

Agencies deny rift over piracy reporting

ReCAAP director claims roles of his agency and IMB can be complementary, writes Marcus Hand in Singapore -

AN ASIAN inter-governmental anti-piracy agency based in Singapore has played down reports of a clash between it and industry-funded watchdog the International Maritime Bureau (IMB) over the reporting of attacks on ships.

The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) says that its role and that of the IMB are complementary.

Last week, Lloyd's List reported concerns by the IMB's piracy reporting centre in Kuala Lumpur that it was being cut out of the pirate attack

reporting process by rescue and coordination centres.

It specifically cited a recent attack on the Hong Kong-registered Pacific Discoverer in Indonesian waters, where the Hong Kong Marine Department reported the incident to the ReCAAP information-sharing centre (ISC) in Singapore rather than the IMB as it would have done in the past.

ReCAAP centre deputy director Nicholas Teo said he did not understand where the confusion had arisen, noting that the incident had been reported to IMB as well. The ship's owner separately reported the incident to IMB's 24 hour hotline.

"Under no circumstances did the ISC say 'Do not report to the IMB'," Brig-Gen Teo told Lloyd's List.

The Hong Kong Marine Department is one of 14 focal points in the region set up by ReCAAP to act as a single point of contact in cases of piracy in each signatory country, that then reports to the centre in Singapore.

The ReCAAP agreement has been signed by 14 governments in Asia and the Singapore centre was set up late last year.

ReCAAP executive director, Yoshiaki Ito said both organisations had the same objective and that their roles "can be complementary".

He added it would be having separate bilateral talks with the IMB following its triennial piracy conference in Kuala Lumpur this June.

Brig-Gen Teo also denied that the ISC did not operate on a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week basis, as the IMB's piracy reporting centre does.

While it does not have a duty officer as the IMB has in Kuala Lumpur, alerts are automatically sent to Blackberry mobile phones, which all the staff carry and keep permanently switched on.

In an expansion of the role of the ISC first mapped out six months ago, the centre does not merely study what happens in the attacks but is also involved in advising individual authorities that an attack is or has taken place.

Over the last two weeks the ISC has been actively involved in passing on information to authorities in Malaysia and Indonesia on three incidents reported by it by focal points in Thailand, Singapore and Japan.

Looters strip bare Farah III grounded off Sri Lankan coast

By David Osler

A MERCHANT vessel has reportedly been stripped bare after grounding off Sri Lanka's northeast coast, in what may be the work of that country's Tamil Tiger rebels.

Everything on board the ship, named as Farah III, was systematically looted, the operator has claimed.

The insurgents subsequently handed the crew over to the Red Cross, after denying accusations by the military that they had staged a pirate attack on the ship.

Sayed Sulaiman, chairman of reported Jordanian owner Salam International Trading Co, told the BBC Tamil service: "I do not know anyone else to blame except the Tamil Tigers for this incident.

"We hear from the parties who are concerned with the ship, the insurance company etc, that ... everything that could be taken — like the rice, lights, generators — has been taken from the ship. The ship is now bare."

Attempts to secure safe passage for the insurance company and surveyors to visit the vessel have apparently failed.

The vessel at the centre of this incident is likely to be Farah III, listed on the Lloyd's Marine Intelligent Unit database as of 14,827 dwt, 1981-year of build, and of Jordanian flag.

However, Farah III is recorded as 'dead' after being broken in Sri Lanka on or before May 1.

The Tamil Tigers have long had a limited naval capacity.

More recently, they have become probably the only non-state actor in the world with its own airforce, and has launched bombing raids on government targets.

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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>ALIANCA CORDILLERA</i>	container	CYP	GL	9,956	13,719	2005	Touched bottom in Puerto Deseado port Apr 19 and sustained propeller damage. Still in port Apr 25 discharging, ETC Apr 26. To be towed to drydock for repairs.
<i>CIELO DI GUANGZHOU</i>	product tanker	LBR	RI	25,510	38,877	2006	Grounded at Km 155, Suez Canal Apr 19. SCA tugs refloated same day. Arrived Suez anchorage for inspection. Completed repairs and passed Port Said Apr 23.
<i>FRAU NANCY</i>	general	PRK	—	1,887	2,946	1972	Had engine problems 12 miles NW Gozo Apr 25 and taken in tow. Tow entered Malta Shipyards Apr 26 and secured at Parlatorio South Wharf.
<i>HERCULES</i>	fish factory	FRO	—	7,805	5,000	1991	Had fire in engine-room about 280 nautical miles SW of Ancud, southern Chile, Apr 21. More than 100 crew evacuated, one dead, 11 missing.
<i>MARINE EAGLE</i>	general	PAN	NK	2,758	4,424	1983	Sustained engine failure 9 miles Povorotny Point, Nakhodka, Apr 17. Salvage tug Topaz towed into port Apr 18. Reported Apr 23 nine nautical miles from Samchok, speed 8 knots.
<i>MAULANA</i>	product tanker	IDN	—	1,439	1,500	1993	Caught fire and had explosion just after finishing unloading diesel on Siak River Apr 25. Four killed. Tugs towed the charred ship out of traffic lanes.
<i>METAN</i>	research	RUS	RS	169	100	1969	Had fire break out at in one of the internal sections, which spread to other accommodation areas, at Makhachkala Apr 25. Total area about 30 sq m. One person died.
<i>ROVUMA</i>	dredger	MOZ	—	1,745	2,844	1982	Had water ingress into engine-room through a watertight door which had been left open and sank at Beira Apr 21. Divers working since Apr 24 to try and refloat.
<i>SEAPOWET</i>	bulk/oil	BHS	NV	41,189	74,868	1992	Lost main engine power 65 nautical miles south of Mobile in lat 29 10N, long 87 43W, Apr 20 Apr. Effected temporary repairs & proceeded but engine failed again & towed into Pensacola, where anchored offshore for permanent repairs.
<i>SHUNLIAN 9</i>	general	KHM	—	1,210	1,300	1990	Had fire in cargo of scrap while loading at Shiogama Apr 16. Under control by fire service Apr 17. Reported in lat 34 35 20N, long 134 52 32E, speed 11.4 knots on Apr 25.
<i>SOLON</i>	bulker	CYP	LR	25,169	42,183	1987	Grounded at Km 315.5, Parana River, Apr 22 during down river navigation. Refloated with tug assistance. Undergoing Coast Guard inspections at Ramallo Roads in order to resume voyage.
<i>SUNSHINE</i>	general	PAN	—	1,214	2,085	1979	Sank in the Mediterranean Apr 23. Crew found drifting in life boats.
<i>VIRTSU</i>	general	IOM		2,658	3,200	1995	Towed from Antwerp Apr 25 due rudder problems. delivered to reimerswaal yard Apr 26 for repairs.

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A.P.LIGHT (Cambodia)

Koper, Apr 23 — General cargo *A.P.Light*, arrived at Koper on Jan 15 and loaded timber at the port. Due to a main engine problem and consequent inability to perform the voyage to Algiers, the cargo on board was discharged at Koper and the vessel was towed to Izola on Apr 16 for repairs and to await spares. *A.P.Light* is also under detention/arrest by action undertaken by ship's agent for outstanding discharge and berthing costs incurred due to prolonged berthing and additional stevedoring. — Lloyd's Agents.

ABRACADABRA

Santo Domingo, Apr 25 — Twenty-three people were missing at sea on Wednesday (Apr 25) after their fishing boat capsized off the Dominican Republic, authorities said. The US Coast Guard said 16 of those on board the vessel called *Abracadabra* were plucked to safety after it sank about 0100, Tuesday, 20 miles out from the town of Montecristi on the Dominican border with Haiti. But the Coast Guard, Dominican navy rescue crews and a fleet of fishing boats were still searching for 23 of the 39 people on board the *Abracadabra* when it went down. The US Coast Guard said its rescue crews, backed by helicopters and jets, had searched an area covering more than 2,380 nautical square miles by 1100, Wednesday. The doomed fishing vessel, which Dominican officials described as 65-foot (20-metres) long, set out at about 1700, on Monday from the northern Dominican resort of Puerto Plata. — Reuters.

ACCORD (Philippines)

Manila, Apr 20 — General cargo *Accord* remains grounded near the 625-hectare Curangon shoal in Malinao town, Albay in central Philippines. The vessel cannot be refloated until the insurer of its cargo of rice decides what to do with the remaining rice in its cargo hold. Officials of Matsya Shipping, owner of the vessel, said there is still no word from the state-owned insurance company Government Service and Insurance System (GSIS). — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

ACTIVE (Marshall Islands)

London, Apr 24 — Crude oil tanker *Active* sailed from East London on Apr 22, bound for Cape Town, where ETA 0900 hrs, today.

ALCEM CALACA (Australia)

See "Australia" under "Port State Control".

ALDER (U.S.A.)

Troy, Michigan, Apr 25 — - The U.S. Coast Guard buoy ship *Alder* could soon

be leaving its dock, hopefully under its own power. The federal government Friday (Apr 20) awarded a contract to a Chesapeake, Va., diving company to repair the cutter in the water at its dock. "They are supposed to be up here around Thursday (Apr 26) to start taking a look at us," said Lt. J.G. Kenny Pepper, the *Alder*'s spokesman. The vessel has remained at its dock since March with a boom floating behind its stern to contain any hydraulic fluid leaking though a bad seal in the vessel's controllable pitch propeller system. The problem with *Alder* was discovered during machinery trials on Mar 8. An examination determined that a seal at the base of one of the propeller's four blades was leaking. Initial efforts to repair the leak were unsuccessful. — Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

ALEKSANDROV (Cyprus)

London, Apr 20 — General cargo *Aleksandrov* arrived at Aviles at 0655 hrs, Apr 19.

ALI RIZA DENIZ (Panama)

Piraeus, Apr 24 — Passenger (cruise) *Ali Riza Deniz* is still at Lavrion port waiting for inspection. — Lloyd's Agents.

ALIANCA CORDILLERA (Cyprus)

London, Apr 25 — Following received from Puerto Deseado RSC, timed 1040, UTC: Container Carrier *Alianca Cordillera* (9956 gt, built 2005) touched bottom in Puerto Deseado port Apr 19 and as a result sustained propeller damage. Vessel is still in port awaiting a tug. The vessel will probably be towed to Montevideo. (Note — *Alianca Cordillera* had sailed San Vicente Apr 10 and was last reported to have arrived Ushuaia Apr 14.)

Buenos Aires, Apr 25 — Container Carrier *Alianca Cordillera* stranded during unberthing manoeuvres at Puerto Deseado at approximately 1300, local time, Apr 19. It apparently sustained damage in way of its rudder/propeller. It is currently berthed at Puerto Deseado waiting to be towed for dry-docking. — Lloyd's Agents.

Buenos Aires, Apr 25 — Container Carrier *Alianca Cordillera* is currently performing discharging operations of full and empty containers at Puerto Deseado which is expected to be finalised this morning. Container Carrier *Alianca Andes* is currently anchored at Puerto Deseado roads awaiting favourable weather conditions for berthing in order to load the above mentioned discharged cargo. — Lloyd's Agents.

ALIANCA SHANGHAI (Liberia)

See "Drugs Found on Liberian Vessel, Baltimore, United States" under "Miscellaneous".

ALMIRANTE IRIZAR (Argentina)

Buenos Aires, Apr 20 — According to a statement released by the Navy, the towing of icebreaker *Almirante Irizar* to Puerto Belgrano's Naval Base, Bahia Blanca, Argentina, started on Apr 19

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by means of tugs ARA *Suboficial Castillo* and *Libertador*. If the favourable weather conditions persist, she will arrive at the Naval Base at 0600, local time, Apr 20. The master, 30 crew members and staff from the Salvage Service of the Army are still on board. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Apr 22 — A press report, dated Apr 21, states: Icebreaker *Almirante Irizar* arrived last night at Puerto Belgrano naval base ten days after a fire ravaged the generator room forcing the evacuation in mid South Atlantic of 300 people, including crew members and scientists on their return from Antarctica. Slowly the huge smoke tainted orange vessel docked in Puerto Belgrano after having been towed in a combined operation by support vessels from the Argentine Navy and a contracted high seas tug. "A hundred percent of the crew saved, 85% of the vessel saved", said Captain Tarapow. Fire started at the generator room of the icebreaker late at night Apr 11 and quickly heated the room to extraordinary temperatures threatening the fuel tank holding a million litres of fuel. A fuel pipe ruptured and spread more fuel with temperature in the engine-room close to 1,500 degrees which is when steel rivets fly off and plates begin twisting, said Captain Tarapow. No information was advanced as to how long it will take to have Argentina's icebreaker operational again, although some Navy sources originally mentioned a "period of two years" given the extent of the damage in the generators and engine-room.

Buenos Aires, Apr 23 — According to the latest statement released by the Navy, icebreaker *Almirante Irizar* arrived at Puerto Belgrano at 0800, local time, Apr 20. The reasons of this loss remain unknown but we were informed that only 15% of the vessel was damaged by the fire. — Lloyd's Agents.

AMADA (North Korea)

Piraeus, Apr 23 — General cargo *Amada* remains under arrest at Kalamata port, ETD unknown. — Lloyd's Agents.

AMAZON (Greece)

Seattle, Apr 20 — Bulker *Amazon* (39758 gt, built 2001), loading grain at Seattle, is delayed due to one of the pouring spouts from the shore facility falling onto the vessel. Vessel sustained negligible damage, however, loading operations have been suspended pending a full inspection of all spouts by engineers. Approximately 23,000 tons to load. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Amazon* arrived Seattle Apr 14 from Kobe.)

Seattle, Apr 24 — Bulker *Amazon* remains alongside the Grain Elevator, Pier 86, port of Seattle. ABS has surveyed minor hull damage and has permitted repairs to be deferred. Damage to the shore based loading system is still being investigated and no additional cargo has been loaded. Schedule for resumption of loading and departure unknown. — Lloyd's Agents.

ANDAMAN WIND (Liberia)

London, Apr 23 — According Lloyd's MIU AIS product tanker *Andaman Wind* was in lat 34 39 45S, long 58 01 59W, at 2044, UTC, Apr 22, speed 11.7 knots, course 108 degrees.

ANNA LEE (U.S.A.)

London, Apr 20 — Following received from Coast Guard San Juan, timed 1410, UTC: Trawler *Anna Lee*, 65 ft, two persons on board, has been disabled and adrift with engine problems since Apr 16. Vessel's latest reported position was lat 15 55N, long 63 58W, at 2210, local time, Apr 19. A United States Navy warship is proceeding to assist.

ARC EN CIEL (Belgium)

Portsmouth, UK, Apr 24 — Inland waterways Container Carrier *Arc en Ciel* (2612 dwt, built 1998) lost 30 containers on the River Seine at Porte Joie, km 193, (lat 49 14 38N, long 01 15 13E) Sunday (Apr 22) morning. The French water police and the department of transport security service, Navigation Seine (SNS), is still studying the cause of the accident. According to Sns-woordvoester Marie-France Brault *Arc en Ciel* with 108 containers on board was en route from Gennevilliers to Le Havre. As of Apr 23, 20 containers that were lost overboard are now aground on the river bank. The remaining 10 containers have sunk and have not been located. As a result of the incident shipping has been stacked up since 1100 Sunday between Poses-Amfreville and Notre-Dame de la Garenne. The containers were loaded mostly with products such as glass, grain and paper and contained no dangerous goods. — Correspondent.

ARKTIKA (Russia)

St. Petersburg, Apr 25 — Icebreaker *Arktika* is on voyage to the Arctic region now. No repairs have been carried out because the damage to the cabins did not take toll on performance parameters of the vessel. *Arktika* will return to Murmansk at the end of May - beginning of June. — Lloyd's Agents.

ATLANTIC TRAVELLER (DIS)

Kiel, Apr 24 — Passenger ro/ro *Atlantic Traveller* (16794 gt, built 1993) is to be withdrawn from service on May 1 due to technical problems and will sail for Bremerhaven for repairs. The ship will depart from Hanstholm for the last time on Apr 29 and will depart Bergen May 1 for Bremerhaven. — Correspondent. (Note — *Atlantic Traveller* operates between, Hanstholm, Egersund, Haugesund and Bergen.)

AUDACITY (U.K.)

London, Apr 19 — Following received from Coastguard Humber MRSC, timed 1239, UTC: Product tanker *Audacity* under tow of tug *Red Wolf* to Aberdeen increasing speed as weather allows, ETA 0800, Apr 21.

London, Apr 20 — Following received from Coastguard Humber MRSC, timed 1345, UTC: Tug *Red Wolf* currently towing product tanker *Audacity* to Aberdeen. ETA 0600, UTC, tomorrow.

London, Apr 23 — Product tanker *Audacity* arrived at Aberdeen (in tow of tug *Red Wolf*) at 1519 hrs, Apr 21. She sailed at 0604 hrs, Apr 22, bound for Sunderland, where she arrived at 1813 hrs, the same day.

AZZURRA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Rijeka, Apr 23 — Repairs to passenger ro/ro *Azzurra* are still being carried out, but the Shipyard at Bijela have advised that they expect to complete tomorrow. — Lloyd's Agents.

Bar, Apr 25 — Passenger ro/ro *Azzurra* completed repairs and left Bijela shipyard at 1700 hrs, Apr 23. — Lloyd's Agents.

BADRINATH (Liberia)

Ponta Delgada, Apr 20 — Refrigerated general cargo *Badrinath* (7286 gt, built 1987) is presently at Ponta Delgada outer anchorage in order to carry out an inspection related to auxiliary engines problems and subsequent possible repairs. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Badrinath* arrived St. Michael's Apr 18.)

Ponta Delgada, Apr 21 — Refrigerated general cargo *Badrinath* has been put alongside the quay, inner port in order to carry out the necessary repairs to the reported auxiliary engine problems. — Lloyd's Agents.

Ponta Delgada, Apr 23 — Repairs to refrigerated general cargo *Badrinath* have been completed and the vessel is now waiting for local final official surveys in order to proceed to the U.S.A. — Lloyd's Agents.

Ponta Delgada, Apr 24 — Refrigerated general cargo *Badrinath* is not allowed to proceed from Ponta Delgada until fulfillment of the Port State Control recommendations in consequence of some deficiencies found on board. — Lloyd's Agents.

BALTIC SEAGULL (Russia)

St. Petersburg, Apr 23 — Product tanker *Baltic Seagull* is still waiting for further owner's instructions at the shiprepair yard. According to the ship's agent there will be no repairs. — Lloyd's Agents.

BARGE SUNK, KENAI RIVER, ALASKA, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 20 — A press report, dated today, states: Salvage workers for a seafood processor yesterday pumped much of the water out of a sunken barge and hoped to move it out of the Kenai River's mouth in coming days, according to the U.S. Coast Guard. An unusually high tide Tuesday (Apr 17) morning lifted the 100-ft barge from its winter storage space on the riverbank and ice breaking up in the river ripped it from its moorings, said Lt. Ken Phillips of the Kenai Marine Safety Detachment. The barge floated into the river and sank at Mile 1 on the river, he said. Since then the owner, Snug Harbour Seafoods, has worked to refloat the barge. Phillips said workers made good progress yesterday before closing the barge's hatches to keep the incoming tide from refilling the hull. "The vessel is definitely salvageable,"

Phillips said. But for now, what early season navigation the river sees will be under a navigation advisory. The barge's mast juts out of the water at high tide and much of the vessel is visible at low tide. The barge, used for fish purchasing and loading, had three large cranes on deck. Phillips said two of those ripped loose and sank separately, along with a deck cabin that came loose. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation reported that the crane lines lost about 20 gallons of hydraulic fluid. Debris already was thought to litter the estuary after a winter of ice jams and flooding had ripped docks and walkways loose around Soldotna. Government agencies are discussing how to retrieve the twisted metal before fishing season picks up, and Phillips said the barge debris may become a part of that effort.

London, Apr 20 — Following received from Coast Guard Juneau, timed 1800, UTC: A barge, name unknown, broke from its moorings, grounded and later sank at the mouth of the Kenai River on Apr 17. The vessel was leaking some hydraulic oil into the water.

BEZA (Madeira)

London, Apr 22 — General cargo *Beza* arrived Amsterdam 2351, Apr 20, from Ribadeo.

BOURBON DOLPHIN (Norway)

London, Apr 23 — A press report, dated Apr 19, states: The enquiry into the accident of anchor handling tug/supply *Bourbon Dolphin* has been postponed until Wednesday (Apr 25) next week and moved to Aalesund. Originally the enquiry should have been conducted tomorrow, but the date coincided with the funeral of *Bourbon Dolphin's* master and his son, who both perished in the accident. Many crew members would have been unable to attend the funeral as they are needed at the enquiry.

London, Apr 25 — A press report, dated today, states: The first accounts of what may have caused anchor handling tug/supply *Bourbon Dolphin* to capsize off Shetland are due to be heard at an inquiry in Aalesund, Norway. Eight people died when the oil rig support vessel overturned on Apr 12, but only three bodies were found. Witnesses will include three survivors and a captain from another shift who worked on the ship. Geir Syversen, the only survivor who was on the bridge during the accident, is expected to give crucial evidence. He is widely regarded as being key to the investigation. He has already told a Norwegian newspaper he knows why the boat capsized, claiming it had nothing to do with the ship itself. His evidence could provide an answer to what went wrong on board, during what should have been a routine anchor handling operation. *Bourbon Dolphin* capsized 85 miles west of the Shetland coast and sank three days later. The three crew members confirmed dead are chief officer Bjarte Grimstad, 37, second officer Kjetil Rune Vage, 31, and 44-year-old captain Oddne Arve Rem'y.

His son David Remoy, 14, is still missing, along with chief engineer Frank Nygard, 42, second engineer Ronny Emblem, 25, electrician Soren Kroer, 27, and 54-year-old bosun Tor Karl Sando.

London, Apr 26 — A press report, dated today, states: A string of mishaps and misunderstandings may have caused anchor handling tug/supply *Bourbon Dolphin* to capsize, a survivor testified yesterday. An inquiry into the accident opened yesterday in its home port of Aalesund. Geir Syvertsen, the first mate of the ship, said the vessel was working with supply *Highland Valour* in a routine operation to move an oil rig's anchor and chain weighing an estimated 330 tonnes. Mr Syvertsen said the vessels had nearly collided while struggling with the anchor in strong winds. He said *Highland Valour* repeatedly tried to hook on to the chain to assist *Bourbon Dolphin* in hauling the weight on to its rear platform, without success. Mr Syvertsen said there may have been a misunderstanding between the two vessels, leading *Highland Valour* to pull the chain the wrong way, which increased the pull on the port side of *Bourbon Dolphin*. "After the listing started, the chain went in the wrong direction," he was quoted as saying by the Norwegian news agency NTB. "We pumped ballast water into the starboard side to straighten up the ship." Mr Syvertsen said that this did not work and the ship listed even more. "The master asked me to hit a button for the emergency release mechanism for the chain and wires. That was done to save the ship. I thought it would go fast, but it didn't. The system only released 12 metres per minute." He said he climbed up the starboard side of the boat, and saw other crewmen being thrown around. He was thrown into the water without a lifejacket, but swam to another crewman who had one. They spotted a liferaft, climbed on board it and picked another crewman from the water.

BOW SANTOS (Panama)

London, Apr 25 — Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1450, UTC: Chemical tanker *Bow Santos* (11986 gt, built 2004) was discovered to have crack/fracture in No 10 starboard tank prior to receiving cargo of oil at Galveston at 0345, UTC, Apr 24.

CANADIAN LEADER (Canada)

London, Apr 25 — Bulker *Canadian Leader* (18045 gt, built 1967), cargo iron pellets, while docking at section 53 at the Port of Quebec, struck the wharf at 1045, local time, Apr 20. Several frames were reported damaged amidships. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Canadian Leader* was reported 20 nautical miles from Comeau Bay at 1400, UTC, today.

CELTIC PRIDE (Bahamas)

London, Apr 26 — Following received from the managers of general cargo *Celtic Pride* (1946 gt, built 1983), dated today: *Celtic Pride* contacted jetty when

gearbox jammed ahead while coming in to berth at Vigo Apr "5." Bulbous bow damaged. Vessel has been approved by classification society and is presently en route for Aveiro. (Note — *Celtic Pride* arrived Vigo Apr "4" from Plymouth and sailed Apr 6 for Sagunto.)

CG K79 (U.S.A.)

Bilbao, Apr 24 — Barge carrier *Rhine Forest* (35826 gt, built 1972) arrived Bilbao Apr 19 to discharge 36 barges loaded with hot rolled steel coils destined for Bilbao. Yesterday afternoon, while barge *CG K79* (209 gt, built 1992) was being discharged moored alongside quay, it sank with 11 steel coils on board. The barge originally contained 16 coils and five of them had already been discharged before the sinking. According to information received, the discharge operations were being carried out by a shore crane heaving two coils at once, and a moment during unloading the coils shifted inside the barge which started to swing heavily and sank with five stevedores inside who were safely rescued. At present the barge and the 11 steel coils remain in the sea bed waiting the divers inspection previous to the lifting of the barge and coils. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Rhine Forest* had sailed New Orleans Apr 7.)

CHIYO MARU NO.25 (Japan)

London, Apr 23 — A press report, dated today, states: Two crew members were found collapsed in the hold of general cargo *Chiyo Maru No.25* (498 gt, built 1993) in the harbour off Shimonoseki, Yamaguchi Prefecture, early this morning, the local coast guard said. Seizo Nagao, 59, the master of the vessel, and Masaaki Takeshima, 58, the ship's chief engineer, were confirmed dead at a hospital, they said. As the two sustained no external injuries, they are believed to have been hit by an oxygen deficiency or toxic gas, they said.

CIELO DI GUANGZHOU (Liberia)

Port Said, Apr 19 — Product tanker *Cielo di Guangzhou* (25510 gt, built 2006) was underway to enter the Canal with the northbound convoy of today, when it went aground near the canal entrance. S.C.A tugs succeeded in refloating vessel and it returned back to Suez harbour for inspection. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Apr 19 — A press report, dated today, states: A vessel in the northbound convoy transiting the Suez Canal ran aground this morning. Product tanker *Cielo di Guangzhou* was sixth in the convoy when it ran aground at 0830 hrs, at kilometre 155, blocking the northbound convoy. The Suez Canal Authority sent tugs to assist the vessel. She was refloated at 1145 hrs, and exited the Canal by 1200 hrs, heading for the Suez Anchorage Area, after which the northbound convoy resumed its transit. The canal is now clear for navigation.

Port Said, Apr 24 — Product tanker *Cielo di Guangzhou* completed repairs and entered Suez Canal again with the

northbound convoy on Apr 23. Vessel cleared canal from Port Said at 2145 same day. — Lloyd's Agents.

CIUDAD DE MALAGA (Canary Islands)

London, Apr 22 — Roll On Roll Off *Ciudad de Malaga* arrived Ceuta 0459, Apr 21, and sailed 0616 same day.

CMA CGM VOLTAIRE (Germany)

Beirut, Apr 21 — Container Carrier *CMA CGM Voltaire* (72760 gt, built 2001) while manoeuvring to leave Quay No. 16 at Beirut port on Apr 18, hit Crane STS No.5 of BCTC (Beirut Container Terminal Consortium), causing damage to the runner cable. A joint survey took place on the spot with the vessel's P&I Club. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Apr 24 — Container Carrier *CMA CGM Voltaire* passed through the Suez Canal, southbound, on Apr 20.

COMMANDER (Panama)

Piraeus, Apr 23 — Bulker *Commander* completed repairs and is waiting for inspection, scheduled for tomorrow. — Lloyd's Agents.

CRYSTAL CROWN (Malta)

Piraeus, Apr 23 — Refrigerated general cargo *Crystal Crown* did not call at Piraeus for repairs due to mechanical problems, but for bunkering. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Apr 24 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, refrigerated general cargo *Crystal Crown* was located 12.7 nautical miles from Piraeus, in lat 37 44 28.53N, long 23 42 51.24E, at 0013, UTC, today, course 172.8 deg, speed 10.2 knots.

DENEKULA (U.K.)

London, Apr 19 — A press report, dated today, states: A fishing vessel has been badly damaged after a serious fire broke out on board while it was in Fraserburgh Harbour. About 18 firefighters were called in to tackle the blaze on fishing (general) *Denekula* (251 gt, built 1986) this morning. The vessel caught fire shortly after 1030, UTC and firefighters using breathing apparatus extinguished it in about an hour. No-one was injured. Grampian Fire and Rescue Service said the vessel had been "well alight".

Grangemouth, Apr 23 — Fishing (general) *Denekula*: The fire damage sustained was minor and affected mainly light and hydraulic fittings, and paintwork. Work is in hand in carrying out repairs, and these are expected to be completed by the end of this week. — Lloyd's Agents.

DONAU (Belgium)

London, Apr 22 — Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Donau* sailed Houston 0800, Apr 19.

EASTWAY (Singapore)

Port Said, Apr 22 — Crude oil tanker *Eastway* completed repairs and sailed Apr 20. — Lloyd's Agents.

EKARMA-2 (Russia)

London, Apr 22 — Fishing (general) *Ekarma-2* arrived Busan Apr 13 and sailed same day.

EMINE (Malta)

London, Apr 24 — Bulker *Emine* was reported passing through the Straits of Gibraltar, into the Mediterranean, at 0952 hrs, Apr 23.

EVER HARVEST (Tuvalu)

Yokohama, Apr 25 — General cargo *Ever Harvest* (499 gt, built 1997), Chiba to Korea, laden with 2,500 tonnes of steel products, had a 10 degree list to portside, due to collapse of cargo six miles and 133 degrees from Irozaki Lighthouse at 0455, Apr 22. Vessel requested rescue and was towed to Chiba at 1515, same day. No water ingress or oil spill. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Ever Harvest* arrived Chiba Apr 22.)

EXCELSIOR

Kiel, Apr 25 — After completion of repairs, a fresh paint and investigations, general cargo *Excelsior* left the yard in Speyer and was passing Mainz on the Rhine on Apr 22. — Correspondent.

FALAK G. (Slovakia)

Rijeka, Apr 20 — General cargo *Falak G.* is still under arrest at Rijeka. — Lloyd's Agents.

FAST JULIA (Netherlands)

London, Apr 23 — General cargo *Fast Julia* sailed from Rotterdam at 0815 hrs, Apr 21, bound for Szczecin.

FEDERAL PROGRESS (Hong Kong)

London, Apr 21 — Bulker *Federal Progress* arrived Seven Islands Apr 19.

FIFITA 500 (Cook Islands)

Kiel, Apr 23 — General cargo *Fifita 500* (465 gt, built 1965) ran aground off Kiel when trying to pass "1/h Friedrichsort" (? Friedrichsort light-tower, lat 54 23N, long 10 12E) on the wrong side at 2330, Apr 20. After deballasting the ship was able to refloat itself at 0250, Apr 21. It was ordered to berth in the Scheer harbour, Kiel, until class renewal. The police have started an investigation into the accident. — Correspondent.

FINJA (Germany)

See under "Pollution".

FRAU NANCY (North Korea)

London, Apr 26 — A press report, dated Apr 25, states: General cargo *Frau Nancy* (1887 gt, built 1972), bound Algeria, taken in tow by tug *Lieni* after it was disabled due to engine problems, 12 miles north-west off Gozo yesterday afternoon. *Lieni* started towing her towards Malta Shipyards at 2200 hrs from 20 miles off after it drifted. *Lieni* arrived with the vessel off Grand Harbour at 0615 hrs and entered Malta Shipyards assisted by tug *Mari*. Vessel was secured at Parlatorio South Wharf, Malta Shipyards at 0800 hrs.

Valletta, Apr 26 — A local press report states: Tug Malta vessels went to the assistance of general cargo *Frau Nancy* after it encountered engine trouble 12 nautical miles north-west of Gozo on Tuesday (Apr 24) afternoon.

The vessel was bound for Algeria after stopping at Malta for bunkering services. Tug *Lieni* took *Frau Nancy* in tow at about 2200 hrs, when the cargo vessel was 20 nautical miles away, having drifted. *Lieni* arrived off Grand Harbour with the disabled vessel at about 0600 hrs, yesterday and was joined by another tug, *Mari*. The vessel was berthed at Parlatorio South Wharf, at the Drydocks. — Lloyd's Agents.

FREEK EN JANNY (Netherlands)

Kiel, Apr 23 — Fishing (general) *Freek en Janny* (363 gt, built 1984) ran aground close to the outer harbour of Den Helder on Apr 20. Tug *Jutter* refloated the vessel and towed it back into the harbour through the sea lock. — Correspondent.

FREITIND (Norway)

Trondheim, Apr 20 — The situation of general cargo *Freitind* has remained unchanged. — Lloyd's Agents.

FU ZHOU HAI (China)

London, Apr 20 — Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1425, UTC: Bulker *Fu Zhou Hai* is still under operational control by the authorities following the collision.

London, Apr 23 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS bulker *Fu Zhou Hai* was located stationary at Houston, in lat 29 43 33.36N, long 95 15 55.02W, at 1406, UTC, today.

GAS MONARCH (Bahamas)

London, Apr 19 — Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Gas Monarch* was reported passing through the Dover Straits on Apr 17, bound for Leixoes, where ETA Apr 20.

HERCULES (Faroe Islands)

Santiago, Apr 21 — At least one person was dead and eight more were missing today after a fire broke out on Faroe Islands fish factory *Hercules* (7805 gt, built 1991) off the coast of Chile, authorities said. The fire broke out in the engine-room of the vessel late yesterday, forcing the crew of more than 100 to evacuate. The crew were saved by foreign fishing vessels in the area off Chile's southern coastline, the navy and local media reported. "Of the crew of *Hercules*, most were rescued and are in good condition," Chile's navy said in a statement. "One was found dead on the ship and apparently eight others, of Chinese origin, are missing." *Hercules*, owned by Faroes-based Thor Fisheries Ltd., left Panama on Mar 24. The Navy said conditions were good and it was continuing its search for the missing crew. — Reuters.

London, Apr 22 — Understand fish factory *Hercules* is about 280 nautical miles south-west of the Chilean city of Ancud. More than 100 crew were evacuated following the fire, which started in the engine-room of the vessel. The Chilean navy said the rescued crew members were good condition. The navy is still searching for the missing crew.

Santiago, Apr 22 — At least one person was dead and 11 more were missing yesterday after a fire broke out

on fish factory *Hercules* off the coast of Chile, authorities said. The fire broke out in the engine-room of *Hercules* late on Friday (Apr 20), forcing the crew of more than 100 to evacuate. Although the navy said in a statement earlier in the day that eight were missing, a spokesman told Reuters the figure had risen to 11 and that all of them were of Chinese origin. — Reuters.

HIGH HARMONY (Panama)

London, Apr 22 — A United States Coast Guard press release dated Apr 21, states: The Coast Guard ordered product tanker *High Harmony* (28059 gt, built 2005) from its berth, where it was offloading its cargo of gasoline, to an outer anchorage in the Port of Long Beach early this morning due to its tanks reaching oxygen levels as high as 20 percent. Marine safety inspectors from the California State Lands Commission, who are responsible for monitoring these types of cargo transfers, reported the unsafe condition on board the vessel to the Coast Guard late Friday (Apr 20) night. The Captain of the Port determined that a significant hazard existed to the port and ordered the vessel to immediately cease cargo operations and vent its cargo tanks. Tank ships are required to operate an inert gas system (IGS) that pumps inert gas into their tanks as they offload their cargo in order to maintain oxygen levels below eight percent. Oxygen levels higher than eight percent may present an explosive hazard for some cargoes. *High Harmony* was ordered to move from its berth to an outer anchorage in the Port of Long Beach until an investigation into the cause of the high oxygen levels is complete.

HOHEWEG (Germany)

London, Apr 20 — Information received from Kiel, dated today, states: Fishing (general) *Hoheweg* is expected to be raised in Summer 2007 at the request of the water and shipping authority in Bremerhaven, as it is regarded as a navigational hazard. The salvage is expected to cost an estimated 400,000 Euros.

HSC GOTLANDIA (Sweden)

London, Apr 23 — Ferry *HSC Gotlandia*, now renamed *Gotlandia*, sailed from Falkenberg on Apr 18, bound for Visby.

HWA JAAN NO.16 (Taiwan)

London, Apr 19 — A press report, dated Apr 18, states: At 0446, Apr 17, the duty officer of the Falkland Government's Fisheries Department received a call from the Royal Falkland Islands Police to the effect that fishing (general) *Hwa Jaan No.16*, heading into Berkeley Sound to tranship its catch of squid to a waiting cargo ship, had grounded at Volunteer Point, home to extensive penguin colonies, including the Islands largest colony of King Penguins. Three local agency launches, a helicopter and another fishing vessel all attended the scene within an hour and a half, by which time the crew of 31 had abandoned the ship in three life

rafts. While the helicopter crew checked the vessel to ensure that no one remained on board, all the survivors were transferred to launches and taken to safety in Stanley. At 1018 hrs, the vessel sank some 4.3 nautical miles east-south-east of Eagle Point. A fisheries surveillance aircraft reported an oil slick approximately three nautical miles long by 3-400m wide drifting ESE and dissipating rapidly. The vessel was believed to have had 60 tonnes of gas oil on board. A further over-flight of the wreck scene the following day showed an oil slick emanating from the vessel extending around 400 m down tide to the south-east. No other patches of oil were visible to the west or north of the wreck site. A search made by launch close inshore and further offshore from the north end of Volunteer Beach southward, around Volunteer Rocks and the entrance to Volunteer Lagoon has also revealed no sign of any oil whatsoever. Harbour-master, Jon Clark, reports that the oil sheen spreading up to five miles from the vessel Apr 17, has now completely disappeared and although there has been little wind, it appears that the current spring tide, which can run at up to four knots, is assisting in dispersing the oil. In a report to the Acting Governor, councillors and other interested parties, Mr Clark gave his opinion that with the vessel now sunk in more than 50 metres of water, hydrostatic pressure should provide a reasonably controlled leaching of any further oil, which with the tide and a return to usual wind velocities, should disperse fairly quickly without appreciable environmental damage. Grant Munro of Falkland Islands Conservation, a non-governmental environmental watch group, was also of the opinion that long-term environmental damage resulting from this accident would be negligible. Speaking on the Falkland Islands Radio Service's News Direct programme, he said that while it was frustrating not to be able to do anything, in practical terms there was little to be done, except to continue to monitor the situation for any possible impact ashore.

IRAN BAGHAEI (Iran)

See "Belgium" under "Port State Control".

ISLAND CHAMPION (U.S.A.)

Seattle, Apr 24 — Fishing (general) *Island Champion*: Salvage company did not report any damage to the vessel but we are investigating. — Lloyd's Agents.

JANE (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Yokohama, Apr 20 — General cargo *Jane*, dragged anchor in heavy weather while anchored off Soma and ran aground in lat 37 54N, long 140 53E, at 0400, Apr 17. Water ingress has been reported in the vessel's engine-room. No oil spill reported. — Lloyd's Agents.

JET WAVE 3

London, Apr 24 — A press report, dated today, states: More than 100 tourists were safely rescued by the Krabi Marine Police today after a fire broke out on passenger *Jet Wave 3*, 85.52 gt, they were taking from Phuket to Koh Phi Phi Don. Phuket Marine Police Officer Lt Col Prathueng Srilamontree identified the vessel as *Jet Wave 3*, which departed from Rassada Harbour, Phuket, this morning bound for Koh Phi Phi Don. As the vessel was rounding the Maya Bay area of Koh Phi Phi Lei about 1100 hrs, a fire broke out in the engine-room. Frightened passengers rushed to the bow of the 32-metre vessel, where they waited until a number of speedboats dispatched by the Krabi Marine Police came to their rescue. All of the tourists were safely transported to Phi Phi Don Island, about 15 minutes away. There were no reports of injury or anyone abandoning ship. The 85-tonne vessel, one of four owned and operated by the Andaman Wave Master Company, continued to burn and later sunk. The apparent cause of the blaze was a fuel line leak, Col Prathueng said. Passengers were to be returned to Phuket later today free of charge if they desired. Marine Police will likely try to raise and remove the sunken vessel, he added.

KOBEE V (Panama)

Busan, Apr 25 — Passenger (cruise) *Kobee V* docked on the slipway at the premises of Sunjin Shipbuilding Co., Busan, Korea on Apr 16 for permanent repairs. The repairs are now in hand, but the schedule has not yet been fixed. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

KOL-179 (Poland)

London, Apr 25 — Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 0830, UTC: Trawler (All types) *Kol-179* (172 gt, built 1978) grounded in lat 55 03.7N, long 15 08.5E, at 2248, UTC, Apr 24. Vessel remains aground but there has been no leakage or pollution reported. Refloating attempts are anticipated today.

London, Apr 26 — Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 1100, UTC: Trawler (All types) *Kol-179* remains hard aground on rocks after attempts to refloat yesterday were unsuccessful. There are no tugs on scene at present. No apparent visible damage to vessel.

KYRIAKOS M. (Cyprus)

London, Apr 24 — Bulker *Kyriakos M.* passed through the Straits of Gibraltar at 1617 hrs, Apr 23, bound for Dakar, where ETA Apr 29.

LADY OF GRACE (U.S.A.)

London, Apr 26 — A Coast Guard Wood's Hole press release, dated Apr 25, states: Fishing (general) *Lady of Grace* was raised today and no bodies were discovered on board. *Lady of Grace* sank in approximately 50 feet of water 12 miles south of Hyannis, Mass., on Jan 26. The vessel was salvaged today by Donjon Marine Co, Inc, and placed on a deck barge. Once safely on board the barge, Massachusetts

State Police and Coast Guard investigators entered the vessel to recover any further bodies but were unable to conduct a complete search due to conditions inside the vessel. Investigators plan to re-enter the vessel with additional equipment tomorrow. Two crew remain missing since *Lady of Grace* sank. Two other crewmembers were recovered from the vessel by State Police divers earlier in the year. The Coast Guard enforced a safety zone around the vicinity throughout the operation, and a commercial environmental team, equipped with environmental response apparatus, was staged nearby and prepared to respond throughout the day in the event pollution became a concern as the vessel was lifted. No pollution was reported. The Coast Guard continues to investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident. (See issue of Feb 23.)

LAZARUS (Panama)

London, Apr 26 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: General cargo *Lazarus* (561 gt, built 1973) packed with more than 300 people hit a sandbar off Haiti, killing at least nine. The vessel was pulling out of port near the town of Jeremie when the impact caused the ferry to tip to one side, tossing dozens of people, including several children, into the sea. Rescuers recovered nine bodies. The number of missing was not known, but at least 47 people were hospitalised. The ferry, built to hold 250 people, had been making a weekly trip to the capital of Port-au-Prince and was loaded with commercial goods.

LEONIS (Panama)

London, Apr 23 — General cargo *Leonis* sailed from Grimsby at 1924, UTC, Apr 20, bound for Hull, arriving later the same day. (See issue of Apr 20.)

LIMNOS (Canada)

Troy, Michigan, Apr 24 — Research *Limnos* (460 gt, built 1968) was being towed through the Welland Canal, yesterday, by tugs *Seahound* and *Vac*. Understand it was due to engine problems. Heddle Marine in Hamilton would seem to be its likely destination. — Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

LS ANNE (Gibraltar)

London, Apr 26 — Combined chemical and oil tank *LS Anne* (2701 gt, built 2004) had “problems” off Poortershaven at 1700, yesterday and was towed away by tug *Arion*, under the supervision of a boat of the port of Rotterdam. (Note — *LS Anne* according to Lloyd’s MIU AIS, stationary at Vlaardingen at 0122, today.)

LUCIE-NICOLE (France)

Portsmouth, UK, Apr 23 — Fishing (general) *Lucie-Nicole* (158 gt, built 1990) is reported to have caught fire approximately 20 nautical miles to the south of Pointe de Beauduc (lat 43 22N, long 04 35E). The French authorities at once dispatched a Dauphin Naval helicopter, the high-speed motorboat

SNS152 out of Marseilles, as well as tug *Abeille Flandre*. The members of crew were recovered safely by nearby trawlers and then transferred to *SNS152*. — Correspondent.

LYSBLINK (NIS)

London, Apr 20 — Following received from Kiel, dated today: Yesterday morning general cargo *Lysblink* (7409 gt, built 2000) ran aground 500 metres off Terneuzen west harbour, on the River Scheldt, in fog. It was refloated by tugs *Hemiksem*, *Anton V* and *Multratug 16*. As it sustained no apparent damage, it was allowed to continue its voyage after completion of inspections. (Note — *Lysblink*, which had arrived Ghent at 0833 hrs, Apr 19, sailed from Ghent at 0245 hrs, today, bound for Zeebrugge. At 0942, UTC, the vessel was listed on Lloyd’s MIU AIS as alongside in Zeebrugge.)

MAGALLANES (Chile)

London, Apr 29 — Roll On Roll Off *Magallanes* sailed from Talcahuano, Chile, at 1712 hrs, Apr 18, bound for Puerto Montt, Chile, where ETA Apr 20.

MAISTROS BREEZE (Hong Kong)

London, Apr 25 — Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 0810, UTC: Bulker *Maistros Breeze* (17630 gt, built 1995), Riga for Peru, cargo ammonium nitrate, grounded in lat 55 41.3N, long 10 56.1E, at 1925, UTC, yesterday. Vessel refloated by itself after about two hours and anchored. It has been detained by Danish maritime authorities pending classification society inspection of its bottom; An investigation is planned to be carried out utilising divers.

London, Apr 26 — According to Lloyd’s MIU AIS, at 0205, UTC, today, bulker *Maistros Breeze* was in lat 56 13N, long 19 35E, on a course of 31.9 degs, at a speed of 12.9 knots.

London, Apr 26 — Bulker *Maistros Breeze* passed Skaw, southbound, at 1031 today.

MANILA BAY 1 (Philippines)

Manila, Apr 20 — Passenger ro/ro *Manila Bay 1*, which caught fire in February while being repaired, is still undergoing repairs at the Gothong Wharf, Pier No.7, in Mandaue City, in central Philippines. — Lloyd’s List Correspondent.

MARINE EAGLE (Panama)

London, Apr 23 — A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Marine Eagle* (2758 gt, built 1983) sustained engine failure nine miles south of Povorotny Point, Nakhodka Bay, Apr 17. Salvage tug *Topaz* was dispatched to the scene and towed *Marine Eagle* to port without incident on Apr 18. Note — *Marine Eagle* according to Lloyd’s MIU AIS, stationary in lat 37 30 23.16N, long 129 9 25.38E, 2.2 nautical miles from Donghae at 0252, today.)

London, Apr 24 — According to Lloyd’s MIU AIS, general cargo *Marine Eagle* was located 8.6 nautical miles from Samchok, in lat 37 28 06.62N,

long 129 15 57.9E, at 0905, UTC, Apr 23, course 122.4 deg, speed 7.9 knots.

MARINE ODYSSEY (Canada)

London, Apr 20 — Following received from Halifax RCC, timed 1340, UTC: Fishing (general) *Marine Odyssey* is still in the same position, unable to move due ice conditions. The vessel is not taking any water so the situation is not urgent.

MAULANA (Indonesia)

Jakarta, Apr 26 — An explosion on product tanker *Maulana* (1439 gt, built 1993) transporting diesel on Sumatra island’s Siak river killed four crew members, media reports said today. Fourteen other crew members escaped the fire on the vessel, which broke out yesterday, Elshinta radio reported. “The tanker just finished unloading diesel when it caught fire. So it was empty,” Toharso, a spokesman for Indonesia’s state-run oil company, Pertamina, was quoted by Detik.com as telling reporters. The official said that the vessel belonged to PT Pelumin, a firm involved in transporting fuel for Pertamina and was carrying 1,600 kilolitres of diesel from the Dumai processing unit. Police could not immediately be reached for comment. — Reuters.

London, Apr 26 — A press report, dated today, states: Product tanker *Maulana* that had just unloaded its cargo exploded on a Sumatran river yesterday, killing four crew members, police said. *Maulana* had delivered a load of diesel fuel and was returning to port in the afternoon when the explosion occurred, said police investigator Darul Qotnu. He said firefighters battled the blaze for two hours to bringing it under control. An electrical problem ignited fuel, touching off the blast. Qotnu said the master and 11 other survivors were being questioned by authorities. Tugs towed the charred ship out of traffic lanes on the Siak river.

MENASHA (Canada)

London, Apr 19 — At 0445 hrs, Apr 18, while escorting the bulk carrier *Nanticoke* in the St. Clair River near Sarnia, tug *Menasha* (132 gt, built 1949) lost main engine power and began drifting downstream. The tug anchored abeam off the Ready Mix dock and was waiting for assistance.

London, Apr 20 — Following received from Trenton JRCC, timed 0012, UTC: Tug *Menasha* proceeded under its own power and is now alongside at Sarnia.

MERIDIAN (U.K.)

London, Apr 24 — A press report, dated today, states: The search for fishing (general) *Meridian* which sank in the North Sea with the loss of four crew has finished without any trace being found. The search had resumed on Friday (Apr 20) following its interruption by winter weather conditions last year. A Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) spokesman said: “Regrettably, the vessel has not been located.” The families of the four crewmen have been

informed of the decision to end the search. Oceanographic research vessel *Kommandor Iona* left Aberdeen on Friday afternoon to continue the search.

METAN (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Apr 25 — A fire broke out on research *Metan* (169 gt, built 1969) at Makhachkala during the morning of Apr 25, according to a report from RBK with reference to the press service of the Emergency and Disaster Relief Ministry of the the Republic of Dagestan. The fire occurred in one of the internal sections after which the fire spread to other accommodation areas. The total fire area was about 30 square metres. As a result of the incident one person died and one was hospitalised. — Correspondent.

MIGHTY MICHALIS (Malta)

London, Apr 20 — Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1435, UTC: Bulker *Mighty Michalis* (35055 gt, built 1983) had minor galley fire at Mile 147, River Mississippi, at 0740, UTC. The fire was quickly contained. The vessel is currently restricted to Mile 147.

London, Apr 24 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulker *Mighty Michalis* was located 1.3 nautical miles from Avondale, La, in lat 29 55 18.6N, long 90 12 16.2W, at 0545, UTC, Apr 22, course 088 deg, speed 11.6 knots.

MISS MARY (U.S.A.)

London, Apr 25 — A Coast Guard Seattle press release, dated Apr 23, states: Fishing *Miss Mary* (88 gt, built 1979) with three people on board capsized Saturday (Apr 21) near La Push, Wash. At 1414 hrs, the crew of fishing *Lady Cecilia* contacted the Coast Guard to report that *Miss Mary* capsized 24 miles west of Cape Johnson. Minutes later, an HH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew from Air Station Port Angeles, Wash, and a motor lifeboat crew from Station Quillayute River were launched to assist. After the master of *Lady Cecilia* reported that his crew had rescued the crew of *Miss Mary*, the Coast Guard helicopter and motor lifeboat were diverted to respond to a separate case involving a vessel taking on water. *Lady Cecilia* reported that the three crewmen were uninjured and later transported them safely to shore. The capsized vessel is believed to have sunk sometime Saturday night, approximately 22 miles off the coast, leaving a sheen 50 yards wide and two miles long in a location inside the boundary of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. *Miss Mary* has the potential to hold 1,500 gallons of diesel fuel.

London, Apr 25 — Following received from Coast Guard Seattle, timed, 0940, UTC: Fishing *Miss Mary*, official No.609919, was last reported in lat 47 54.1N, long 125 15.8W. An overflight was made two days ago and no oil sheen or debris was sighted

MOGAMIGAWA (Japan)

London, Apr 25 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: The attack submarine *Newport News* came home early today after a Jan 8 collision with Japanese crude oil tanker *Mogamigawa* in the Persian Gulf took the vessel out of operational status while deployed. No one was injured on board the submarine or the tanker but both vessels were damaged in the incident. The collision was blamed on the Venturi effect, in which the passing tanker created a suction effect, drawing the submerged submarine into the tanker as it overtook the sub. *Newport News* spent time on its deployment under repair by Navy teams in Bahrain. Cmdr. Matthew Weingart was relieved of command after the collision. Capt. Norm Moore came on board as skipper until Feb 16, when Capt. Dan Forney took command and brought the vessel back to Norfolk.

MOHAMAD M (Georgia)

London, Apr 20 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 2319, UTC, Apr 19: general cargo *Mohamad M* refloated by its own means and is now in port at Kos.

Piraeus, Apr 24 — General cargo *Mohamad M* sailed to Kos for inspection after grounding on Apr 19. After it was ascertained that the vessel had sustained no damage she sailed on Apr 22 for Syria. — Lloyd's Agents.

MORRIS J. BERMAN (U.S.A.)

London, Apr 23 — A fund to compensate Puerto Rico for damages from a 1994 oil spill will be used to build an artificial reef, create a shoreline nature reserve and restore the walls of a Spanish colonial fort, trustees said yesterday. Nearly \$10 million for restoration projects was included in a settlement with those responsible for a barge that ran aground off the coast of San Juan, spilling 750,000 gallons of heavy oil. For weeks, the oil slick stained beaches and lagoons around the capital's reef-fringed coast. Gov. Anibal Acevedo Vila said the projects mark a turning point in the island's recovery. "We have learned that a positive outcome can result from a negative event," Acevedo said. In an effort to restore sealife habitats, cement modules will be installed in a lagoon one mile from the grounding site to create a reef. Marine sediment will also be used to fill dredge holes and boost the recovery of seagrass. About \$2.6 million will be used to buy 270 acres of private shoreline property for use as a nature reserve. The land east of San Juan is home to more than 40 species of rare plants and animals, including endangered leatherback sea turtles, officials said. An oceanside walkway along the 16th century Fort San Felipe del Morro will be extended, and about 25,000 square feet of its walls will be cleaned and restored. *Morris J. Berman* barge spilled half its load of heating oil when it smashed into a coral reef on Jan. 7, 1994. Under a settlement with the U.S. government, the Caribbean Petroleum Corporation and two

insurers were required to reimburse federal and local governments for the cost of removing the oil from beaches and Caribbean waters.

MSC SEBNEM (Turkey)

Bucharest, Apr 23 — Container Carrier *MSC Sebnem* (8908 gt, built 1991) arrived Constantza Apr 22 to discharge/load containers. About 1600, Apr 22, while under berthing manoeuvring, it contacted Berth No 121 with its bulbous bow. The incident resulted in damage to both the vessel's bulbous bow and the quay. Investigations, surveys and damage assessment by Harbour-master Office, Constantza Port Administration and berth owners/operators are in progress. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *MSC Sebnem* was located in lat 44 6 11.34N, long 28 39 34.8E, Constantza port, at 1701 today.)

London, Apr 25 — Container Carrier *MSC Sebnem* sailed from Constantza on Apr 24, bound for Trabzon.

NEW ANHUI (Hong Kong)

London, Apr 26 — A press report, dated today, states: A seaman and his wife were killed this morning following a fire on board bulker *New Anhui* (10511 gt, built 1984) under repair in a Shanghai shipyard. One seaman was injured. The fire broke out around 1000 today in the seamen's living quarters on the *New Anhui* in Lifeng Shipyard near Xupu Bridge. Fire brigades rushed to the scene and extinguished the fire in half an hour. The cause of the fire is unknown and an inquiry into the accident is under way. (Note — *New Anhui* arrived Shanghai Apr 11.)

NOGAT (Cyprus)

London, Apr 23 — Following received from Coast Guard Cleveland, timed 1355, UTC: Bulker *Nogat* (11848 gt, built 1999), Milwaukee for Montreal, cargo corn, ran soft aground on Lake St.Clair, in lat 42 37N, long 82 31W, at 1833, UTC, Apr 22. Vessel was refloated with tug assistance at 0015, UTC, Apr 23. There was no damage and no pollution and vessel continued for Montreal.

London, Apr 24 — Bulker *Nogat* grounded in lat 43 37 00N, long 82 31 20W, at 1325, EDST, Apr 22. Freed with tug assistance 0020, Apr 23. Investigation by USCG and MCTS Sarnia.

NORB WHITLOCK (U.S.A.)

London, Apr 24 — Two miles of Mississippi River are closed as Coast Guard investigators from Marine Safety Unit Baton Rouge respond to a vessel collision near Geismar, La. Combined chemical and oil tank *Stolt Creativity* (24625 gt, built 1997) and tank barge *Norb Whitlock* (972 gt, built 1974) were in collision, while crossing near Geismar at about 1300, Apr 23. The collision resulted in one of *Norb Whitlock's* 16 barges, which was loaded with salt, sinking approximately 800 feet from the right descending bank. The river is closed for a two mile stretch between mile markers 182 and 184, and will remain closed until the

Coast Guard is able to determine the location of the salt barge and if navigation through the area is safe. Both vessels were travelling up river at the time of the collision. No pollution or injuries resulted from the collision. The Coast Guard is investigating the cause of the incident.

London, Apr 25 — Information received, dated New Orleans today, states: Tank barge *Norb Whitlock*/Combined chemical and oil tank *Stolt Creativity* collision: The US Coast Guard has revised the safety zone for Miles 183 to 181 of the Mississippi River. The revision allows vessels with a draught of 30 feet or less to continue to move around-the-clock. Vessels with a draught greater than 30 feet are permitted to transit the area only during daylight. One-way transits will be co-ordinated by the Vessel Traffic Centre. (See issue of Apr 25.)

London, Apr 25 — Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1500, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Stolt Creativity* did not sustain any damage in the collision with tank barge *Norb Whitlock*. The restriction is still in place for vessels with draughts of over 30 feet between Miles 182 and 184, River Mississippi, due to the sunken barge. (See issue of Apr 26.)

London, Apr 25 — The US Coast Guard has revised the Safety Zone for Miles 183 to 181 of the Mississippi River because of the sunken barge. The revision allows vessels with a draft of 30 feet or less to continue to move around-the-clock. Vessels with a draft greater than 30 feet are permitted to transit the area only during daylight. One-way transits will be coordinated by the Vessel Traffic Centre.

NORDKAPP (NIS)

Kiel, Apr 24 — Passenger ro/ro *Nordkapp* is scheduled to depart Bredo Yard, Bremerhaven, at 1500 tomorrow for Bergen after completion of repairs. — Correspondent.

NORTHERN ADVENTURE (Canada)

London, Apr 24 — Passenger ro/ro *Northern Adventure* (9925 gt, built 2004) reported a partial propeller failure in lat 53 15N, long 132 05W, at 1640, PDST, Apr 16, while en route in Skidegate Harbour, Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C.

OZERSK (Russia)

London, Apr 23 — Refrigerated general cargo *Ozersk* was reported arriving at Jinhae on Apr 17.

PACIFIC PATRIOT (U.S.A.)

London, Apr 25 — Following received from Coast Guard Juneau, timed 0010, UTC: Tank barge *PM 230* (1510 gt, built 1983) carrying 800,000 gallons of fuel was set adrift briefly late Apr 23, near Pennock Island in Tongass Narrows when the tow line from tug *Pacific Patriot* (106 gt, built 1980), WYE5464, parted. The incident occurred after the tug controlling the barge lost power. The barge has since been recovered and is being towed to Ketchikan. The Coast Guard is requiring the barge operator, Sea Coast

Transportation, to conduct a full underwater damage survey. (Note — *Pacific Patriot* at Ketchikan, in lat 55 20 1.8N, long 131 37 45.12W at 0008, UTC, today.)

London, Apr 25 — A press report, dated Apr 24, states: The Coast Guard says tank barge *PM 230*, carrying about 800,000 gallons of fuel, nearly ran aground yesterday afternoon on Pennock Island, Ketchikan. The barge was being pulled by tug *Pacific Patriot* which lost power and the barge floated close to the island. Ketchikan tug *Jennie B*, raced south-east through Tongass Narrows to help. But Coast Guard Chief Mark Dilenge says *Pacific Patriot* regained power within 30 minutes and was able to regain control of the barge. Coast Guard Petty Officer Nicholas Crews was one of the responders, he says the barge appeared to be right against the shore when the tug regained control. The Coast Guard has ordered a survey to determine whether the barge was damaged. The agency says it appears no fuel was spilled.

PALMETTO (Antigua & Barbuda)

Haiti, Apr 20 — General cargo *Palmetto* (4004 gt, built 1997) sailed Port au Prince Apr 5, but had engine trouble and returned Apr 8. She left after finishing unloading. — Lloyd's Agents.

PEACH MOUNTAIN (Hong Kong)

London, Apr 22 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulker *Peach Mountain* was located 6.6 nautical miles from Shanghai, in lat 31 21 36.78N, long 121 30 02.7E, at 0900, UTC, today, course 143.6 deg, speed 5.2 knots.

PERE CHARLES (Republic of Ireland)

London, Apr 24 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: The Minister for Transport, Martin Cullen has given the go ahead for the raising of the trawler (All types) *Pere Charles*. Minister Cullen today met with the families of the five men who perished at sea last January. The Dunmore East trawler sank off Hook Head last January, claiming the lives of all five fishermen on board. Speaking in Waterford today the Minister said that given the issues raised by the families it was important to review all procedures involved. The wreck, which is located three miles off the Hook, was searched by naval divers but no bodies were found. Some family members believe there is still a possibility that some bodies could be on board and want the vessel raised. Minister Cullen said that raising the vessel would give everybody definitive answers to questions that had been asked by the families. The families of the crew expressed their relief at the decision and said they could finally have closure.

PHOENIX BETA (Hong Kong)

London, Apr 23 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS crude oil tanker *Phoenix Beta* was in lat 18 04 51N, long

63 54 29W, at 0921, UTC, Apr 20, speed 15.7 knots, course 48 degrees.

PM 230 (U.S.A.)

See *Pacific Patriot*.

PORTUNUS (U.K.)

London, Apr 19 — Fishing (general) *Portunus* sailed from Lowestoft previous to Apr 16.

QUEEN OF THE NORTH (Canada)

London, Apr 23 — A press report, dated Apr 22, states: While B.C. Ferries officials mull over a report on options to remove diesel fuel from passenger ro/ro *Queen of the North*, another report says it's likely most of the fuel on board spilled as the hull was torn before the ferry sank. The consultant's report, obtained by The Canadian Press under the Freedom of Information Act, said it is likely that a substantial portion of the fuel on board spilled during the initial grounding on Gil Island. There's no estimate in the report on how much of the 220,000 litres of diesel could have spilled in the minutes before the ship sank but the total area of visible fuel sheen on the water after the spill was in the range of 340 square kilometres. The report, called *Queen of the North Environmental Monitoring Review*, was prepared last November for B.C. Ferries by Coastal & Ocean Resources Inc., a consulting service in geological and environmental sciences. Meanwhile, B.C. Ferries compiled a report outlining all the options it has around the fuel issue and forwarded it to the Canadian Coast Guard, asking for an opinion. The coastguard's recommendations went back to the company last week for a final decision from the ferry operator. The consultant's report and other documents contained in the information package say 89 kilometres of shoreline were damaged by the spill and samples of shellfish in some areas showed initial contamination, but after several months, contamination levels dropped to below detection limits.

RAVANDA (Turkey)

Koper, Apr 23 — General cargo *Ravanda* sailed from shipyard Izola on Apr 18. The shipyard confirmed that the vessel has settled the repair costs due to them. *Ravanda* has shifted to Koper anchorage. — Lloyd's Agents.

REEF ZANZIBAR (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Apr 26 — Following received from the operators of roll on roll off *Reef Zanzibar*, dated today: *Reef Zanzibar* is still at Zanzibar anchorage, unrepared. We are presently negotiating with another company who may wish to purchase the vessel and effect necessary repairs.

RHINE FOREST (Marshall Islands)

See *CG K79*.

ROKIA DELMAS (Panama)

Nantes, Apr 20 — Roll On Roll Off Container Car *Rokia Delmas*, which ran onto a sandbank on Oct 24, 2006,

has now entered the weight-lightening stage, prior to the removal of the hull. After rescuing the crew, cleaning up the tanks of hydrocarbons, removing the containers and the accessible bundles of wood, the weight-lightening stage began in March. The upper-parts of the hull, above deck 3, are to be pre-cut, before being removed by barge-crane *Rambiz* at the start of April and transported to the shore. This will allow the hull removal stage to begin afterwards. All these stages are to be led with the utmost respect for environmental protection. During all of these stages *Rokia Delmas* has proved the high-resistance of its structure, it has resisted to the winter season storms, to the equinoctial tides and even on Apr 2, to an accidental fire. — Lloyd's Agents.

ROVUMA (Mozambique)

Beira, Apr 23 — At 0730, local time, Apr 21, dredger *Rovuma*, operated by Emofraga, Beira, sank at the port of Beira due to water ingress in the engine-room through a water-tight door which had been left open. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Apr 24 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: One of Mozambique's few dredging vessels, the dredger *Rovuma*, sank on Saturday (Apr 21) in the central port of Beira. There was no loss of life, and the port authorities, cited by Mozambican Television, said the stricken dredger posed no threat to maritime safety. The causes of the accident are not yet known, but the vessel's owner, the state-owned dredging company Emodraga, suspects it may have hit a hidden wreck. *Rovuma* is 45 years old. It arrived in Mozambique in the early 1970s, before the country's independence, and has been operating in Beira since 2000. This accident occurred when *Rovuma* has just three more months of life left. It was due to be scrapped in July, when a new dredging vessel should arrive from Japan. A commission has been set up to establish the causes of Saturday's accident, and to move the dredger away from the port.

London, Apr 26 — A press report, dated Apr 25, states: A team of South African divers has been working since yesterday to try and refloat dredger *Rovuma*, which sank at the entrance to the port of Beira on Saturday (Apr 21) morning. Neither the owner of the vessel, EMODRAGA, nor any other Mozambican institution, has the technical capacity to refloat *Rovuma*, hence the decision to hire a South African company to do the job. It is not yet clear why *Rovuma* sank, although it is thought that it may have hit a long sunken vessel lying on the ocean floor. EMODRAGA was planning to scrap *Rovuma* by June, by which time a modern dredger, imported from Japan, is expected to arrive in the country. A team consisting of technical staff from EMODRAGA, the ports and rail company, CFM, the Maritime Administration, and the National Hydrography and Navigation Institute has been working to determine the real

causes of the accident. The Deputy Transport Minister, Ernesto Augusto, and the National Director of Maritime Administration and Safety, Abdula Charifo, visited Beira to learn first hand of the situation.

ROZEN (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

See "Somalia" under "Piracy".

SAMAR STAR (Philippines)

Manila, Apr 20 — Private surveyors and maritime regulatory authorities have found no major damage to the hull, propeller and rudder of ferry *Samar Star*. The vessel underwent an underwater survey and safety inspection by Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) inspectors and insurance surveyors after it docked at Cebu port yesterday. *Samar Star* will immediately resume operations once clearances from the MARINA are obtained, officials of Maypalad Shipping Lines said. MARINA is the state regulatory agency for the local shipping industry. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

SAMOTHRAKI (Greece)

Piraeus, Apr 26 — Product tanker *Samothraki* is scheduled to complete repairs on May 16. — Lloyd's Agents.

SAN REMO (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Apr 26 — Following received from Gothenburg RCC, timed 1020, UTC: General cargo *San Remo* (1283 gt, built 1965), Szczecin for Honsater, cargo 1,197 tonnes of sugar beet pulp pellets, grounded outside Gothenburg, in lat 57 39.3N, long 11 42.7E, at 0126, UTC, today. At 0500, UTC, information was received that vessel had been refloated and had anchored for diving inspection.

SANMAR SYMPHONY (India)

London, Apr 19 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Sanmar Symphony* was reported arriving at Taomasina, Madagascar, on Apr 14 and sailing on Apr 17.

SEA DIAMOND (Greece)

London, Apr 22 — A press report, dated today, states: The island of Santorini is threatened by an oil slick leaking from passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond*, which sank near its shores over two weeks ago, a Greek newspaper reported today. "Ethnos" reported that the oil slick had broken through floating barriers to spread to a distance of five kilometres from the site of the shipwreck, a bay near the island port of Fyra. Santorini's regional governor told the newspaper that the government had not indicated what it intended to do about the estimated 450 tonnes of fuel believed to be contained in the vessel's tanks. "We know of no plan, which company will handle the operation, the timetable, nothing," said Dimitris Bailas, prefect of the Cycladic islands that Santorini is part of. "We have not even been told what chemicals are on board." Yesterday, the head of Greenpeace in Greece accused the

government of "criminal" delays. "Two weeks have gone by and no decision has been made (to drain the fuel)," Greenpeace Hellas director Nikos Haralambidis said. "This delay is criminal." Santorini's local authorities have threatened to sue the vessel's owners for damage to the island's economy and environment. The operators of *Sea Diamond*, Cyprus-based Louis Hellenic Cruise Lines, today took out full-page advertisements in newspapers to insist they were taking "all necessary clean-up measures." "We immediately sent the best clean-up company on site and (the operation) is proceeding speedily at our own cost," Louis said. "We are taking every measure to minimise consequences to the environment." The master and five officers of the vessel have been charged with causing a shipwreck through negligence, breaching international shipping safety regulations and polluting the environment.

London, Apr 24 — A press report, dated today, states: While the master of passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* testified before a senior Port Authority official yesterday, authorities and locals on Santorini complained about an alleged lack of planning for the environmental clean-up off the island's coast. The master, Yiannis Marinos, testified for over 10 hours about his actions prior to the sinking of the vessel. Sources said that Marinos responded to dozens of technical questions regarding the course of the vessel, the actions taken by crew members and the condition of the ship. Marinos's responses to the questions were not made public. More crew members are to testify in due course. In a related development, the Panhellenic Union of Navigating Officers yesterday sent a memorandum to Merchant Marine Minister Manolis Kefaloyiannis, claiming that *Sea Diamond* would not have sunk if there had been a navigating officer on board. Meanwhile on Santorini, local authorities and residents complained that no plan had been drafted for removing hundreds of tons of fuel from the sunken ship. Oia's community president, Giorgos Halaris, said that he had been promised a plan by the ministry but had allegedly received nothing. A group of Oia residents are preparing a petition to demand the immediate syphoning of the vessel's fuel tanks. Experts yesterday said that fuel was leaking out of the sunken vessel slowly but steadily.

SEA HANA (Malta)

Piraeus, Apr 19 — On Mar 26, salvage tug *SB-408* was fixed off Socotra while en route to Djibouti to assist with towage of vehicle carrier *Sea Hana*, in ballast condition, following her engine problem en route from Colombo to Mormugao. *Sea Hana* towage was completed successfully and she was delivered to her owner at a safe port/place at Mormugao anchorage on Apr 10. — Tsavliris Salvage Group.

Mumbai, Apr 21 — Vehicle carrier *Sea Hana* (at Mormugao) is still undergoing

repairs and it will take one more week for the repairs to be completed. — Lloyd's Agents.

SEA SPRAY (U.S.A.)

Seattle, Apr 23 — Tank barge *Sea Spray* is no longer a tank barge, it now carries dry cargo on deck. Vessel righted afternoon of Apr 20. Schedule for resumption of service unknown but assume by month's end. — Lloyd's Agents.

SEALTH (U.S.A.)

Seattle, Apr 20 — Roll On Roll Off *Sealth* had rudder failure during cross sound passage and will be out of service for approximately five days. — Lloyd's Agents.

SEAPOWET (Bahamas)

London, Apr 23 — Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1430, UTC: Combined bulk and oil carrier *Seapowet* (41189 gt, built 1992) lost main engine power 65 nautical miles south of Mobile, in approximately lat 29 10N, long 87 43W, at 1600, UTC, Apr 20. Vessel effected temporary repairs and proceeded but the engine failed again and the vessel had to be towed into Pensacola, where it was safely anchored at an offshore anchorage. Permanent repairs are to be effected at this location.

London, Apr 25 — Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1405, UTC: Combined bulk and oil carrier *Seapowet* is still anchored 20 miles off Panama City, Florida, undergoing repairs, with ETC in around one week.

SELENITOVYY (Russia)

London, Apr 25 — Refrigerated general cargo *Selenitovyy* sailed from Nakhodka on Apr 20, bound for Svetlaya.

SHIRANE (Panama)

London, Apr 21 — Bulker *Shirane* sailed Newcastle Apr 17.

SHUNLIAN 9 (Cambodia)

Yokohama, Apr 20 — General cargo *Shunlian 9* (1210 gt, built 1990) had a fire in its cargo of scrap at 1600, Apr 16, while loading at Teizan No 3 wharf, Shioyama. The fire was brought under control by the fire service and a patrol vessel at 0848, Apr 17. No injuries were reported. — Lloyd's Agents.

Yokohama, Apr 25 — General cargo *Silver Arrow* (3552 gt, built 1980) while manoeuvring to berth at Teizan No.4 pier in Shioyama, was in contact with the port quarter of general cargo *Shunlian 9* (1210 gt, built 1990) at berth and hit the pier by the stern of *Silver Arrow* at 1143, Apr 19. *Silver Arrow* sustained scratching damage to its stern and bottom while *Shunlian 9* sustained damage to its ventilator and light damage to part of a car stopper on the pier. No water ingress or oil spill. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Shunlian 9* was located 7.1 nautical miles from Kakogawa, in lat 34 35 20.84N, long 134 52 32.4E, at 1800, Apr 25, course 248.7 deg, speed 11.4 knots.)

SICHEM ANELINE

(Marshall Islands)

London, Apr 23 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS Combined chemical and oil tank *Sichem Aneline* was still moored at Montreal at 1335, UTC, today.

London, Apr 26 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Sichem Aneline*, which was berthed at Section 57, Pipeline Vopak, Montreal, until yesterday, has now sailed Montreal and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, was located 5.8 nautical miles from Pointe aux Trembles, in lat 45 42 58.9N, long 73 26 02.11W, at 0227, UTC, today, course 26.6 deg, speed 13.3 knots.

SILVER ARROW (Belize)

See *Shunlian 9*.

SOLOM (Cyprus)

Buenos Aires, Apr 24 — Sub-agents at San Nicolas report: Bulker *Solon* (25169 gt, built 1987), loaded with approximately 35,000 tonnes of grain, grounded at Km. 315.5, Parana River, on the left side margin on Apr 22 during down river navigation. Refloated with the assistance of tugs *Ciclon* and *Ona Temple* on Apr 23. Currently undergoing Coast Guard after grounding inspections at Ramallo Roads in order to resume her voyage. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Solon* arrived San Lorenzo (Arg) Apr 19 from Las Palmas and ETA Cape Town May 8. According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, vessel in lat 34 41 19.28S, long 57 56 35.63W, at 1812 today, speed 11.4 knots.)

London, Apr 26 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulker *Solon* was located 34.7 nautical miles from Montevideo, in lat 35 10 02.95S, long 56 46 48.48W, at 0004, UTC, Apr 25, course 92.4 deg, speed 11 knots.

SOUTHERN MOANA (Italy)

London, Apr 20 — Following received from Rome MRCC, timed 0900, UTC: General cargo *Southern Moana* refloated by its own power. Understand that the vessel has continued for the Wallis and Futuna Islands, as it was confirmed that no damage was sustained. (See issue of Apr 20.)

London, Apr 23 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Southern Moana*, in lat 18 13 58.84S, long 178 20 59.24E, 7.5 nautical miles off Suva, speed 12.9 knots, at 0742, Apr 22.

STAR FERRY 1 (Philippines)

Manila, Apr 25 — Roll On Roll Off *Star ferry 1* entered Philippine Trigon Shipyard's drydock on Apr 21, shipyard officials said. Repair work has begun to cracks on the hull on the forward port and starboard side of the ship. — Correspondent.

STOLT CREATIVITY

(Cayman Islands)

See *Norb Whitlock*.

STOLT GANNET (Cayman Islands)

London, Apr 23 — Chemical tanker *Stolt Gannet* was reported arriving at Moerdijk at 0815, UTC, Apr 20.

SUCHADA NAREE (Thailand)

Hull, Apr 20 — During the early hours of Apr 19, whilst bulker *Suchada Naree* was discharging a cargo of palm kernels (at Immingham), a mechanical Bobcat digger caught fire. The fire brigade attended and the vehicle was extinguished using water. No damage was caused to the vessel, which is due to sail from the port early p.m., today. Damage to the bobcat digger is extensive. Also there is some wetting damage to approximately 250 tonnes of cargo. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Apr 23 — Bulker *Suchada Naree* sailed from Immingham at 1938, UTC, Apr 20, bound for Norway.

SUNSHINE (Panama)

London, Apr 25 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: Turkish sailors found drifting in life boats after their vessel sunk in the Mediterranean have been rescued by a passing Royal Navy warship. General cargo *Sunshine* (1214 gt, built 1979) had sunk two days earlier and her 11 crew had run out of food and water when they were sighted by Plymouth-based *HMS Montrose*. The frigate's doctor found them to be fine but emotionally traumatised. The vessel was en route from Sicily to Egypt with a cargo of marble when it went down in high seas on Sunday (Apr 22). All of the crew survived. After a medical check on *HMS Montrose* they were given food and drink and a set of clean clothes and were being transferred to Turkish naval ship *TCG Gokceada*.

London, Apr 25 — A press report, dated today, states: Frigate *Montrose* yesterday rescued 11 Turkish seamen who were found drifting helplessly in two small boats after their ship, general cargo *Sunshine*, sank two days earlier. *Montrose* on transit across the Mediterranean while conducting maritime security operations, found the desperate sailors without food and water after the sinking of their vessel. *Sunshine* was en route from Trapani to Port Said with a cargo of marble. The master reported that the ship sank at 1700, Sunday. The ship rolled 90 degrees and within 10 minutes it had sunk with all crew surviving. The master of the ship said they ran out of provisions yesterday. All the Turkish sailors were in pretty good condition, however they were quite traumatised by the ordeal and very hungry and wet. Temporary camp beds were provided on board the frigate for the transit to the Turkish naval ship *TCG Gokceada* for a 2100 hrs transfer on board this evening. On completion of the transfer the survivors will be taken to the Turkish naval base at Aksaz near Marmaris.

SUPERFERRY 9 (Philippines)

Manila, Apr 20 — Afloat repairs are still being carried out on roll on roll off *Superferry 9* at Keppel Cebu Shipyard in Cebu island, central Philippines. The vessel will then be drydocked for repairs to its engine. *Superferry 9* stalled while travelling between Bacolod and Iligan in central Philippines on Feb 20 and had to be

towed to Iloilo port where attempts were made to repair its engine. This proved unsuccessful and the vessel was towed to Keppel Cebu Shipyard with its more sophisticated repair facilities. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

TASSILI II (Algeria)

Genoa, Apr 22 — Passenger ro/ro *Tassili II* is still lying afloat at Genoa, under repairs entrusted to San Giorgio shipyard, mainly consisting of major repairs to machinery, electrical installations and renewal of insulation. ETS unknown. — Lloyd's Agents.

TAURUS

(St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Mombasa, Apr 20 — General cargo *Taurus* (9698 gt, built 1981) docked Berth No. 5, Mombasa, on Apr 10 to discharge 11,000 tonnes bulk coal belonging to Athi River Portland Cement Co. Ltd. She caught fire in No.3 hold on Apr 15 and the port fire brigade are still fighting the fire. The cause of fire has not been established but spontaneous combustion is highly suspected. The affected hold was kept shut from the inception of the fire and is being doused with water to keep the temperatures down. The intended discharge from the affected hold was this morning stood over when fire pockets were traced in the cargo. The decision taken was to continue cooling the cargo until it is safe to discharge. The ship's local agents are Express Shipping Co. Ltd. — Lloyd's Agents.

THEARESTON (Panama)

London, Apr 21 — Bulker *Theareston* sailed Durban Apr 18 for Richards Bay.

TORANI (Guyana)

London, Apr 23 — A press report, dated Apr 19, states: Vehicle owners aboard ferry *Torani* (560 gt, built 1960) were stranded for more than two hours on Monday (Apr 16) night after the door of the vessel got stuck. They were only able to disembark after a truck was summoned to pull open the door. A passenger said he boarded the vessel around 1900 hrs at Rosignol and got to New Amsterdam around 1920 hrs. He said workers tried for a long time but were unable to get the door open. Some minutes after 2100 hrs, he said, the workers brought a truck and tied a rope onto it to pull the door open. Luckily, he said, foot passengers were able to exit the vessel from the upper deck and only vehicles were affected. Another passenger told Stabroek News he had to endure three hours of waiting in the line before he finally got onto the vessel and instead of getting home early "I was stranded for so long because of the faulty door." It is observed that the vessel *Makouria* which was sent to dry dock for repairs, resumed operations from yesterday. A source also disclosed that soon *Torani* would be sent to dry dock and the pontoon would again have to ply the route with the other vessel. Last Sunday night passengers on board the pontoon were also delayed for about two hours after the steering cut and

the captain lost control and slammed into the Rosignol stelling and a few fishing boats.

UAL HOUSTON (Bahamas)

London, Apr 23 — Understand general cargo *UAL Houston* (6714 gt, built 1998), European ports for Angola, laden with oil well equipment shipped under a total of 76 Bills of Lading, experienced problems with its stern tube Mar 31. The vessel put back to Las Palmas where part cargo has been discharged and placed into storage to allow the vessel to drydock so that the necessary repairs can be carried out. It is hoped that repairs will be completed by Apr 24, following which it will take approximately three days to backload cargo. The vessel's ETA at Soyo, Angola, is May 13. As a result of the incident the owners have declared general average. (Note — *UAL Houston* sailed Antwerp Mar 24, arrived Leixoes 1741, ar 26, sailed 2035, same day, arrived Las Palmas 0400 Mar 29, sailed 1400 same day and was last reported by Lloyd's MIU AIS moored at Las Palmas Apr 6.)

Las Palmas, Apr 23 — General cargo *UAL Houston* arrived at Las Palmas with a failure of reduction gear. It was necessary to carry out unloading operations of the cargo in order to drydock the vessel at Astican Shipyard. The vessel completed repairs and left the shipyard during the weekend (Apr 21-22). It went back to the port where early today it restarted loading operations in order to continue its voyage. — Lloyd's Agents.

ULRIKE (Germany)

Flushing, Apr 25 — A 350 tons crane fell over the inland general cargo *Ulrike* (1871 dwt, built 1972), homeport Eussenheim, in the Hardenberghafen, Dortmund, at 0910, local time, Apr 23. The crane driver fell from his cabin on the hatches of the ship and was seriously injured. He was taken to the hospital Klinikum-Nord. His condition is critical and he is still unconscious. The skipper and his wife were not hurt, but the vessel had serious damage and had a few small leaks. The crane is so seriously damaged, that according the police, it has only scrap value. How this accident happened is still unknown. The crane, which had been built in 1970 and belonged to the transshipment company Rhenus, was not lifting any cargo at the time of the accident. The transshipment of coal in the Hardenberghafen has been stopped and the salvage of the crane will take a few days. The authorities are investigating the cause of the accident. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Apr 25 — Clearing up of the accident site in the industry harbour of Dortmund is due to start today, after a coal crane crashed onto general cargo *Ulrike*. The hull became warped and has some water ingress but the vessel's pumps are able to keep up with the water. If the situation deteriorates the fire brigade is ready to help. On Apr 27 three mobile cranes are to lift off the crane wreckage from the ship's deck. — Correspondent.

VANS QUEEN (Liberia)

London, Apr 22 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, roll on roll off container carrier *Vans Queen* was still at Wilhelmshaven as of 0911, UTC, today.

VIRTUSU (Isle of Man)

Kiel, Apr 26 — General cargo *Virtusu* (2658 gt, built 1995) was towed from Antwerp by tug *Tore* at 2300 hrs, Apr 25, after sustaining rudder problems. The vessel was delivered to the Reimerswaal Yard at 0200 hrs, today, for repairs. — Correspondent.

WEST SAILOR (Malta)

Dublin, Apr 20 — Chemical tanker *West Sailor* was in ballast when a fire broke out in its engine-room and vessel was towed into Cork as a "dead ship" Apr 14. According to the vessel's agents, repairs are ongoing at Cork Dockyard and *West Sailor* is not expected to be seaworthy and sail for at least seven days. — Lloyd's Agents.

WILSON MUUGA (Cyprus)

Reykjavik, Apr 24 — Bulker *Wilson Muuga* is still lying alongside in Hafnarfjordur harbour. According to latest information, the vessel has been sold to a company in Lebanon, where it will supposedly be repaired. — Lloyd's Agents.

YICK ZAO (Panama)

Hodeidah, Apr 22 — Bulker *Yick Zao* completed discharging cargo at 0900, Apr 18, and has been detained at berth by the port authorities pending settlement of the claim in connection with the damage sustained by the pier. The vessel's owners' P&I club had arranged for an underwater survey to assess the damage to the pier. The survey revealed that about 10 sheet piles were damaged due to the contact by the vessel. Out of these, three sheet piles were heavily damaged and opened up. The remaining sheet piles have sustained dents that are not of a serious nature. The damaged sheet piles are at a depth of five metres below the surface of water and a height of about eight metres above the bottom. In view of the heavy damages to the three sheet piles, it is necessary that at least some temporary repairs will need to be carried out. It is not known at this moment when repairs are likely to commence and how long they are expected to take. Understand that the vessel had carried out temporary repairs to the affected bulbous bow areas from within the forepeak tank and that the seaworthiness of the vessel is not affected. — Lloyd's Agents.

YINHE NO.1 (Cambodia)

London, Apr 19 — General cargo *Yinhe No.1* arrived at Nagoya on Apr 18.

ZENITH (Bahamas)

London, Apr 22 — Passenger (cruise) *Zenith* sailed Tampa 2200, Apr 13, for Key West.

ZUIGZAND (Netherlands)

London, Apr 21 — Dutch inland general cargo *Zuigzand*, 72 metres long, ran aground in the Scheldt Apr 19 but was able to refloat herself hours later.



EGYPT

London, Apr 25 — In an incident in the Suez Canal on Apr 11 the IMB reports that thieves boarded a general cargo vessel at the Egypt mooring buoy in Port Said, using a grappling hook and rope ladder to climb on board while the ship's crew were occupied with mooring arrangements. The thieves then lowered the vessel's gangway to allow more robbers to board with greater ease, before proceeding to the accommodation area. As soon as they were noticed and the alarm was sounded the thieves left the vessel without taking anything of value. Although the ships agents were notified the IMB reports that no action was taken by authorities.

SOMALIA

London, Apr 19 — General cargo *Rozen* arrived at Mombasa at 0900 hrs, Apr 12.



AUSTRALIA

London, Apr 22 — General cargo *Alcem Calaca* (8960 gt, built 1979) detained at Gladstone at 1500, Mar 28. Reasons for the detention: Radio mushroom vent holed below damper. P&S lifeboat falls lower support brackets wasted. Starboard boat lower sheeve housings wasted. Starboard Aft FW vent detached. Leaking confirmed into P&S Voids from No 3 WBT. Date time of release: Mar 30.

BELGIUM

London, Apr 24 — General cargo *Iran Baghaei* sailed from Antwerp at 2230 hrs, Apr 15, bound for Hamburg. She arrived at Hamburg at 0512 hrs, Apr 18 and departed at 1755 hrs, Apr 20, bound for Port Said, where ETA May 2.



ALBATROS (Cambodia)

Trieste, Apr 23 — Roll on roll off *Albatros* is still under detention at Trieste, situation unchanged. — Lloyd's Agents.

AQUAMARINA (Georgia)

Limassol, Apr 22 — Bulker *Aquamarina* (12034 gt, built 1978), which arrived at Limassol on Feb 5, has been under arrest since Apr 17. — Lloyd's Agents.

ASIAN ATLAS (Seychelles)

London, Apr 20 — Semi-sub HL vessel *Asian Atlas* is still reported at South West Lamma Anchorage, Hong Kong, under Bailiff's Office, Admiralty and High Court arrest.

ASIAN EXPRESS (Maldives)

Kochi, Apr 24 — General cargo *Asian Express* is still at Tuticorin anchorage under arrest. — Lloyd's Agents.

BRITT (Belgium)

Zeebrugge, Apr 24 — Chemical tanker *Britt* (1471 gt, built 1979) was placed under arrest after an embargo was laid on it Apr 20. — Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note — *Britt* arrived Antwerp Mar 13.)

MONGOOSE (Philippines)

London, Apr 26 — A press report, dated Apr 25, states: The transport vessel *Mongoose* flying the Belize flag (? general cargo *Mongoose* (1861 gt, built 1966), was detained in the Sea of Okhotsk after 20 hours of pursuit, the public relations group of the north-eastern border department of the Coast Guard of the Federal Security Service (FSB) said today. The transport vessel, which had not given position signals, was spotted in the sea on Apr 21. The master refused to fulfill the orders to examine the vessel and began sailing away from the pursuit ignoring the orders of the Russian border authorities. Two cutters and a patrol vessel were involved in the chase for the violator ship. FSB aircraft made four flights during the detention operation. On Apr 22, the transport *Mongoose* stopped and allowed inspectors to conduct a check. It was found out the vessel was shipping the cargo for the fishing (general) *Shipunskiy* (772 gt, built 1990), which was registered at the port of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. Then *Mongoose* was to take crabmeat products from the fishing vessel in order to deliver them to a foreign port. On Apr 23 *Shipunskiy* was stopped for a check. About 5.3 tonnes of poached frozen crabmeat were found on board the vessel. Both vessels were detained. Commander of the north-eastern border department Alexander Lebedev ordered convoy of the vessels in the port of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky for further investigation.

OTAPAN (Mexico)

London, Apr 20 — Tank barge *Otapan* is still berthed at Rotterdam. Work to remove the asbestos is still being carried out and is expected to be finished in June 2007. There is still no information regarding when/where the vessel will be demolished, after the asbestos removal work has been carried out. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

OZDEN S. (Turkey)

Marseilles, Apr 20 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Ozden S.* is still detained. As per collected information, an aircraft of the French security took pictures of an alleged pollution near the Corsica Island. As soon as the vessel arrived in Fos she was arrested by the customs authorities. We have been in contact with the vessel's agent who informed us that a guarantee of Euro one million has to be settled. We are given to understand that this sum will be paid shortly. The master will go before the French judges. Please also note that the pollution may have been caused by the cleaning operations of holds without using any prohibited chemicals. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Apr 25 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Ozden S.* was reported sailing from Fos on Apr 24, bound for Sarroch.

SEA SERENADE (Cyprus)

Koper, Apr 23 — Roll On Roll Off *Marinos D.* ex *Sea Serenade* is still at Izola shipyard. No reliable information available on sailing prospects. — Lloyd's Agents.

SHIPUNSKIY (Russia)

See *Mongoose*.

TRINITY SIERRA (Cyprus)

Savannah, Apr 23 — Bulker *Trinity Sierra* is due to sail from Savannah at 2400, local time, Apr 23. Agents advise destination is the Caribbean. — Lloyd's Agents.



EAST FORT WORTH, DALLAS, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 24 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: An intense fire caused by a natural gas pipeline leak in East Fort Worth today sent flames 10 stories into the sky and scorched the ground. The fire erupted about 0700 hrs in the 6200 block of East Rosedale Street near a former TXU Electric Delivery transfer station. No injuries or residential evacuations were reported and the fire was extinguished in about a half hour, officials said. East Loop 820 South near Rosedale Street was expected to remain closed Monday morning as crews repaired electrical lines damaged from the fire, said Lt. Kent Worley of the Fort Worth Fire Department. The flare occurred along a 24-inch transmission line that feeds the power plant, Lt. Worley said. A relief valve tripped as designed, but a spark apparently ignited the volatile gas. The pipeline is owned by Dallas-based Energy Transfer, which distributes natural gas to other energy companies, company spokeswoman Vicki Granada said.

**GLENAVON AREA,
SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA**

London, Apr 20 — A press report, dated Apr 19, states: Crude oil fell below \$62 a barrel in New York after Enbridge Inc., which supplies Canadian oil to the U.S., resumed shipments through a pipeline that was shut because of a leak. The pipeline segment that ruptured was replaced and deliveries started yesterday at 1740 hrs, the company said.

Pollution



FINJA (Germany)

London, Apr 19 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Finja* arrived at Hamburg at 1005 hrs, Apr 18.

**FIRTH OF FORTH, SCOTLAND,
UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Apr 22 — The public has been warned to avoid contact with water in the Firth of Forth after a “major” sewage spill. Pumping equipment at the Seafeld Wastewater Treatment Plant in Leith failed at 1630, BST, on Friday (Apr 20). A spokeswoman for Thames Water, which runs the plant, said 1,000 litres a second of partially diluted untreated sewage had been pumping into the Forth. The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (Sepa) said: “It’s a major problem requiring a major solution.” A spokesman said emergency measures to “minimize the risk of pollution” were being put in place. He added: “Everything that needs to be done is being done.” Engineering works were expected to continue throughout the weekend. Thames Water said it had not shut the plant down as it deals with most of the capital’s waste - from about 800,000 people. Environmental health officers with Edinburgh City Council advised anyone who uses waterfront recreational areas to avoid contact with the water. The council said it was very concerned about the incident.

London, Apr 23 — Scottish Water has apologised for pouring millions of litres of sewage into the Firth of Forth. The company has promised the temporary pumps it has been installing over the weekend would solve the problem. As much as a hundred million litres of sewage may have been discharged after a pump failure at Seafeld Wastewater Treatment Plant in Leith on Friday (Apr 20). The apology came amid a row over the risk to public health after the public was warned to avoid contact with water. Residents have complained they were not informed quickly enough that beaches might be contaminated. And Scotland’s First Minister Jack McConnell has called for a full investigation. Approximately 1,000 litres a second of partially diluted sewage has been pumping into the Forth. The plant, run by Thames Water, treats sewage for 800,000 people

in and around Edinburgh. Helen Lennox, Scottish Water’s head of corporate affairs, apologised to customers for the inconvenience caused. She said: “This was a catastrophic failure at a pumping station and we have been working around the clock to fix it. “On investigation our engineers found the repair was a much larger operation than first anticipated and we have had to locate specialist pumps from other parts of the UK”. The Scottish Environment Protection Agency has already said that emergency measures to “minimize the risk of pollution” were being put in place and has warned the public not to come into contact with the water. The failure affected just one of the flows going into the treatment works and that Seafeld continued to treat the rest of its intake as normal.

**LOS ANGELES HARBOUR,
UNITED STATES**

London, Apr 21 — The U.S. Coast Guard and California Department of Fish and Game, Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) are conducting a joint investigation to determine the cause of an estimated 210 gallon diesel fuel spill into Los Angeles Harbor late Thursday (Apr 19) night. Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach received the report of a diesel sheen at berth 240 in the Port of Los Angeles at 2310, Thursday night. The Coast Guard immediately responded to the location to conduct an investigation and locate the source of the discharge. The initial investigation did not reveal a source or responsible party. The Coast Guard accessed the Federal Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and hired Patriot Environmental Services to conduct the \$50,000 clean up operation. Biologists from OSPR are monitoring the area for any potential environmental impact to fish and wildlife. As of yet there is no reported impact to fish or wildlife. The Coast Guard and OSPR investigation into the source of the discharge continues.

London, Apr 24 — The Jankovich Company, a San Pedro, Calif. based fuel and lubricant distributor, today assumed financial responsibility of the estimated 210 gallon Los Angeles Harbour fuel spill clean-up. The Coast Guard and California Department of Fish and Game, Office of Spill Prevention and Response will continue to monitor recovery operations being conducted by Patriot Environmental Services. The clean up is expected to be completed by Wednesday afternoon. Under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, assuming financial responsibility is not an admission of fault. The actual source and cause of the fuel spill remains under investigation.

**LOUGH BEG, LONDONDERRY,
NORTHERN IRELAND**

London, Apr 25 — About 8,000 litres of red diesel have been spilled into a County Londonderry lake, prompting fears of an environmental disaster. A specialist clean-up company is working to stem the flow of the oil into Lough

Beg near Bellaghy. The area is a nature reserve and has been designated by the government as of special scientific interest. The lake is known for its wildlife and is used by migrating birds in Spring and Autumn to rest and feed. The Environment and Heritage Service is investigating the spill into a tributary of the lough. A police helicopter spotted the oil spill as it was flying over the lake and informed the EHS. Government officers confirmed that they have identified the source and are trying to prevent more oil from reaching the lough. The specialist company is attempting to quickly prevent further oil pollution and to initiate a clean-up.

SAN JUAN AREA, PUERTO RICO

See “Morris J. Berman” under “Marine”.

VIETNAM

London, Apr 22 — For three months crude oil spills have sullied beaches, mangroves and aquaculture farms along Vietnam’s long coastline, but the government says the source of the pollution remains a mystery. While soldiers and volunteers have scraped over 1,600 tons of congealed oil and sand off Vietnam’s shores since late January, officials remain at a loss to explain whether the oil was dumped by a tanker or leaked from a platform. Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung has said that Hanoi has asked for help from its South China Sea neighbours in finding the source of the slicks, while ruling out the country’s own offshore wells as the origin. The head of the National Search and Rescue Committee, Nguyen Son Ha, has said that a possible culprit was a leaking Chinese oil rig south of Hainan island that was damaged in a typhoon last year. As the world marked Earth Day today, the mystery continued while the oil kept coming, threatening marine life and impacting coastal communities that rely on tourism, fishing, and shrimp and clam farms. This week, Vietnam’s seaside resort of Nha Trang was hit by another mystery slick, scaring tourists off its usually white beaches and hitting lobster breeders in neighbouring Ninh Thuan province. The government has released no estimates of the economic damage to the marine sector of a country that has a 3,200-kilometre coastline, amid numerous reports of badly-hit oceanside industries. In the Mekong Delta province of Ben Tre, clam farmers have suffered an “immediate consequence of this disaster,” said Keith Symington, regional marine programme coordinator of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The farms, which were working toward being eco-certified under a model programme with the communist government and the WWF, “are now devastated, economically and environmentally, by oil contamination,” he said. The oil slicks first blackened Vietnam’s central coast in late January, hitting the famed “China Beach” — a former American military rest and recreation spot during the Vietnam war

— and the seashore around the historic port of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage site. At first, many shrugged off the black blobs as one of the smaller spills that have become a regular occurrence along one of the world's busiest shipping lanes and also a major oil and gas producing region. But officials soon realised this year was worse, as carpets of oil started washing up along an 800-kilometre stretch of coast. Since then, the oil slicks have spread to the far southern Ca Mau peninsula and Con Dau island, a remote nature reserve famed for its turtles where volunteers mopped up nearly 40 tonnes of oily sand in mid-March. The state-run Vietnam National Oil and Gas Group has said the oil did not match that from its own White Tiger and Dragon fields. Some experts have suggested the oil may have seeped naturally from cracks in the seafloor, or that oil from older spills may have been churned up by an oceanographic phenomenon called upwelling. One marine environment expert, speaking on condition of anonymity, said monsoonal patterns supported the theory that some slicks had been blown from near China's Hainan island toward central Vietnam.

Weather & Navigation



ARGENTINA

London, Apr 21 — Two copper shipments from Xstrata's Bajo de la Alumbrera mine in Argentina had been delayed by flooding, which disrupted rail services, the mining house said today. The company had declared force majeure after flooding, which began on Mar 29, delayed two deliveries of copper concentrate to the port of Rosario, said spokesperson Claire Divver. Production at the mine was not affected, she said. "We are investigating alternative methods of transport to get the material to the port," Divver said. The shipments, due to be delivered this month, would instead arrive in May. Nuevo Central Argentino, which operates the railway service, had told Xstrata the repairs would be completed by Apr 21, Divver said. Pan Pacific Copper, Japan's largest copper producer, was among those that had received the force majeure notice, said Yoshihiro Nishiyama from the company's raw materials and marketing department.

BANGLADESH

Chittagong, Apr 24 — As per local meteorological office, maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla have been advised to keep hoisted local cautionary signal number 3 due to steep pressure in the sea accompanied by gusty and squally wind. As per Chittagong Port Authority, loading and unloading of goods at Chittagong Port are continuing. — Lloyd's Agents.

CANADA

London, Apr 20 — A press report, dated today, states: There were signs Friday (Apr 20) that pressure from the heavy pack ice that has trapped more than 100 sealing vessels off northeastern Newfoundland and southern Labrador was starting to ease in places. But it's still going to be a few days before crews will know if the northeast winds that have pushed the ice hard against land will shift enough to free them. "We're seeing right now that pressure is starting to ease a little up around the Grey Islands," said Capt. Brian Penney of the Canadian Coast Guard. "Hopefully by Sunday we could even see a little bit of southwest wind, which will start to move this ice pack a little bit anyway." Earlier this week, strong northeast winds generated by a massive low-pressure system started pushing the ice toward the coast of northeastern Newfoundland and southern Labrador. Surrounded by ice chunks more than a metre thick, some vessels have been pushed up and out of the water and tipped on their sides, their hulls and keels damaged. At least five longliners have been completely abandoned, their crews picked up by coast guard ships and helicopters, amid concerns about dwindling food and fuel supplies and mechanical problems. "We have 24 cases that are active with various safety issues around them," said Merv Wiseman of the Newfoundland Search and Rescue region. "These vessels have come under severe pressure and different types of assistance are required." Wiseman said they continue to monitor the situation but everything was under control. It's not unusual for some sealing vessels to get stuck for a short time in pack ice. It happens almost every year when sealers head to the floes to hunt for young seals born on the shifting ice pans. Vessels laden with cargo from the seal hunt could be in greater danger because they sit lower in the water and could be more easily crushed, said Penney. "Some are heavily laden on the inbound especially those east of Fogo Islands," he said. "The majority of those up around the Grey Islands are not heavily laden because they became beset on the outbound. They never did get to the seal fishery." Some fishermen say the conditions are the worst they've seen in 20 years.

London, Apr 22 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: A handful of sealing ships trapped in icy waters off the coast of Newfoundland were rescued today, but many more vessels remain in the north Atlantic. The southwesterly winds needed to release the vessels from the pressure of the ice and allow them to reach open waters aren't expected until late Monday (Apr 23). "It still remains to be a very slow process," Capt. Brian Penney of the Canadian Coast Guard said today. "We're anticipating it's going to be well into next week, Wednesday or Thursday, before we can get any major movement on those vessels because of the sheer numbers." After approximately 10 ships were guided into port today, another 90 vessels and

more than 400 men continue to wait for a change in the ice. One of the coast guard's three icebreakers is slated to return St. John's, N.L., today for refueling before returning tomorrow to the icy waters.

London, Apr 23 — The Canadian coast guard is hoping an expected change in winds could help them break through packed ice and free around 90 vessels still trapped off the north-east coast of Newfoundland. The coast guard is stepping up efforts to free a fleet of sealing ships stuck in blocks of ice that became trapped two weeks ago, when shifting winds pushed ice sheets back towards the coast. With some 500 seal hunters still stranded on the vessels, food and supplies are running dangerously low. "It's very, very extreme," Capt. Brian Penney said yesterday, adding conditions a day earlier forced crews to temporarily abandon two vessels in the Notre Dame Bay region. "The pressure came on, the longliners had to be abandoned. The conditions are severe enough that they could walk to their counterparts not far away." Conditions are so severe that three heavy arctic-class icebreakers have started to tag-team with two medium class icebreakers. Penney said the ice has squeezed several vessels out of the water and onto the ice, forcing personnel to abandon ship, but they can go back on board when the vessel settles back into the water. He said a change in the winds is forecast in the next few days which will help loosen the ice so the icebreakers can reach the northern waters — where the majority of vessels are trapped.

London, Apr 25 — Armed with extra resources and a better forecast, the Canadian Coast Guard has been able to remove a couple of longliners off its lengthy list of vessels stuck in heavy ice off Newfoundland's north-east coast. The coast guard says 43 longliners were still stuck in ice as of yesterday morning. Weather conditions are improving on a massive field of ice, but not quickly enough for 41 sealing vessels that have been immobilized for more than a week. "There's not as much pressure as there was," Capt. Brian Penney of the coast guard command centre in St. John's said yesterday morning. "Hopefully we'll be able to move those vessels out today."

London, Apr 25 — A press report, dated today, states: Coast guard officials are hoping within days to free 39 sealing vessels that remain trapped in stubborn ice of northeastern Newfoundland. Capt. Brian Penney, a coast guard spokesman, says efforts are being frustrated by shifting winds and ice so thick that four icebreakers are having trouble dislodging the vessels. The heavy icebreaker *Terry Fox* has moved into the area off the Baie Verte peninsula, but is being hampered by the severe ice conditions. Penney says three longliners were forced up on the ice again overnight after they had been freed earlier. Their crews were able to walk across the ice to another vessel until it was deemed safe for them to return. He says other icebreakers are heading to the area and will try to get

the longliners out to open water or to safe ports. The remaining 33 vessels concentrated in the main area have been there for 17 days and could be there another few days as the coast guard ships work to get them out. In addition, a tanker is stuck in the ice near Lewisporte, N.L., and is requiring escort by the coast guard. Longliners involved in other fisheries are getting snagged in the ice, even after they've been freed previously by the coast guard.

CHINA

London, Apr 25 — Sudden torrential downpours in China's south-eastern province of Guangdong destroyed more than 1,300 houses and forced 20,000 people from their homes. The rainfall and thunderstorms also delayed flights to the province's largest airport and destroyed thousands of hectares of crops, the official Xinhua agency reported. Nearly 20cm of rain were recorded in some areas over Monday and yesterday.

CYCLONE "GEORGE"

London, Apr 19 — A press report, dated today, states: Fortescue Metals Group Ltd has flagged a \$106 million cost overrun and shipment delays from its Pilbara iron-ore operation as the full impact of three cyclones becomes apparent. Fortescue's \$3.7 billion Pilbara iron project in Western Australia was due to start exporting iron ore in March 2008, but damage from Cyclone "George" last month put the time line and cost in doubt. The iron-ore hopeful has flagged a \$106 million cost overrun on the project, which is located 260km south-east of Port Hedland, after cyclones "George", "Jacob" and "Kara" "disrupted" works. "It has been decided to allocate the additional \$106 million to the cost overrun reserve ... due to the exceptional nature of the circumstances relating to the additional cost," Fortescue said in its March construction report. "The current estimate is the first ore on ship will slip by six weeks to mid-May 2008. The revised integrated mining, rail and shipping schedule, however, indicates that Fortescue will ship 25million tonnes in calendar 2008." Fortescue said the annualised shipping rate of 45 million tonnes a year should be achieved by the fourth quarter of calendar year 2008. Fortescue said most of the northerly rail camp had been shut and decommissioned after it was damaged by Cyclone "George" and plans were advanced for it to be rebuilt.

EGYPT

London, Apr 24 — A severe sandstorm engulfed Cairo and other parts of Egypt during last Tuesday (Apr 17), blanketing the area under a layer of orange dust. The sandstorm reduced the visibility to less than 100 metres in places forcing the closure of Cairo's International Airport for several hours, with five Egyptian ports in the Gulf of Suez also shutting down. Some pilots had to land using night navigation equipment before the airport was

forced to divert subsequent incoming flights, some to Sharm el-Sheikh. The sandstorm affected traffic with a number of accidents reported, while residents, especially the elderly, suffered from breathing problems.

UNITED STATES

London, Apr 19 — A press released, issued by the Coast Guard, Boston, Mass., dated today, states: Following a severe spring Nor'Easter, the Coast Guard is urging mariners to use extreme caution while underway as numerous aids to navigation throughout New England waters have been damaged by the storm. Upon initial assessment, the Coast Guard determined that more than two dozen aids were either not working, missing or adrift with some washed up on the shore. With this discovery, the Coast Guard immediately initiated planning for recovery and repairs. To further evaluate the extent of damage, Coast Guard auxiliary aircraft and an HU-25 Falcon jet from Air Station Cape Cod are flying offshore and coastal patrols. Arrangements have been made at Coast Guard buoy depot sites to ensure an adequate stock of hardware, such as new chain, buoy anchors, etc. will be readily available to complete all repairs. Although an initial assessment indicated that no main shipping channels would be grossly affected, many Coast Guard land units from Maine to New Jersey are broadcasting notifications to warn mariners of affected areas. Coast Guard aid-to-navigation teams are working to repair or replace the damaged aids, but the expected time of full restoration is not yet known.



CHILE

London, Apr 22 — At least 10 people were missing yesterday after a large earthquake in southern Chile caused power cuts, landslides and large waves off the nation's Pacific coast, authorities said. The 6.2 magnitude quake hit at 1350, local time, with an epicentre 820 miles south of the capital Santiago, near the city of Coyhaique. At first it was not thought to have caused material damages. The government disaster agency Onemi said later that the quake had caused chunks of land to fall into the ocean, causing large waves, but not a tsunami, in an area where there are salmon farms. Onemi said in a statement army patrols and police were searching for 10 people who had been reported missing and are thought to have been on the ocean near where the wave activity occurred.

Santiago, Apr 22 — Rescue teams found the bodies today of three people who died after a powerful earthquake shook southern Chile causing giant waves off the nation's southern coast.

"According to official figures, three fatal victims have been identified," Chile's government disaster center Onemi said in a statement. Onemi said the victims were a couple and their grandson. Another seven people were still missing. The 6.2 magnitude earthquake in Chile's picturesque Aysen region on Saturday panicked local residents and caused power outages and landslides. Pictures in local newspapers today showed roads in the region split with large cracks down the middle. The quake was the strongest of hundreds to have struck the region in recent months, and led to an emergency visit to the affected area by Chile President Michelle Bachelet. The quake caused chunks of land to fall into the ocean, creating large waves, but not a tsunami, in an area where there are salmon farms. "The earthquake on April 21st in the Aysen region generated landslides between Mentirosa Island and Rio Cuervo, pushing a mass of land into the sea and causing large waves that affected the coastal sectors and salmon plants in the Aysen fjord," Onemi said. Residents of Santiago, were woken at dawn today by a 5.3 magnitude quake, but no damage was reported. — Reuters.

FUKUTOKU OKANOBA, JAPAN

London, Apr 24 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: An underwater volcano has apparently erupted around Minami Iwojima Island in the Pacific, Japan Coast Guard officials said today, issuing a warning for vessels sailing nearby. The coast guard confirmed a change in the colour of the sea water and volcanic smoke in waters 60 kilometres south of Iwojima Island. The Japanese Meteorological Agency believes it is likely that the volcano called Fukutoku Okanoba has erupted, agency officials said.

JAPAN

Tokyo, Apr 20 — An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.7 jolted islands off Japan's southernmost prefecture of Okinawa today, the Japan Meteorological Agency said, but there were no reports of injuries or damage. The agency lifted a tsunami warning it had issued earlier for waves of about 50 cm following the quake, which occurred around 1046 hrs (0146, UTC). The focus of the tremor was 40 km below the seabed near the diving resort island of Miyakojima, 1,900 km southwest of Tokyo, the agency said. The earthquake was followed by an aftershock with a preliminary magnitude of 6.2. — Reuters.

NEVADO DEL HUILA VOLCANO, COLOMBIA

London, Apr 20 — A press report, dated Apr 19, states: Colombian President Alvaro Uribe vowed today to rebuild roads and bridges swept away by floods and avalanches after the long-dormant volcano erupted in southwest Colombia. Uribe pledged state funds for the reconstruction effort while visiting some of the 3,000 farmers who were forced to evacuate when the Nevado del Huila volcano exploded Tuesday (Apr

17). "The bridges, roads and energy transmission lines can all be recovered," Uribe told the residents who relocated to the town of Belalcazar, 170 miles southwest of the capital of Bogota. Air force helicopters were deployed today to airlift more than 120 people stranded by the floods and avalanches, which destroyed 19 bridges along the Paez and Simbola rivers. It was the first eruption on record of the ice-crowned, 18,484-foot Nevado del Huila, Colombia's third highest peak.

Political & Civil Unrest



BOLIVIA

La Paz, Apr 20 — Bolivia's government said today natural gas exports to neighboring Argentina and Brazil had been cut by 20 percent due to protests in a gas-rich region in the south-east of the country. Bolivia's state-run oil company, YPFB, said protesters had damaged pipeline-related infrastructure, reducing the production capacity of Petrobras' San Alberto field, which lies in the Tarija region, near the Argentine border. "This has forced us to cut exports to (the Brazilian region) of Cuiaba, the Comgas contract (to export gas to Sao Paolo) and to Argentina," YPFB executive Sebastian Daroca told reporters in La Paz. Argentina and Brazil are Bolivia's only natural gas customers. Daroca said the amount of natural gas being pumped to Argentina has been reduced to 1.2 million cubic metres a day from 5 million cubic metres a day. Argentina said that it would likely cut its own exports to Chile due to the Bolivia cut. Bolivia's supplies to Cuiaba were down to zero from 2.2 million cubic metres a day, and supplies to Sao Paolo dropped to 24 million cubic metres a day from 24.6 million, Daroca said. If the shortage continues next week, the government will enforce a contingency plan, reducing natural gas supplies to Petrobras refineries, which can use fuel oil instead, and thermoelectric plants. — Reuters.

London, Apr 21 — The military retook control of a natural gas pipeline to Argentina after days of violent protests at gas installations in southern Bolivia, the government said late yesterday. More than 1,000 protesters seized the Yacuiba pipeline station run by Transredes, a subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell. Protesters broke windows, set fire to two company cars, and threatened to shut off gas deliveries to Argentina. The protest never shut off the flow, but the government had said yesterday that it was preparing to temporarily reduce its natural gas exports to Argentina by about 75 percent and slightly decrease shipments to Brazil due to the protests, at an estimated loss of \$1 million a day. That measure became unnecessary after yesterday's retaking of the control

station, the government said. Defense Minister Walker San Miguel said troops and police were guarding all energy installations in southern Bolivia.

ETHIOPIA

London, Apr 24 — A press report, dated today, states: Gunmen raided a Chinese-run oil field near the Somali border on Tuesday (Apr 24), killing 65 Ethiopians and nine Chinese workers, an official of the Chinese company said. An Ethiopian rebel group claimed responsibility. Seven Chinese workers were kidnapped in the morning attack at the oil installation in a disputed region of eastern Ethiopia, Xu Shuang, the general manager of Zhongyuan Petroleum Exploration Bureau, said. The Ogaden National Liberation Front said in a statement they had launched "military operations against units of the Ethiopian armed forces guarding an oil exploration site," in the east of the country. The rebel group, which is fighting a low-level insurgency with the aim of creating an independent state for ethnic Somalis, warned last year that any investment in the Ogaden area that also benefited the Ethiopian government "would not be tolerated."

NIGERIA

Abuja, Apr 20 — Gunmen attacked a vessel supporting a Transocean oil drilling rig in Nigeria's Niger Delta, abducting three Nigerian staff and seizing weapons and equipment, security sources said today. Six people injured during the attack late yesterday were airlifted out and the *Trident 8* rig has been shut down, the sources said. No oil flow was affected. "A security vessel, *Mike One*, supporting *Trident 8*, a Transocean rig drilling for Conoil in Brass, was attacked by armed men yesterday," said a security expert working for a major Western oil company operating in the Niger Delta. — Reuters.

SOMALIA

London, Apr 25 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: Fighting between different clans serving in Somali's interim government in the port city of Kismayo had forced displaced persons living in camps to flee again, sources said. Many internally displaced families in the Faanole neighbourhood of the city abandoned their camps as fighting broke out yesterday. Some set up temporary shelters away from the area and others headed towards the Kenyan border. At least 25 people reportedly died in the town. Many businesses had not opened for business today.

Labour Disputes



BANGLADESH

Karachi, Apr 22 — Container handling at Mongla port in Bangladesh

was resumed on Friday night (Apr 20) after it had remained suspended for 16 hours due to a protest against the introduction of a "mercantile labour system" to handle frozen cargoes also in the container yard. Ashraf Mohammad Iqbal, Chairman of Mongla Port Authority, said that the full cargo handling activities at Mongla port resumed Apr 20 as a section of dock workers returned to their work after 16 hours of work abstention since Thursday night. It was pointed out that a section of dock workers went off work from 2200 Thursday, leading to suspension of operational activities at a container yard of the port. However, after negotiations, the cargo handling labourers withdrew their work stoppage at 1400 Friday and joined the stuffing of dry cargoes in containers at night. — Correspondent.

BELGIUM

London, Apr 24 — Sixty dockers are on strike at the APM Terminal in Zeebrugge after a foreman was discharged last week. The reason for the discharge is at this time unknown. Three vessels are currently berthed in Zeebrugge. Several cargo decks were removed from one of the vessels to prevent it leaving the port. Three other vessels are expected to call Zeebrugge. There is a chance one of the vessels will be diverted to Antwerp, but the dockers in Antwerp have claimed not to handle the vessel.

DENMARK

London, Apr 25 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: Danish cabin crews at Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) walked off the job in a wildcat strike today, causing major flight disruptions. This afternoon the airline had cancelled 62 European flights in and out of Copenhagen. 'Further cancellations are expected,' SAS spokesman Jens Langergaard said. According to cabin crew spokesman Niels Henrik Madsen, flight attendants are dissatisfied with their collective agreement being included in a private sector agreement.

London, Apr 26 — A press report, dated today, states: Scandinavian airline SAS said yesterday a strike by Danish cabin attendants had caused significant delays and more than 100 cancellations to and from Copenhagen's Kastrup Airport. The carrier, half owned by the governments of Sweden, Denmark and Norway, said crews walked off the job shortly after 1215, UTC. SAS said the strike, which is not supported by the airline's union, would mean cancellations of flights scheduled for departure from Kastrup after 1400, UTC, but added that flights to Copenhagen could also be affected. By 1900, UTC, more than 100 flights had been cancelled. At least 15 would also be grounded this morning, SAS said. The Danish Cabin Attendants Union (CAU) said in a statement that the strike was illegal and that it did not support it. The union, representing 1,600 Danish cabin crew, has been locked in a dispute with the airline

over a new contract. The old contract expired on Mar 1.

Copenhagen, Apr 25 — Scandinavian airline SAS said today it had cancelled almost all its flights to and from its Copenhagen hub due to a strike by Danish cabin attendants and said more than 100 flights would be grounded tomorrow. The carrier, half-owned by the governments of Sweden, Denmark and Norway, said almost 150 flights had been cut today, with 10,000 to 15,000 passengers affected. "The (Danish) cabin crews are illegally striking. All flights from Copenhagen are cancelled for the rest of the day with few exceptions," SAS spokesman Mikkel Londahl told Reuters. Later the airline said that most flights tomorrow before 1200, GMT would also be cancelled. SAS urged passengers with tickets not to go to Kastrup. SAS said the route from Copenhagen to Stockholm would operate at limited capacity using Swedish crews. — Reuters.

GERMANY

London, Apr 21 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: Deutsche Lufthansa AG and Air Berlin Plc, Germany's two biggest airlines, said flights were delayed this morning because ground-handling workers at Berlin's three airports went on strike for three hours to protest pay cuts. Traffic at Berlin's Tegel, Schoenefeld and Tempelhof airports was disrupted when hundreds of workers from GlobeGround Berlin and its GSI Ground Service International subsidiary went on strike, said Andreas Splanemann, a Verdi union spokesman. Five Lufthansa flights were delayed for about 20 minutes because of the 0500 hrs to 0800 hrs labour action, said Stefan Schaffrath, a spokesman for the Cologne, Germany-based carrier. Air Berlin is working to return its schedule to normal and has had delays of 40 minutes to nearly three hours, spokeswoman Angelika Schwaff said. The strike affected check-in, luggage-handling and other services, she said.

INDONESIA

Timika, Apr 23 — Thousands of workers headed back to Freeport-McMoRan's Grasberg mine in Indonesia yesterday in a fleet of buses after ending a four-day walk-out that sent copper prices to seven-month highs. The miners were due to resume work after Tongoi Papua, a group representing native Papuan workers, reached a deal late on Saturday (Apr 21) to end the strike. The huge mine on the island of Papua produces more than 500,000 tons of copper annually and is Indonesia's biggest source of tax revenue. Arizona-based Freeport said on Saturday that mining and milling had been hit, but said stocks were being used for shipping. It is unclear how many workers had walked off the job. Organizers of the protest put the total at 6,000, but that includes 2,000 with companies sub-contracted by

Freeport. With copper in short supply worldwide, traders have been watching developments closely at the mine. The walk-out helped lift copper prices above \$8,000 per ton on the London Metal Exchange on Friday, its highest level since Sep 7. — Reuters.

NETHERLANDS

London, Apr 25 — SMIT management and the Rotterdam trade unions have agreed terms, bringing a prolonged period of industrial unrest to an end. Rotterdam-based Smit had been hit by several strikes and many vessels diverted to other ports as 240 Smit Harbour Towing employees took action over a collective labour agreement. The FNV and De Unie unions voted late yesterday by a small majority in favour of the deal. A company spokeswoman said: "The most important thing is this is a three-year agreement." After several strikes, negotiations between Smit and the unions were at deadlock. Eventually, the union asked senior union figure Kees Marges to act as a mediator and clearly his intervention has paid off.

UNITED KINGDOM

London, Apr 20 — A press report, dated today, states: Britain's coastguard rescue service has been plunged into a dual crisis, with workers voting for industrial action in a row over pay and volunteer lifeboat crews withdrawing from providing emergency cover. The Public and Commercial Services Union is to ballot 700 of its members today after three months of pay talks failed to reach a resolution. The row has been fuelled by growing anger over the earnings gap between coastguards - deemed the "fourth emergency service" - and their colleagues in the police and fire and rescue services. The union said the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) was running a first-class rescue service "on the cheap", with some full-time employees at coastguard stations working 42-hour weeks, including shift work, on little more than the minimum wage. Though the ballot stops short of withdrawing from emergency cover, the PCSU did not rule out the "unprecedented step" of cancelling 999 responses if the dispute is not resolved. However, in a separate move, seventeen Coastguard rescue teams across the UK were refusing to respond to emergency calls yesterday in a row over compensation. Volunteers from Fishguard in Pembrokeshire, West Wales were at the centre of the dispute. The team withdrew cover from midnight and said other teams were "dropping out left, right and centre". They have been joined in their strike action by Penrhyn, St Davids, Broadhaven and Littlehaven, also in Pembrokeshire; five stations in Gower, Swansea; five in the Solway sector, west Scotland; and two stations in the Severn sector, covering the Bristol Channel. Anthony Rogers, a member of the Fishguard team, said: "We expect this kind of response to go on day by day - teams are dropping out left, right and centre." But he said they would go

straight back to work if the MCA could guarantee insurance cover if they were disabled on duty. The dispute revolves around a colleague who they claim lost his job after being injured during a rescue four years ago and has not been adequately compensated. Mr Rogers said that Brian MacFarlane, who worked as a social worker before he was injured, is now classed as partially disabled. In an attempt to head off the crisis, Peter Diamond, chief coastguard at the MCA, held talks with the Fishguard coastguard in Pembrokeshire, West Wales last night, where Mr MacFarlane worked. A spokeswoman for the MCA said yesterday that the compensation package was explained fully to volunteers when they signed up for service. Although she could not discuss Mr MacFarlane's compensation, it is understood he has received more than £64,000 from the MCA since 2003, plus a further £13,000 a year from the Civil Service Injuries Benefits Scheme. The spokeswoman said the agency was "disappointed" that the PCS and Prospect, a union representing professionals, were to ballot for industrial action after rejecting a pay offer made last August. She said: "The pay award this year averages at 3.88%, which is the very best that we can achieve in the current climate. It will be implemented in this month's MCA salaries." However, the PCSU disputed the value of the pay deal, claiming it was worth only 2.5% in "new money" and that its most experienced members would receive only a one percent rise in salary. Paul Smith, the PCS negotiations officer responsible for coastguard workers, said this failed to redress a pay-gap of between £5000 and £7000 with other emergency service workers. Mr Smith said: "We are still talking to management and hope they will come back to us on Monday (Apr 23) with what we hope will be a way forward."

London, Apr 22 — The Maritime & Coastguard Agency has reached an agreement with its Coastguard Rescue Officers on insurance cover while on duty. This follows a meeting between the Chief Coastguard Peter Dymond and the Fishguard Coastguard Rescue Team on Thursday (Apr 19) night, said the MCA in a statement yesterday. The MCA said it is now pleased to announce that it has reached agreement on a process to compensate for loss of earnings and a range of associated issues. The Agency has also offered to press ahead with arrangements for establishing a Working Group to consider the more detailed concerns and options for the medium and longer term. The output from that Working Group will be fed into a special CRS Conference to discuss future arrangements.

London, Apr 23 — Coastguard and other maritime agency workers have voted to take industrial action over a pay dispute with the UK's Maritime and Coastguard Agency while the results of a further ballot are expected within three weeks. Members objected to an offer made that is below the rate

of inflation, with workers receiving an increase of 2.5%, with more experienced staff receiving less than 1%. On a 69% turnout of its 170 members, the Prospect union announced that its marine surveyors and senior managers in the MCA will take action in the form of staff working contract hours only and “banning all out-of-hours coverage”. This is expected to cause a backlog with vital survey work. The 700 members of the Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union asked its members to ballot on Friday (Apr 20) for action short of a strike. Paul Smith, the union’s negotiating officer, described members as “increasingly angry about the attitude of management and their unwillingness to negotiate”.

Miscellaneous



DRUGS FOUND ON LIBERIAN VESSEL, BALTIMORE, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 21 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: Federal customs agents seized \$3 million worth of cocaine hidden in Container Carrier *Alianca Shanghai* (25499 gt, built 1998) from Ecuador and docked at Baltimore’s main port, officials announced yesterday. Agents discovered the cocaine during a random search Monday (Apr 16) of the containerized cargo on the vessel. Michael Hrinyak, the customs agency’s security director at the port, said it was one of the largest cocaine seizures at the Baltimore port in recent years. A contraband enforcement team with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Anti-Terrorism found 310 pounds of cocaine on the ship after a drug-sniffing dog alerted authorities. A total of 125 bricks of cocaine had been hidden inside a 40-foot refrigerated container from Guayaquil, Ecuador, according to customs officials. Agents reported that the cocaine stash was stuffed inside three duffel bags and placed on top of more than 1,000 cartons of plantains. No arrests have been made and the vessel was allowed to proceed to New York.

Fires & Explosions



FERRY TERMINAL, CAMPBELL RIVER, VANCOUVER, CANADA

London, Apr 24 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: A fire in a large piling at the Campbell River ferry terminal disrupted ferry service between the Vancouver Island city and Quadra Island late this morning. One

of the creosote-soaked pilings that helps guide the ferry into the dock went up in flames, sending a huge column of black smoke over the downtown area. Fire officials shut down Highway 19A, which runs in front of the terminal, as they moved in to battle the flames. However, the smoke and commotion attracted a large group of onlookers along the road. The flames have been doused, and there have been no reports of injuries. There’s no word yet on a cause of the fire. The ferry remained there during the fire.

London, Apr 24 — A press report, dated Apr 23, states: A burning cigarette butt is the likely cause of a spectacular fire that shut down B.C. Ferries’ service between Campbell River and Quadra Island Monday (Apr 23). The blaze occurred in a dolphin, a bundle of creosoted pilings buried in the seabed 25 metres offshore from the ferry dock in Campbell River. The pilings are designed to guide the ferry during arrival and departure and hold the vessel in place while it’s at the dock, they’re inaccessible other than by boat. There was no damage to the dock itself, said deputy chief Larry Samson. The dolphin didn’t appear to be seriously damaged, Samson said. “Hopefully it was just the creosote burning off and the actual wood wasn’t severely damaged.”

HANGAR, ABU DHABI AIRPORT, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

London, Apr 26 — A fire broke out in a hangar close to Abu Dhabi Airport last week causing severe damage to at least one aircraft. The aircraft was parked for routine heavy maintenance at the Gulf Aircraft Maintenance Company (GAMCO) hangar when the fire broke out. Civil Defence officials rushed to the scene and a spokesman for GAMCO said the fire was controlled quickly. The hangar was safely evacuated and there were no injuries reported. “All fire detection and protection systems worked as expected, the fire was contained expeditiously by the prompt action of Civil Defence, Airport Fire Department and Gamco staff,” said GAMCO. A full investigation into the cause of the fire is under way.

REFINERY, RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 22 — A press report, dated Apr 20, states: Investigators have determined a fire at the Chevron oil refinery in January was sparked by a corroded pipe that should have been removed more than 20 years ago. The pipe is part of a high-pressure oil pump used to remove combustible cleaning fluid from refining equipment. It leaked during a maintenance operation on Jan 15, sparking a fire that released more than 400 pounds of toxic gas into the air and prompting authorities to issue a shelter in place order for thousands of people. According to a report released by Contra Costa County officials yesterday, Chevron investigators said the pipe is designed

to be detached from a holding tank after it pumps out the cleaning fluid. But refinery workers left the pipe in the attached position for more than 20 years. A refinery spokesman says Chevron has replaced all faulty and potentially faulty equipment discovered during the investigation.

Aviation



ACCIDENT, GOVERNORS HARBOUR AIRPORT, BAHAMAS

London, Apr 24 — Bahamasair said in a statement today that the crash landing of one of its Dash 8 aircraft in Governor’s Harbour, Eleuthera on Friday (Apr 20) was due to mechanical failure. The airline said the pilot was exercising a normal approach to the airport, but on touchdown the left landing gear collapsed which resulted in the passengers having to be evacuated upon the aircraft coming to a stop. Officials of the Civil Aviation Department said they re-opened the Governor’s Harbour airport on Sunday and Bahamasair resumed its two scheduled daily flights into that station on Sunday. The statement said an official from Bombardier, the aircraft manufacturer, will also conduct an investigation into the incident this week. According to the statement, the airline has conducted a preliminary fleet campaign on all landing gears and no defects have been noted. Bahamasair said there were 44 adults and four children on board the aircraft when the incident occurred at 1715 hrs.

AIRCRAFT GROUNDED AT DUBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,

Karachi, Apr 26 — An Airbus A-310, AP-BGQ, of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) was grounded at Dubai International Airport, United Arab Emirates (UAE), following a technical fault in one of its engines during landing yesterday. A spokesman of state owned airlines, PIA, informed media that one its commercial flights-PK-207 with 101 passengers on board escaped an accident today when one of its engines malfunctioned just minutes before landing at Dubai airport. However, the pilot of the aircraft managed to land the aircraft safely. It took off from Karachi International Airport at 0800 hrs and was about 180km away from Dubai when one of its engines showed a problem. PIA has sent an engineering team for replacement of engine and also launched inquiry into incident. — Correspondent.

CRASH IN CUDJOE KEY BAY, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 21 — A press report, dated today, states: Three people were killed when a Cessna 182 crashed off the bay in Cudjoe Key late yesterday, police said. It appears the Cessna 182

hit a cable tethering a large government blimp used for surveillance. The aircraft is believed to have been flying from Key West, but its final destination was unknown today, police said. The blimp site is used for radar surveillance along the south-west border of the United States and Mexico, the Straits of Florida and the Caribbean, according to the Air Force. The blimp is a tool in the nation's drug interdiction program, and the whole area of the site is restricted airspace, the Air Force said. The blimp site has a camera trained on the blimp and the camera captured the crash. The aircraft reportedly hit the cable about halfway between the ground and the blimp itself. Authorities learned of the crash just before midnight when a man who lives on a boat in the area reported seeing the crash, police said. Investigators on the scene said the aircraft crashed in about two feet of water and appears to have broken up upon impact. Police have not identified the victims.

London, Apr 24 — Cessna 182Q, N422G, Key West for Leesburg, crashed under unknown circumstances, the three persons on board were fatally injured, Key West, Fl, Apr 20. The aircraft was destroyed.

CRASH INTO SEA, OFF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 22 — A press report, dated today, states: All five people killed in the crash of a small aircraft, off the coast of Fort Lauderdale, were Florida residents, federal authorities said. A Piper Aztec disappeared from radar yesterday morning, during a flight from Fort Lauderdale to Andros Island, in the Bahamas. Search crews spotted debris in the ocean, about 17 miles off Fort Lauderdale, but found no survivors. The aircraft was registered to Glen Quackenbush, of Plantation, said Kathleen Bergen, a Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman. Quackenbush was piloting the aircraft and the Coast Guard identified his passengers as Troy Taylor, Michael Gross, Michael Levofsky and Mark Santa, all of Broward.

London, Apr 24 — Piper PA-23-250, N4TR, crashed under unknown circumstances in the ocean, subject of an alert notice, 22 miles south-east of Fort Lauderdale, Fl, a.m., Apr 21. The five persons on board were fatally injured.

CRASH, BASS LAKE, INDIANA, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 23 — A personal helicopter crashed yesterday evening into Bass Lake killing at least one person. That is just south of Knox in Starke County. Starke County police tell us they believe it is a four person helicopter that crashed at 2140 hrs. As of this time divers found a body of a woman, but have not been able to find the helicopter. Dive teams are on the site trying to get to the wreckage. There is no word on exactly how many people were on board.

London, Apr 25 — A press report, dated today, states: Indiana conservation police pulled the wreckage of a helicopter that crashed in Bass Lake from the water on Tuesday (Apr 24), but there was no sign of the man they believed was the pilot, authorities said. He and a woman from Frankfort ejected from the aircraft when it went into the lake on Sunday night, Officer Gene Davis said. The woman was identified as Stephanie Nottke, 41. She was alive when found after the 2030 hrs crash but died shortly after. Police believe Nottke and the missing man travelled from the south suburbs and were headed to a house near Bass Lake in northern Indiana. The helicopter belongs to Lansing-based Groen Concrete Co., where Nottke worked. On Tuesday, scuba divers spent much of the day searching the floor of the lake for the missing man, Davis said. That search was called off and officials began searching the surface of the water. The National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration are investigating.

London, Apr 26 — Robinson R44 rotorcraft, N382BT, on approach to land, crashed into the lake. The two persons on board were fatally injured.

CRASH, CAMPIONS HILL, NAYLAND, SUFFOLK, UNITED KINGDOM

London, Apr 23 — A press report, dated today, states: An investigation has been launched after a pilot crash-landed his light aircraft into a Suffolk field and walked away with only minor injuries. Seven fire engines were sent to Campions Hill in Nayland, near Sudbury, after reports came in of an aircraft crash at about 1400 Saturday (Apr 21). When they arrived they found the aircraft in a field but the pilot had disappeared from the scene. Suffolk Police and a flight investigation officer from the Civil Aviation Authority were also dispatched to the crash site, which was close to Nayland Airfield from where the aircraft, a 1930s-style Spezio aircraft, had taken off. The pilot was eventually found by the police in the airfield's club house before he was taken to Colchester General Hospital with minor injuries. Tony Harris, who runs Nayland Airfield, at Hill Farm on Campions Hill, Wiston near Nayland, said the aircraft developed a problem with its undercarriage before it went down in a field close to the airstrip. Mr Harris said the pilot of the light aircraft was not injured in the incident. A spokesman for Suffolk Police said it was initially feared two people were on board prior to the crash but on arrival it emerged the pilot was flying solo. He said the aircraft was quickly declared safe and the wings were taken off before it was hauled back to Nayland Airfield. A spokesman for Suffolk County Fire Service confirmed seven fire engines were sent to the scene of the crash but when they arrived they discovered there was minimal damage and no injuries. The Air Accident Investigations Branch are also expected to conduct an inquiry into the crash.

CRASH, DANVILLE AREA, VIRGINIA, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 20 — A press report, dated Apr 19, states: Two people were killed when a small aircraft crashed in Danville, the Federal Aviation Administration said today. The aircraft was flying from Washington County, Pennsylvania, to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, when Danville Airport received a radio transmission that someone on board was having medical difficulties, the FAA said. The Danville Emergency Operations Centre also received a call about an in-flight medical emergency at 0913 today, Fire Chief David Eagle said. The single-engine, two-seat Grumman aircraft was found in a wooded creek bottom at about 0930 hrs. First responders used chainsaws to get to the wreckage. The FAA is investigating.

CRASH, FELDKIRCHEN AREA, AUSTRIA

London, Apr 24 — Piper PA-34-200T, DGMBE, owned and piloted by the accident pilot, was destroyed when it crashed near Klagenfurt, Austria, at 1015, UTC, Apr 1. The pilot and one passenger were fatally injured. The flight originated from Ingolstadt, Germany.

CRASH, GOTHENBURG AREA, SWEDEN

London, Apr 25 — A police helicopter crashed yesterday during an exercise in south-western Sweden, killing one person and leaving two seriously injured, a police official said. A fourth person on board escaped with minor injuries after the helicopter went down by a lake near Gothenburg, Sweden's second largest city, police spokesman Varg Gyllander said. All four were police personnel, he said. The cause of the crash was not immediately clear.

CRASH, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 23 — A press report, dated today, states: Five people from Georgia, including two children, were killed when a Beechcraft Baron aircraft crashed in Harris County near Pine Mountain on a flight that originated at an Alabama beach resort. The aircraft went down yesterday in the south-west corner of the county. All five passengers on board the aircraft were pronounced dead at the scene at 1730 hrs, Harris County Coroner Dan Colbert said. Teri Jackson, director of aviation at Jack Edwards Airport in Gulf Shores, Ala., said the group left from the airport sometime yesterday afternoon. Jackson said the group did not file a flight plan and one was not required, given the afternoon's clear spring weather. Colbert said the wreckage of the aircraft was spread out over about a quarter of a mile. Witnesses in Hamilton told Colbert they could hear the plane spluttering when it flew over the city. The Federal Aviation Administration says no distress calls were received from the aircraft. The National Transportation Safety Board will investigate the crash.

CRASH, HILLENDALE GOLF CLUB AREA, BALTIMORE COUNTY, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 20 — A press report, dated Apr 19, states: The pilot of Piper PA-32R-301 (Saratoga IHHP) (N324ST) reported a problem with the aircraft's autopilot system shortly before it crashed in a Jacksonville neighbourhood on Mar 24, killing all three men on board, according to a preliminary report filed last week by the National Transportation Safety Board. The report noted that the pilot had filed flight plans to fly from Harford County Airport in Churchville to Virginia Highlands Airport in Abingdon, VA. He had requested clearance to divert to Frederick, MD, just before he crashed 17 miles west of Harford County Airport. The entire aircraft was recovered over an 85-foot area at the crash site on Country Club Drive. The engine and propeller were buried beneath the ground in a crater about three feet deep by 10 feet long, the report noted. Inspection of the wreckage found no obvious pre-crash malfunctions of the aircraft's hydraulic or mechanical systems. The propeller was operating and the engine was running at the time of the crash, and the landing gear was in the "up" position, the report noted. The NTSB is continuing its investigation.

CRASH, JACKSON BAY, CAMPBELL RIVER AREA, CANADA

London, Apr 23 — A press report, dated Apr 21, states: Seven people escaped unharmed when a float aircraft flipped on take-off yesterday, 60 kilometres north of Campbell River. The Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Victoria said the pilot and six passengers clung to the overturned aircraft for 30 minutes before they were rescued. The aircraft flipped at 1530 hrs, in Jackson's Bay, Topaz Harbour. It was reported to search and rescue by people on shore at a logging camp. A Buffalo aircraft from CFB Comox dropped a sea rescue kit, life raft and provisions to the stranded passengers until further help arrived.

CRASH, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 20 — A press report, dated Apr 19, states: Two men were killed when a single engine Piper aircraft crashed in a remote mountain region of Kern County, Sheriff's officials said today. The aircraft took off from Fresno yesterday and was flying to Lancaster when it crashed about 115 miles north of Los Angeles, said Sgt Ed Komin. Authorities were alerted yesterday when the aircraft's homing device went off. No details were immediately available on what caused the aircraft to go down near Tehachapi, in a remote pine forest at an elevation of about 5,500 feet. The Federal Aviation Administration was alerted about the crash, Komin said.

London, Apr 21 — A press report, dated Apr 20, states: A 73-year-old man and his teenage stepson were killed when their single-engine Piper aircraft

crashed in a remote area of Kern County, sheriff's officials said yesterday. Pilot Richard Smith and Kyle Runciman, 16, both of Fresno, were found dead at the site of the crash in the Tehachapi Mountains, according to a statement released by the Kern County Sheriff's Department. They had taken off from Fresno on Wednesday and were flying to Lancaster when their aircraft crashed about 115 miles north of Los Angeles, Sgt. Ed Komin said.

CRASH, MANILA, PHILIPPINES

London, Apr 19 — A Filipino pilot spent his last minutes struggling to steer a small Cessna aircraft away from houses before the aircraft crashed in a vacant lot next to Manila's airport and exploded in flames, officials said. Paolo de Castro radioed the airport tower to say he was making an emergency landing five minutes after take-off, indicating his aircraft had some kind of mechanical trouble, airport security official Angel Atutubo said. From an altitude of 1,000 feet, Castro's single-engine aircraft plummeted toward Merville village, a middle-class residential enclave near the airport. The aircraft hit a tree, ripping off its landing gear, before crashing with a fiery explosion on a grassy lot surrounded by houses, Atutubo said. He was flying to Roxas town in Palawan province, about 360 kilometres south of Manila, to pick up a cargo of fish, Atutubo said.

CRASH, MOUNT ROYAL AREA, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 20 — A press report, dated Apr 19, states: Two people were missing today after their small aircraft clipped a power line and crashed into a river. The accident occurred at around 0830 today in the southern part of Putnam County, in the Mount Royal area, WESH 2 News reported. Several rescue teams searched the St. Johns River for the two victims, but they have found only debris.

London, Apr 23 — Putnam county sheriff's office received a telephone call from a witness stating that Cessna U206G, N2874B, hit power transmission lines across the St. Johns River, Palatka, Fl, Apr 19. Aircraft was destroyed, two fatalities.

CRASH, PEQUANNOCK, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 20 — A press report, dated today, states: A small aircraft crashed in the front lawn of a Pequannock, New Jersey, home Friday afternoon (Apr 20). Officials say the aircraft crashed and exploded in flames just after 1430. Both occupants of the aircraft walked away from the crash, authorities say. One reportedly sustained a minor injury. Officials say the aircraft was en route to Lincoln Park Airport when it crashed about a mile away. The aircraft, a Stinson Model 108-3, was registered to a corporation that takes its name from the tail number: N6513M LLC of Lafayette.

CRASH, POMPTON PLAINS, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 21 — A press report, dated Apr 20, states: A small aircraft crashed and burned at Pompton Plains, NJ, this afternoon but its two occupants were able to escape before it caught fire, authorities said. The crash occurred around 1445 hrs near Farm and Sunset roads, according to Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Arlene Murray. The aircraft had taken off shortly before from Lincoln Park Airport, Murray said. The airport is less than two miles from the crash site. Police said the aircraft clipped a power line before coming down on its belly on the front lawn of a house. The pilot and his son had only minor injuries, police said. No one on the ground was injured. Police said the plane was headed for Keane, NH. The single-engine 1949 Stinson aircraft belongs to a company that goes by the aircraft's tail number, N6513M LLC, of Lafayette, Murray said. The FAA and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the cause of the crash.

CRASH, SAN MANUEL, TEXAS, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 26 — At least one U.S. Customs and Border Protection pilot has died on board a Cessna that crashed just north of San Manuel about 1230, yesterday. Clinton B. Thrasher, 32, was flying a Cessna 182 that crashed about 15 miles north of San Manuel, on the Santa Fe Ranch. The aircraft took off between 0600 and 0700, this morning, from McAllen-Miller International Airport, said Phil Brown, the airport's director of aviation.

CRASH, ST-HONORE-DE-SHENLEY, QUEBEC AREA, CANADA

London, Apr 20 — A press report, dated Apr 19, states: Flying too low in foggy weather caused a November, 2005, aircraft crash that killed the pilot and two Quebec wildlife protection officers, a Transportation Safety Board of Canada report said. The report on the accident in the Beauce region of Quebec, released today, said the Cessna 172 was flying lower than regulations permit when it struck treetops, crashed and partly burned up. The Grondair-operated aircraft had been chartered by the Quebec government to help the officers catch big-game poachers who were hunting at night in the region south of Quebec City. "Foggy conditions prevented the pilot from identifying the visual references needed to maintain direction and navigate at the altitude required by CARS (Canadian Aviation Regulations)," the report said. It took searchers three days to find the downed aircraft because its emergency locator had been destroyed and it landed outside of the area where the search was initially conducted, the report said. Both the provincial government and Grondair have made changes to the way poaching surveillance flights are conducted since the accident occurred, it said.

CRASH, TURTLE BAY RESORT, OAHU, HAWAII

Honolulu, Apr 21 — A MD-500 helicopter reported engine trouble and made a hard landing at approximately 1415, Apr 19 at the Turtle Bay Resort helipad, North Shore, Oahu, Hawaii. Of the four on board, only one sustained a minor injury. It is reported the helicopter sustained major damage. FAA and NTSB are investigating. The owner of the helicopter is unknown at this time. — Lloyd's Agents.

CRASH, WINDHAM, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 23 — A press report, dated today, states: A Piper PA-23 crashed near Route 6 yesterday afternoon, catching fire and killing the two people on board, according to state police officials. At around 1543 yesterday, a Piper PA-23 personal aircraft out of Brookhaven, NY, crashed in a wooded area adjacent to Route 6 a short distance from Windham Airport, according to State Police spokesman Trooper William Tate. The aircraft was travelling east to west on a landing approach when it suddenly veered to the left and crashed into wooded area south of the airport, according to statements by witnesses. An off-duty state trooper in the area reported the crash to State Police Troop K, and was joined by another off-duty officer in the area, Tate said. Because of the proximity of the crash to Route 6, the highway was shut down for several hours to all non-emergency vehicles. State police were able to reopen the roadway later that evening, despite ongoing investigations, Tate said. The fire that began at the scene of the crash when the aircraft burst into flames hampered the immediate efforts of the first responders, Tate said. Authorities immediately dispatched fire and medical personnel to the scene of the crash, Tate said. Firefighters from North Windham and Windham Center Fire Departments responded to the scene, quickly containing and extinguishing the blaze. Upon extinguishing the fire, authorities found the bodies of two people within the burned wreckage. According to Tate, investigators originally had difficulty identifying the aircraft, due to the severity of the damage. Officials from Windham Airport, the Connecticut Department of Transportation, and the Federal Aviation Administration responded to the scene to investigate the crash. The FAA also contacted the National Transportation Safety Board, Tate said, which was to have investigators on the scene today. Investigators from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner removed the unidentified bodies in the plane and is scheduled to perform autopsies today to identify the individuals.

EMERGENCY LANDING, ATHENS, GREECE

London, Apr 21 — A small Bulgarian passenger aircraft made an emergency landing in Athens yesterday as one of

its engines malfunctioned, the owner company Hemus Air said. Nobody on board was hurt. The aircraft, en route from Sofia to Athens, carried 37 passengers and a four-member crew. The two-propeller French-made ATR-42 flew some 200 kilometres with just one engine on as the other one automatically stopped for low lubricant pressure, the announcement said.

EMERGENCY LANDING, ATLANTA, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 23 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: A Frontier Airlines jet had to make an emergency landing in Atlanta this morning after a piece of the lower engine cowling fell off the aircraft on take-off, according to the FAA's Southern Regional Office. The aircraft had just left Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport en route to Denver. Flight 851, an Airbus A319, had 129 passengers on board. It landed safely at 0642 hrs after a 0625 hrs take-off and no passengers were injured. Frontier Airlines made arrangements for the passengers to get to Denver on other flights. The jet was to stay in Atlanta tonight while crews looked into why a piece fell off.

EMERGENCY LANDING, DUBUQUE REGIONAL AIRPORT, IOWA, UNITED STATES

London, Apr 22 — A small commuter aircraft made an emergency landing at the Dubuque Regional Airport after one of its engines failed. Airport officials say the twin-engine turboprop was en route from Minneapolis to Peoria, Ill., when it made the emergency landing about 1315, yesterday afternoon. The Northwest Airlines aircraft carried seven passengers and three crew members. No one was injured.

EMERGENCY LANDING, KING FAHD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, DAMMAM

Karachi, Apr 21 — A Boeing 741/747-200 aircraft of state owned Saudi Arab-Saudi Airlines, carrying 458 passengers and crew, made an emergency landing at King Fahd International Airport, Dammam on Apr 19. According to local media, the aircraft took off for Manila from King Fahd International Airport but was forced to return to Dammam when a fire broke out in one of its engines minutes after take-off. It said the pilot emptied the aircraft's fuel tanks and landed it safely about 90 minutes later. No casualty was reported. The aircraft is being inspected. — Correspondent.

EMERGENCY LANDING, OHA AIRPORT, SAKHALIN, RUSSIA

London, Apr 24 — The aircraft DHC-8 of Sakhalin Airlines made forced landing at the airport of Oha (Sakhalin) because of the engine fault. The aircraft had been flying the charter flight Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk - Bogorodskoye (Khabarovsk krai). There were four crew members on board. The Sakhalin Airlines specified to the correspondent of Vostok Media that the pressure in the right engine had

suddenly slumped. Following the flying instruction the crew had to switch off the engine.

FLIGHTS DELAYED, PENANG, MALAYSIA

London, Apr 26 — Technical glitches could have caused Firefly flights to five destinations to be delayed for 10 hours yesterday. Passengers were stranded at Kota Baru, Kuala Terengganu, Kuantan, Langkawi and Phuket airports. The information board at the Penang International Airport showed that only the flight from Koh Samui took off as scheduled. According to sources from MAS, delay to one destination was bound to have a domino effect on other destinations because the community airline was operating only two Fokker-50 aircraft. All maintenance works, except major repairs, are carried out in Penang. Firefly began domestic operations from Penang to Kota Baru, Kuala Terengganu, Kuantan and Langkawi on April 3. International flights to Phuket and Koh Samui began on Apr 13 and 15 respectively. A passenger flying from Kuala Terengganu to Penang said that the flight was delayed by more than nine hours. Azmin Osman, a Penangite, said the passengers were upset because the airline kept them in the dark for seven hours.

Port Conditions**AUSTRALIA**

London, Apr 23 — An Oceania Marine Services report, dated today, states: Bulk delay report compiled today: There are 24 handymax, 85 Panamax and 71 capesize vessels at anchor off the main Australian coal and iron ore ports. Delays for vessels arriving today: Abbot Point: Newlands eight to 16 days and Collinsville six to 12 days. Hay Point and Dalrymple Bay: BHP 10 to 15 days, others 20 to 25 days. Gladstone 11 days. Newcastle 23 to 24 days. Port Kembla four days. Dampier six to 10 days. Port Walcott five to eight days. Port Hedland six to 10 days.

London, Apr 26 — Western Australian live sheep exporters fear they could lose their trade to Victoria and South Australia if the State Government does not intervene to resolve delays at the Fremantle port. A partly loaded livestock vessel was forced to wait three days because the berths were being used by a vessel discharging steel. WA Live Exporters Association chairman John Edwards says animal welfare is at risk. He says export companies are meeting with the port authority today and they will not tolerate further delays. "We've got vessel owners here in Australia and internationally that are completely dumbfounded by the actions that the port authority's taking against their vessels," he said. "The likely outcomes of these is that these vessels may well

sail straight past Fremantle and load cargoes in South Australia and in Victoria, where we are not confronted with any of these problems.”

INDONESIA

Bangkok, Apr 24 — Thailand’s Banpu PCL said on Tuesday (Apr 24) it had lifted force majeure on coal shipments from Indonesia’s Bontang port following an accident in February. The company said in a statement the final repairs had been completed following the accident on Feb 12 and loading at the port returned to normal on Friday. The Bontang port was now loading at about 70 percent of its annual capacity of 12.5 million tonnes and the rate was expected rise gradually to full capacity soon, Banpu said without giving a specific timeframe. — Reuters.

ITALY

Genoa, Apr 16 — Current berthing delays: Genoa: One bulk carrier, one container vessel, one tanker and one ro/ro vessel waiting to berth. Average delay in berthing 12 - 24 hrs. La Spezia: No vessels waiting to berth. Savona: No vessels waiting for normal or special berths. — Lloyd’s Agents.

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TANZANIA & KENYA

London, Apr 26 — Lack of sufficient cranes by the Tanzania International Container Terminal Services (TICTS) is among the main reasons of the current congestion at the Dar es Salaam port, it has been learnt. The Managing Director of the Freedom Freight Forwarders, Mr Thomas Mallya, said in the city that such congestion was hindering freight business. He said it was not true that the congestion at the terminal was caused by untimely clearance of overstayed containers for more than two years, saying: “The problems lie more on the lack of off-loading and loading equipment.” Mr Mallya added that it was absurd for an investor in the container terminal to fail to invest in the offloading and loading equipment like front and horizontal loader cranes. He said it has taken him more than a month to clear containers that are usually supposed to be cleared within a week, adding that most of his clients, especially from Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and other

countries were contemplating to use other ports. Until last week, there were about 2,000 containers that have overstayed at the terminal for two years or more. Dar port had since last November experienced unprecedented congestion which has led to several ships diverting to neighbouring ports such as Mombasa in Kenya and Beira in Mozambique.

UNITED STATES

London, Apr 22 — The Port of Seattle’s container terminals were effectively shut down Thursday (Apr 19) night and most of Friday following the death of 42-year-old longshoreman Joseph Aliseo. The 827 members of the Port’s local longshore union elected not to work for about 24 hours after the 2000 hrs death of Aliseo, who was crushed while working at the railway tracks at Terminal 5. Aliseo was helping to lock down containers as they were being loaded two-high onto a rail car. The closure affected seven ships - three were at berth and four were expected to arrive in Seattle on Friday, said Port spokesman Mick Shultz. Members of Local 19 of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union returned to work at 1800, Friday.

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		
Abbot Point	30-Apr-2007	Coal: One vessel loading at berth; 11 vessels due by 31/5; no delays expected
Brisbane	30-Apr-2007	Coal: Fisherman Island coal berth; Five vessels due by 25/5.
Dalrymple Bay	30-Apr-2007	Coal: Two vessels loading at berth; 48 vessels arrived; 28 vessels due by 17/5; 7-30 days delay expected
Dampier	30-Apr-2007	Iron ore: Parker Point: Seven vessels arrived; 16 vessels due by 16/5; East Intercourse Island: 3 vessels arrived; 6 vessels due by 11/5; 2-5 days delay expected at Dampier
Esperance	30-Apr-2007	Iron ore: Two vessels due by 25/5.
Geraldton	30-Apr-2007	Iron ore: One vessel at anchor; 3 vessels due by 14/5.
Gladstone	30-Apr-2007	Coal: 12-13 days delay expected; R.G. Tanna coal terminal: Eleven vessels arrived; 48 vessels due by 25/6; Barney Point: 12 vessels due by 25/5
Hay Point	30-Apr-2007	Coal: Two vessels loading at berth; 12 vessels arrived; 11 vessels due by 15/5; 7-30 days delay expected.
Newcastle	30-Apr-2007	Coal: 21-25 days delay expected; Kooragang 4, 5 and 6: Three vessels loading at berth; 41 vessels arrived; 45 vessels due by 24/5; Dykes 4+5: 2 vessels loading at berth; 25 vessels arrived; 17 vessels due by 25/5
Port Hedland	30-Apr-2007	Iron ore: Nelson Point: Two vessels loading at berth; 7 vessels arrived; 13 vessels due by 22/5; BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Goldsworthy (Finucane Island “C” berth): berth closed for refurbishment; (Finucane Island “D” berth): 1 vessel loading at berth; 8 vessels due by 10/5; Cockatoo Island: 1 vessel due 3/5; 4-10 days delay expected at Port Hedland.
Port Kembla	30-Apr-2007	Coal: One vessel loading at berth; 15 vessels due by 13/6; no delays expected
Whyalla	30-Apr-2007	Iron ore: Two vessels loading by barge at anchorage; 2 vessels due by 30/5
Azerbaijan		
Apscheron	30-Apr-2007	Oil products: Dubendi terminal: 3 vessels berthed, 2 completed discharging (1 gas oil, 1 crude oil), 1 vessel discharging crude oil; 1 vessel due 30/4 to discharge crude oil
Baku	30-Apr-2007	Oil products: Bay of Baku: no vessels; AzerTrans terminal - Nobel avenue: 1 empty vessel berthed, completed discharging; Sangachal district: no vessels

Port Conditions

Egypt

Adabiya	30-Apr-2007	Three vessels at berth (loading/discharging), all general cargo.
Alexandria	30-Apr-2007	Thirty-nine vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 29 general cargo, 2 bulk carriers, 3 tankers, 4 container vessels, 1 tourist vessel; 18 vessels at inner anchorage, 5 at outer anchorage.
Damietta	30-Apr-2007	Thirty-six vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 27 general cargo, 2 bulk carriers, 1 tanker, 6 container vessels; 1 vessel at inner anchorage, 20 at outer anchorage.
Dekheila	30-Apr-2007	Ten vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 2 general cargo, 4 bulk carriers, 2 tankers, 2 container vessels; no vessels at outer anchorage.
Port Said	30-Apr-2007	Five vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 3 general cargo, 2 container vessels.
Suez	30-Apr-2007	Eight vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 4 general cargo, 4 passenger vessels; 2 tug boats; 2 vessels dry-docked. .
Suez Canal	30-Apr-2007	Twenty-three vessels transiting Northbound, 21 Southbound.

Georgia

Batumi	30-Apr-2007	Oil products: 2 vessels berthed, both loading, of which 1 gasoil, 1 gasoline; 2 vessels in roads, both to load, of which 1 gasoil, 1 ULSD; 3 vessels due by 6/5, all to load, of which 1 gasoil, 1 crude oil, 1 gasoline.
Poti	30-Apr-2007	Oil products: 1 vessel due 1/5 to load kerosene.

India

Kolkata	30-Apr-2007	7 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (General Cargo, LDO), 4 vessels discharging (Containers, Pipe, Edible Oil, High Speed Diesel), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 2 vessels under repair; 1 vessel under dry docked; 1 vessel under arrest, 2 vessel waiting for sailing; 3 vessel due (Igel-2, Edible Oil).
Haldia	30-Apr-2007	13 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading Iron Ore, 6 vessels discharging (Crude, Met Coke-2, Ammonia Coal, Rock Phosphate, Ammonia Nitrate), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers, 2 vessels waiting to load (Iron Ore, Steel), 1 vessel waiting to discharge Coke; 5 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 5 vessels waiting berth at anchorage (4 to load, 1 discharge & load); 7 vessels due (Crude-2, Butadine, Iron Ore, Coking Coal, Containers, Palm Oil).
Paradip	30-Apr-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Iron Ore, Thermal Coal), 3 vessels discharging (Coking Coal, RP Coke, Rock Phosphate); 1 vessel (***) waiting berth at anchorage to load; 22 vessels due.
Vizag	30-Apr-2007	15 vessels operating at berth of which 7 vessels loading (Iron Ore-3, Steel Cargo-2, Soya, Product), 8 vessels discharging (Coking Coal-2, Crude, Urea, Pet Coke, MOP, Product, Rock Phosphate); 4 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (2 to discharge, 2 to load); 1 vessel under arrest; 1 vessel under others reasons; 30 vessels due (Iron Ore-5, General Cargo, BF Slag, Thermal Coal, Food Grains, Mill Scale, Feld Spar, Products Tankers-3, M. Sulphur, Sulphuric Acid, Sulphur, Coking Coal-5, Containers, Steel Pipes, Steam Coal, Caustic Soda, C P Coke, General Cargo, Crude & POL Products-2).
Chennai	30-Apr-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (General Cargo, Granite Blocks), 3 vessels discharging (Log, Sulphur, Steel Coal), 5 vessels loading and discharging (Containers-2, Project/Steel Coil/Granite Block, Steel Plates/Granite Block/Project/J. Bag, Project/Steel Coil/Granite Block/Steel Pipe); 1 vessel not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to discharge; 8 vessels due (Iron Ore, Containers-2, High Speed Diesel, Coking Coal, Rock Phosphate, Cars, Iron Ore/IOL).
Tuticorin	30-Apr-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading General Cargo, 6 vessels discharging (Thermal Coal-2, LPG, Copper Contrate, Rock Phosphate, Furance Oil), 1 vessel for repair bunkering; 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 1 vessel not ready to work at anchorage to load, 1 vessel awaiting order at anchorage to discharge; 1 vessel under arrest.
Cochin	30-Apr-2007	4 vessels operating at berth discharging (Coal, Naptha, Rock Phosphate & Crude); 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to dishcharge; 21 vessels due (Crude, Domestic Passenger-4, Containers-7, Rock Phosphate, Scrap, POL-4, Defence, General Cargo, Break Bulk).
New Mangalore	30-Apr-2007	8 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (Iron Ore Fines, Fertilizer), 6 vessels discharging (Fertilizer, Clay, Coal, Cement, Containers, LPG); 3 vessels waiting berth at anchorage (1 to dishcharge, 2 to load); 10 vessels due (Iron Ore Fines-2, POL Crude-5, Steel Plate, Coal-2).
Mormugao	30-Apr-2007	3 vessels operating at berth discharging (P. Acid, MOP, Met Coke); 10 vessels working at midstream loading Iron Ore; 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge; 4 vessel under dry docked; 8 vessels due (Coal, Coking Coal, Urea, Met Coke, Iron Ore-4).
Mumbai	30-Apr-2007	18 vessels operating at berth of which 9 vessels loading (Steel Cargo/Pipes, Bagged Sugar-4, Vehicles, POL-2), 7 vessels discharging (Containers/Vehicles, Steel Cargo/Roads-4, Teak Logs, POL), 2 vessels loading and discharging Steel Cargo/General Cargo/ Vehicle/Military ; 3 vessels waiting order at anchorage discharge, 4 vessels waiting at anchorage (1 to load, 1 to dishcharge, 2 to load and discharge); 13 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 6 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel under laid up (Berths not required for cargo operations); 33 vessels due (Contaners-6, Oil, General Cargo-25).
J.N.P.T.	30-Apr-2007	11 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels discharging (Cement, Edible Oil, High Speed Diesel), 8 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 8 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge; 4 vessels due (Naptha/ MS / High Speed Diesel, Containers-2).

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Kandla	30-Apr-2007	12 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Agriculture Product-3, Cement, Salt), 7 vessels discharging (Timber Logs, Steel Cargo, Steel Coil, Chemical, Phenol, Ammonia); 1 vessel working at midstream discharging Timber Logs; 8 vessels (not ready to work at anchorage (3 to load, 5 to discharge).
Ennore	30-Apr-2007	1 vessel operating at berth discharging Coal; 1 vessel working at Inner anchorage loading Iron Ore; 3 vessels due (MV Tamil Anna (Coal), MV Than Suji (Iron Ore), MV Apj Sridevi (Coal).
Israel		
Ashdod	01-May-2007	No labour problems. Two general cargo vessels loading at berth, 12 vessels discharging at berth (6 general cargo, 5 bulkers, 1 car carrier), 5 vessels loading/discharging at berth (4 containers, 1 tanker); 12 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge (9 general cargo, 4 bulkers), 5 vessels waiting at anchorage to load/discharge (4 containers, 1 passenger vessel); 16 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Eilat	30-Apr-2007	No labour problems. One general cargo vessel discharging at berth, 2 vessels loading/discharging at berth (1 containers, 1 car carrier); 3 general cargo vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge; 1 vessel due, with no delays expected.
Haifa	30-Apr-2007	No labour problems. Five vessels discharging at berth (3 general cargo, 2 bulkers), 9 loading /discharging at berth (5 containers, 4 tankers); 14 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge (11 bulkers, 3 general cargo), 15 waiting at anchorage to load/discharge (12 containers, 3 tankers); 6 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 18 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Kazakhstan		
Aktau	30-Apr-2007	Oil products: 1 vessel berthed loading crude oil; 9 vessels in roads, all to load unknown cargo; 6 vessels due by 30/4, all to load unknown cargoes.
Russia		
Novorossiysk	30-Apr-2007	Eleven vessels in port operating, of which 10 loading, (1 pipes, 2 bulk NPK, 1 DRI, 1 soda ash, 1 H-beams, 1 coils, 1 aluminium, 1 vegetable oil, 1 diesel oil), 1 discharging/loading containers; 2 vessels waiting in roads, of which 1 to load aluminium, 1 to discharge vegetable oil; 72 vessels due, of which 53 to load (2 DRI, 1 coils/steel billets, 10 steel billets, 1 bulk NPK, 1 scrap, 1 bulk cement, 5 coils, 3 copper, 1 steel billets/pipes/vehicles, 2 pipes, 1 steel sheets/steel billets, 1 soda ash, 1 barley, 1 cellulose, 5 slabs, 1 steel sheets/coils/H-beams/steel billets, 3 copper WRIC, 1 bulk urea, 1 lead, 3 wheat, 6 vegetable oil, 1 steel sheets, 1 diesel oil), 17 to discharge (2 vegetable oil, 2 debars, 3 potatoes, 2 zinc concentrate, 2 bulk sugar, 1 livestock, 1 containers, 2 bananas, 1 citrus, 1 citrus/onions/potatoes), 2 to load/discharge containers. Oil terminal: 2 tankers berthed, both loading, of which 1 crude oil, 1 fuel oil; 1 tanker in roads to load crude oil; 9 tankers due, all to load, of which 8 crude oil, 1 diesel oil.
Slovenia		
Koper	30-Apr-2007	Port working normally; Eight vessels at berth of which 6 loading (5 sawn timber/general cargo, 1 bulk cargo), 2 discharging (1 vehicles, 1 general cargo); 24 vessels due over the next 2 days of which 10 to load (4 bulk cargo, 5 general cargo/sawn timber, 1 vehicles), 6 to discharge (1 tanker, 5 bulk cargo), 8 to discharge/load (5 containers, 3 vehicles).
Spain		
Sagunto	30-Apr-2007	Twenty-three vessels in port operating, of which 3 loading (1 bulk fertiliser, 1 cement, 1 steel products), 17 discharging (15 steel products, 1 anhydrous ammonia, 1 gas), 3 loading/discharging (1 fruit, 2 vehicles); no vessels outside commercial wharf; no berthing delays at present.
Turkmenistan		
Aladja	30-Apr-2007	Oil products: 1 vessel berthed, completed loading crude oil; 1 vessel in roads to load crude oil.
Okarem	30-Apr-2007	Oil products: 1 vessel in roads to load crude oil.
Turkmenbashi	30-Apr-2007	Oil products: 2 vessels berthed, 1 completed loading fuel oil, 1 loading gasoil; 7 vessels in roads, all to load, of which 1 gasoil, 2 fuel oil, 1 HPGO, 1 gasoline, 2 unknown cargoes; 1 vessel due 30/4 to load unknown cargo. .

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