

London, Jun 6 -- A report, dated today, states: Weather conditions in Oman are deteriorating as Tropical Cyclone "Gonu" closes in. The country's ports and airports are closed and all flights have been cancelled. Intermittent power failures are being experienced.

London, Jun 6 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical cyclone "Gonu" near lat 23.1N, long 59.5E, at 0600, UTC, Jun 6. Movement past six hours 315 deg at seven knots. Position accurate to within 40 nautical miles, based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 75 knots with gusts to 90 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 45 nautical miles south-east and north-east, 30 nautical miles south-west and north-west. Radius of 50-knot winds 70 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 65 nautical miles south-east and north-west quadrant and 60 nautical miles south-west. Forecast for 1800, UTC, Jun 6: Position lat 23.8N, long 58.7E. Maximum sustained winds 60 knots with gusts to 75 knots.

Dubai, Jun 6 -- A notice from the Fujairah Harbour-master, dated today, states: Due to strong winds and rough seas at Fujairah Offshore Anchorage,

all anchored vessels are advised to leave the anchorage. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 6 -- Cyclone "Gonu" struck Oman today, halting oil and gas exports for a second day and forcing thousands to flee the coast, but weakened as it moved through the Arabian Sea, a major route for Gulf oil shipments. The storm, which peaked to a maximum-force Category Five hurricane yesterday, has been downgraded to a Category One hurricane, with a maximum sustained wind speed of about 92 mph, the US military's Joint Typhoon Warning Centre said. Oman's meteorology department said the centre of the storm made landfall in Oman around midnight and was heading northwest to Muscat, bringing torrential rains, strong winds and high waves but the cyclone was expected to dissipate tomorrow. "It is moving along the coastal areas to Muscat where we have had heavy rain since last night. The eastern region has absorbed most of the impact but we expect the rain to continue tonight and early tomorrow as the cyclone moves north-west over Oman," director Ahmed Al Harthi told Reuters. There were reports the cyclone would make landfall in southern Iran, but the Omani weather centre said it was likely to keep moving north-west along the heavily-populated Omani coast where heavy rainfall had turned the main roads of Muscat into rivers. Cyclone "Gonu" disrupted shipping, pushing oil prices toward \$71 a barrel today, their highest in nearly two weeks. An Oman-based shipper said Mina Al Fahal, the only export outlet for the country's 650,000 barrels per day of crude oil, remained shut for the second day today as did the Sur terminal, which handles 10 million tonnes per year of liquefied natural gas exports.

Dubai, Jun 7 -- Tropical Cyclone "Gonu" has bypassed Fujairah and is now heading north-north-easterly towards Iran. The port has declared itself open for business, including activities at anchorage (bunkering / small boat operations etc). -- Lloyd's Agents.

Dubai, Jun 7 -- ISS Oman's Lloyd's surveyor has just visited Port Sultan Qaboos: There is no major damage except some minimal damage to breakwaters and Berth No. 1. The port authorities are expected to take a decision on resumption of operations of the port after further investigation and diving inspections tomorrow. The operations at all oil terminals in Oman are suspended. Muscat airport also remains closed until further notice. The Government has declared a public holiday until Jun 9. Khor Fakkan port will start functioning as normal from 1330 hrs, today and is open for all bunkering and ship-to-ship operations. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 7 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical cyclone "Gonu" near lat 24.9N, long 58.1E, at 0600, UTC, Jun 7. Movement past six hours 330 deg at four knots. Position accurate to within 60 nautical miles, based on centre located by

satellite. Maximum sustained winds 35 knots with gusts to 45 knots. Dissipating as a significant tropical cyclone over water. Forecast for 1800, UTC: Position lat 25.5N, long 57.7E. Maximum sustained winds 25 knots with gusts to 35 knots. Dissipated as a significant tropical cyclone over water.

TROPICAL STORM "BARBARA"

Mexico City, May 31 -- Tropical depression "Barbara", which had threatened to become the first Pacific hurricane this year, weakened off Mexico on Thursday (May 31) and was downgraded from a tropical storm, forecasters said. The U.S. National Hurricane Centre in Miami said "Barbara" was being broken up by other weather systems but could survive to reach the southern Mexican coast around the state of Oaxaca in the next three days. "It now seems unlikely that "Barbara" will become a hurricane," the centre said, adding the storm's sustained winds had dropped to 35 mph. Earlier reports had "Barbara" developing into a hurricane over the weekend and barreling toward small coastal resorts like Puerto Escondido, a major surf spot. Tropical Depression "Alvin", which earlier this week reached tropical storm strength, is also lurking in the Pacific Ocean but is a long way off the coast. -- Reuters.

Mexico City, Jun 1 -- Tropical Storm "Barbara" strengthened in the Pacific Ocean today and was expected to make landfall near the border between Mexico and Guatemala tomorrow without becoming a hurricane. Forecasters at the U.S. National Hurricane Centre in Miami said "Barbara" was located 215 miles south of the small oil port of Salina Cruz. The port remained open. Packing sustained winds of 50 mph, and higher gusts, the storm was located over warm water off Guatemala's southern coast and that of the neighbouring Mexican state of Chiapas. It was seen making landfall some time tomorrow. The centre said expected heavy rainfall could lead to life-threatening flash floods and mudslides on either side of the Mexico-Guatemala border. Mexican television pictures showed flooded city streets and swollen jungle rivers in areas in "Barbara"'s path which have been pummeled with heavy rain. "Barbara" had been downgraded to a tropical depression late yesterday but became stronger overnight. -- Reuters.

London, Jun 2 -- Tropical storm "Barbara" struck Mexico at about 0900, GMT, today. Data supplied by the US Navy and Air Force Joint Typhoon Warning Centre suggest that the point of landfall was near lat 14.4N, long 92.7W. "Barbara" brought 1-minute maximum sustained winds to the region of around 83 km/h. Wind gusts in the area may have been considerably higher. -- Reuters.

Ocos, Guatemala, Jun 2 -- Tropical Storm "Barbara" lashed coffee and sugar-growing regions near the Pacific coasts of Guatemala and Mexico with wind and rain today, toppling palm huts, but causing no reported injuries. "Barbara" made landfall shortly after

dawn today carrying sustained winds of 50 mph, and higher gusts, the U.S. National Hurricane Centre in Miami said. The centre warned of possible flash floods or mudslides in the mountainous area of towering volcanoes and forests spanning the border region, where many inhabitants are poor Maya indigenous farmers or landless rural workers. High winds toppled or blew the roofs off about a dozen palm huts around the poor seaside village of Ocos, in Guatemala, just miles from the Mexican border, its mayor said. Hundreds of banana plants lay strewn in surrounding plantations and Ocos' mayor said one swollen river had made a bridge linking a small island to the mainland impassable, cutting off the only land link for 40 families living there. Gilberto Orozco, spokesman for civil protection in Tapachula, said many rivers in the area were swollen but there were no reports of any of them bursting their banks. "Barbara" later weakened to a tropical depression and the hurricane centre expected it to dissipate over the mountains of southeastern Mexico later today as it continued inland. Salina Cruz, the nearest oil port on Mexico's Pacific coast in the state of Oaxaca, remained open throughout the storm. -- Reuters.

TROPICAL STORM "BARRY"

Miami, Jun 1 -- Tropical Storm "Barry" formed in the Gulf of Mexico today, the first day of the Atlantic hurricane season, and storm warnings were issued for parts of Florida's west coast. At 1700, EDT, the storm was centred about 320 miles west of Key West, Florida, and moving north, forecasters at the National Hurricane Center said. It had top sustained winds of 45 mph and was not expected to strengthen significantly before hitting the Florida Coast, the forecasters said. -- Reuters.

Miami, Jun 1 -- A tropical storm bearing down on Florida formed in the Gulf of Mexico today, just in time for the official June 1 start of the Atlantic hurricane season. The Miami-based National Hurricane Centre said Tropical Storm "Barry" was 195 miles west of Key West, Florida, at about 2300 hrs (0300 UTC, Jun 2). "Barry" had maximum sustained winds of about 50 mph and was heading north at about nine mph. The storm was expected to weaken gradually but still could bring three to six inches of rain to Florida and parts of Georgia and North and South Carolina, the hurricane centre said. Up to 10 inches were possible in some areas. "Barry" was expected to make a gradual turn to the north-northeast and increase in forward speed during the next 24 hours. A tropical storm warning was issued for the west coast of Florida, from Bonita Beach northward to Keaton Beach, signalling that tropical storm conditions were possible there within the next 24 hours. Dave Roberts, a forecaster at the National

Hurricane Centre, said "Barry" was unlikely to strengthen into a hurricane. -- Reuters.

London, Jun 2 -- Tropical Storm "Barry" weakened into a tropical depression as it moved through Tampa Bay today, though its rains brought some relief to the drought-parched region. Forecasters discontinued the tropical storm warnings and watches issued for stretches of the Gulf Coast. The depression's sustained winds had slowed to near 35 mph and it was moving north-north-east at about 23 mph. The storm made landfall in the Tampa Bay area around 1000, EDT, according to Daniel Brown, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Centre.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Jun 2 -- The remains of Tropical Storm "Barry" brought high winds and heavy rains to Florida today, but the downpour was welcomed in a parched state that has been battling stubborn wildfires. Much of Florida's west coast was feeling the brunt of "Barry" by this morning. There were no immediate reports of storm-related injuries or damage. "Barry", which formed as a tropical storm yesterday, began pelting the Tampa Bay area with rain that afternoon. It was downgraded to a tropical depression with sustained winds near 35 mph late this morning. At 1700 hrs, (2100 UTC), the system's poorly defined centre had moved across the state and was close to Jacksonville, in northeast Florida, and moving north-northeast at about 23 mph, the National Hurricane Centre in Miami said. That track was expected to take it, as a heavy rainstorm, up the U.S. East Coast over the next two days. It was not expected to strengthen into a hurricane and the hurricane centre said it planned no more public advisories on "Barry". All tropical storm warnings and watches were discontinued as "Barry" weakened. "Barry" also brought heavy rainfall to western Cuba, where rivers overflowed their banks and caused floods in the tobacco-growing province of Pinar del Rio. Officials said 1,000 people were evacuated from flooded areas and three small tornadoes damaged 50 houses. -- Reuters.

Natural Disasters



INDIAN OCEAN

London, Jun 2 -- Huge waves that struck Reunion Island and coastlines across Indonesia earlier this month all originated from the same storm that occurred south of Cape Town, South Africa, and were tracked across the entire Indian Ocean for some 10 000 kilometres over a nine-day period by ESA's Envisat satellite. Waves reaching up to 11 metres devastated France's Reunion Island in the Indian

Ocean when it slammed into the southern port of Saint Pierre on May 12. Six days later waves created from the same storm measuring as high as seven metres began crashing into Indonesia coastlines from Sumatra to Bali, killing at least one person and causing some 1200 people to flee their homes. Dr Bertrand Chapron of IFREMER, the French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea, and Dr Fabrice Collard of France's BOOST Technologies in Brest located and tracked the swells using standard processed Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) ESA Wave Mode products, as shown in the animation above. "The extreme swell systems originated from the same storm, which moved rapidly and had two main strong wind periods," Chapron said.

INDONESIA

Jakarta, Jun 6 -- A strong undersea earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale has hit the Moluccas islands in eastern Indonesia, an official at the country's Meteorological and Geophysics agency said today. The official said by telephone there was no potential for a tsunami from the quake, with an epicentre 122 km north-west of Saumalki at a depth of 77 km. -- Reuters.



ALBANIA

Bari, Jun 7 -- Product tanker *Ambar* is still under arrest at Bari. -- Lloyd's Agents.

INDIA

New Delhi, Jun 6 -- Iron ore output in three mines in Chhattisgarh have been disrupted following an attack by Maoist rebels on power lines in the region, an official said today, but exports would not be immediately affected. "The loss of production is about 60,000 tonnes per day," Kumar Raghavan, spokesman for state-run National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) that owns the mines, said. The company, which exports about 9 percent of its output, has enough stockpiles at the ports but supplies will be a worry if the shutdown is prolonged, he said. The stoppage was causing a daily loss of about 90 million rupees (\$2.2 million), since the attack on May 31 in the Bastar region of mineral-rich Chhattisgarh, he said. The Maoists say they are fighting for the rights of millions of poor peasants and landless labourers in India. It could take another week to restore the power supply to the region, Raghavan said, adding the company would try to make up for the loss of production. -- Reuters.

NIGERIA

Port Harcourt, Jun 1 -- Gunmen used dynamite and heavy machine guns to kidnap at least three senior managers of Indonesian chemical company Indorama in Nigeria's southern oil-producing Niger Delta, police said today. The pre-dawn raid on their residential estate added to a tally of 20 foreign workers being held by various armed groups in the delta, home to Africa's largest oil industry. It was not clear who was behind the latest abductions. Separately, the rebel Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), which failed to free six foreign hostages on May 30 as it had promised, said it still intended to release the men and the delay was due to logistical problems. "We requested a chopper which was not provided. We are exploring other options," the MEND said in an e-mail to Reuters. MEND fighters seized the four Italians, one American and one Croat from an offshore oil platform operated by U.S. major Chevron on May 1 to embarrass outgoing president Olusegun Obasanjo before he stepped down on May 29. Umaru Yar'Adua, who was sworn in as the new president, has pledged to tackle the crisis in the Niger Delta. The government has announced Yar'Adua would host a summit on the delta with politicians and other representatives from the region on Monday (Jun 4). Protesters demanding contracts and money from Royal Dutch Shell were occupying a pipeline hub at Bomu, in the Ogoni area of Rivers state, this morning. The occupation, which has halted 150,000 bpd, started on Tuesday (May 29). -- Reuters.

K-Dere, Nigeria, Jun 1 -- Community elders expelled protesters occupying a major oil export pipeline in Nigeria today and reopened valves to allow crude oil to flow, a traditional chief told Reuters from the facility. Royal Dutch Shell had been forced to reduce output by 150,000 barrels per day because of the protest at the Bomu pipeline manifold, which began on Tuesday (May 29). About 100 members of the nearby K-Dere community, including traditional chiefs, chased away the protesters this morning. "We can't tolerate that behaviour. We are at the manifold and the valves are open," Blessing Kolzor, chairman of the K-Dere council of chiefs, told Reuters. Kolzor said the community had used some technical experts to reopen the pipeline valves, although some of them had been damaged during the protest and he had called Shell to effect repairs. -- Reuters. (See issue of Jun 4.)

Lagos, Jun 2 -- Gunmen dressed as riot police have abducted some foreign workers from the residential compound of oil services giant Schlumberger in Port Harcourt, police said today. Kidnapping has become an almost daily occurrence in the anarchic Niger Delta, home to Africa's largest oil industry, and about 30 foreigners are now being held by various armed groups in the vast wetlands region.

"Some expats were kidnapped from the club of Schlumberger Anadrill in a residential area last night," said Rivers state police commissioner Felix Ogbaudu, adding that the abductors were dressed as riot police. A security source with an oil company in the area said he thought four foreigners were abducted, but the company was conducting a head count to ascertain the exact number. -- Reuters.

Lagos, Jun 2 -- A Nigerian rebel group today freed six foreign oil workers it seized a month ago and said it would halt further attacks on oil facilities for a month to pave the way for dialogue with the new government. The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) said the expatriates -- four Italians, an American and a Croat -- were handed over to the Bayelsa state government. "We confirm the release today ... of all six individuals captured by our fighters," MEND said in a statement. They were seized on May 1 from a facility operated by U.S. energy giant Chevron. The Italian foreign ministry confirmed their release and said they were all in good health. Chevron said the men, who were abducted from its Floating Storage and Offloading vessel stationed offshore Nigeria, were freed without conditions and would soon join their families. -- Reuters.

SOMALIA

London, Jun 2 -- A US warship attacked a suspected al Qaeda target in northern Somalia yesterday, CNN reported, and residents said missiles pounded hills where foreign jihadists fled after clashing with local forces. There was no immediate news of casualties from the strike, which unnamed sources told CNN was the second in six months to target a suspect in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, which killed 240 people. A Pentagon spokesman declined to comment on the report. Locals in Barga, a port in Somalia's semi-autonomous Puntland region, said the missiles appeared to be aimed at a group of Islamists, including foreigners, who landed by boat in the area on Wednesday (May 30) and had a gun battle with local police.

London, Jun 4 -- The port of Kismayo in southern Somalia has been reopened by clan leaders after armed military forces occupied the port and closed the harbour to all shipping. The militia claimed to be protesting against not having received any pay for six months but according to reports coming from the clan leaders they had been promised money to hand over control of the port to the community so that port operations could proceed normally. The Shabelle news service in Somalia reports that this is not the first time that militia has extorted money by seizing control of the port. The first occasion was shortly after Ethiopian troops pulled out from Kismayo earlier this year when they closed the port to shipping and demanded payment to have it reopened.

Labour Disputes



AUSTRALIA

London, Jun 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: A dispute between unions and a vessel wanting to use its own crew to unload cargo at a New South Wales port has been resolved. The Maltese-registered bulker *Capo Noli* had been stranded at Port Kembla for the past three days, after the Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) accused it of breaching an international agreement banning the use of seafarers working as stevedores. Hundreds of wharfies and dock workers joined union officials yesterday protesting against the multi-national company Canadian Steamship Line (CSL), but the protesters dispersed late yesterday night following an agreement between unions and CSL. Central to it was CSL recognising an international agreement that all stevedoring work be done by local wharfies. CSL also has agreed to drop any court action under consideration. ACTU president Sharan Burrows said the deal was satisfactory to both parties. "The company has certainly come round to understanding that there is an international agreement that frames the use of that ship and even though they may not be bound to it, they are respectful of that and we appreciate that," Ms Burrows said. Ms Burrows also congratulated CSL on its pledge to replace the *Capo Noli* with an Australian vessel. "We (ACTU) were pleased to be able to resolve the dispute with CSL and are even more satisfied that the replacement ship for next charter will actually be an Australian licensed and registered vessel," she said. "We are pleased to be able to work with CSL towards a replacement ship being built in China as we speak which will in fact be Australian licensed and flagged. That is an investment in Australian shipping and we congratulate CSL on that and look forward to working with them in regard to crewing that ship."

INDIA

Kochi, Jun 2 -- Container traffic to and from Kochi Port was paralysed from Jun 1 due to dispute between the clearing and forwarding agents and the container terminal operators. Negotiations are scheduled to be held today. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Kochi, Jun 4 -- Kochi port operations returned to normal as of the evening shift on Jun 2, following the settlement of the dispute. -- Lloyd's Agents.

IRAQ

London, Jun 4 -- Workers from the Iraqi Pipelines Company in Basra are on strike today. Workers began the strike at 0630, this morning by shutting two 14" pipelines carrying oil and gas products inside Iraq. The strike is over unfulfilled demands

tabled by the Iraqi Federation of Oil Unions (IFOU) - of which the Iraqi Pipelines Union is a member - to Prime Minister Maliki on May 16. The 16 demands focus on improved working conditions, pay, land for homes, a reduction in the national price of fuel and crucially, inclusion in the Oil Law drafting process. Prime Minister Maliki agreed to the Federation's demands and established a committee comprised of Ministry of Oil, IFOU and Southern Oil Company representatives to implement the demands. Strike leaders say, if the government does not implement the agreement, the 48" crude pipeline to Baghdad will be shut.

Basra, Jun 5 -- Workers at the Oil Pipeline Company in southern Iraq began a strike yesterday demanding the government improve their pay, the company spokesman said. Faraj Mizban said about 600 workers are taking part in the strike and that they have shut two main pipelines which carry refined oil products to Baghdad and to the southern cities. Oil Ministry spokesman Asim Jihad said the strike will not have any effect on crude oil exports from the south, vital for Iraq's economy. "The workers have started a strike objecting to the lower yearly profit they get," he told Reuters. "It has caused a halt (to the flow) of oil products..to Nassiriya, Kerbala and Baghdad," he added. Hassan Jomaa, the head of General Union of Oil Employees in Basra, said if the government refuses to meet the workers demands then they will work on spreading the strike to all oil facilities in Basra, including exports and production. But the oil ministry spokesman Jihad said it was not possible for the Oil Pipeline Company workers to stop exports because they have no influence in the Southern Oil Company which is in charge of exports. -- Reuters.

PERU

London, Jun 4 -- By blocking major roadways and manifesting in large crowds, protesters from the jungle department of Loreto began a 72 hour strike that, among other things, calls for increased funding from the federal government to hire more teachers. As a result of the strike, which has completely shutdown the region, all flights from Lima's Jorge Chavez International Airport to Iquitos have been cancelled.

PORTUGAL

London, May 31 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Public services in Portugal have been severely disrupted in an attempt by the country's largest trade union federation to call a general strike. Lisbon's metro and river ferries are out of action, but commuter trains and some city buses are working. Rubbish left out for collection overnight is piling up, and some schools have cancelled classes. The strikers are objecting to public spending cuts, and reforms making it easier to hire and fire workers. Some hospitals have delayed non-emergency surgery, but health workers, like many

other public servants, are legally obliged to provide a minimum service. Dozens of flights have been cancelled, according to the news agency AFP. The private sector is reported to be largely unaffected. "This is a partial strike with limited consequences," Labour Minister Jose Vieira da Silva said. The General Confederation of Portuguese Workers is pitted against a centre-left government elected two years ago on a promise to modernise the country and halt its economic decline. It failed to get the backing of the country's second largest union federation, which has accused it of putting party politics before the good workers and the population in general.

Miscellaneous



LAMO (Panama)

London, Jun 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: Bulker *Lamo*, which was 'arrested' in Namibian waters in April, is now anchored outside the port limits at Walvis Bay - with no solution in sight for its crew. According to the town's Deputy Sheriff, Attie Barnard, 11 crewmen are still onboard the vessel. Its owners owe more than N\$28 million to a variety of contractors who have been involved in maintaining the vessel, which is considered unseaworthy. The 3,000 tonnes of scrap metal that was destined for smelting in India is also still onboard. The vessel was intercepted in Namibian waters on Apr 14. It is believed that the *Lamo* left a Liberian harbour without permission and with too little fuel to reach its destination. The company that the consignment of scrap metal belongs to informed the Namibian authorities of its concerns that the uninsured cargo might be lost because of the bad condition of the vessel. A Namibian patrol vessel intercepted the *Lamo* and had it towed to Walvis Bay. It was first anchored at the tanker jetty but has been moved outside the port limits because there is still no sign of a settlement in the case, Barnard said. Reports that the crew planned to sell the scrap metal for N\$14 million for personal gain were not true, according to Barnard. "They just tried to get as far as they could with the vessel without incurring too much expenses. Their fuel supply ran out, and now they're stuck, and will remain stuck until the owners have settled their debt. The scrap is still destined for India." He added that only time would tell whether the vessel would be put up for auction to pay the debt.

MONTFALCO (Spain)

London, May 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: The 26 African immigrants that were picked up by Spanish tug *Montfalco* earlier this week have been transferred to a Spanish rescue ship, the transport ministry said. The immigrants were

taken onboard the *Clara Campoamor* some 40 nautical miles off Sicily, it said in a statement. The ship will now take them to Tarragona. Conditions onboard *Montfalcon* were difficult due to a lack of supplies and limited space but the 26 Africans who are believed to be from the Ivory Coast were in good health, it added. The rescue ship will escort the tug to the port of Marsala where problems with its motor will be repaired.

Fires & Explosions



OIL REFINERY, EDMONTON, CANADA

London, Jun 4 -- A press report, dated Jun 3, states: Huge clouds of black smoke billowed across the sky yesterday evening after a blaze erupted at an Imperial oil plant on what is known in Edmonton as Refinery Row. No one was hurt in the fire, believed to have started in the crude oil processing unit. "We saw this big poof of smoke go up into the air and after that it was all flames," said witness Dianna Daniels. It took firefighters from Imperial Oil's own crew as well as those from neighbouring Strathcona County four hours to extinguish the blaze. However, there was never any threat to the public, said officials. "All evening through the incident and later, Imperial Oil was accessing air monitoring stations ... and there was nothing unusual showing up on them," said Strathcona Fire Chief Dwight Osbaldeston. Today, production at the plant, which normally produces 190,000 barrels of oil a day, was reduced. However, company officials said they hoped normal production would resume soon. "We're looking at how we can bring the refinery back to normal operations as quickly as possible," said Gordon Wong of Imperial Oil. "That's the thing that we're giving our attention to at this point, as well as investigating the cause of the fire."

STORAGE TANK, MONGSTAD, NORWAY

London, May 31 -- A press report, dated May 25, states: A powerful fire has broken out in an oil tank facility in Slovag not far from the oil refinery at Mongstad. The entire area has been evacuated, newspaper Bergens Tidende reports on its web site. "We are trying to get an overview now. The only thing I can confirm is that there has been an explosion at Slovag quay," a Hordaland police spokeswoman said. Local sheriff Henry Indrebo said that at least ten people had received medical attention for minor smoke inhalation. Vest-Tank, a firm that has a reception and cleaning facility for dangerous waste from ships and the offshore industry, believes that the fire started at their site. "I am on the way out now but have received word that it started at Vest-

Tank. We were running maintenance at a tank and a fire started," managing director Jostein Derland told Aftenposten.no. Large firefighting teams are now on the scene. "The flames are enormous, at times up to 50-60 meters high and more. There was a big explosion and now there are several small explosions," eyewitness Morten Dahl said. Crude oil tanker *Karen Knutsen*, alongside at Mongstad at the time of the fire, had to be towed away from shore.

Aviation



ACCIDENT, NIXON FORK MINE, ALASKA, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 2 -- The converted DC-4 cargo aircraft, N898AT, operated by Brooks Air Fuel, bound Nixon Fork Gold Mine, AK reportedly struck some rocks just short of the runway May 30. The right hand wing ripped off as it contacted the runway. The aircraft slid 180 degrees, went off the runway and ended up in a ditch.

COMMERCIAL HELICOPTERS GROUNDED, SIERRA LEONE

London, Jun 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: The president of Sierra Leone grounded all commercial helicopters and suspended the country's transport minister today following a weekend (Jun 2-3) crash that killed 22 people, officials said. Sierra Leone President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah declared three days of national mourning for the dead, the president's office said in a statement. Kabbah suspended both the transport minister and his deputy of civil aviation pending an investigation into the accident. The government also grounded all commercial helicopters operating in the country, including those that transport people from the airport across a bay to the capital, Freetown. The only other way to get to the airport from Freetown is via sea ferry. The government of Togo has sent a six-person delegation to help with the investigation into the crash. The charred remains of the deceased have been transported to the state mortuary, where autopsies will be conducted once a pathologist from Togo's government arrives, said Sierra Leone's State Pathologist Owiss Kamara.

CRASH INTO LAKE MICHIGAN, NEAR MILWAUKEE, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 5 -- A press report, dated Jun 4, states: A medical transport plane carrying six members of an organ transplant team went down this afternoon in Lake Michigan, shortly after the pilot signalled an emergency, authorities said. There was no word on survivors. Nearly three dozen divers searched near debris and an oil slick in about 20 feet of water, Milwaukee Fire Chief Doug Holton said. They called off the search tonight after more than six

hours and planned to return at daybreak. The pilot of the Cessna Citation issued a distress signal within five minutes of taking off at 1600 hrs, from General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Tony Molinaro said. The plane was headed for Willow Run Airport near Detroit, a 42-minute flight, Molinaro said. The plane dropped off radar screens just after the pilot requested to return to the airport, and authorities notified the Coast Guard, Molinaro said. Coast Guard searchers found what they believe was the plane around 1620 hrs, about 20 minutes after being notified, Petty Officer David Warfel said. The debris was found about six miles north-east of Milwaukee, Molinaro said. There has been no sign of the four passengers or two crew members, Molinaro said. The plane was leased by the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor, according to a university statement. The team was returning from Milwaukee with unspecified organs for transplant to a patient in Michigan. The university identified those on the plane: Dr. David Ashburn, a physician-in-training in paediatric cardiothoracic surgery; transplant donation specialists Richard Chenault II and Richard Lapensee; pilots Dennis Hoyes and Bill Serra; and cardiac surgeon Dr. Martinus "Martin" Spoor. The plane is owned by Toy Air and based at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, Mich. Around 1600 hrs, light rain was falling at the airport with winds at 12 mph, gusting to 22 mph, according to J.J. Wood, meteorologist the National Weather Service. The plane was travelling at an estimated 185 to 190 mph, and the impact on the water would be "absolutely devastating," Holton said. U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Bruce Jones said the water temperature was 57 degrees and survivors could live for 16 hours. He said they have not found any bodies.

London, Jun 5 -- Cessna Citation II, N550BP, was leased by the University of Michigan Survival Flight air ambulance program for flight a with unspecified organs for transplant to a patient in Michigan. The flight departed around 1558 hrs. Within five minutes of its departure from the airport the pilot declared an emergency and requested a return to Mitchell Airport. Shortly afterward the aircraft crashed into Lake Michigan at about 1600, yesterday.

London, Jun 5 -- Cessna Citation II N550BP crashed into Lake Michigan, near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at 2100, Jun 4. The six persons on board were killed.

CRASH, BOERNE AREA, TEXAS, UNITED STATES

London, May 31 -- Vans RV-6 N39AJ crashed near Boerne, Texas, at 1530, May 30. The aircraft was destroyed. The one person on board was killed.

CRASH, CHANDLER, ARIZONA, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 2 -- A press report, dated Jun 1, states: A small plane crashed

into the residential neighbourhood of Chandler, a suburb of Phoenix, today, clipping the roofs of at least two homes and striking a truck before coming to rest against a brick wall, officials said. The pilot was slightly injured, but no one on the ground was hurt. The twin-engine Cessna's wings and tail were sheared off, but the cockpit ended up intact, right-side up and sitting outside a home near the Stellar Airport, said Battalion Chief Dan Couch of the Chandler Fire Department. "I don't know how he did it, but he landed right in the middle of the street," Couch said. The pilot was taken to a hospital for "a non life-threatening shoulder injury," Couch said. There were reports of a fire, but it was out when crews arrived.

CRASH, CHOTESOV AREA, CZECH REPUBLIC

London, Jun 3 -- Two Czechs burned to death when an ultra light aircraft crashed this morning and caught fire, local police spokeswoman Jolana Cihova said. The Zenair aircraft took off from the town of Chotesov at around 1000 hrs, Vaclav Polivka, chairman of the Aviatik Klub, said.

CRASH, GWENT, WALES, UNITED KINGDOM

London, Jun 2 -- An 11-year-old two-seater Europa light aircraft crashed near the M4 at Gwent, just outside Undy, at about 1550, yesterday as it was on a return flight from Bodmin, in Cornwall. The two occupants of the aircraft were killed.

CRASH, HESSEN, GERMANY

London, June 2 -- Grumman American AG-5B, D-EPTP, struck trees during take-off from a touch-and-go landing at the Fulda-Jossa Airport, Hessen, Germany, at 0700, UTC, May 23. The aircraft was substantially damaged. The pilot, the sole person on board the aircraft, was fatally injured.

CRASH, LAKE MATONIPI, QUEBEC, CANADA

London, Jun 6 -- The DHC2, C-FLAN, crashed after take-off from Lake Matonipi, Quebec, at 1500, Jun 5. The aircraft subsequently sank. Two persons on board were safely rescued.

CRASH, LUNGI, SIERRA LEONE

Freetown, Jun 3 -- A helicopter ferrying passengers between Sierra Leone's capital Freetown and Lungi international airport crashed today and at least 20 people were believed to have died, foreign diplomats said. "A helicopter of the Paramount company came down at Lungi," one diplomat, who asked not to be named, told Reuters. Other diplomats said they had heard at least one person had survived. There was no immediate confirmation of the identities of the victims but local radio said they included members of the Togolese football federation who had earlier attended an African Nations Cup qualifying game played in Freetown. -- Reuters.

London, Jun 4 -- Togolese Sports Minister Richard Attipoe was among the members of a delegation of sports

officials from Togo killed on board a passenger helicopter that crashed in Sierra Leone, officials said today. At least 21 people, most of them Togolese, were killed when the Russian-made Mi-8 helicopter operated by Paramount Airlines exploded and crashed late yesterday at Lungi international airport, 13km north of Freetown. Initial reports had put the number of dead at 22, but Sierra Leone officials said the Russian pilot of the helicopter had survived. The cause of the accident was not immediately known. The Togolese sports delegation had chartered the helicopter to return to the airport after attending an African Nations Cup soccer qualifying game played in the capital Freetown yesterday between Sierra Leone and Togo.

CRASH, MAYO, YUKON, CANADA

London, Jun 4 -- Shortly after take-off from Mayo, YT, the Black Sheep Aviation and Cattle Company de Havilland DHC-3T, C-GZCW, impacted the ground on airport property at 1755, Jun 2. There was a post impact fire but it was quickly extinguished. The pilot was extracted from the aircraft and died later from injuries sustained in the accident. The TSB Edmonton office has dispatched two investigators to the scene.

CRASH, MOUNT OKUHODAKA, JAPAN

London, Jun 5 -- A Toho Air Service Co helicopter crashed yesterday in the mountains of central Japan. The helicopter had transported food and other items to a remote lodge on Mount Okuhodaka on the border of Gifu and Nagano prefectures and was about to carry away a snow-removal vehicle when it apparently lost control and hit the lodge, breaking up on impact, police said. The pilot suffered minor injuries.

CRASH, NORTHERN TERRITORIES, CANADA

London, May 31 -- The Arctic Sunwest de Havilland DHC-6-100, C-FASQ, Yellowknife for Northern Territories, struck a gravel embankment with the right wing tip at 2000, May 29. An abnormal amount of left aileron was required for level flight and the flight crew decided to divert to Diavik. After landing, the flight crew observed buckling and wrinkling damage to the right outboard and aileron.

CRASH, NORWOOD AREA, MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 5 -- Mooney M-20J (Mooney 201) N4126H crashed near Norwood, Massachusetts, at 1411, Jun 4. The aircraft was destroyed. The one person on board was killed.

CRASH, RYAZAN REGION, RUSSIA

London, Jun 6 -- A light aircraft on an agricultural mission crashed in the Ryazan region this morning. The pilot was rushed to hospital but later died of his injuries, the press service of the regional emergency situations centre told Itar-Tass. "The aircraft crashed at

0929, Moscow time, between the settlements of Khvorostovo and Telekhovo. It fell on transmission lines, knocking out eight transformer substations which shut down power to two villages," emergency officials said.

CRASH, SINOP AREA, BRAZIL

London, Jun 2 -- A press report, dated Jun 1, states: In a key legal step toward assigning blame for Brazil's deadliest plane crash, two U.S. pilots and four Brazilian air traffic controllers were indicted on charges equivalent to involuntary manslaughter for a mid-air collision that killed 154 people. Judge Murilo Mendes today ordered the two U.S. pilots to appear in Brazil in late August to give preliminary depositions, but a lawyer for the pilots suggested the men would not return. The charges were filed by a prosecutor last week in a federal court in Sinop, a small city near the Amazon jungle site where a jetliner plunged into the rain forest last September after colliding with an executive jet flown by the Americans. All 154 people on board the Gol Linhas Aereas Inteligentes SA passenger plane died. The executive jet landed safely. The pilots of the smaller aircraft - Joseph Lepore, 42, of Bay Shore, N.Y., and Jan Paul Paladino, 34, of Westhampton, N.Y. - were charged with negligently exposing an aircraft to danger. The charge is similar to involuntary manslaughter because deaths occurred, and is punishable by one to three years in prison, said court spokesman Fabio Paz. A lawyer for the pilots said the charges were unfounded. "The pilots' conduct was completely competent throughout the flight and cannot be fairly characterised as criminal," said Joel R. Weiss. "The allegations against the pilots are inaccurate, and the pilots are innocent." He blamed Brazilian air traffic controllers for putting the two planes on a collision course, "on the same airway and altitude, travelling toward each other." Weiss also suggested the pilots would not go back to be questioned or if they are convicted. However, he said the pilots will eventually tell their side of the story. The two pilots were prevented from leaving Brazil for two months after the crash, and spent the time confined in a Rio de Janeiro hotel. They were allowed to leave the country after promising to return for any court proceedings. They had been taking the Brazilian made Embraer Legacy 600 executive jet, owned by Ronkonkoma, N.Y.-based ExcelAire Service Inc., on its maiden voyage to the United States when the collision occurred on September 29. Federal Prosecutor Thiago Lemos de Andrade accused the pilots of accidentally turning off a transponder that transmitted the Legacy's location and of failing to follow their flight plan. He also faulted the Brazilian controllers for allowing the two planes to continue on a collision course. Andrade said one of the four controllers, Joao Marcelo Fernandes dos Santos, knew the two planes were heading toward each other

but failed to notify his replacement after finishing a shift. He was indicted with the more serious crime of knowingly exposing an aircraft to danger - similar to manslaughter - while the others face the same charges as the pilots. Andrade also said controller Felipe Santos dos Reis gave the Legacy pilots incorrect instructions and did not tell them they were supposed to change altitude during the flight. A lawyer for the controllers, Fabio Tomas de Souza, called the indictments of his clients "a judicial aberration" because Brazilian authorities insisted for months that the controllers - all members of the military - could only be tried in military courts. Andrade's decision to seek their indictments came as a surprise.

CRASH, UPLAND, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 4 -- Authorities confirmed at about 1045, today that a 1972 Piper Seneca PA 34 aircraft (N4463T) had crashed into three houses in the 1400 Blossom Circle in Upland, California. FAA spokesman Ian Gregor said the twin-engine Piper Seneca crashed after losing power while approaching nearby Cable Airport for landing. There were reports of injuries, but there were no fatalities, Los Angeles affiliate KNBC reported. Authorities said three people were on board the aircraft.

London, Jun 5 -- Piper PA-34-200 (Seneca) N4463T crashed onto houses at Upland, California, at 1722, Jun 4. The aircraft sustained substantial damage. The three persons on board suffered minor injuries.

CRASH, WILLISTON AREA, NORTH DAKOTA, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 6 -- Aero Commander S2R N8835Q crashed near Williston, North Dakota, at 1600, Jun 5. The aircraft was destroyed. The one person on board was killed.

EMERGENCY LANDING AT BEN GURION INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ISRAEL

London, Jun 4 -- An El Al jet carrying some 140 passengers and half a ton of fuel made a safe emergency landing this afternoon at Ben-Gurion International Airport. The aircraft, en route to Tel Aviv from Madrid, declared an emergency after thick smoke was reported emanating from the cockpit of the Boeing 757.

London, Jun 5 -- A press report, dated Jun 4, states: An El Al Boeing 757 carrying some 140 passengers and half a ton of fuel made a safe emergency landing this afternoon at Ben Gurion International Airport. The Boeing 757, en route to Tel Aviv from Madrid, declared an emergency after thick smoke was reported emanating from the cockpit. El Al said that one of the aircraft's fans had shorted out, causing the smoke and a smell of burnt rubber that rescue forces at the scene reported. Dozens of Magen David Adom ambulances and mobile intensive care units were scrambled to the tarmac ahead of the Boeing 757's touchdown.

EMERGENCY LANDING, HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

London, Jun 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: A flyglobespan aircraft from Britain declared an emergency shortly before 2300 hrs, yesterday, as it approached the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport. Staff Sergeant Bernie Mueller said the crew reported the Boeing 757 had mechanical problems and "they had some concerns about how safe it was going to be to land." Police officers set up perimeters at the intersections around the airport in the event the plane crashed and firefighters stood by. Fortunately, the plane landed at about five minutes after 2300 hrs and it did not have any problems. Mueller said the crew was talking about dumping the plane's fuel, but he said the emergency only lasted 10 minutes and that did not appear to give the crew enough time.

EMERGENCY LANDING, IRKUTSK, RUSSIA

London, Jun 1 -- A Mi-8 helicopter made an emergency landing after smoke appeared in the cabin, in the Irkutsk Region this morning. The helicopter was on a flight from Nizhneudinsk to the village of Alygdzher (Eastern Sayany). The aircraft with five passengers on board successfully landed at 0700, local time, 30 kilometres from Nizhneudinsk near the village of Chaloty. Investigation of the incident is underway.

EMERGENCY LANDING, L.F. WADE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BERMUDA

London, Jun 6 -- A passenger jet was forced to make an emergency landing at L. F. Wade International Airport yesterday. Delta Air Lines flight 606 had just left Bermuda en route for Atlanta but had to turn back due to engine problems. There were more than 80 passengers on board. Twelve fire engines were dispatched to the scene at 1330 hrs but the Boeing 737 landed safely. Fire Service Staff Officer, Lieutenant Dana Lovell, said: "We received a report of an incident which involved a Boeing 737 800 Series aircraft, in that the pilot had declared an emergency. We dispatched vehicles from Hamilton, Southside, and a single unit in the West End. Twelve vehicles responded, including the airport's own units. At 1412 hrs the senior airport fire officer declared that no further assistance was required and the aircraft had landed safely. There were believed to be 81 passengers on board. A Delta Air Lines spokeswoman said last night: "Shortly after take-off there were some mechanical issues, which the pilot noticed were from one of the engines. He decided to come back to Bermuda and land the aircraft, which he did without incident. Everyone on board was safe, with no injuries."

EMERGENCY LANDING, OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 4 -- A press report, dated Jun 3, states: The nose landing gear of

a Southwest Airlines aircraft collapsed during an emergency landing at Oakland International Airport today but none of the 119 passengers or crew were reported injured. Southwest Flight 3050 took off from Sacramento and was scheduled to land in San Diego. But after takeoff the aircraft reported problems with its landing gear. "The pilot flew out over the water near Oakland to call Southwest and go through the procedures to get gear down," said Ian Gregor, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration. The pilot was diverted to Oakland to land, and on approach had three green lights in the cockpit showing the gear was operating properly, Gregor said. But after landing, the gear at the aircraft's nose collapsed and the aircraft skidded down the runway. "Unfortunately, the back landing gear landed just fine but the nose gear went up inside the aircraft and retracted," said airport spokeswoman Cyndy Johnson. All passengers were evacuated to the terminal. There were no injuries, Johnson said, and most passengers were already being put on other flights home. Delays at Oakland International are light, Johnson said, and incoming and outgoing flights are being diverted to an alternate runway.

London, Jun 4 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Southwest Airlines Boeing 737 that was having trouble with its landing gear made a rough emergency landing at Oakland International Airport yesterday when its nose gear collapsed as it touched down, authorities said. None of the 119 passengers and crew members on board were injured in the 1532 hrs landing, and when the aircraft finally came to a stop on the runway they were all evacuated by the inflatable slide, said Southwest spokeswoman Beth Harbin. Southwest Flight 3050 departed Sacramento International Airport at 1352 hrs for San Diego when the pilots observed an indicator light showing a problem with the nose landing gear of the aircraft. Pilots diverted the flight to Oakland. Meanwhile, the aircraft flew over San Francisco Bay as the pilots tried to get the landing gear to work properly, according to Southwest. Southwest spokeswoman Linda Rutherford said the pilots managed to get the landing gear to go through a complete cycle of lowering and retracting into the aircraft. Oakland International Airport spokeswoman Rosemary Barnes said the pilots then decided to have an air traffic controller in Oakland look at the gear while the aircraft was in the air and tell them what could be seen, she said. Southwest officials said that before the aircraft made the emergency landing, they got visual confirmation from the control tower that the landing gear was indeed lowered. Ian Gregor, a spokesman with the Federal Aviation Administration in Los Angeles, said that at some point, the pilot told the air traffic controllers that he had three green lights indicating that all three of the aircraft's landing gear mechanisms, two under the wings and one under the

nose, were working properly. The aircraft then made the emergency landing on Runway 29, the main runway at the Oakland airport. The main landing gear touched down without incident. Then the nose landing gear touched down. "When he eased the nose down, the nose gear collapsed," Gregor said. Gregor said he did not know what happened next, and Southwest Airlines did not describe the landing in detail. The aircraft ended up resting nose down and at an angle on the runway with its tail appearing to stick out over the runway edge. It was unclear whether the landing gear retracted into the aircraft or broke off. The aircraft was still on the runway hours after the incident, surrounded by emergency vehicles. Oakland airport officials said they expected the main runway to be reopened by 0600 today. Gregor said a crane is being brought from Phoenix to remove the aircraft from the runway. Sharon Cabello, marketing manager for Southwest in Oakland, said only that the nose gear failed but did not give details describing the failure. The incident is being investigated by both the FAA and Southwest. FAA records show the aircraft was manufactured in 1991.

EMERGENCY LANDING, PALEMBANG, SUMATRA, INDONESIA

London, Jun 6 -- An Indonesian passenger aircraft was forced to make an emergency landing today due to a faulty door seal which resulted in a drop in cabin pressure but no one was injured, an airline official said. A Boeing 737-300 of Garuda Indonesia's Citilink unit was en route from Jakarta to Batam near Singapore when the pilot decided to make an emergency landing in Palembang, South Sumatra, Garuda spokesman Singgih Handoyo said. "It was a leaking rubber seal on the cargo door and since there was a resulting drop in cabin pressure, the pilot decided to land at the nearest airport," he said. Handoyo said none of the 85 people on board was injured.

GROUNDING OF INDONESIAN AIRLINES

London, Jun 6 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Indonesian government has grounded four of the country's airlines for failing to meet safety requirements. A Transportation Ministry spokesman said it had revoked the licences for small airlines PT Alfa Trans Dirgantara, PT Nurman Avia Indopura, PT Aviassi Upata Raksa Indonesia and PD Prodexim were not airworthy. The Indonesian Directorate General of Civil Aviation issued a media release outlining the results of an operational performance assessment on Indonesian commercial airlines. The assessment examined the performance of the airlines against 20 criteria, adapted from those applied by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), allocating points for compliance with standards. Based on the total number of points the airlines were placed in one of three categories that were defined as follows:

Category 1: Airline has met requirements of the civil aviation safety regulations; Category 2: Airline has met minimal requirements of civil aviation safety regulations but some requirements have not been implemented; Category 3: Airline has met minimal requirements of civil aviation safety regulations but some requirements have not been implemented which may reduce safety levels. None of the airlines were assessed as Category 1. Passenger airlines operating scheduled services that were placed in Category 3 include: Batavia Air, Adam Air, Kartika Airlines, Trans Wisata Air, Jatayu Airlines and Dirgantara Air Service.

INCIDENT AT MIDDLETON AIRPORT, WISCONSIN, UNITED STATES

London, Jun 1 -- A press report, dated May 31, states: The landing gear on a twin-engine Cessna aircraft collapsed after the aircraft landed at the Middleton Municipal Airport-Morey Field yesterday afternoon but the pilot, along with flying instructor Richard Morey, manager of the airport, were not injured. The pilot was getting a flying lesson from Morey, who is the grandson of the airport's founder, Howard Morey, when the incident occurred on the landing. According to Middleton police, when the landing gear collapsed, the aircraft spun off the runway and came to rest in the grass shortly before yesterday. The aircraft was not extensively damaged in the incident. Middleton police and fire department responded to the incident. There were no injuries reported. The Federal Aviation Administration was called in to conduct an investigation of the incident.

INCIDENT AT ROCHE BAY, NUNAVUT, CANADA

London, Jun 1 -- The De Havilland DHC-5A Buffalo aircraft, C-FASV was taxing to the end of the ice strip and being positioned for take-off at 1700, May 30. While the aircraft was turning the nose gear broke through a top layer of ice and came to a rest on another layer below. There were no injuries, the aircraft sustained damage to the nose gear and gear doors. The operator advised that a maintenance crew was dispatched to recover the aircraft.



AUSTRALIA

London, May 31 -- Berth No.1 at Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal has been shut down for maintenance on the "outloader 1" shiploader. The berth closed yesterday and will remain shut until Jun 6. Capesized vessels will only be permitted to berth at Berth No.2 during the shutdown. Meanwhile, the terminal has announced that Capesize vessels cannot berth at Berth 3,

effective immediately until approximately the end of October 2007. This is due to restrictions on Berth 3 while Berth 4 is being built. Smaller vessels may still use Berth 3. As a result, Capesized vessels may experience delays during this period.

Sydney, Jun 1 -- Port Waratah Coal Services (PWCS) said no queued vessels at the port of Newcastle would be refused coal loading under approved plans to ban slow-loading ships from Jun 7. Shipping Australia chief Llew Russell yesterday (Thursday, May 31) expressed concern that the policy, which targets vessels with slow deballasting times, did not give shipowners enough time to make alternative arrangements. Mr Russell called for an urgent review of the decision, which will affect 70 bulkers which typically visit the port at least once a year. PWCS said the decision, which has the support of the coal producers and the coal chain members, could free up another 1.5m tonnes of annual shiploading capacity. Poor performing vessels represent about 8% of about 1,000 coal vessels visiting the port each year. PWCS general manager Graham Davidson was quick to allay fears that the ban would affect vessels already in the queue or already sailing to the port. The port of Newcastle requires coal producers to nominate weeks in advance which vessel they plan to use for each shipment, nominations which PWCS either accepts or rejects. From Jun 7, PWCS plans to reject nominations for vessels that it has identified as having inferior deballasting speeds. The ban means that about 50 vessels will be unable to use the two coal terminals, and a further 20 will be restricted to the Carrington Coal Terminal. Some shipowners have moved to improve their ships, including upgrading pumps, to ensure their vessels will be able to continue loading from the port. Mr Davidson said PWCS would review the status of any vessel if the owner could demonstrate improved loading performance. PWCS had made the move as part of discussions with industry about the need to free up additional coal chain capacity, Mr Davidson said. "In this process, PWCS has identified a number of vessels that have load rates far less than PWCS ship loading capacity," Mr Davidson said. "This results in extended delays and additional demurrage costs for our customers." PWCS wants ships using the Kooragang Island Coal Terminal to be able to receive coal at a gross load rate of more than 4,500 tonnes an hour. The Kooragang loaders can operate at up to 10,500 tonnes an hour, although its reclaimers are limited to 8,000 tph. - Lloyd's List Daily Commercial News.

London, Jun 4 -- Delays may be experienced as a result of ongoing dredging of a berth pocket at Port Hedland for a Panamax Berth off Utah Point. Port Hedland Port Authority expect considerable delays to shipping movements for the duration of the project, which will run until mid-June. The position of the dredge in the narrowest part of the harbour will

often make it necessary for it to be disconnected from the spoil line and moved well into the harbour to make space for safe shipping movements. This will require a long lead time. Up to 4 hours' notice is required to move the dredge and pipeline clear of the channel.

London, Jun 5 -- Australian exports were being hurt by drought and port delays, Treasurer Peter Costello said today. Australia's current account gap narrowed in the first quarter to A\$15.38 billion from a revised A\$15.5 billion in the fourth quarter, the Bureau of Statistics said in Sydney today. The deficit was a result of exports not growing quickly enough, Costello told reporters in Canberra today.

BANGLADESH

London, Jun 1 -- A press report, dated Jun 2, states: The problem of container congestion at twelve private container terminals in Chittagong has started mounting again due to the lack of mover equipment and adequate storage space. Sources claimed that nearly 19,000 empty containers are currently stored in the private terminals creating problems for both the importers and exporters. They also claimed that the existing congestion at the private depots was causing unexpected delay in taking delivery of imported goods from the private terminals. The export consignments have been facing problem in their timely shipment following the congestion at the private terminals. The congestion has been created because the private container terminal operators are over-burdened with handling both import and export cargoes, sources said. The Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) recently gave permission to private depots for handling nine imported items from hook point to help reduce container congestion at the port yards. But prior to that, the private container terminals were engaged only with handling export consignments. While talking to the FE, Ahsan Aziz Shelly, chief executive director of Esack Brothers Limited, a private depot operator, said they are equipped to handle only export consignments, but the additional pressure to handle imported goods has created problems for them. He said his company is, however, planning to procure some capital equipment and prime movers to cope with the demanding situation. Currently, the private container terminals are handling on an average 400 containers of imported goods and around 700 export containers a day. Engineer Sk Ghosh, director of the QC Container Lines told FE that the basic shipment character of the country was different from others as it in most cases made import through 20-foot containers and export through 40-foot and high cube containers. He said a large number of empty containers remained stockpiled at the private terminals mainly due to this peculiar feature of shipment.

Karachi, Jun 3 -- Turnaround time of vessels at Chittagong Port has reduced considerably. It stood around 3.6 days

in May compared to 4.84 days in April, 8.74 days in March, 8.69 in February, and 11.65 days in January of this year. According to local media, the reduced time, following expeditious cargo handling, will enable the shipping lines to lower their operating costs. The turnaround period was over 13 days in December 2006, and 22 days during the October-November political chaos of last year. Port users, mainly the feeder vessels operators and the private operators at different yards, said regular monitoring and pragmatic steps taken by the task forces helped reduce the turnaround time at the port. The port handled 79,595 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in May. It was more than 82,000 TEUs in April. The feeder vessels called at the port as many as 82 times and the number remained almost same in April. The private operators said that the turnaround of vessels might further decline if the export containers from the private inland container depots are shipped out soon. -- Lloyd's List Correspondent.

COMOROS ISLANDS

London, Jun 1 -- Middle East-based port operator GulfTainer says its new joint venture in the Comoros Islands has already made a "dramatic difference" to cargo operations at the port in the capital Moroni with handling of vessels, containers, cars and general cargo now taking place more rapidly and efficiently than before. GulfTainer says that a major problem for the island group is the high cost of imported commodities due, in part, to the high freight rates charged as a result of long port stays previously encountered by ships. The joint venture - Gulf-Com - has already introduced 24 hour working 7 days a week - at no extra cost to lines or companies, with the aim of making the Port of Moroni more efficient and attractive to potential shippers. GulfTainer points to the knock on effects of more efficient port operations on the economy. The latest stage in this process is also to improve the handling and logistics operations in Moroni Port by supplying two 22m x 7m barges capable of carrying 120 tons of cargo, which together with a newly supplied tugboat will dramatically improve the ability of the port to move containers and other cargo from larger ships (which have to use the anchorage) to the quay.

ITALY

Genoa, Jun 4 -- Trucks have experienced congestion in the Genoa Voltri port area in the past few days, meaning that some delays will probably also be reported for vessels' loading and unloading operations. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Genoa, Jun 4 -- Current berthing delays: Genoa: Four container carrier waiting to berth. Average delay in berthing 48 hrs. La Spezia: No vessels waiting to berth. Savona: One vessel waiting for normal berth. No vessels waiting for special berth. Average delay in berthing 24 hrs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

KENYA

London, Jun 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: Faced with rising congestion at the Mombasa Container Terminal, the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) has introduced additional measures to help clear the terminal of boxes cluttering scarce space. In the past half year, the terminal has come under increasing pressure from increased volumes of containerised cargo, including boxes diverted from Dar es Salaam. In recent weeks measures have been taken to establish two inland container depots to help relieve the pressure of boxes overstaying at the port, and working hours at the loading and delivery gates is about to be extended. According to KPA's corporate communications officer, Harry Abok, transport companies will be contracted as from June 15, to transfer containers by road to the inland depots. Abok said that other measures included close co-operation between the KPA and the Kenya Revenue Authority as well as other stakeholders to ensure that cargo is cleared more speedily. "Already this co-operation has resulted in the increase of container delivery by road from 350 a day last year to 600," he said. In addition the number of containers targeted for verification and scanning will be reduced by half. "The measures being taken have arisen after wide consultations and deliberations with partners and stakeholders," said Abok. It has also been disclosed that berths 13 and 14 have been dedicated to Maersk vessels to ease pressure on the container terminal berths and to provide other vessels with a wider window.

NIGERIA

London, May 31 -- Nigeria will import 32 gasoline cargoes under a delayed Q3 buy tender that will instead run from August to October in the wake of severe congestion and cargo discharge delays at Lagos port, traders said today. The tender, amounting to 960,000 tonnes, has been awarded by state-owned Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation at \$75 a tonne over Rotterdam regular unleaded gasoline barge price quotes, European traders of the motor fuel said. Those volumes and delivery dates compared with the previous Q2 NNPC buy tender that sought the import of 54 gasoline cargoes, each typically 30,000 tonnes, at \$72 a tonne over regular unleaded barges. Traders said NNPC had originally planned to award 55 gasoline cargoes under its Q3 (July to September) tender, but the delivery period was pushed back and volumes slashed due to severe congestion and back-up of incoming cargoes at Lagos. Gasoline traders said that while the congestion has eased slightly at the oil port, it remained severe and that it would take until late July for the backlog of incoming tankers to be cleared up. -- Reuters.

Port Delays

Information received from BIMCO, Denmark and the Indian Ports Association

Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
Australia		
Abbott Point	12-Jun-2007	Coal: One vessel loading at berth; 1 vessel arrived; 11 vessels due by 1/7; up to 1 day's delay expected.
Brisbane	12-Jun-2007	Coal: Fisherman Island coal berth; Fourteen vessels due by 5/8.
Dalrymple Bay	12-Jun-2007	Coal: Three vessels loading at berth; 54 vessels arrived; 16 vessels due by 22/6; 7-30 days delay expected; while Berth 4 is under construction, Cape size vessels can only load on Berth 2 until end 10/07.
Dampier	12-Jun-2007	Iron ore: Parker Point: One vessels loading at berth; 6 vessels arrived; 17 vessels due by 30/6; East Intercourse Island: 1 vessel loading at berth; 5 vessels arrived; 5 vessels due by 21/6; 4-6 days delay expected at Dampier.
Esperance	12-Jun-2007	Iron ore: Two vessels due by 13/6.
Geraldton	12-Jun-2007	Iron ore: One vessel at anchor; 3 vessels due by 23/6.
Gladstone	12-Jun-2007	Coal: 11-15 days delay expected; R.G. Tanna coal terminal: 3 vessels in berth; 16 vessels arrived; 37 vessels due by 31/7; Barney Point: 2 vessels in berth; 1 vessel arrived; 12 vessels due by 15/7.
Hay Point	12-Jun-2007	Coal: Two vessels loading at berth; 10 vessels arrived; 11 vessels due by 22/6; 7-30 days delay expected.
Newcastle	12-Jun-2007	Coal: 18-28 days delay expected; Kooragang 4, 5 and 6: 3 vessels loading at berth; 42 vessels arrived; 36 vessels due by 5/7; 10-27 days delay expected;; Dykes 4+5: 2 vessels loading at berth; 14 vessels arrived; 22 vessels due by 29/6; Port has been closed to coal traffic as a result of severe storms 8/6. Rail lines to port are also washed out. No indications on vessel loading or sailing prospects until later in the week.
Port Hedland	12-Jun-2007	Iron ore: Nelson Point: Two vessels loading at berth; 3 vessels arrived; 13 vessels due by 29/6; BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Goldsworthy (Finucane Island "C" berth): berth closed for refurbishment; (Finucane Island "D" berth): 2 vessels arrived; 10 vessels due by 21/6; Cockatoo Island: 1 vessel loading at berth; 1 vessel due 20/6; Koolan Island: 1 vessel loading at berth; 1 vessel due 16/6; 2-5 days delay expected at Port Hedland.
Port Kembla	12-Jun-2007	Coal: Eighteen vessels due by 15/7; up to 2 days delay expected.
Port Walcott	12-Jun-2007	Iron ore: Twelve vessels arrived; 7 vessels due by 1/7; 10-15 days delay expected.
Whyalla	12-Jun-2007	Iron ore: One vessel loading at anchorage; 4 vessels due by 3/7.
Azerbaijan		
Apsheron	11-Jun-2007	Oil products: Four vessels at berth, of which 3 discharging (1 gasoline, 1 crude oil, 1 fuel oil), 1 empty; 1 vessel due 11/6 to discharge kerosene.
Baku	11-Jun-2007	Oil products: Azertrans terminal: Nobel Avenue: No vessels; Sangachal District: port open; no vessels.
Bulgaria		
Bourgas	11-Jun-2007	Five vessels in port of which 3 loading (1 ammonium nitrate, 2 coils.), 2 discharging (1 wood, 1 copper concentrate); 2 vessels in roads of which 1 to load pig iron, 1 to discharge copper concentrate; 8 vessels due of which 4 to load (1 equipment, 1 bulk ferrosilicium, 1 gasoil, 1 steel sheets), 4 to discharge (1 copper concentrate, 1 salt, 1 kaolin, 1 lead concentrate).
Varna	11-Jun-2007	Varna East, Varna West, Balchik: Thirty-two vessels in port operating of which 16 loading (1 construction material, 1 bulk maize, 1 bulk clinker, 1 bulk sulphuric acid, 1 zinc concentrate, 5 soda, 3 silica sand, 1 metal construction, 1 chamote, 1 technical salt), 5 discharging (2 bulk coal, 1 raw phosphate, 1 soybean meal, 1 bulk gypsum), 11 discharging/loading (8 containers, 1 equipment, 1 equipment/chemicals, 1 pipes/chemicals); no vessels waiting in roads.

Port Conditions

Cyprus

Larnaca	12-Jun-2007	One conventional vessel discharging at berth; 1 conventional vessel due 13/6; no delays expected.
Limassol	12-Jun-2007	Four container vessels discharging/loading at berth, 4 conventional vessels discharging at berth, 1 Ro/Ro discharging/loading at berth; 3 container vessels, 2 conventional vessels, 1 Ro/Ro, 4 passenger vessels due 13/6; no delays expected.

India

Kolkata	11-June-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading General Cargo, 6 vessels discharging (Containers-4, Logs, Edible Oil), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers, 1 vessel waiting to load for General Cargo; 1 vessel waiting to discharge at midstream Logs; 5 vessels under repair; 1 vessel under dry docked; 2 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel waiting to sail; 2 vessels due (Container, Mech.).
Haldia	11-June-2007	17 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (POL, Iron Ore-2, Thermal Coal, General Cargo), 8 vessels discharging (Crude, Coking Coal-2, Sulphur, Ammonia Coal, Met Coke, Limes, Sugar), 2 vessels loading and discharging Containers, 1 vessel waiting to load Iron Ore, 1 vessel waiting to discharge Coking Coal; 8 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (3 to discharge, 4 to load, 1 load and discharge), 2 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge; 5 vessels due (POL, PRXLN, Coking Coal, Iron Ore, Containers).
Paradip	11-June-2007	8 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Iron Ore-2, Chrome Concentrate), 5 vessels discharging (Coking Coal, Project Cargo, N.C. Coal, Rock Phosphate, Lime Coke); 13 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (3 to discharge, 10 to load), 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to load; 32 vessels due.
Vizag	11-June-2007	12 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Iron Ore, Thermal Coal-2, C.P. Coke, Rock boulders), 7 vessels discharging (Coking Coal, Steam Coal, Trsp/Crude, DAP, Ammonia Nitrate, C.P. Coke, Product); 17 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (8 to discharge, 9 to load); 1 vessel under arrest; 3 vessels under others reasons; 40 vessels due (Iron Ore-8, Alumina-2, Steel Cargo, Granite-2, Containers, I. Sand, Food Grains, Urea, MOP, Coking Coal-7, Containers-4, Passenger, Caustic Soda, Alumina-2, Styrene & Methanol, Steel Pipes, Steam Coal, Limestone, LP Gas, Peas).
Chennai	11-June-2007	15 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Granite Block, Iron Ore, Iron Ore Lumps, Molasses, High Speed Diesel), 6 vessels discharging (Urea, Steam Coal, Thermal Coal, Orthoxyl, Crude Oil, Log), 4 vessels loading and discharging (Project Cargo/Granite Block, Steel Pipe, Containers-3); 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load, 3 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (2 to discharge, 1 to load); 1 vessel under arrest; 2 vessels due (General Cargo, Palm Oil).
Tuticorin	11-June-2007	5 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (Phosphoric Acid, General Cargo), 3 vessels discharging (Urea, Crome Contrate, Thermal Coal); 1 vessel not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load, 1 vessel awaiting order and waiting at anchorage to discharge; 1 vessel waiting at anchorage for bunkering; 1 vessel under repair; 1 vessel under arrest.
Cochin	11-June-2007	4 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels discharging (Coal, Defence Cargo, Crude), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 15 vessels due (Crude-2, Domestic Passenger-2, Containers-7, POL, Research, Survey, Wheat).
New Mangalore	11-June-2007	8 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading (Iron Ore Fines-2, POL Product-2), 4 vessels discharging (Rock Phosphate, Phosphate Acid, Timber, POL Crude); 5 vessels waiting at anchorage (1 to discahrge, 4 to load); 17 vessels due (Iron Ore Fines-5, Cement, Container, POL Crude, POL Product-2, LPG, Phosphate Acid, Granite Stone, Iron Ore (P), Fertiliser, Slag, Met Coke).
Mormugao	11-June-2007	3 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (Iron Ore, Alumina), 1 vessel discharging Phosphoric Acid; 1 vessel working at midstream and loading Iron Ore; 3 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load; 4 vessel under dry docked; 5 vessels due (Bauxite, MOP, Iron Ore-3).
Mumbai	11-June-2007	14 vessels operating at berth of which 7 vessels loading (Bagged SBM, Sugar in bulk/ Raw Sugar in bulk-2, Sugar-Rice Steel/ General/ Vehicles/ Transform/HeavyLift-3), 6 vessels discharging (Woodpulp / Machinery, Steel Pipes, Coils / Plates, POL), 1 vessel loading and discharging Steel Cargo; 2 vessel working at midstream and discharging POL; 2 vessels awaiting order and working at anchorage to discharge, 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to load; 26 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 11 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel under laid up (Berths not required for cargo operations); 41 vessels due (Containers-3, Oil, General Cargo-37).

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J.N.P.T.	11-June-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading Naphtha, 2 vessels discharging (Naphtha, Cement), 6 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge, 2 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to discharge; 4 vessels due (Containers-2, High Speed Diesel, Naphtha).
Kandla	11-June-2007	17 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Agriculture Product-2, Pipe, Salt-2), 11 vessels discharging (Timber Logs, Steel Coils, MOP-2, Coal, SBO-3, Other Liquids, POL-2), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 1 vessel under arrest (MV Jaikuk III).
Ennore	11-June-2007	1 vessel working at berth & discharging Thermal Coal; 1 vessel working at inner anchorage loading Iron Ore; 3 vessels due (MV Gem of Ennore (Coal), MV Avra (Iron Ore), MV Apj Sridevi (Coal)).
Israel		
Ashdod	11-June-2007	No labour problems; Sixteen vessels discharging at berth (7 general cargo, 9 bulk cargo), 7 loading/discharging at berth (5 containers, 1 tanker, 1 passenger vessel); 5 vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge general cargo, 4 waiting at anchorage to load/discharge (2 bulk cargo, 2 containers); 17 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Eilat	11-June-2007	No labour problems; Two vessels discharging general cargo at berth, 1 loading/discharging containers at berth; 3 vessels waiting at anchorage to load/discharge (1 container, 1 tanker, 1 car carrier); 2 vessels due, with no delays expected.
Haifa	11-June-2007	No labour problems; Four vessels discharging general cargo at berth, 8 loading/discharging at berth (4 containers, 4 tankers); 2 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge general cargo, 3 tankers waiting at anchorage to load/discharge; 7 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 26 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Kazakhstan		
Aktau	11-June-2007	Oil products: Three vessels loading crude oil at berth; 4 vessels in roads, all to load; 2 vessels due by 12/6, both to load.
Russia		
Novorossiysk	11-June-2007	Twenty vessels in port operating of which 13 loading, 4 discharging (1 soda ash, 1 bulk NPK, 1 DRI, 3 steel billets, 1 H-beams, 1 copper, 1 coils, 1 wheat, 1 sunflower oil, 2 D/O), 6 discharging (3 debars, bulk sugar, 1 bananas), 1 discharging/loading containers; 5 vessels in roads of which 2 load (1 DRI, 1 rails), 3 to discharge (1 debars, 1 sugar, 1 bulk cement); 50 vessels due of which 35 to load, 12 to discharge, 3 to load/discharge containers; Oil terminal:3 tankers loading at berth (1 crude, 1 diesel oil, 1 fuel oil); 3 tankers in roads, all to load crude; 4 tankers due, all to load crude oil.
Slovenia		
Koper	11-June-2007	Port working normally; Six vessels at berth of which 1 loading general cargo, 3 discharging bulk cargo, 2 discharging/loading containers; 19 vessels due over the next 2 days of which 7 to load (2 bulk cargo, 5 general cargo/sawn timber), 8 to discharge (1 tanker, 3 vehicles, 4 bulk cargo), 4 to discharge/load containers.
Spain		
Bilbao	11-June-2007	Nineteen vessels in port operating (3 tankers, 16 others), of which 4 loading, 11 discharging, 4 loading/discharging.
Sagunto	11-June-2007	Twenty-two vessels in port operating, of which 2 loading (1 steel products, 1 bulk fertiliser), 18 discharging (15 steel products, 1 gas, 1 fruit, 1 machinery), 2 loading/discharging vehicles; no vessels outside commercial wharf; no berthing delays at present.
Sri Lanka		
Colombo	11-June-2007	Berthing/unberthing (pilotage) delays being experienced on breakbulk/conventional vessels. Delays to conventional vessels are due to the fact that container/feeder vessels are given priority berthing at breakbulk berths if there is container congestion; conventional cargo vessels at BQ 1 & 2 are facing delays in navigation after commissioning of SAGT 1 & 2 berths (former QEQ 1 & 2); conventional cargo vessels at PVQ 2 (inner berth) are facing berthing and unberthing delays after commissioning of new north pier (formerly known as "oil pier"). Nine container/feeder vessels loading at berth, 19 vessels discharging at berth (14 container/feeders, 1 bulk palm oil, 1 bulk cement, 1 bagged fertiliser, 1 steel, 1 Ro/Ro); 5 vessels dry-docked; 8 container/feeder vessels due, with no delays for general cargo/bagged cargo/containers/feeders expected.
Trincomalee	11-June-2007	One vessel loading at berth, 2 discharging at berth; no vessels awaiting berth.

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Aladja	11-June-2007	Oil products: One vessel loading crude oil at berth; 2 vessels in roads, both to load crude oil.
Turkmenbashi	11-June-2007	Oil products: Two vessels loading at berth (1 gasoline, 1 gasoil); 7 vessels in roads, all to load (1 gasoil, 1 gasoline, 3 fuel oil, 2 others); 2 vessels due by 11/6 to load (1 gasoline, 1 other).

Ukraine

Ilechevsk	11-June-2007	Four vessels in port operating of which 2 loading (1 steel products, 1 grain), 2 discharging/loading containers; 4 vessels in roads, of which 2 to load (1 grain, 1 pig iron), 2 to discharge/load containers; 16 vessels due of which 7 to load, 2 to discharge ore, 7 to discharge/load (6 containers, 1 oil).
Mariupol	11-June-2007	Nineteen vessels in port operating, all loading (10 steel, 2 fire-clay, 1 fire-clay/kaolin, 4 coal, 1 sulphur, 1 slag); 8 vessels in roads, all to load (3 steel, 2 coke, 1 coal, 1 slag, 1 wheat); 57 vessels due of which 55 to load (27 steel, 8 coal, 15 fire-clay, 1 pitch, 2 coke, 1 slag), 1 to discharge sulphate, 1 to discharge/load chrome ore/steel plates.
Odessa	11-June-2007	Sixteen vessels in port operating of which 6 loading (1 scrap, 2 metal, 2 pig iron, 1 wheat), 8 discharging (4 passenger vessels, 2 baggage, 1 bananas, 1 rice), 2 discharging/loading containers; 6 vessels in roads of which 2 to load (1 oil, 1 corn), 4 to discharge/load containers; 71 vessels due of which 25 to load (16 metal, 2 scrap, 1 wheat, 4 coal, 1 timber, 1 general cargo), 8 to discharge (1 metal, 2 bananas, 3 sugar, 1 citrus, 1 general cargo), 38 to load/discharge containers.

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