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Paris MoU detentions up

By David Osler

DETENTIONS in the Paris memorandum of understanding region increased during 2006 for the first time in six years, according to the port state control grouping's annual report.

The total number of detentions last year reached 1,174, up from 944 seen in 2005. This increase is described as "significant", and boosts the detention rate as a percentage of inspections from 4.7% to 5.4%.

Of these detentions, some 148 (13%) were considered class-related.

One factor at work might be the strong freight rates, which are encouraging operators to keep older tonnage in service for longer than they might have in the past, the report suggests.

"The relatively low costs of repairs following a detention do not outweigh

high profits of carrying cargo," the document notes. "Hopefully this rise in detentions is not the start of a trend."

Cyprus, Malta and Lithuania all joined the Paris MoU in 2006, and the body now has 25 members, which carried out 21,566 inspections in the year under consideration. These efforts took in 13,417 foreign ships, registered in 112 different flag states.

On a positive note, fewer ships were refused access to ports in the region.

In 2006, just 14 vessels were banned, compared to 28 in 2005.

That brings the total number of ships banned between 2004 and 2006 to 77.

However, many remain active in other parts of the world. The Paris MoU points out: "Research has indicated that most of these unwanted ships are still in operation in other areas, mostly in the Black Sea."

There was further progress on efforts to intensify co-operation with the Asia-based Tokyo MoU, which has resulted in harmonised procedures and joint inspection campaigns.

With the enlargement of the European Union, the Paris MoU hopes to integrate the most recent accession countries, Bulgaria and Romania, as soon as possible.

Both are currently classified as 'co-operating members' and are undergoing assessment for full membership status. Concentrated inspection campaigns in 2006 included a crackdown on oil filtering equipment systems.

The aim was to find out whether sludge had been discharged into port reception facilities, burnt in a suitable incinerator or auxiliary boiler, mixed with fuel, or other alternative arrangements.

As a result, some 4,614 vessels were inspected, and 128 of them (2.8%) were detained.

The Paris MoU expressed concern at the discovery of 108 cases of unauthorised by-passes in engine rooms, which would allow oil residues to be pumped overboard directly, without being filtered.

But there were grounds for optimism on flag state performance, as the number of black and grey-listed flags continued to decline while the size of the white list increased.

From the figures, the Paris MoU concludes that there is a movement towards quality flags.

Pirates release Danica White

By David Osler

DANICA White, the Danish general cargoship held by Somali pirates since the start of June, has been released, following payment of a ransom, Denmark's foreign ministry said on Aug 22.

The amount handed over has not been made public, but it thought that pirates were demanding \$1.5m (£750,000).

The vessel is operated by Copenhagen-based H Folmer & Co.

A representative of the firm's UK associate confirmed the news to Lloyd's List, but said that the amount paid could not be released to the press, under the terms of Folmer's agreement with the Danish authorities.

Five seafarers on board the ship - which is of 1,616 dwt and 1985 year of build - are in good shape and are currently undergoing medical checks prior to repatriation, he added.

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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>COLUMBIAN EXPRESS</i>	general	PAN	LR	12,963	20,482	1986	Had engine problems on Jul 18 and diverted to Barbados on Jul 24. Effectuated repairs and sailed Aug 3.
<i>DAVUT 1</i>	general	TUR	TU	1,580	2,858	1967	Sustained engine trouble and anchored at Karanlik Bay Aug 11. Arrived Karanlik port same day for repairs.
<i>KOTA CAHAYA</i>	container	SGP	BV	9,870	13,453	1992	Collided with dredger <i>Khanak</i> while berthing at Chittagong Aug 13. Discharging Aug 14. Due to complete Aug 16. Stern damaged.
<i>MATADI BRIDGE</i>	general	MLT	RI	12,811	17,274	1982	Struck by naval vessel <i>Aradu</i> when loading at Monrovia Aug 10. Substantial damage sustained. To dry-dock at Dakar for repairs. Arrived Aug 13. Repairs being effectuated at berth.
<i>MEXICA</i>	general	PAN	GL	10,018	12,768	1985	Sank at the shipyard of Bijela Aug 10 due rainwater entering the hold during a storm. Touching bottom with aft part and bow out of water. Salvage services being rendered. To refloat Aug 18.
<i>NEW FLAME</i>	bulker	PAN	CS	26,824	43,815	1994	In collision with <i>Torm Gertrud</i> 0.7 miles south of Europa Point, Gibraltar Aug 12. Still on site, bow touching sea bed with risk of sinking. Three tugs holding stable. Salvage services being rendered.
<i>OCEAN CROWN</i>	bulker	CYP	NK	30,057	52,347	2005	Grounded in the Darwin canal area, lat 45S long 74W, off Chile, Aug 7. Salvage being rendered. Slight bottom damage. Two tugs on scene. Refloated Aug 14 and anchored at Puerto Laguna undergoing divers investigation.
<i>PAILIN MARITIME I</i>	general	THA	—	3,518	6,079	1973	Sank in lat 10 06N, long 112 09E, Aug 7. Nineteen of the 23 crew rescued.
<i>RMS VOERDE</i>	general	ATG	BV	1,846	2,500	1999	Reported Aug 12 in lat 50 28.26N, long 00 52.44W, 14 miles off Dunose Head, with engine problems. Later proceeded for Southampton for repairs, where arrived same day.
<i>SHIN TANEGASHIMA MARU</i>	vehicle carrier	JPN	—	999	1,200	1993	Reported Aug 10 drifting with engine problems in lat 30 56N, long 130 43E. Coast Guard tug on scene. Towed into Kagoshima Aug 12 for repairs.
<i>TORM GERTRUD</i>	product tanker	DIS	NV	30,058	46,362	2002	In collision with <i>New Flame</i> 0.7 miles south of Gibraltar Aug 14. Anchored in Algeciras Bay with forepeak damage.
<i>TOURMALET</i>	trawler	FRA	BV	222	300	1983	Had engine-room fire in lat 51 53.9N, long 05 44.3W, 15.5 miles west of St. Davids Head, Aug 12. Extinguished same day. Escorted by lifeboat. Subsequently released and proceeded to Concarneau under own power.

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ABRAM SCHULTE (Liberia)

London, Aug 12 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1815, UTC: Crude oil tanker *Abram Schulte* (41503 gt, built 2004), in bound, grounded at Galveston Safety Fairway at 2044, UTC, Aug 11. No damage or pollution. Vessel refloated at 1034, UTC, today.

London, Aug 12 -- VBSK, managers of crude oil tanker *Abram Schulte*, report that the vessel grounded on soft mud yesterday while navigating the Safety Fairway, Galveston. The USCG and other parties were immediately informed. Full contingency plans were put into effect, however the vessel has since been refloated under her own power. There was no pollution or injury during the incident. *Abram Schulte* will proceed to Galveston for a routine underwater and ballast tank inspection, although first indications are that the vessel has sustained no damage. Owners have started a full investigation into this incident

London, Aug 13 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, crude oil tanker *Abram Schulte* in lat 26 56 35.58N, long 93 23 43.2W, at 1649, UTC, today, Gulf Gateway terminal 71.5 nautical miles, speed 14.5 knots, ETA Gibraltar Aug 25.

ACACIA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Venice, Aug 13 -- Roll On Roll Off *Acacia* arrived at Venice on Aug 10, from Patras. -- Lloyd's Agents.

AL SHAYMAA (Egypt)

Portsmouth, UK, Aug 14 -- General cargo *Al Shaymaa* (5744 gt, built 1981) listed yesterday evening during loading of steel at Moerdijk, 10 hours after arriving at the port. The vessel was being loaded with metal rolls of 50 tons each, when the cargo shifted and slid down the vessel, which as a result leaned over against the quay. The position of the vessel is now stable. -- Correspondent. (Note -- *Al Shaymaa* arrived Moerdijk 0025, Aug 13.)

Kiel, Aug 15 -- General cargo *Al Shaymaa* developed a list in Moerdijk harbour while unloading (before reported as loading) and as a result a harbour crane was damaged. The vessel was unloading steel rolls, with a weight of 50 tons each, when it suddenly had stability problems and the rolls in the hold moved to starboard. The crew of 30 escaped onto the quayside. The remaining 65 rolls have to be unloaded by a sheerlegs in order to get the ship back on an even keel. -- Correspondent.

Flushing, Aug 15 -- General cargo *Al Shaymaa* keeled over on to the quay in Moerdijk harbour during discharging of its cargo of steel rolls at approximately 2200, Aug 13. The vessel keeled over on to the quay and remained there, resting

on the quay, at Wupperman Staal Nederland (WSN) at the Vlasweg at Moerdijk. The crew left the vessel safely. Yesterday morning an agreement was made for the salvage between the insurers, the owners and the salvage company. Yesterday afternoon Multiship started the salvage of the vessel after it got the contract. They are using floating sheerlegs *Amsterdam* to unload the last hundred remaining steel coils, which started yesterday evening. -- Correspondent.

ALEKSEY MARYSHEV (Russia)

London, Aug 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: A group of British holidaymakers were injured on a sightseeing vessel, passenger ro/ro *Aleksey Maryshev* (1698 gt, built 1990), in the Arctic when ice fell from a glacier. A total of 18 passengers were injured, two seriously, at the glacier off the Svalbard Islands, 500 km north of Norway. Ice hit the deck of the luxury vessel, where passengers had gathered, and fell into the sea, causing the vessel to list. Four of the injured were flown to a hospital on the Norwegian mainland and 14 were taken to a local hospital. Jan Tommervold, a deputy sheriff on Svalbard, said the *Aleksey Maryshev*, a Russian research vessel converted into a luxury sightseeing craft, was hit by the ice late yesterday. Police said the vessel had sailed close to the towering Horn glacier at Svalbard for a better look when ice broke off and hit the vessel's side and deck, where some passengers had gathered. "The Russian master said they were tight into the Horn glacier when it calved," said another deputy, Petter Braathen. He said blocks of ice crashed into the water near the vessel, causing it to be tossed back and forth by the waves "throwing" the passengers around. The ship returned to port under its own power and was awaiting a possible investigation. Mr Braathen said sightseeing vessels routinely sailed close to the glaciers but added they did not go as close as the *Aleksey Maryshev*. Ko de Korte, of Oceanwide Expeditions, the Dutch Company which operates the vessel, said there were 72 people on board, including 50 British passengers and 22 crew and staff. "The company director is on his way," he said. "We have been operating since 1982 and this is our first accident... so this is serious."

London, Aug 11 -- Passenger ro/ro *Aleksey Maryshev* arrived Longyearbyen, on Svalbard, on Aug 9. A 70-foot wall of ice and water had earlier engulfed the vessel when a glacier collapsed about 60 yards away. The incident left 17 people injured, four seriously, and led to severe criticism of the cruise company from passengers for taking *Aleksey Maryshev* too close to the glacier. Svalbard police, yesterday, continued questioning the Russian master of the vessel, who has already admitted going too close to the glacier, but a spokesman said there were no plans to arrest anyone at this stage.

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ALPHA ACTION (Greece)

London, Aug 14 -- A lack of yard space in Japan is hampering efforts by Wan Hai Lines to find a repair yard that can make temporary repairs to the container carrier *Wan Hai 307*, which was in collision with bulker *Alpha Action* on Jul 27. Wan Hai Lines vice-president Leo Huang said: iltis true. They are pretty full. Weire checking to see if it can be repaired in Japan or not. He said that until a suitable shipyard was found there was no actual schedule for the repair of the vessel. The carrier is also investigating whether Bureau Veritas, the vessel's class society, will allow it to be towed to Taiwan for repairs. The vessel is currently anchored near Tateyama, about 75 km south of Tokyo. Mr Huang said all the containers had been offloaded. Those that were undamaged, which were mainly located forward of the accommodation block, would be transferred to other vessels. The ship's P&I club is the Britannia Steam Ship Insurance Association. *Alpha Action*, owned by Greek company Custom Navigation, which is linked to Alpha Tankers and Freighters International, had left Nagoya in ballast on Jul 26 bound for Chile, according to NYK. *Alpha Action*, which is classed by DNV and insured through the North of England P&I Association, sustained damage to the bow and fore peak area and sailed under its own power to a repair yard, believed to be Huarun Dadong, in Shanghai.

ALVAREZ ENTRENA I (Argentina)

London, Aug 10 -- Following navigation warning issued Aug 9: Fishing (general) *Alvarez Entrena II* towing fishing (general) *Alvarez Entrena I* (430 gt, built 2006) in lat 45 34S, long 65 07W, at 1841, UTC, Aug 9, bound Comodoro Rivadavia port.

ANJASMORO (Singapore)

London, Aug 10 -- Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 2007, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Anjasmoro* (21145 gt, built 1996), Kuwait for Argentina, cargo gasoil, anchored eight nautical miles from Cape Agulhas at 1905, UTC, for unknown structural repairs. ETC unknown. No engine trouble and no assistance required. Wind force 9 (gale).

London, Aug 11 -- Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 1830, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Anjasmoro* remains anchored in the same position, effecting repairs. ETC unknown.

London, Aug 13 -- Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 0930, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Anjasmoro* completed repairs 0400, UTC, yesterday and has continued on voyage for Argentina.

ARCADIA PROGRESS (India)

London, Aug 16 -- A SMIT Salvage report, states: Bulker *Arcadia Progress* ran aground on the beach, off Porbandar due to stormy weather. SMIT Salvage was contracted to refloat the vessel, and a team was dispatched

to site. This despite the onset of SW Monsoon in the region with strong winds and heavy swells, which were observed through out the duration of the operation. With the safety of the personnel and the environment as utmost priority, the removal of oil and oily pollutants was undertaken, before any refloating attempt. This process was carried out with caution ending with a successful completion on Jul 13. The second phase of the operation was the refloating of *Arcadia Progress*. With no safe access to the casualty through out the operation a cable car system was installed from shore to the bow of the vessel for the salvage crew to board the casualty. Before the refloating, preparations and engineering works were carried out onboard. SMIT Salvage Alliance partners salvage tug *Mahanuwara* was mobilized from Colombo and was connected to the stern section of the casualty on Jul 20. On Jul 21, after a series of ballasting and de-ballasting operations, and sheering and pulling by the tug, *Arcadia Progress* was successfully refloated, just after high waters, at about 1600, local time. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Arcadia Progress* was stationary in lat 26 11 14N, long 50 40 27E, (Sitra area) at 0532, UTC, Aug 7 and reportedly with restricted manoeuvrability.)

ASIAN FRIENDSHIP (Indonesia)

Jakarta, Aug 13 -- Container Carrier *Asian Friendship* (3701 gt, built 1980) was in collision with vessel *Nurahmad* in lat 06 46.83S, long 113 30.92E, at 1927, local time, Aug 12. *Nurahmad* sank at 2315, local time. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: Five crew members were missing in a collision between two ships in Madura waters, East Java on last night. The missing crew members were from a small ship (*Nurahmad*), which sank after the collision with a bigger ship (*Asian Friendship*).

ATHENA (Faroe Islands)

London, Aug 9 -- Fish factory *Athena* sailed from Lirquen on Aug 7, bound for Talcahuano, arriving later on that day. (See issue of Aug 7.)

ATLANTIC JOY (Panama)

London, Aug 13 -- Following received from Rome MRCC, timed 1355, UTC: According to Venice harbour-master general cargo *Atlantic Joy* (5636 gt, built 1978) when leaving Venice grounded in the Malamocco Marghera channel at very approximately 1400, local time, today. The vessel has been refloated and has returned to port for inspection. A light in the channel was also reported damaged.

BAHIA LAURA (Germany)

London, Aug 10 -- Following navigation warning issued Aug 8: Container Carrier *Bahia Laura* (34500 gt, built 2007) lost two 40 ft containers and one liferaft overboard during heavy weather between 1600, UTC, and 1800, UTC, Aug 7 between lat 31 20.5S, long 30 06.4E, and lat 31 40.7S, long 29

46.7E. (Note -- *Bahia Laura* sailed Singapore Jul 26, for Tanjung Pelepas, and is reported due Sepetiba Aug 15.)

BAI SHUN TONG (Cambodia)

Yokohama, Aug 16 -- General cargo *Bai Shun Tong* (1308 gt, built 1980), Gamagori for China, was in collision with Japanese fishing *Hiroei Maru No.12*, 16 gt, fishing grounds for Kanazaki fishing port, 7,800 metres from north-west side of Ooshima, Fukuoka Prefecture, at 0630, Aug 10. *Bai Shun Tong* sustained scratches to bow, while *Hiroei Maru No.12* sustained bow damage and two crew members were injured. There was no water ingress or oil spilled. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Bai Shun Tong*, which sailed Gamagori Aug 8, was last reported to have arrived Hakata Aug 10.)

BERMUDA I (Cambodia)

See "Romania" under "Port State Control".

BRAGE R. (Netherlands)

Esbjerg, Aug 13 -- Dredger *Brage R.* completed repairs on Aug 9, and returned to service later the same day. -- Lloyd's Agents.

CASTEL COZ (France)

Dunkirk, Aug 10 -- Fishing (general) *Castel Coz* completed engine repairs 15 days ago. According to the owner of the vessel the turbo-charger and the injectors have been replaced. The vessel is now in dry dock for careening. -- Lloyd's Agents.

CHELSEA (Marshall Islands)

London, Aug 9 -- According to LloydsMIU AIS, crude oil tanker *Chelsea*, which arrived Flushing 0130 today, was in lat 51 27 34.81N, long 03 40 27.63E, Flushing East seven nautical miles, stationary, at 2337, UTC, Aug 8. (See issue of Aug 10.)

London, Aug 10 -- Crude oil tanker *Chelsea* arrived Flushing at 0130, Aug 9.

CLIPPER POSH (NIS)

London, Aug 13 -- Following received from Coast Guard San Juan, timed 1425, UTC: Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Clipper Posh* (34384 gt, built 1983) called off San Juan to pick up engine parts and proceeded to sea to carry out engine repairs. Vessel is now carrying out repairs in lat 18 58.6N, long 66 05 04W. (Note -- *Clipper Posh* sailed Puerto Jose Aug 2, with ETA Falmouth Aug 11.)

London, Aug 14 -- Following received from Coast Guard San Juan, timed 2006 UTC: Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Clipper Posh*, which carrying out repairs in lat 18 58.6N, long 66 05 04W, has completed repairs and proceeded.

CLIPPER VICTORIA (NIS)

London, Aug 13 -- Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Clipper Victoria* sailed from Houston on Jul 29. She subsequently arrived at Galveston at 0920 hrs Aug 5 and sailed from there at 0100 hrs, Aug 12.

COLUMBIA (U.S.A.)

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Alaska Marine Highway General Manager John Falvey said passenger ro/ro *Columbia* (3946 gt, built 1974) had engine failure this morning while it was heading to Juneau. He says *Columbia* was about 10 hours away when its starboard engine blew out, but the vessel made it to port safely and there were no injuries. Falvey says passengers were still on board this evening. They're waiting for other vessels that have been diverted to take them to their destinations. Falvey says it's too soon to know the cause of the failure.

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated Aug 14, states: Passenger ro/ro *Columbia* will be out of service for at least the remainder of the week with engine problems, officials with the Alaska Marine Highway System said today. The vessel's starboard engine went down early yesterday morning as it was travelling northbound to Juneau. About 270 passengers bound for Haines and Skagway on board *Columbia* were affected by the mechanical failure. Other state ferries, including *LeConte* and *Fairweather*, were to take the *Columbia* passengers to their destinations. The state has received permission from the Coast Guard to sail *Columbia* to Ketchikan for repairs. Technical representatives from Seattle are flying to Ketchikan to oversee the repairs.

COLUMBIAN EXPRESS (Panama)

Barbados, Aug 10 -- General cargo *Columbian Express* (12963 gt, built 1986), Houston for Apapa-Lagos, diverted to Barbados due engine problems, which occurred Jul 18. Vessel arrived Barbados Jul 24. There was no damage to the cargo and no threat of damage to the environment. Engineers from the manufacturers were called in to carry out repairs but completion was delayed due to problems with delivery of spare parts. Vessel finally sailed from Barbados on Aug 3. -- Lloyd's Agents.

COSMOS VENTURE (Liberia)

London, Aug 9 -- Vehicle carrier *Cosmos Venture* sailed Sakai Aug 5 for Fraser River Port.

DAVUT 1 (Turkey)

London, Aug 11 -- General cargo *Davut 1* (1580 gt, built 1967) Mersin, for Izmit, had engine trouble during Dardanelles passage in front of Intepe Bay at 0820, local time, today. Vessel has dropped anchor at Karanlik Bay at 0935, local time, today.

London, Aug 11 -- Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 1725, UTC, today: General cargo *Davut 1* has arrived safely at Karanlik port, awaiting engine repairs.

DUCHESS M. (U.K.)

London, Aug 15 -- A press release from The Maritime & Coastguard Agency, dated today, states: At a hearing today at Dartford Magistrates, the Lower Thames and Medway Passenger Boat Company Limited were

fined a total of £18,000 plus £9,000 costs for allowing ferry *Duchess M.* (built 1951) to carry more passenger than was allowed for by the vessels certification. The *Duchess M.* operates the Gravesend to Tilbury ferry service. On the evening of the Aug 30, 2006, the vessel was due to commence a voyage from Gravesend to Tilbury. The Port of London Authority at Gravesend received a phone call stating that vessel was carrying 90 passengers. On departing Gravesend terminal the vessel reported to PLA Gravesend that it was carrying 62 passengers. Observations using CCTV and crew on a nearby PLA launch confirmed that the vessel was carrying persons onboard well in excess of the permitted level of 60 passengers plus 2 or 3 crew. Estimates of the number carried as between 90 and 110. The matter was reported to the MCA who started an investigation into the incident which has led to this prosecution. The owner of the ferry pleaded guilty to one offence under the Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) Regulations 1995 for allowing the vessel to proceed on a voyage with a greater number of passengers onboard than that stated on the ship's Passenger Certificate. The Lower Thames and Medway Passenger Boat Company Limited were fined £18,000. Costs of £9,000 were also awarded against the company. In passing sentence the Magistrates made clear that they considered it a very serious offence. Bryan Hopkins, Area Operations Manager with responsibility for the River Thames at the MCA, said: "Carrying more passengers onboard than is allowed by the vessels certification is dangerous as the vessels lifesaving equipment, construction and stability may not be sufficient for the numbers onboard. Also the reporting of 62 passengers to PLA Gravesend could have had serious consequences. The limits set out in the ships certification is there for the protection of the public and seafarer. The MCA would like to thank the PLA for their help and assistance in this case."

E.R.BERGEN (Antigua & Barbuda)

Hull, Aug 13 -- Supply *E.R.Bergen* is currently in dry dock in Hull with Mobile Marine Ship repair. Various parts of vessel's systems removed for repair including rudder and shaft which could take up to five to six weeks to repair. A replacement shaft may be found sooner but this will be a minimum of two to three weeks. -- Lloyd's Agents.

EILEEN M (Australia)

London, Aug 13 -- Eden trawler *James Kerlin* played a major role in the 39 hour rescue of 16 metre fishing (general) *Eileen M* (built 1965) in the Bass Strait last week, locating the vessel and then towing it back to Eden. The 60 feet timber long liner left for Tasmania at 1430, last Tuesday (Aug 7) but at about 1400, Wednesday, a pipe in the back hatch broke, sending 10 tonnes of water into the engine-room and stalling the engines. An exposed

electrical earth wire which had gone undetected was also doused, cutting all power and leaving the vessel with only a small reserve in the batteries. *James Kerlin* arrived at *Eileen M's* last known position at about 0400, Thursday and towed the casualty north, arriving Snug Cove, Eden, at about 0530, Friday.

EIZAN MARU NO.32 (Japan)

Yokohama, Aug 15 -- Product tanker *Eizan Maru No.32*, 2972 gt, (built 1993), Mizushima for Kikuma, ran aground in shallows in lat 34 20.8N, long 133 39.3E, at 1638, Aug 13. Vessel refloated by itself at 1937 hrs and is currently investigating the cause of the grounding in Sakaide port. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS Eizan Maru No.32 was in lat 34 27 33N, long 135 00 47E, at 1833, UTC, yesterday, speed 13.1 knots, course 197 degrees.)

EKISSENE (Italy)

London, Aug 11 -- Yacht *Ekissene* (built 1996) grounded off Corfu Aug 4. Salvage rendered under LOF 2000 same day by Kerkyra Shipping Company.

ENXEMBRE (U.K.)

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

FALCON CAPE (Liberia)

Maassluis, Aug 10 -- Bulker *Falcon Cape* has been towed into the Europoort area. It is currently moored at a buoy where repairs are taking place. No expectancy on finishing of repairs can be given yet. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

FEDERAL KIVALINA (Hong Kong)

London, Aug 10 -- Following received from the Hong Kong managers of bulker *Federal Kivalina* (20659 gt, built 2000), timed 0800, UTC, today: *Federal Kivalina* grounded shortly after leaving Barranquilla Wednesday (Aug 8) afternoon. The vessel was subsequently refloated by local tugs yesterday afternoon and and the vessel has resumed its voyage. (Note - - According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Federal Kivalina*, bound Port Colborne, was in lat 11 05 59N, long 74 54 22W, at 1848, UTC, Aug 9, speed 2.3 knots, course 125 degrees, bound Port Colborne.)

Troy, Mich., Aug 10 -- Bulk carrier *Federal Kivalina* ran aground during the afternoon of Aug 8, in the Magdalena river shortly after departing from the Sociedad Portuaria del Norte terminal at Barranquilla. The was carrying 20,000 tonnes of coke bound for the Canadian Great Lakes. Failure of steering gear is believed to be the reason for the grounding. A tug was sent out from Santa Marta yesterday to re-float her. Local sources have stated the vessel left the navigable channel when the steering incident occurred, and the grounding did not caused any restrictions on river traffic. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping News.

GIORGIONE (Italy)

London, Aug 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: The General Attorney and Port Authorities will investigate yesterday's accident involving hydrofoil *Giorgione* (223 gt, built 1989) of the company "Siremar". The vessel struck the breakwater of a lighthouse while entering the port of Trapani from Favignana Island. Thirteen injured have been taken to Sant'Antonio Abate hospital. The most seriously wounded is a tourist from Milan with head and chest injuries. A total of 185 people were on the hydrofoil, including commander Mario Scaduto and five crew. Scaduto was interviewed last night by the police and coastguard. The vessel remained stuck on the breakwater for a long time. Two tugs managed to free it, allowing another hydrofoil to enter the port. Police, fire brigade and ships of the Port Authorities all assisted.

London, Aug 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: Hydrofoil *Giorgione* has sunk in the port of Trapani after being refloated from the breakwater. Sireman company's hydrofoil was towed by two tugs to free the port entry but the ship began leaking so it sank before arriving at a pier. The hydrofoil is now seven metres under the water but its presence is not dangerous for the port. Traffic in the port has recovered but the port authority has issued an order with cautionary rules. All the 13 people injured in the accident have been released from hospital except the woman from Milan, who was transferred from Sant'Antonio Abate hospital in Trapani to Palermo civic hospital.

GRAND LADY (U.K.)

London, Aug 15 -- Following received from Coastguard Falmouth MRCC, timed 0518, UTC: Yacht *Grand Lady* (110 gt, built 1990), 12 persons on board, ran aground at St Mawes, in lat 50 09.4N, long 05 00.5W. Eight passengers transferred to lifeboat. Four remained on board casualty. Vessel towed to Falmouth dock, County Wharf and put on a pontoon. No water ingress or pollution.

GULSER ANA (Turkey)

London, Aug 9 -- Bulker *Gulser Ana* was reported passing through the Suez Canal, from the Red Sea, into the Mediterranean, on Aug 8.

HACI EMINE ANA (Turkey)

London, Aug 10 -- Understand general cargo *Haci Emine Ana* fixed its engine problem and was permitted by the harbour-master to sail. The vessel heaved up anchor and sailed 0105, local time, Aug 7. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Haci Emine Ana* was in lat 36 39 45N, long 20 49 58E, at 1353, UTC, Aug 9, speed five knots, course 269 degrees.)

HIMAWARI NO.6 (Japan)

London, Aug 9 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, roll on roll off *Himawari No.6* in lat 33 47 21.72N, long 131 32 35.82E, Nakanoseki 12.7 nautical miles, speed 21.7 knots, at 1443, UTC,

today. According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, passenger ro/ro *Panstar Sunny* in lat 33 58 49.65N, long 130 59 52.28E, Tanours 1.2 nautical miles, speed 11.5 knots at 1821, UTC, Aug 9.

HIROEI MARU (Japan)

See *Jifa Huanghai*.

HIROEI MARU NO.12 (Japan)

See *Bai Shun Tong*.

HOHEWEG (Germany)

Kiel, Aug 13 -- Tons of sludge were removed from the wreck of fishing (general) *Hoheweg* at Bredo-Werft during the recent days during the scrapping work which expected to be finished on Aug 14. The propeller and the Kort "fuse" will be kept for further use, the scrap metal recycled. The police are surveying the works. The most recent parts to be dismantled were the fish holds which had not been searched for the master's body. -- Correspondent.

HOLLYHOCK (U.S.A.)

Troy, Michigan, Aug 11 -- The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter buoy ship *Hollyhock* (1930 gt, built 2003) will leave Port Huron today en route to a federal government shipyard in Baltimore. The vessel will be dry docked to have a propeller hub replaced to stop a small oil leak that first was noticed in March. It will take about two weeks to make the trip to Maryland and about 10 days to make the repair. *Hollyhock* has been at its St. Clair River dock near Pine Grove Park since Jul 18 when officials decided the propeller hub should be replaced. Davanzo said oil only leaks while the vessel is docked, and officials are not concerned about polluting waters during the trip to Baltimore. An oil boom has been attached to the back of the vessel to prevent oil from leaking into the St. Clair River while it is docked. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

ILLAHEE (U.S.A.)

Seattle, Aug 9 -- Roll on roll off *Illahée* is currently at Todd Shipyard, Seattle, where it is waiting for a replacement stern tube assembly to be fabricated. Washington State Ferries engineers are uncertain when the repairs will be completed, as the stern tube has not yet arrived from the Midwest, where it is being manufactured. -- Lloyd's Agents.

INGOLSTADT (Panama)

Yokohama, Aug 15 -- Vehicle carrier *Ingolstadt* (38062 gt, built 1987), Mikawa for Nagoya, and barge *Yutaka 20* (708 gt, built 1997), Matuura for Mikawa, were in collision in lat 34 44N, long 137 17.8E, at 1646, Aug 10. *Ingolstadt* sustained scratches to its bow. *Yutaka 20* sustained cracks to its starboard bow. No water ingress or injuries reported. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Ingolstadt* arrived Nagoya Aug 11, sailed same day, arrived Yokohama Aug 12 and sailed Aug 13 for Brisbane.)

ISLANDER (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Aug 15 -- Following received from Australia RCC, timed 0430, UTC: General cargo *Islander* (3862 gt, built 1998) had a small fire in a cargo hold while at Dampier last night. Fire was quickly extinguished.

JAN MARIA (Netherlands)

Portsmouth, UK, Aug 13 -- A fire was reported on fishing (general) *Jan Maria*, GO 29, (80 gt, built 1989) in Stellendam at 1915, Aug 9. Both the fire brigade and the vessels *Neeltje Struijs* and *Griend* of the KNRM were called. The fire brigade fought the fire while the two rescue vessels stood by. After an hour and a half everything was under control and the rescue vessels were able to return to their stations. -- Correspondent.

JANICE A. (Isle of Man)

London, Aug 16 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Floating storage tanker *Janice A.* (21326 gt, built 1984) operating in the North Sea, has been shut down after an oil spill was detected nearby. *Janice A.*, operated by Maersk, lies 156 miles off Aberdeen. The oil spill was detected this morning in what the company described as "the vicinity" of the floating unit. A spokeswoman for Maersk said less than two tonnes of oil was released. Production at the installation and subsea operations have been shut down. A spotter aircraft flew over the facility to assess the leak. The company said it was confident that, with current weather conditions, the oil would disperse naturally. It added that there were no plans to evacuate any of the 93 staff on board. A spokesman for the Department for Business and Enterprise said: "As soon as the leak was discovered production was shut down so the leak could not continue. "There is no anticipated environmental impact as it was a small scale leak. "The oil disperses in the sea." The Health and Safety Executive said it may also launch an investigation once it had more information. Maersk was due to send a submersible vessel down to assess the damage. Meanwhile, in a separate incident at the same installation, a hydrocarbon gas release was discovered on Monday. That is currently being investigated by two inspectors from the Health and Safety Executive who were on a planned visit to the facility. The HSE said the release was thought to be from a flare system.

JANINA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Aug 16 -- Following received from Corsen MRCC, timed 0950, UTC: General cargo *Janina* (910 gt, built 1988) reported with steering problems in lat 48 22N, long 06 09W, at 2330, local time, yesterday. Vessel is now in lat 48 20N, long 06 05W, under repair, duration not known. (Note -- *Janina* sailed Rostock Jul 30, for Split, passed Skaw 2153, Jul 31, passed Dover Strait Aug 12 and was last reported on Lloyd's MIU AIS in lat 49 49 03N, long 03 19 42W, at 0501, UTC, Aug 14, speed 3.6 knots, course 243 degrees.)

JIFA HUANGHAI (Hong Kong)

Yokohama, Aug 15 -- Container Carrier *Jifa Huanghai*, 5272 gt, (built 2006), Dalian for Yokohama, ran over the fishing net of Japan fishing *Hiroei Maru*, 4.9 gt, which was fishing in lat 33 30.9N, long 131 51.41E, at 0308, Jul 25. *Jifa Huanghai* sustained scratches to bow and *Hiroei Maru* sustained damage to port stern bulwark. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Jifa Huanghai* subsequently arrived Yokohama Jul 26 and sailed Jul 27.)

JORK (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Polish master of general cargo *Jork* has appeared in court accused of being drunk in charge of the vessel when it struck a North Sea gas platform. Zbigniew Krakowski, 56, appeared before Skegness Magistrates' Court, Lincs, charged with being drunk in charge of a sea vessel. He has been remanded in custody to appear at the court on Sep 10. Legal papers are to be completed for his next court appearance for his case to be sent to crown court for trial. The remaining six crew members, all Polish, who were rescued from the sea following the incident were found accommodation in Norfolk.

JOSEPH L.BLOCK (U.S.A.)

Troy, Michigan, Aug 15 -- Reports have been received that the fire suppression system in the engine-room of bulker *Joseph L.Block* (14955 gt, built 1976) had been partially discharged, but there is no reported fire. The incident occurred around 2200, Monday (Aug 13), near Gros Cap, and caused the vessel to go to anchor. At 1600, local time, Aug 14, the vessel, downbound, remains secured at the upper west pier of the Soo Locks. Coast Guard technicians remain on board for most of the morning to assess the situation. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

Troy, Michigan, Aug 16 -- Bulker *Joseph L.Block* has now finished repairs at the Soo and planned to be underway last night. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

KATRINA 2 (Philippines)

Manila, Aug 13 -- Passenger *Katrina 2* has resumed operations between Borneo and southern Philippines after partial repairs were completed, the Philippine Coast Guard reported. The vessel left Bongao over the weekend after repairs were completed on its engine. Repairs to its pilot house, which was completely burned, is still unfinished. A make-shift structure has been built in its place. -- Correspondent.

KHANAK (Bangladesh)

See *Kota Cahaya*.

KING EVEREST (Marshall Islands)

London, Aug 12 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *King Everest* (23217 gt, built 2001) while discharging fuel oil in Rotterdam has reported a shore hose failure, yesterday morning. This resulted in about 300 to 500 litres of oil

spillage on the jetty and in the water. Vessel activated emergency spill response, terminal and port authorities were immediately informed, spill area has been boomed and cleanup operations are currently underway with vacuum trucks and shore personnel. The vessel is expected to be shifted from terminal to buoys for clean-up of shipside. Owners superintendent is on board and are fully cooperating with terminal and port authorities to ensure minimum damage to environment. Owners will carry out a full investigation into this incident and will send a detailed report in the near future.

KOTA CAHAYA (Singapore)

Chittagong, Aug 13 -- Container Carrier *Kota Cahaya* (9870 gt, built 1992) was in collision with dredger *Khanak* (3226 gt, built 1991) at 1200 hrs, Aug 13, while taking berth at Jetty No.6 of Chittagong Port Authority. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Chittagong, Aug 14 -- The manager of the local agents of Container Carrier *Kota Cahaya*, PIL Bangladesh Limited, has advised that the vessel is presently discharging containers. Operations are expected to be completed on Aug 16. The vessel reportedly sustained damages to her stern. After completion of discharge she will shift to an idle berth to undertake necessary repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

LA CRUZ DEL SUR (Uruguay)

London, Aug 15 -- Following navigation warning, dated yesterday, states: Fishing vessel *San Genaro* towing fishing (general) *La Cruz Del Sur*, call sign CXML, in lat 35 50S, long 56 38W, line length 250 metres, speed two knots, course 075, bound for Montevideo.

LADYTRAMP (Marshall Islands)

Buenos Aires, Aug 14 -- Bulker *Ladytramp* (16807 gt, built 2001), from San Lorenzo, loaded with about 17,000 tons of pea rock, grounded at Km 394, Parana River, at 1040, local time, today. At present the vessel is not obstructing navigation. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Ladytramp* sailed Las Palmas Jul 27 for Rosario, where ETA Aug 20.)

Buenos Aires, Aug 15 -- Bulker *Ladytramp* was refloated at 2240, local time, Aug 14, with the assistance of a tug. -- Lloyd's Agents.

LEVIATHAN (U.S.A.)

London, Aug 10 -- The following press release, dated Aug 9, has been issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, Boston, Mass: The Coast Guard Cutter *Seneca* is towing a Newport, R.I.-based fishing vessel with four people aboard after it became disabled yesterday evening about 55 miles south of Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Brian Ohara, the owner of the 72-foot fishing (general) *Leviathan* (113 gt, built 1980), contacted Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England by cell phone at 1830 hrs, yesterday and stated that the vessel had experienced an engine casualty and was adrift.

Sector Southeastern New England broadcasted a request on VHF marine radio for vessels in the area to assist the *Leviathan*, but none responded. The sector maintained communications with the *Leviathan* throughout the night. The 270-foot *Seneca*, homeported in Boston, arrived on scene about 0930 hrs, today and plans to tow the *Leviathan* to Nomans Land, where arrangements will be made to bring the vessel into port.

London, Aug 10 -- Following received from Coast Guard Boston, Mass., timed 0915, UTC: Fishing (general) *Leviathan* was safely towed into Newport, R.I., by the Coast Guard Cutter *Seneca* at 0700, UTC, this morning.

LILLIAN (Belize)

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

LT UNICA (Italy)

London, Aug 12 -- The Italian subsidiary of Taiwan-based liner giant Evergreen, Italia Marittima, has paid Yuan1.65m (\$218,000) in compensation following an alleged collision between the 5,652 TEU containership Container Carrier *LT Unica* (68888 gt, built 2001) and a Chinese fishing vessel in January. The trawler capsized and one of its crew members is missing, presumed dead. The Taizhou Maritime Safety Administration says *LT Unica's* chief officer, Maro Manzoni, admitted his vessel was involved Italia Marittima says it is still not clear which vessel was involved as the Chinese authorities have refused to disclose their evidence. Nevertheless the shipping company decided to reach an out of court settlement.

MAERSK NEUCHATEL (Cyprus)

London, Aug 10 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, container carrier *Maersk Neuchatel* was still aground in lat 05 38 16.74N, long 00 01 37.44E, at 1354, UTC, Aug 9. (See issue of Aug 2.)

London, Aug 10 -- Understand salvage services are being rendered to Container Carrier *Maersk Neuchatel* by Svitzer Salvage under Lloyd's Open Form dated Jul 27.

MAERSK PALERMO (Netherlands)

London, Aug 9 -- According to LloydsMIU AIS, Container Carrier *Maersk Palermo* in lat 45 35 21.71N, long 73 30 15.54W, stationary at 1833, UTC, Aug 9.

MANA ROSE (New Zealand)

London, Aug 13 -- Fishing (general) *Mana Rose*, length 13 metres, beached by its crew north of the Bay of Islands is now being assessed for repair in a boatyard at Opuia. *Mana RoseP* was towed from *Takou Bay*, north of *Kerikeri*, by the *Northland Regional Council work boat* Waikare and several other vessels during a salvage operation supervised by an insurance assessor late on Saturday (Aug 11) night. The damaged fishing vessel towed south to the Bay of Islands and lifted onto the hard at a boatyard. The vessel, understood to have been sailing

from Tauranga to the Far North with three crew, began taking on water and sinking after hitting rocks near the Cavalli Island group off Matauri Bay in the early hours of Saturday. The Rescue Co-ordination Centre said the vessel's skipper decided to try to beach the vessel before it sank and successfully grounded it about 100m offshore, near the Takou River mouth in Takou Bay.

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated Aug 12, states: A Maritime New Zealand investigation is under way after three crew were rescued from a remote part of the Northland coast yesterday after deliberately beaching fishing (general) *Mana Rose*. The vessel hit rocks near the Cavalli Islands and began taking on water. Skipper Damian Wyatt made a mayday call to the Rescue Co-ordination Centre at 0245 hrs, reporting he was going to ground the vessel before it sank. The centre sent the Northland Emergency Services Trust helicopter, but chief pilot Pete Turnbull said they received word before they arrived that the boat had beached and the crew was unharmed. They were prepared to winch people to safety if needed. The vessel was beached in Tokau Bay, near the Tokau River mouth, about 100m offshore. Turnbull said the crew rowed themselves to the beach in a liferaft, and he then dropped them into Opuia town to arrange for the vessel's salvage. The pilot said the boat was on its way from Tauranga to Whangaroa Harbour at the time. Rescue Co-ordination Centre spokesman Lindsay Sturt said Maritime NZ would launch an inquiry to ascertain what had happened once they had had an opportunity to interview those on board.

MATADI BRIDGE (Malta)

Dakar, Aug 11 -- General cargo *Matadi Bridge* (12811 gt, built 1982) was in collision with Nigerian naval vessel *Aradu* at Monrovia at 1025, Aug 10. *Matadi Bridge* was at berth, loading containers when it was struck by the Nigerian vessel, which was manoeuvring for berthing with a pilot on board. The container vessel sustained substantial damage and is due to dry-dock for repair. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Dakar, Aug 11 -- General cargo *Matadi Bridge* diving inspection is to take place today, at Monrovia, to assess damage. Subject to seaworthiness, vessel will head for Dakar for dry dock repair. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Dakar, Aug 13 -- General cargo *Matadi Bridge*: A diving inspection took place at Monrovia Aug 11. The vessel was found to be seaworthy and is en-route to Dakar for dry-dock repairs, ETA today. -- Correspondent.

Dakar, Aug 14 -- General cargo *Matadi Bridge* arrived at Dakar port at 2000, local time, yesterday. Repairs are likely to start tomorrow and will be carried out by Dakarnav. -- Correspondent.

Dakar, Aug 15 -- General cargo *Matadi Bridge*: Repairs started yesterday morning. Repairs are being

carried out at berth. Because of the location of the hole on her hull, it was found unnecessary to put *Matadi Bridge* into dry-dock. Completion of repairs is expected within four or five days. -- Correspondent.

MEXICA (Panama)

Bar, Aug 11 -- General cargo *Mexica* (10018 gt, built 1985), moored at the Adriatic Shipyard of Bijela (Montenegro) for repairs, partially sank at about 0130, Aug 10, due to rain water entering her hold during a storm. Vessel is now touching the bottom with its aft part and bow out of the water. Engine-room is flooded and tidal. A salvage team is expected to arrive from Greece. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Bar, Aug 12 -- General cargo *Mexica* is still sitting on the sea bottom. No action will be taken today. A floating boom is around the vessel to prevent oil pollution. For the moment, there is no danger of pollution. Permanent monitoring is organised by Shipyard Bijela. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Aug 13 -- Understand salvage services are being rendered to general cargo *Mexica* by Five Oceans Salvage Consultants Ltd under Lloyd's Open Form.

Piraeus, Aug 14 -- General cargo *Mexica*: Lloyd's Open Form was signed with Five Oceans Salvage Consultants Ltd Aug 10. Salvage equipment was sent by tug from Piraeus and arrived on scene Aug 12. A full salvage team is on location making preparations and calculations for the salvage effort. -- Five Oceans Salvage Consultants Ltd.

Bar, Aug 16 -- General cargo *Mexica*: Work continued yesterday on closing the under water shell plate and preparing the steel curtain. The Yard team for prevention of oil pollution is permanently watching the situation and cleaning oil pollution in the circle of the floating boom. According to the plan, the vessel will be ready for refloating on Aug 18. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MILTIADES (Jamaica)

See *White Mist*.

MOZART (Germany)

London, Aug 14 -- Danube River passenger (cruise) *Mozart* (6000 gt, built 1987) struck a bridge yesterday in Vienna, leading authorities to close the railroad crossing until a thorough inspection can be completed. There were no injuries, according to official reports. The collision damaged both smokestacks on the German-owned river liner, police said. There was no immediate report on the cause of the accident at the bridge between the Florisdorf and Brigittenau districts of the Austrian capital. Authorities said that the bridge was likely to remain closed to rail traffic for 24 hours until engineers could finish an inspection.

MSC NAPOLI (U.K.)

London, Aug 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: Belfast has been named as the final destination of the bow section of Container Carrier *MSC Napoli*. Tugs are towing it to the Harland & Wolff shipyard for

demolition. Contracts for the removal of the aft section, which includes the engines and bridge, are currently being negotiated, but it is likely that equipment will be brought to Branscombe Beach to dismantle this section in situ. Salving of the vessel is estimated, so far, to have cost around £50 million.

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated Aug 13, states: The bow section of Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* has arrived in Belfast for recycling after a five-day journey. The bow was towed to a holding point outside Belfast harbour ahead of being taken to Harland and Wolff shipyard where it will be broken up for scrap. The stern of the ship and the accommodation block remain grounded about one mile off Sidmouth. Harland and Wolff expects to receive the ship's bow later this week. An MCA spokesman said contracts were now under discussion for the final removal of the stern. It could either be broken up at its current location or lifted onto a larger vessel with cranes and taken away.

London, Aug 16 -- A SMIT Salvage report, states: On Aug 9 final permission was received for the towage of the forward section of Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* to Belfast. After bringing it to an even keel draught of seven metres, it will be berthed in the Harland and Wolff Drydock on Aug 17. The aft part is under control of automatic pumps which keep the damaged holds from flooding.

MSC SOPHIE (Panama)

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated Aug 10, states: Four men have been charged and 40 kilograms of MDMA powder (ecstasy) and \$60,000 in cash seized at Port Botany overnight following a joint Customs and Australian Federal Police (AFP) operation. The MDMA has an estimated street value of up to \$20 million. The operation began when Customs officers monitored the arrival of Container Carrier *MSC Sophie* (37398 gt, built 1994), early Aug 9. The vessel had travelled to Port Botany from Port Louis, France. AFP agents and Customs officers mounted a joint surveillance operation to monitor movements around the vessel. Three vehicles were stopped by AFP agents as they attempted to leave Port Botany at about 2200 hrs. One of the vehicles was found to contain what is believed to be up to 40 kilograms of MDMA powder. While further forensic testing is yet to be undertaken, the MDMA could produce 400 000 ecstasy pills. AFP agents arrested a 57 year-old man from Sefton, a 56-year-old man from Merrylands and a 61 year-old man from Alexandria. All three have been charged with possessing a commercial quantity of a border controlled drug reasonably suspected of having been unlawfully imported. AFP agents also executed search warrants on residences in Alexandria, Sefton, Merrylands and Yagoona. Customs officers boarded the *MSC Sophie* late last night and conducted a search of the vessel and its crew. During the search they noted one

of the ship's officers behaving suspiciously and became concerned he could be concealing something on his body. A frisk search revealed a large amount of cash hidden in two pairs of jeans being worn by the man. Cash amounts of AUD\$21,700 and EURO\$26,100 (total value approximately AUD\$63,660) were seized. The 35-year-old Yugoslavian citizen was charged by the AFP with dealing with proceeds of crime. All four men were expected to appear in Sydney's Central Local Court this morning. (Note -- *MSC Sophie* sailed Botany Bay Aug 11.)

MULTI TRADER (Cambodia)

Bucharest, Aug 14 -- There have been no further developments in respect of the refloating of general cargo *Multi Trader* and nothing is expected to happen in the very near future. -- Lloyd's Agents.

NANTICOKE (Canada)

London, Aug 13 -- Bulker *Nanticoke* (22706 gt, built 1980), cargo iron pellets, discovered a small crack in the ship side shell plating, allowing a small ingress of water upon inspection of No.5 port ballast tank, in lat 44 30N, long 82 30W, at 1900, EDST, Aug 7, while crossing Lake Huron downbound. (Note -- *Nanticoke* sailed Superior Aug 6 for Hamilton, Can, where arrived Aug 9. Vessel sailed Hamilton, Can, Aug 10 for Superior.)

NAUTICAL EMPRESS (U.S.A.)

London, Aug 12 -- Passenger (cruise) *Nautical Empress* (89 gt, built 1989), a 119-foot Long Island, N.Y. tour vessel successfully refloated on a flooding tide at 0500, yesterday after it ran aground in Sea Dog Creek, directly north of Point Lookout, 2300, Friday (Aug 10). There were no reports of injuries to the crew or to the 103 passengers, who were evacuated to another tour vessel soon after grounding. The vessel's hull remained intact, and there have been no reports of pollution. *Nautical Empress* ran aground in thick mud near buoy seven in Sea Dog Creek, west of the Loop Bridge, where depths are reported to average six feet. A Nassau County Marine Police vessel arrived on scene, but was unable to free *Nautical Empress* from the mud. Lt. Bill Grossman, a marine investigator and inspector from Coast Guard Marine Safety Field Office in Coram, N.Y., arrived on scene at 0130 hrs to determine the safety of the vessel's hull and stability and to conduct routine drug and alcohol screenings of the tour vessel's crew. Screenings were negative and no damage was found. Grossman co-ordinated with the master to bring *Miss Freeport V*, a 58-foot tour vessel from the R&S Nautical Charters Company, alongside *Nautical Empress* at 0200 hrs and ensured that passengers could safely be transferred off of the grounded vessel. Both vessels' crews safely evacuated all 103 passengers. The vessel floated free of the muddy bottom at approximately 0500 hrs during the flooding tide. Commercial divers completed an

underwater hull examination at 0730, yesterday and reported that *Nautical Empress* sustained no apparent hull damage. The Coast Guard has authorized it to continue normal operations.

NDS PROMINENCE (Cyprus)

London, Aug 13 -- Roll On Roll Off Container Car *NDS Prominence* arrived at Lisbon at 1517 hrs, Aug 9 and sailed at 1218 hrs, Aug 11, bound for Luanda.

NEW FLAME (Panama)

London, Aug 12 -- Following received from Madrid MRCC, timed 0755, UTC: A collision occurred at about 0400, UTC, between bulker *New Flame* (26824 gt, built 1994), cargo scrap iron, and product tanker *Torm Gertrud* (30058 gt, built 2002), cargo 57,000 tonnes of petroleum, 0.7 miles south of southern Gibraltar. *Torm Gertrud* presently anchored in Algeciras Bay, with damage to forepeak. *New Flame* still on collision site, with risk of sinking. Cargo Holds Nos.1 & 2 flooded, holds 3,4 & 5 have water in them. (Note: According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *New Flame*, at 0907, BST, today, in lat 36 6 15.48N, long 05 20 13.68W, stationery 2.2 nautical miles south of Gibraltar. *Torm Gertrud*, at 0910, BST, today, in lat 36 5 25.06N, long 05 24 53.75W, 2.5 nautical miles from Algeciras, speed 0.2 knots, course (COG): 29.8 deg.)

London, Aug 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: A full scale contingency emergency maritime operation is currently underway less than one mile off Europa Point, Gibraltar, after bulker *New Flame* collided with product tanker *Torm Gertrud* at 0630 this morning, leading to at least five of *New Flame* crew members being taken to St Bernardis hospital. *New Flame*, carrying scrap metal, is described as being stable at present, with observers at the scene reporting that the bow of the ship is being held up by the sea bed and the aft by three tugs. All crew members have been evacuated from the vessel and a maritime expert is said to be currently on board. The Spanish Salvamento coast guard are assisting in the operation, with helicopters at the incident, assessing the situation and assisting Gibraltar authorities. Minister Holliday has been at the scene this morning and has called an Emergency Contingency Meeting in Gibraltar. It is believed that *Torm Gertrud* has sustained minimal damage and sailed earlier to Algeciras.

London, Aug 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: Maritime experts at Europa Point have expressed the belief that bulker *New Flame* can be salvaged, as it is stable and the bow is touching the sea bed. They have also commented that it is likely that the vessel's fuel can be extracted. The vessel's tanks are believed to be full, having received bunkers before leaving Gibraltar earlier. Full emergency contingency plans have been put in place now by the Spanish authorities, to help in the operation to prevent the

vessel from sinking. Eric Shaw from the Gibraltar Ornithological and Natural History Society has been at the scene this morning, and has expressed concern in regards to the environmental impact of the incident which is in an environmental interest zone. Reports state that the vessel had just left Gibraltar, while product tanker *Torm Gertrud* was heading towards Algeciras.

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated Aug 12, states: The Royal Gibraltar Police have confirmed that there is a Port Investigation into how bulker *New Flame* collided with product tanker *Torm Gertrud* in the early hours of this morning less than one mile off Europa Point. The Government has called on all maritime salvage companies in Gibraltar to be ready in the case of an oil spill. The vessel had bunkered before leaving Gibraltar and is believed to have full fuel tanks. All emergency equipment has been in place ready to deploy to the vessel at short notice should a fuel incident unfold. The Junta de Andalucia and Spanish Port Maritime authorities have also put in place emergency contingency plans should this occur.

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: Bulker *New Flame*, cargo of scrap metal, was in collision with product tanker *Torm Gertrud* in Gibraltar waters, one kilometre south of Europa Point, Gibraltar at 0555 yesterday. *New Flame* had just left Gibraltar bound for Turkey. *Torm Gertrude* was heading inbound for Algeciras from the Eastern Mediterranean. As a result of the collision both vessels were damaged. *Torm Gertrude* proceeded to Algeciras. The vessel is currently in a safe condition. The damage sustained by *New Flame* resulted in it taking in water with Nos 1 and 2 holds being completely flooded. This caused the vessel to start sinking by the bow, at which point the crew of 23 abandoned ship safely. The vessel then drifted to a nearby reef, where it came to rest. The current situation is that the bow of the vessel is resting on the reef and the remainder of the vessel, from amidships to the stern, is above the surface of the water. The Gibraltar Port Authority activated its Emergency Response Plan and deployed the necessary resources to the scene of the incident. The Gibraltar Port Authority have deployed divers to the vessel to inspect the damage and a full on-board inspection is being carried out by the Gibraltar Maritime Surveyors. Options are being considered for the removal of the vessel's fuel to avoid any oil spill. Anti-oil spill resources are on standby alongside the vessel in case the need arises. The Gibraltar Maritime Administration has commenced an investigation, into the collision and also into how *New Flame* departed from the Port of Gibraltar without the necessary clearance. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Torm Gertrud* was at anchor in lat 36 09 41.57N, long 05 23 07.47W, at 0752, UTC, today.)

London, Aug 13 -- Understand salvage services are being rendered to bulker *New Flame* by Tsaviris Salvage under Lloyd's Open Form.

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated Aug 13, states: The Gibraltar Government met the salvage experts and the owners of bulker *New Flame* this afternoon to consider an initial assessment of the proposed plan for the salvage of the cargo vessel. The plan is being submitted by the Tsaviris Salvage Group at meetings chaired by the Joe Holliday, Minister for Shipping. The plan will be formally presented in written format for approval by the Gibraltar Port Authority tomorrow. In the first instance, the plan aims to recover the cargo ship's fuel in order to minimise any possible risk to the environment. Specialist equipment for this operation is on its way to Gibraltar. The Royal Gibraltar Police have arrested the master of *New Flame*, Captain D Konstantinos on suspicion of conduct likely to endanger shipping under the Merchant Shipping Act of Gibraltar. He has been remanded in custody to appear before the Magistrate's Court tomorrow. This evening the master is being questioned by the RGP with the assistance of the Captain of the Port and the Maritime Administrator.

London, Aug 15 -- The master of bulker *New Flame* which was in collision with product tanker *Torm Gertrud* off Gibraltar last weekend has been released on bail of £2,000, plus £2,000 security, after being charged with conduct likely to endanger shipping. Meanwhile, Gibraltar's shipping minister Joe Holliday, who is currently acting as chief minister, has met representatives of leading salvor Tsaviris to discuss salvage arrangements. Top priority is to remove fuel from the vessel and specialist equipment for this operation is currently heading for the island. Sunday's (Aug 12) casualty, which took place off Europa Point, led to a major joint emergency operation by Gibraltar and Spain. Some 23 officers and ratings on board *New Flame* were brought to shore. Subsequent medical examinations revealed no injuries. The master, who appeared before magistrates yesterday, was named only as Capt D Konstantinos. Local newspapers have reported that the US authorities ordered changes to *New Flame's* radar system after a port call last month. But radar is not thought to have been a factor in the collision. The other vessel involved in the incident was Danish product tanker *Torm Gertrud*. Torm declined to comment on what, if any, damage was sustained by its vessel.

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated Aug 14, states: The Government has today continued further discussions with the salvage experts in respect of the salvage plan of bulker *New Flame*. A spokesman for the DTI said today "discussions have been held at technical level during the course of the morning. These have been followed by a meeting with Minister Joe Holliday this afternoon, in which preliminary

details of the first phase of the operation, which consists of various preparatory works and the removal of the fuel oil from the engine-room, were presented. This phase should start tomorrow as soon as all the necessary equipment is in place. "The position of the vessel remains unchanged and the situation is stable and safe. The Gibraltar Port Authority has today declared a one mile exclusion zone around the vessel for operational reasons. "At 0600 today salvage tug *Hua An* specially commissioned for this salvage operation arrived in Gibraltar and is now on standby safety in the vicinity of *New Flame*. "A second salvage tug *Fotiy Krylov* is due to arrive in Gibraltar on Friday.

London, Aug 16 -- A press report, dated today, states: The operation to remove fuel from bulker *New Flame* is now underway, permission having been granted by the Gibraltar Government this morning. The salvage team has reinstated electrical power to the ship's systems which has enabled the use of the ship's pumping system to pump the fuel from the vessel. The fuel is being transferred to a bunker barge, whereafter it will be disposed of in an environmentally-friendly manner, in accordance with applicable legislation. A Government spokesperson said today "all safety measures to protect the environment are in place. These include a 210 metre boom and oil-skimming equipment strategically placed around the stern of the vessel and the bunker barge. In addition, there is oil spill response equipment on standby at the site. It is envisaged that, weather permitting, the operation to remove the vessel's fuel will be completed by the end of the week. The salvage experts have reported that steady progress is being made and the operation is proceeding according to plan. Salvage experts and naval architects are presently investigating the condition of the ship to decide how to deal with the vessel and its cargo once the fuel has been removed. Although the Government is confident that the fuel will be removed without any spills into the sea, in the event of such spills occurring the pollution consequences would also affect the Spanish coastline. Accordingly, the Hon Joe Holliday today invited the Captain of the Port of Algeciras to Gibraltar to be briefed by the Captain of the Port of Gibraltar on the operation that is under way to de-fuel *New Flame*. The meeting took place this afternoon. Maritime experts have today pointed out that as the defuelling took place the vessel was believed to have been refloated some two feet and should see a further lift within the coming hours and days as the operation takes place making it easier for its salvage.

NURAHMAD

See *Asian Friendship*.

NURAHMAD (Indonesia)

Jakarta, Aug 16 -- Vessel *Nurahmad* is 121 gt, built 2005, owner H Ismayati,

Surabaya, East Java, agent PT Mulia Jaya Yusuf, Gresik, East Java. -- Lloyd's Agents.

OCEAN CROWN (Cyprus)

London, Aug 10 -- Following received from Chile MRCC, timed 1425, UTC: Bulker *Ocean Crown* (30057 gt, built 2005, cargo copper concentrate) grounded in the Darwin Canal area (approximately 45S, long 74W), Aug 8. The vessel is expected to be aground for some time. (Note -- *Ocean Crown* sailed Caleta Patache Aug 1 for Dabhol.)

London, Aug 13 -- Dersatnd salvage services are being rendered to bulker *Ocean Crown* by Five Oceans Salvage Consultants Ltd under Lloyd's Open Form.

London, Aug 14 -- Following received from the Athens managers of bulker *Ocean Crown*, dated today: *Ocean Crown* is still aground. A refloating effort will be made today. The vessel has sustained slight damage but there has been no loss of cargo or oil spill.

Piraeus, Aug 14 -- Bulker *Ocean Crown*: Lloyd's Open Form was signed with Five Oceans Salvage Consultants Ltd Aug 7. The vessel has sustained bottom damage the full extent will not be known until vessel is afloat. Vessel's double bottom is being pressurised and a refloating effort will be made today and tomorrow by pressurising and pulling. If unsuccessful some cargo will be lightered. There are two tugs on scene, *Halcon* and *Lenadura*. A Chilean and Greek salvage team are on site. -- Five Oceans Salvage Consultants Ltd

Singapore, Aug 14 -- Bulker *Ocean Crown*, carrying 40,000 tonnes of copper concentrate, grounded in the Strait of Magellan last week, BHP Billiton said today. "On Aug 7, *Ocean Crown* grounded in Magellan Straits bound for India. It was loaded with 40,000 tonnes of copper concentrate from Escondida," a BHP Billiton spokeswoman said. She added that the ship would be refloated in a couple of days, but could not say what percentage of copper was contained in the concentrate. BHP owns 57.5% of the Escondida operation in northern Chile. "The ship was carrying material for both Sterlite and Birla Copper. The companies are sourcing concentrate from alternate supplies and the impact on production will be miniscule," an industry source in India said. -- Reuters.

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: Salvagers are preparing an attempt to refloat bulker *Ocean Crown* that ran aground off the coast of Chile with 50,000 tons of copper concentrate on board. Five Oceans Salvage Consultants Ltd., the company handling the operation, will make "efforts" today and tomorrow to refloat the vessel, operations manager Kyriakos Mitsotakis said by telephone today from Athens.

London, Aug 15 -- Greek-owned bulker *Ocean Crown* remains grounded in the Darwin channel in the south of Chile, carrying around 40,000 tonnes of copper concentrate. The vessel, owned by Ocean Fleet and flagged in Cyprus, was said to be stable, with two tugs

assisting it yesterday. *Ocean Crown* was carrying copper concentrates for BHP Billiton, extracted from its Escondida Collahuasi copper mine in Region II, and destined for India when it grounded on Aug 7. The Port Captain at Puerto Chacabuco said a salvage team, Five Oceans Salvage Consultants, was at the scene and assessing the best way to free the vessel. Lightering of the vessel, which was holed as it ran aground in poor weather conditions, may be required. The vessel has received damage to four ballast tanks and it will undergo inspections after salvage teams have freed the it.

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: Bulker *Ocean Crown* carrying copper concentrate to India from mines owned by BHP Billiton Ltd., Xstrata Plc and Anglo American Plc ran aground off Chile, deepening a squeeze on supplies of the raw material used by smelters. The vessel was loaded at Caleta Patache in Chile and grounded Aug 7 as it made its way through the Darwin Channel, sustained "extensive" damage, according to Kyriakos Mitsotakis, operational manager of Five Oceans Salvage Consultants Ltd., the Athens-based company handling the salvage operation. Mitsotakis, speaking by phone, wasn't able to say whether the vessel is salvageable or how long the recovery will take. The vessel's cargo is unharmed and bad weather has delayed salvage operations, according to the operations department of the Chilean navy's Maritime Authority of Puerto Montt. The vessel may remain in place for at least two more days as strong currents hamper efforts to free the vessel. The vessel probably will be taken to a nearby bay for at least five days for repairs before it can sail to a port and transfer its cargo, the operations department said. Five thousand tons of the cargo was from the Collahuasi copper mine in Chile, which is owned by Xstrata and Anglo American, Xstrata spokeswoman Claire Diver said in a phone interview from London. BHP, based in Melbourne, is working with its Indian customers to mitigate any impact from the grounding. The ownership of concentrate from Collahuasi was transferred at loading and Xstrata isn't responsible for any loss. The ship was bound for the port of Dahej in India, Mitsotakis said. Dahej, in the state of Gujarat, is home to the Birla copper smelter owned by Hindalco Industries Ltd., India's largest producer of nonferrous metals.

Piraeus, Aug 15 -- Bulker *Ocean Crown* was refloated at 1420, local time, yesterday. The vessel is now in a sheltered area at Puerto Laguna, approximately 25 miles from the grounding site, where a divers inspection will be carried out at first light. -- Five Oceans Salvage Consultants Ltd

Piraeus, Aug 16 -- Bulker *Ocean Crown* is still anchored at Puerto Laguna. A Class surveyor will inspect the vessel today. -- Five Oceans Salvage Consultants Ltd.

OCEAN FOX (Canada)

London, Aug 9 -- Fishing (general) *Ocean Fox* (92 gt), with five people on board, was reported taking on water 76 nautical miles ENE of Belle Isle, NF, lat 52 36N, long 53 29W, at 2205, UTC, Aug 4. Ingress of water presently under control.

OCEAN GUARDIAN (Marshall Islands)

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: Offshore workers are being airlifted from drilling rig *Ocean Guardian* (14,460 gt, built 1985) in the North Sea following an engine fire. Helicopters began taking some of the 87 personnel off the installation once the blaze was reported this evening. *Ocean Guardian*, which is owned by Diamond Offshore and has a potential drilling depth of 25,000 ft, is located 120 miles north-east of Aberdeen. It is understood that the evacuees are being taken to other nearby installations.

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: Offshore workers were airlifted from drilling rig *Ocean Guardian* in the North Sea following an engine fire. A total of 32 of the 87 personnel were taken off the installation before the fire was brought under control tonight. No-one was injured. A spokesman for Diamond Offshore said the evacuation had been a precaution. "We have had a fire in the engine-room," he said. "As a precaution we began down-manning non-essential personnel." The fire broke out at about 1900, BST. The spokesman added: "The fire is out and there are no injuries, everyone is accounted for. There were two helicopters which lifted a total of 32 people off the rig, 19 were in one helicopter and 13 in the second. Fifty-five people are still on board and the incident is at an end. We are in the process of assessing the damage." He said there was a fire suppression system in place which was activated when the fire broke out.

London, Aug 15 -- Following received from Coastguard Aberdeen MRCC, timed 2302, UTC, Aug 14: Drilling rig *Ocean Guardian*, had a fire in the engine-room in lat 57 53N, long 01 23.7E at 1723, UTC, Aug 14. Thirty-two non essential personnel evacuated to nearby installations while the fire was fought under control. Emergency was contained and fire extinguished. SAR operations terminated at 1912, UTC.

London, Aug 15 -- Oilexco Incorporated and its wholly owned subsidiary, Oilexco North Sea Limited, today (Aug 14) reported that the semi-submersible rig *Ocean Guardian*, which is under contract to the Company from Diamond Offshore Drilling UK Limited, experienced a fire in its engine-room at 1720, UTC, today, while operating in the North Sea. The fire was completely extinguished by the vessel's fire suppression system a short time later. All personnel were accounted for and no injuries were reported. As part of standard safety procedures non-essential personnel were evacuated from the vessel to

nearby platforms and arrangements are being made for their return to *Ocean Guardian*. The fire was completely contained within the engine-room. The well remained under control throughout the incident and is secure. There is no environmental damage reported from the fire. Oilexco will work in conjunction with Diamond Offshore Drilling and the authorities to investigate the incident, and to ensure a safe environment onboard the vessel before drilling resumes. The *Ocean Guardian* rig is one of two drilling vessels under long term contract to Oilexco and was conducting appraisal drilling on its 100% owned Shelley oil accumulation on Blocks 22/2b and 22/3a. This incident did not impact the Company's production from its Brenda/Nicol Fields.

OCEAN MAJESTY (Madeira)

Kiel, Aug 10 -- Following the contact between passenger (cruise) *Ocean Majesty* and passenger (cruise) *Thomson Spirit*, Page & Moy cancelled the rest of *Thomson Spirit's* nine-day-cruise and immediately flew all passengers home. It would take three days to repair the damage sustained to two sets of lifeboat davits one of which was bent at right angles. One lifeboat which was attached to the ship was destroyed. Other damages were several bent davits and damage to at least two cabins. -- Correspondent.

London, Aug 13 -- Owners of passenger (cruise) *Ocean Majesty* have confirmed that the ship (not passenger (cruise) *Thomson Spirit* as before reported) will resume its scheduled itinerary for charter Page & Moy today when it will sail from Reykjavik. The Majestic Cruises-managed *Ocean Majesty* lost a lifeboat and two davits in the collision and was under repair in Alesund. Reportedly the cruise had to be cut short and 466 passengers are said to have been taken by bus to Bergen and transferred to the UK. (See issue of Aug 9 and 13.) (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Ocean Majesty* was in lat 63 59 25N, long 22 49 28W, at 13330, UTC, today, speed 17.5 knots, course 07 degrees.)

OCTOPUS (Belgium)

London, Aug 13 -- Drill ship *Octopus* (225 gt, built 1990) ran aground off Orkney on an uncharted bank only 7.1 metres deep was being guided by a chart more than 160 years old, an investigation has revealed. The barge had its legs extended to a depth of 13 metres, but the Admiralty chart for the area indicated a depth of greater than 20 metres with the closest sounding indicating a depth of 26 metres. The report by the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) says the source data diagram on the chart indicated the area was last surveyed, by leadline, in the 1840s. *Octopus* was being towed from Kirkwall to Seal Skerry Bay in the Orkney Islands by the tug *Harald* to act as a platform for the installation of a prototype tidal turbine when the incident happened on Sep 8 last year. The tug and barge altered their route to pass to the west

of Little Green Holm Island because of strong tidal streams experienced during the passage. This was a route not usually used by deep draught vessels and four of the barge's legs were damaged, resulting in substantial costs and project delays. No-one was injured and the tug was undamaged. The MAIB recommended the Department for Transport and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency should review the future work schedule for the UK Civil Hydrography survey programme in the light of the increasing use by large cruise vessels of sea areas not surveyed to modern standards. They also recommended the UK Hydrographic Office put forward a proposal to international organisations that working groups investigated ways of ensuring electronic chart and display information systems provided a clear indication to mariners when the survey data used to produce the electronic chart was of poor quality.

OLSHANA (Russia)

London, Aug 10 -- A Torshavn MRCC report states: Trawler (All types) *Olshana* sent out a mayday at 1817, Aug 2 stating it had grounded on Flesjarnar. At 0629, Aug 3 Vessels I.Tjaldrio and *Finnur Frio* towed *Olshana* off Flesjarnar, but at 0656 hrs *Olshana* sank in lat 62 03.5N, long 06 46.3W.

OMEGA 3 (Argentina)

London, Aug 9 -- Following navigation warning, dated yesterday, states: Fishing *Pagrus II* towing fishing (general) *Omega 3* (56 gt, built 1951) speed five knots, in lat 36 56S, long 52 52W, bound Mar Del Plata.

PAILIN MARITIME I (Thailand)

Portsmouth, UK, Aug 10 -- During the evening of Aug 7, general cargo *Pailin Maritime I* sank in the position lat 10.06N, long 112.09E. Nineteen of the crew have been rescued. Four are missing. -- Correspondent.

PANDION (Sweden)

London, Aug 16 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Marine Casualty Investigation Board is examining an incident in Dublin Port in which asphalt tanker *Pandion* (6280 gt, built 2003) carrying oil based material ran aground. The Swedish tanker ran aground on soft sand as it left the port on Jul 17. Officials say tugs were put on standby to pull the tanker but it was steadied by the tide after a short period of time and left under her own steam. The pilot of the tanker was put on administrative leave after the incident under standard procedures. The tanker was carrying a cargo of bitumen. However, port officials have played down the incident and said there was no danger of spillage. The tanker ran aground on soft sand, a spokesperson for Dublin Port said. Tugs were put on standby, but the tanker just had to wait for another ship to pass and then it was able to leave. Nobody was suspended but the pilot was placed on administrative leave. The Department

of Transport has also been informed about the incident. We can confirm that a ship carrying bitumen came aground in Dublin Port on Jul 17, a spokesperson said. There was no damage to the ship and no pollution and it was refloated. (Note -- *Pandion* arrived Dublin Jul 17 and sailed Jul 19, subsequently arriving Antwerp on Jul 21.)

PANSTAR SUNNY (Panama)

See *Himawari No.6*.

PASHA BULKER (Panama)

See "Australia" under "Weather & Navigation."

PATRICIA NORES (Spain)

Vigo, Aug 10 -- The owners of trawler *Patricia Nores* have advised that she completed repairs and sailed on Aug 7, bound for the Falkland Islands. -- Lloyd's Agents.

PETER WESSEL (Norway)

Kiel, Aug 16 -- Passenger ro/ro *Peter Wessel* (29706 gt, built 1981), Hirtshals for Larvik, with 510 passengers, had machinery problems four miles off Hirtshals around midday yesterday. For safety reasons the master decided to return to Hirtshals. After experts carried out repairs the vessel departed for Larvik at 2045 hrs and was expected back in Hirtshals at 0800 today. -- Correspondent.

PROFESSOR TRONIN (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Aug 13 -- General cargo *Professor Tronin* (1766 gt, built 1984), owner Volga Steam Navigation, with 11 crew, enroute "Mursunlakhti" for Varandey, with 1,552 tons of crushed stone ran aground on a sandbar at River Svir, Km 954 mark, and sustained a hole in the ballast tank. There is no fuel pollution. -- Correspondent.

PUKJANI (Albania)

London, Aug 14 -- Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 0450, UTC: General cargo *Pukjani* (4275 gt, built 1972) not under command due to engine problems in lat 37 56N, long 20 30.6E. Tug *Makis* is due on scene in 30 mins.

London, Aug 14 -- Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 0845, UTC: General cargo *Pukjani* is now being towed to Argostoli by tug *Makis*, where ETA two hours.

London, Aug 14 -- Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1735, UTC: General cargo *Pukjani*, in tow of tug *Makis*, secured alongside at Argostoli 1115, UTC.

QUEEN OF ALBERNI (Canada)

London, Aug 12 -- Roll On Roll Off *Queen of Alberni* which was taken out of service during the busy August long weekend is set to return tomorrow. The vessel is scheduled to return to service early tomorrow morning from Duke Point. One of the vessel's four clutches is now fixed and after a full inspection by Transport Canada, the ferry will undergo sea trials before returning back to regular service.

REEF AZANIA

(St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Aug 10 -- A press report, date Aug 9, states: General cargo *Reef Azania*, that has been missing in the Indian Ocean for more than a month most probably went down in turbulent waters and all 14 people on board are presumed dead, officials said today. The vessel and crew are presumed lost because there has been no word from them since losing contact June 24, Transport and Communications Minister Adam Mwanjuki said. An insurance company is in the process of paying the families of the lost crew members, he added.

REPUBBLICA DI GENOVA (Italy)

London, Aug 10 -- A Svitzer Salvage report, dated Aug 7, states: Operation at passenger ro/ro *Repubblica di Genova* in Antwerp are progressing as planned and expected. Pile driving activities in Verrebroek dock have started and are expected to be finalised within the coming two weeks. On board *Repubblica di Genova*, construction works are also progressing fine. Almost all levers necessary for par buckling are placed on the side of the ship. In the coming weeks the vessel will be further prepared for the par buckling and refloating operations.

RMS VOERDE

(Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Aug 12 -- Following received from Coastguard Solent MRCC, timed 1201, UTC: General cargo *RMS Voerde* (1846 gt, built 1999), Dublin for Hamburg, at anchor in lat 50 28.26N, long 00 52.44W, 14 nautical miles south-east of Dunose Head, Isle of Wight, making engine repairs due to contaminated oil. Master requested to contact Solent Coastguard at 1530, UTC. Coastguard tug tasking.

London, Aug 12 -- Following received from Coastguard Solent MRCC, timed 1522, UTC: General cargo *RMS Voerde* is under way for Southampton for further repairs and spares, ETA 2000, UTC.

London, Aug 13 -- Following received from Coastguard Solent MRCC, timed 0240, UTC: General cargo *RMS Voerde* secured alongside berth 37, Southampton at 2055, UTC, Aug 12.

ROBERTSON II (Canada)

London, Aug 11 -- The new owner of the training *Robertson II* says he is "100 per cent confident" the historic Nova Scotian schooner will today float off the reef where it's been aground for more than five weeks. Drew Clarke, a towing-company operator from Salt Spring Island, B.C., recently bought the 40-metre vessel. After running aground on a reef on Saturna Island on Jul 1, the vessel is in poor shape. The vessel was damaged by attempts to raise her, said Clarke, adding the damage is bad, but "not uncorrectable." Attempts to pull the vessel off the rocks have torn away six metres of keel.

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: Salvage operations on training *Robertson II*, which ran aground on a reef off Saturna Island on

Jul 1, have come to a head. Over the weekend (Aug 11-12), the vessel was fitted with airbags, most of which have been filled, and the mast was hauled out of the water. Last night, though, the keel of the ship was still stuck underneath an overhanging rock and salvage crews had a tricky lift-and-pull operation ahead of them. They have finished with all the major work and were just waiting for the tides to stop running so hard.

SALIH REIS-4 (Turkey)

See *Semyon Rudnyev*.

SARDINIA EXPRESS (Italy)

London, Aug 10 -- Following received from Rome MRCC, timed 0815, UTC: Passenger ro/ro *Sardinia Express* was safely towed into Bastia yesterday. The passengers who were on board at the time of the fire have been returned to Leghorn.

Leghorn, Aug 10 -- Passenger ro/ro *Sardinia Express*, Golfo Aranci for Piombino, with 209 passengers and 21 crew members, had a fire break out in its engine-room approximately eight miles off Bastia at about 0300 yesterday. At 0600 hrs ro-ro *Mega Express Three*, belonging to the same shipowners, passing nearby, was diverted to render assistance. However, soon afterwards, a tug sent from Bastia assisted *Sardinia Express* and *Mega Express Three* was able to resume its intended voyage. All passengers remained on board. *Sardinia Express* with the assistance of the tug, arrived at Bastia at about 1800 hours where the passengers were transferred to passenger ro-ro *Corsica Marina II* which arrived Leghorn port at 2330 yesterday, where the passengers were finally disembarked. *Sardinia Express* is still at Bastia port where examinations and eventual temporary repairs are being effected. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SCL BERN (Switzerland)

London, Aug 10 -- Following received from the managers of part containerised general car *SCL Bern*, dated today: *SCL Bern* is still undergoing repairs, with completion of same expected mid- to late-September. Crankshaft work continues.

SEA GLORY (Mongolia)

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: The International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) has directed its Delhi-based South Asia office as well as the Mumbai-based National Seamen's Union (NSU) to immediately take up the matter with the Directorate-General of Shipping for the release of the four crew members of general cargo *Sea Glory*, which has been lying aground for more than a month at the mouth of Kori Creek. The matter was reported to Kandla-based ITF pointman Manohr Bellani when the Iraqi master of the ship, Captain Marof N Daood, now under detention at Gandhidham along with his three officers, complained to him that their more than 40-day detention was illegal as per both Indian and international

laws as nothing had been found in investigation by the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) of the D-G Shipping. "The master approached me on Monday. I contacted my London headquarters through our South Asia office for their immediate release. There was prompt action with direction to our Delhi office to ask Mumbai-based general secretary of NSU to personally take up the issue with the nautical adviser in the Directorate of Shipping for the immediate release of the four Iraqis," Bellani said yesterday.

SEGOVIA CARRIER (Bahamas)

London, Aug 14 -- Following received from Dover Coastguard, timed 1718, UTC: Refrigerated general cargo *Segovia Carrier* (15834 gt, built 1980) in lat 50 11 17N, long 03 03.38W, at 1754, BST, with no radar due to lightning strike. Tug *Anglian Monarch* to be tasked to rendezvous with vessel and escort her through Eitz to Dover. (Note -- According to LloydsMIU AIS, *Segovia Carrier*, Puerto Limon for Antwerp, in lat 50 16 36.25N, long 02 27 30.09W, Portland 17.5 nautical miles, speed 19.6 knots, and ETA Dover Aug 15.)

London, Aug 16 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Segovia Carrier* arrived at Antwerp at 0654 hrs, today.

SELENDANG AYU (Malaysia)

Anchorage, Aug 15 -- A Singapore company agreed to plead guilty to environmental violations and pay a \$10 million fine for an oil spill caused by the 2004 wreck of bulker *Selendang Ayu* off Alaska, the U.S. Justice Department said yesterday. IMC Shipping Co. Pte. Ltd. filed a plea agreement in U.S. District Court in Anchorage to settle charges stemming from the wreck of the *Selendang Ayu*, which resulted in the spill of 335,732 gallons of fuel oil and the death of six crew members. The vessel, owned by a subsidiary of privately held IMC Group, drifted for two days in a Bering Sea storm before grounding off an Aleutian island, splitting in half and spilling fuel and 60,000 metric tons of soybeans. The spill, the worst in Alaska since the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster, was exacerbated by harsh winter weather, low-light conditions and the remote but biologically important location of the grounding. More than 1,600 dead seabirds were found in the spill's wake, according to federal officials. The 738-foot vessel grounded off the uninhabited west side of Unalaska Island, adjacent to the sprawling Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge. Cleaning up the spill lasted until the summer of 2006. IMC Shipping still faces civil fines to be assessed by the state and federal governments for natural resource damages. -- Reuters.

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: Owners of bulker *Selendang Ayu* that ran aground on an Aleutian Island will plead guilty to illegally discharging its cargo and have agreed to pay a hefty fine, reports said. IMC Shipping Co. Pte. Ltd. (IMC) of Singapore will also plead guilty to

killing hundreds of seabirds when *Selendang Ayu*, ran aground Dec 8, 2004, and broke in two on the north side of Unalaska Island, said U.S. Attorney Nelson Cohen. Court documents filed yesterday indicate IMC intends to pay a criminal penalty of \$10 million. The penalty includes \$4 million in community service, including \$3 million to assess risks for shipping hazards where *Selendang Ayu* went aground and \$1 million for the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge. IMC has also agreed to serve three years' probation, which will include an audit of IMC's maintenance program. The parties requested that the plea be entered and sentencing be scheduled for Aug 22. The spill affected about 37 miles of shoreline. More than 1,600 birds and six sea otters were found dead. IMC paid more than \$100 million in clean-up costs. The captain of *Selendang Ayu*, Kailash Bhushan Singh, pleaded guilty in April 2005 to making a false statement during the casualty investigation regarding the time the engine was shut down before the grounding. The plea agreement addresses only IMC's criminal culpability and that the state and federal trustees continue to assess natural resource damages from the spill. The plea agreement does not limit IMC's civil liability.

SEMYON RUDNYEV (Ukraine)

London, Aug 13 -- Following received from Ankara MRCC, timed 1050, UTC: General cargo *Semyon Rudnyev* (2466 gt, built 1982) and ferry *Salih Reis-4* (670 gt, built 2007) were in collision off Istanbul at 0800, UTC, today. *Semyon Rudnyev* is now at anchor at anchorage and *Salih Reis-4* is now berthed and some injured passengers are being taken to hospital. There were no fatalities. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Semyon Rudnyev*, bound Nikolayev, was stationary in lat 40 57 44.28N, long 28 54 13.5E, at 1013, UTC, today.)

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Turkish ferry (*Salih Reis-4*) rammed head-on into a Ukrainian freighter (*Semyon Rudnyev*) which was anchored off the north-west coast in the Sea of Marmara, slightly injuring dozens of ferry passengers, a spokesman of the ferry boat company said. The ferry, although damaged, returned to its dock in Istanbul shortly after the accident. Ambulances and helicopters rushed to the scene to carry the injured to nearby hospitals, Tolga Uyar, spokesman of the ferry company said. "There are around 30 injured but they are not in serious condition and being transferred to local hospitals," Uyar said, adding that most of the passengers were injured when they hit their heads on seats or other parts of the ferry during the collision. Uyar said the accident occurred when the ferry rammed the anchored freighter. It was not clear whether anyone was injured on board the freighter, which was slightly damaged.

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: Ferry *Salih Reis-4* rammed head-on into general cargo

Semyon Rudnyev, anchored off the north-west coast, today, slightly injuring 40 ferry passengers, officials said. *Salih Reis-4*, although damaged, returned to dock in Istanbul shortly after the accident. Ambulances and helicopters took the injured to nearby hospitals, the Maritime Affairs office said in a statement. Tolga Uyar, a spokesman for the ferry company, said: "(the injured) are not in serious condition and are being transferred to local hospitals," adding that most of the injured passengers hit their heads on seats or other parts of the ferry during the collision. It was not clear whether anyone was injured on board *Semyon Rudnyev*, which was also slightly damaged.

London, Aug 14 -- At least 30 people were yesterday injured in a head-on collision between ferry *Salih Reis-4* and Ukraine-flag general cargo *Semyon Rudnyev* at anchor in the Marmara Sea, south of Istanbul. However, the incident did not disrupt traffic through the Bosphorus Strait, a key waterway heavily used by tankers carrying oil from the Black Sea. Reports suggest that the ferry hit the *Semyon Rudnyev* full on, about 20 minutes after it departed Istanbul on route to the island of Avsa. Ahmet Paksoy, the general director of the municipality-owned company that operates the ferry, told local television that none of the injuries were serious. Ukrrihflot-operated *Semyon Rudnev* seems to have sustained an unspecified amount of damage. An investigation has now been launched to determine the cause of the incident.

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: The master of ferry *Salih Reis-4* that rammed into general cargo *Semyon Rudnyev* Monday (Aug 13) said in testimony yesterday that the accident was caused when he "got distracted for a second." Ismail Taspinar testified at the Port and Dock Police Station in accordance with an order from the public prosecutor. Prosecutor Ilker Yaiar opened an investigation into the accident because some of the passengers were wounded. Arthur Nesternko, maptain of *Semyon Rudhnev* also testified and was released yesterday. In his testimony Taspinar said he took off from the Yenikapi port at 1050 hrs. A member of the crew came up to him and to convey some information. "At that moment, I got distracted for a second and I saw a small, old-type ship in front of me. I did what I had to do in this congested area, but I couldn't avoid crashing into the other vessel," he said. Taspinar was released shortly after giving testimony. Head of the Turkish Captains' Association Cahit Astikbal said the Ahirkapi area of the Marmara experienced heavy traffic all the time. Insurance companies working with IDO are paying for all expenses of the passengers undergoing treatment.

SENREI MARU (Japan.)
See *Venus Eight*.

SHAH BADAR-I
Chittagong, Aug 14 -- The local agents of vessel *Shah Badar-i* have advised

that her status remains unchanged. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SHIN TANEGASHIMA MARU (Japan)

London, Aug 11 -- Following received from Japan Coast Guard, timed 0045, UTC: Vehicle carrier *Shin Tanegashima Maru* (999 gt, built 1993) was drifting due to engine problems in lat 30 57N, long 139 45E at 1250, UTC, Aug 10. A Coast Guard tug is on scene.

London, Aug 13 -- Following received from Japan Coast Guard, timed 0750, UTC: Vehicle carrier *Shin Tanegashima Maru* was towed to Kagoshima port.

Yokohama, Aug 15 -- Vehicle carrier *Shin Tanegashima Maru*, Kagoshima for Tanegashima Nishinootote, was disabled with engine trouble in lat 30 56N, long 130 43E (before reported as long 139 45E), at 2210 Aug 10. The vessel was towed by a salvage tug to Nishinootote port 1640, Aug 11 and then shifted to Kagoshima port 0845, Aug 12 for repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SILVER (Cambodia)

London, Aug 11 -- General cargo *Silver* passed Dardanelles at 0445, Aug 10, bound for Tartous.

STENA TIGER (U.K.)

London, Aug 12 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1345, UTC, today: Combined chemical and oil tank *Stena Tiger* (25400 gt, built 2004) grounded in Lower Mississippi River at 0400, Aug 11. No damage or pollution. Refloated and awaiting permission to depart.

London, Aug 13 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1900, UTC: Pilot boarded Combined chemical and oil tank *Stena Tiger* about 0845, UTC, today and the vessel departed.

SUNSHINE SPIRIT (Panama)

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

SUPERCAT 23 (Philippines)

Manila, Aug 16 -- The Philippine Coast Guard have reported that the Philippine-registered fast ferry *Supercat 23* (299 gt), ran aground off the coast of Cuta in Batangas province on southern Luzon island at approximately 2000 hrs, Aug 15. *Supercat 23* with 155 passengers on board was on passage from Calatagan town in Batangas for Occidental Mindoro when the accident happened. - Correspondent.

Manila, Aug 16 -- Supercat Fast Ferry Corp., owner and operator of the *Supercat 23*, reported that the vessel was refloated from its grounded position off Cuta at approximately 2300 hrs, Aug 15. The ferry was refloated at the onset of the high tide and was assisted by a salvage tug. The fast ferry with its 155 passengers then proceeded under its own power to Batangas, where it arrived safely early this morning. Supercat operations manager James Lavides said that strong winds and waves carried the ferry into shallow waters where it ran aground.

No passengers or crew were injured during the accident. Results of an underwater survey showed no hull damage nor water ingress. There was no damage to her propellers or rudder and the vessel passed sea trials. She has now been cleared by the Philippine Coast Guard for normal operations and is currently docked at Batangas waiting for Typhoon "Sepat" to pass before returning to service. -- Correspondent.

SURFSIDE PRINCESS (U.S.A.)

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

SYMS HUASHAN (Antigua & Barbuda)

Yokohama, Aug 16 -- Container Carrier *SYMS Huashan* (9957 gt, built 2005), Qingdao for Tokyo, became unnavigable due to a cylinder exhaust valve problem in lat 33 55.6N, long 129 31.2E, at 1042, Aug 13. The vessel was towed by a tug to Kanmon port Aug 15. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Syms Hushan* arrived Moji Aug 15 and sailed same day and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was in lat 33 45 39N, long 131 40 49E, at 1212, UTC, Aug 15, speed 15.7 knots, course 112 degrees.)

THOMSON SPIRIT (Cyprus)

See *Ocean Majesty*.

TIRAN (Bangladesh)

Chittagong, Aug 16 -- According to owners of general cargo *Tiran*, Bulk Shipping Line Ltd., Dhaka, *Tiran* is still underwater. Strong currents are presently delaying refloating attempts. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TIRTA NIAGA I (Indonesia)

London, Aug 16 -- Product tanker *Tirta Niaga I* was reported arriving at Penang on Jul 31, from Paradip and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS at 0541 hrs, today, she was still in port at Penang.

TORM GERTRUD (DIS)

See *New Flame*.

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TOURMALET (France)

London, Aug 12 -- Following received from Coastguard Milford Haven MRSC: Timed 0535, UTC: Fire in engine-room of trawler (All types) *Tourmalet* (222 gt, built 1983), with seven persons on board, at 0252, UTC, in lat 51 52.9N, long 05 44.3W, 15.5 nautical miles west of St.David's Head. Engine-room doors sealed. St. David's lifeboat launched. Skipper confirmed no injuries and no requirement for helicopter evacuation. Fire extinguished. St. David's lifeboat will escort *Tourmalet* to Milford Haven. Fire was in electrical control equipment in engine-room. Repairs will be carried out in Milford Haven.

Timed 0610, UTC: St.David's lifeboat released and *Tourmalet* proceeding to Concarneau under own power.

London, Aug 13 -- A Maritime and Coastguard Agency press release, dated Aug 12, states: Milford Haven

Coastguard launched a rescue operation at 0400 hrs, this morning in response to a mayday from the French trawler *Tourmalet* with seven people on board. At 0352 hrs, Milford Haven Coastguard received a mayday call from the crew of *Tourmalet* reporting that they had a serious fire in the engine-room and required assistance. The vessel was 16 miles west of St. Davids Head in the Irish Sea. St. Davids Head RNLI Lifeboat was launched and several other vessels in the area responded to the Coastguard radio broadcast asking for assistance, including the ferry *Isle of Inishmore* and French fishing vessels in the area. Milford Haven Coastguard established that there were no injuries and the crew hoped that the fire, which was electrical, had been contained in the engine room. *Isle of Inishmore* stood by the vessel until other vessels arrived on scene. The St. Davids Head RNLI lifeboat reached the vessel shortly after 0500 hrs.

TRANSBORA (Turkey)

Kiel, Aug 13 -- As of Aug 7 bulker *Transbora* was still aground in lat 44 19N, long 38 36E, with no salvage work visible. -- Correspondent.

TRIUMPH (Bermuda)

London, Aug 13 -- Container Carrier *Triumph* (16680 gt, built 1978), cargo containers, lost steering near St. Jean, Ile d'Orleans, in lat 46 55 54N, long 70 51 37W, at 1134 EDST, Aug 11. Vessel went to emergency anchorage to repair. No apparent damage. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Triumph* in lat 45 56 21.18N, long 73 12 44.94W, Lanoraie, Can, 2.4 nautical miles, bound Montreal, speed 13.6 knots, at 0628, UTC, Aug 11.)

London, Aug 15 -- Container Carrier *Triumph* arrived at Halifax at 0636 hrs, Aug 14 and departed later the same day, at 1906 hrs.

TUNIA (Sweden)

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Swedish fishing (general) *Tunia* (80 gt), 20 metres long, ran aground at Roxen, Sweden, at about midday, Aug 11. The vessel is stuck fast off Gryttudden. Salvage attempts are underway.

Kiel, Aug 15 -- A tug is expected Aug 16 at the grounded general cargo *Tunia*, built 1906, (62 gt). Salvage work is expected to commence in the morning. -- Correspondent.

USNS SISLER (U.S.A.)

London, Aug 12 -- One of the USA's large ro-ro vessels used to support operations by US Forces has had a fire while undergoing maintenance in a South Boston dock. The 950 feet long Naval Vessel *USNS Sisler* (72718 gt, built 1997) was in dry-dock when the blaze broke out in the early hours of Friday (Aug 10) morning. Firefighters had a battle to reach the blaze as they negotiated the insides of the massive vessel. The fire was put out within an hour. Ironically the work on the vessel, carried out by Boston Ship Repair Inc, was nearing completion. Estimation of

the damage to the vessel has been put at around three quarters of a million dollars.

VENUS EIGHT (Panama)

Yokohama, Aug 10 -- General cargo *Venus Eight* (2987 gt, built 2002), Takuma for Sakai, and Japanese tanker *Senrei Maru*, 499 gt, Onomichi for Sakai, were in collision in lat 34 24N, long 134 14.2E, at 2155, Aug 9. *Senrei Maru* sustained port bow damage and *Venus Eight* sustained cracking damage to starboard bow over an area of 0.4 metres by 0.1 metres. Both vessels entered Takamatsu port under own power. There were no injuries reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Aug 14 -- General cargo *Venus Eight* arrived at Osaka on Aug 13.

VIKINGEN (Norway)

London, Aug 14 -- As of yesterday Roll On Roll Off *Vikingen* was moored at Harstad Shipyard.

VINGATANK (Sweden)

Avonmouth, Aug 16 -- Product tanker *Vingatank* (2834 gt, built 2002) is effecting main engine repairs at Swansea. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Vingatank* arrived Milford Haven 0603, Aug 7, sailed 0942, Aug 14 and arrived Swansea 1728, same day.)

VISA I (Indonesia)

London, Aug 16 -- Barge *Visa I*, carrying 1,200 tons of gasoline, sank in Awang Gulf waters, Central Lombok District, West Nusa Tenggara Province, inflicting material losses worth Rp12 billion. The vessel leaving Bali for Bima, West Nusa Tenggara, capsized after being hit by huge waves reaching heights of up to six metres, at 1100, Eastern Indonesian Time, Aug 11, a spokesperson of the NTB Police, Tribudi Pangastuti, said yesterday. The barge was being towed by tug *Anugerah* when the accident occurred. The tug later rescued the barge's 11 crew members. The barge sank in the Lombok waters.

WAN HAI 307 (Singapore)

See *Alpha Action*.

WEESAM EXPRESS 3 (Philippines)

Manila, Aug 15 -- The Philippine Navy in a belated report said that 178 passengers had been rescued from Philippine-registered fast ferry *Weesam Express 3*, 146.25 gt, on Aug 3. *Weesam Express 3*, was travelling from Bongao port, Tawi-Tawi island, to Jolo port, Sulu province, when it had an engine breakdown near Sulade island. A distress signal from the ferry was intercepted by the Philippine Navy which deployed patrol craft DF 322, to conduct a search for the vessel. DF 322 was able to find the vessel and immediately took it under tow. The ferry and all its passengers arrived safely in Jolo port. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Aug 16 -- Zamboanga-based SRN Fastcrafts, owner and operator of ferry *Weesam Express 3*, reported today that the ferry has resumed regular operations between Jolo port in

Sulu province and Bongao port on Tawi-Tawi island in central Philippines. The company said that the ferry returned to service following repairs to its engine. -- Correspondent.

WERDER BREMEN (Gibraltar)

Dublin, Aug 13 -- According to the local agent of Container Carrier *Werder Bremen* (6378 gt, built 1999) the vessel had a turbo-charger failure 23 miles off Dublin Aug 3. The vessel was towed by a tug to Dublin where it arrived Aug 4. Parts were flown in, repairs were carried out, and vessel sailed Aug 7. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Werder Bremen* subsequently arrived Lisbon 0820, Aug 10 and sailed 2349 same day.)

WHITE MIST (Panama)

London, Aug 10 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulker *White Mist* was located stationary 0.6 nautical miles from Colon, in lat 09 21 39.58N, long 79 55 29.54W, at 1037, UTC, today, while bulker *Miltiades* was located stationary 0.1 nautical miles from Balboa, in lat 08 57 03.06N, long 79 33 59.1W, at 1133, UTC, today.

YUAN WANG 4 (China)

Portsmouth, UK, Aug 13 -- Meteorological research *Yuan Wang 4* (10135 gt, built 1979) which was to monitor a lunar exploration satellite scheduled for launch in October, was recently hit by a coal tanker and sustained fire damage, a Hong Kong-based human rights watchdog said today. The ship is currently being repaired, but the launch of the Chang'e satellite will likely have to be delayed beyond Oct 1, the Information Centre for Human Rights and Democracy said in a statement. The survey ship, which is docked in its base in Jiangsu Province, was hit by a coal tanker Aug 5, the centre said, adding that the province's maritime authorities and the satellite control centre have confirmed the accident. Fire spread quickly on the main deck and burned for four hours, leaving extensive damage to the ship and its equipment, according to the statement. -- Correspondent.

YUTAKA 20 (Japan)

See *Ingolstadt*.



MELAKA STRAITS, MALAYSIA

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Malaysian barge was attacked by armed pirates off the Melaka Strait and kidnapped two of its Indonesian crew, in the first high sea kidnapping in the busy strait in more than two years. Noel Choong, head of the International Maritime Bureau said the incident occurred late yesterday. The attack is also the third incidence reported in the strait this year, although this was the first time since July 2005 that the ship crew were

kidnapped. Reports said the barge came from Penang state in northern Malaysia and was en route to Belawan, Indonesia to deliver steel billets when 10 heavily-armed pirates came on board. The pirates destroyed all communication equipment of the ship and took two Indonesian crew before leaving. The Indonesian crew were the ship's master and chief engineer. Choong said: "There are no demands for ransom yet but we are concerned that this could be the start of a series of kidnap and ransom cases like what we see before July 2005. We hope the Indonesian authorities will take immediate action to contain this problem."

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: Armed pirates attacked a Malaysian barge in the Malacca Strait and kidnapped two Indonesian crew late yesterday. The barge is now in Belawan for investigation.

Port State Control



REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Dublin, Aug 14 -- General cargo *Lillian* was sold to Greek interest. The vessel is still in port and the new owners are arranging for repairs to be carried out to meet port state control requirements. The vessel's crew have been paid from the proceeds of the sale. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ROMANIA

Bucharest, Aug 14 -- The hearing to obtain court authorisation for the forced sale of general cargo *Bermuda I* has been fixed for Aug 15. -- Lloyd's Agents.

UNITED KINGDOM

London, Aug 16 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: ITF inspector Norrie McVicar today confirmed that he has been told by crew that the Spain-based owners of the fishing (general) *Enxembre* (252 gt, built 1973) whose name was changed last week from the *Atalaya* could be close to ordering the vessel to leave port with virtually no seafarers onboard, rather than pay the wages owed to seven of the crew. The fishing vessel is currently at Ullapool, having been detained a month ago by Port State Control. The ITF has been assisting the crew since they phoned its Actions Unit in London a week ago saying that they were worried that an imminent change of flag from Britain to St Kitts might lead to them being sacked. When Norrie McVicar visited them seven crew members - six Indonesian and one Chilean - laid out a list of complaints which he is currently investigating. These include that the Master has been ordered to take the vessel to sea with them on board against their will, leaving it manned by just three people. The crew reported this to the local

police. The Indonesians also allege that in the last 10 months they have been paid only 200 euros a month of the 800 euros they signed up for. They state that they also had to pay a manning agent US\$500 each for jobs on the vessel. The Chilean officer, who has been assisted in the past by the ITF on another vessel, says that he has not been paid in the last four months. The ITF believes that the owners of the 1973 built, 252 tons GRT vessel are Elcon Leisure, based in La Coruña, Galicia, Spain and with an office in Cornwall, England.

UNITED STATES

London, Aug 10 -- A press release issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, San Juan (PRI), dated Aug 8, states: The U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Juan, issued a detention order to the 333-foot Roll On Roll Off *Sunshine Spirit* (4177 gt, built 1980) yesterday, restricting the vessel from operating until conditions of the order are met. A Coast Guard Port State Control Team from Sector San Juan conducted a random examination of the *Sunshine Spirit* yesterday and discovered the vessel's crew was unable to operate the vessel's oily water separator (OWS). The OWS, required by U.S. and international regulations, is part of a vessel's pollution prevention system and plays an important role in the protection of the environment. "The Coast Guard is committed to upholding regulations that protect the marine environment," said Cmdr. Carlos A. Torres, chief of prevention operations at Sector San Juan. "The environmental risk posed by the crew's inability to properly operate the oily water separator was too great, and our team took the necessary steps to reduce that risk." *Sunshine Spirit* has been ordered to cease all operations until the documentation and proper operation of the OWS can be verified. Sector San Juan inspectors are working closely with the *Sunshine Spirit*'s owner to ensure the vessel is restricted from commercial operation for the minimum time necessary. (Note -- *Sunshine Spirit* arrived at San Juan (PRI) at 1049 hrs, Aug 7.)

San Juan, Aug 10 -- According to US Coastguard, San Juan, Roll On Roll Off *Sunshine Spirit* is still detained. -- Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Aug 13.)

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Passenger (cruise) *Surfside Princess* (2775 gt, built 1972), based in Port Canaveral, has been cited for violating two dozen safety rules. The Coast Guard says the SunCruz's vessel won't be allowed to take on passengers until it fixes the trouble. That includes a 20-to-50-gallon leak in the engine cooling system, a leak in a fire main that dumped water on an electrical panel and a broken fire pump.

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: Both options for casino cruises from Port Canaveral were temporarily shut down by the Coast Guard yesterday. Inspectors said they found 24 violations during a routine check of the Sun Cruz Casino.

The problems found involved fire equipment on the ship and the cooling system, WESH 2 News reported. "You have the potential for flooding the engines, overheating and not operating properly. It could cause the vessel to go out of control," Coast Guard marine safety supervisor Walter Hoppe said. Officials with Sun Cruz said the problems were repaired today, and the ship resumed operations. The other ship in trouble was Sterling's Ambassador 2. The Coast Guard ordered it out of U.S. waters yesterday because it didn't have the proper paperwork. Sterling's ship changed operators over the weekend. The necessary paperwork was completed and Sterling also resumed operations today.

London, Aug 16 -- Roll On Roll Off *Sunshine Spirit* sailed from San Juan, Puerto Rico at 1549 hrs, Aug 14.

Seizures & Arrests



ASPIN (France)

London, Aug 14 -- Trawler (All types) *Aspin* (222 gt, built 1981) was arrested about 46km west of the Bull Rock off west Cork and escorted into Castletownbere last week, by the Naval Service for alleged fishing offences.

CHERYL ANNE (Philippines)

Manila, Aug 10 -- Philippine-registered barge Cheryl Anne is still being held by the Philippine Coast Guard at Surigao Port in the southern Philippines. -- Correspondent.

EAGLE STAR (South Africa)

London, Aug 16 -- A press report, dated Aug 15, states: Two reports into the controversial "fire sale" auction of the former rock lobster poaching fishing *Eagle Star* by the government at a rock bottom price have been completed and are being studied "with a view to taking appropriate action". This was the response from the Department of Environmental Affairs & Tourism yesterday, following the news that the 50m vessel - valued at between R5 million and R10m but sold for just R302 738, including diesel worth R230 000 - has been sold on by the buyer to an Angolan-based oil company for R4m, less than a year later. The company apparently intends using the vessel, which was refitted by the department at a cost of R3.2m, as a helicopter pad. When news of the controversy over the price paid broke in March, then department spokesman Blessing Manale said they had decided to appoint independent auditors to examine the circumstances surrounding the sale. The auditors would be asked to look at the choice of auctioneer, advertising of the auction, the price fetched and other aspects. The DA's maritime spokesman Marius Swart said at the time he would ask the auditor-general to investigate why

a vessel valued at one point at several million rands, had been sold for a fraction of its value. Current department spokesman Mava Scott said: "We reiterate that if any wrongdoing is found or any kind of negligence on the part of officials involved, the department will take appropriate disciplinary measures."

HOSHIN MARU NO.88 (Japan)

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: Japan has paid a fine for fishing *Hoshin Maru No.88* seized off the Kamchatka peninsula on poaching charges and is now waiting for Russia to return the vessel, NHK television channel said today. The Law of the Sea tribunal in Germany ruled Aug 6, that Russia return the vessel to Japan and slashed the fine imposed by Russia from 22 to 10 million rubles (about \$392,000). Russia said it would return the vessel as soon as the sum had been transferred.

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated Aug 14, states: Kamchatka's Environmental Prosecutor's Office has passed to the court a criminal case against the captain of the Japanese fishing Unknown *Hoshin Maru No.88*, which was detained in Russia's territorial waters in early June for carrying an illegal catch of fish, a press statement from the Office reported yesterday. The vessel's captain Takahashi Shoji, who is charged with illegal fishing, will face a fine according to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, Ria Novosti reported. The vessel was seized by Russian marine border guards with a crew of 17 off Kamchatka's eastern coast on Jun 1 carrying a catch exceeding by 14 tons the documented payload, with sockeye salmon instead of the chum salmon declared. The boat was later escorted to the port of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. The damage from the boat's illegal activities amounts to eight million rubles (\$314,000), the statement said. Previously, the court of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky ruled the boat's operating company to pay a fine of 1.3 million rubles (\$50,980) and additional compensation for damages to Russian marine resources amounting to 837,000 rubles. The court also ordered the prompt release of the vessel, which has been kept in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky during the case investigation. The boat will be returned to the Ikeda Suisan company upon the posting of a ten million ruble bond, according to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. The trial date has not yet been determined by the court, Ria Novosti said.

JULIANA (Panama)

Limassol, Aug 13 -- General cargo *Juliana* arrived at Limassol on Aug 12, from Tripoli, Lebanon. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SYMPHONIE (France)

London, Aug 13 -- Fishing (general) *Symphonie* (222 gt, built 1981) was arrested about 333km west of

Inishbofin Island and escorted it to Dingle by a naval service patrol vessel last week, for alleged fishing offences.



BLAGOEVGRAD, BULGARIA

London, Aug 10 -- A press report, dated Aug 9, states: Supplies of Russian natural gas to Greece were resumed today after repairs to a damaged pipeline section in neighbouring Bulgaria, Greece's gas distribution network ESFA said. The pipeline's operations were brought to a halt on Monday (Aug 6) when a section of the pipe in south-west Bulgaria exploded due to a gas leak.

MALTA, IDAHO, UNITED STATES

London, Aug 11 -- Twenty-seven horses owned by ranchers near Malta have been reported dead, possibly in connection with a natural gas leak in the area. Michele Swaner, spokeswoman for Northwest Pipeline, said company personnel discovered about 16 dead horses on the ranch yesterday evening while conducting routine maintenance checks on the 24-inch pipeline which runs underground. Ranch manager Cameron Tuckett suspected a leak in Northwest's underground pipeline. Northwest was not notified of a possible leak in the pipeline until 1415, Wednesday (Aug 8). She said the leak was confirmed Thursday at 1453 hrs and crews have since shut down and isolated the damaged pipeline.



BYALA AREA, BULGARIA

London, Aug 16 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: An oil spill was found near the town of Byala on Bulgaria's Black Sea coast on the night of Aug 14. The spill was nearly one kilometre long and 200m wide. A commercial vessel detected the spill and signalled, Transport and Communications Ministry said. The Executive Agency of the Maritime Administration monitored the spill and ordered all vessels to do so as well. Three cutters were sent to the site at around 0600, today. The cutters examined the supposed location of the spill after considering the wind and the currents, but no spill was found. According to experts, if the spill could not be found, it would mean that it was not crude oil, but petrol. Currently the search for the spill has ceased.

NORTH SEA, UNITED KINGDOM

See *Janice A.* under "Marine".

ROTTERDAM PORT, NETHERLANDS

See *King Everest* under "Marine".



AUSTRALIA

London, Aug 10 -- A press report, dated Aug 9, states: The rudder section of bulker *Pasha Bulker*, which went aground on Nobby's beach at Newcastle in June, has been retrieved today. The rudder, which broke away from the vessel during the successful refloating operation in early July, has been lying off Nobbys Beach since then. The CEO of Newcastle Port Corporation, Gary Webb, said the rudder section was retrieved during favourable sea conditions. A commercial contractor working for the vessel's owner successfully retrieved the rudder section early this morning. Mr Webb said. Unfavourable weather and sea conditions since early July had prevented retrieval of the rudder section until today. The contractor, using a small tug and barge, has taken the section of rudder to a secure area within the Port of Newcastle. Mobile cranes will be used to lift the section, believed to weigh about 10 tonnes, from the water onto the wharf. Newcastle Port Corporation has monitored the beach area since the departure of the vessel last month, but will now conclude this part of the surveillance operation.

London, Aug 10 -- Following received from the managers of bulker *Pasha Bulker*, dated today: *Pasha Bulker* remains under tow of tug *Koyo Maru*, bound Vietnam, where ETA around Aug 24.

CANADA

London, Aug 10 -- A press report, dated Aug 9, states: Strong gusting winds have caused some power outages across Prince Edward Island and brought down tree branches. Maritime Electric said there were scattered power outages. The winds were expected to gust up to 90 kph before calming down later today. High winds forced one of the ferries going between Wood Islands on the Island and Caribou, Nova Scotia, to tie up. Northumberland Ferries said the ferry would not make the journey until the wind dies down. The remaining ferry is larger and can better handle the rough weather, but was running about 45 minutes behind schedule. There were also restrictions on high-sided vehicles on the Confederation Bridge.

HURRICANE "FLOSSIE"

London, Aug 11 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: Hurricane "Flossie" centre located near lat 12.6N, long 139.3W, at 0900, UTC, today. Position accurate to within 15 nautical miles. Present movement towards the west, or 270

deg, at 12 knots. Maximum sustained winds 100 knots with gusts to 120 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 15 nautical miles north-east, south-east and north-west, nil miles to south-west. Radius of 50-knot winds 30 nautical miles north-east and south-east, 20 nautical miles south-west and 25 nautical miles north-west. Radius of 34-knot winds 60 nautical miles north-east, south-west and north-west and 50 nautical miles south-west. Forecast for 1800, UTC, Aug 11: Position lat 12.9N, long 141.1W. Maximum winds 105 knots with gusts to 130 knots.

London, Aug 12 -- Hurricane "Flossie" strengthened to a Category 4 storm yesterday as it spun more than 1,000 miles south of Hawaii. The hurricane could pass by Hawaii late Tuesday (Aug 14) or early Wednesday, forecasters said, but by then cooler waters should weaken "Flossie" considerably to a tropical storm. At 1700, EDT, "Flossie" had intensified with maximum sustained winds near 135 mph about 1,035 miles south-east of Hilo, Hawaii. The storm, with gusts of 161 mph, was expected to weaken later in the day as it passed over cooler waters. It was travelling west at about 12 mph. The island's southeastern shores could see waves of eight to 12 feet, forecasters said, with the surf rising during the day tomorrow and peaking Tuesday.

London, Aug 12 -- Hurricane "Flossie" packed 140 mph winds as it spun closer to Hawaii today, but forecasters predicted the Category 4 storm would weaken before passing by the islands later this week. The hurricane was expected to pass about 70 miles south of the island of Hawaii late Tuesday (Aug 14) or early Wednesday, but by then cooler water should weaken it to a Category 1 hurricane or a strong tropical storm. However, Hawaii was still on alert just in case the storm keeps its strength and veers closer. At 1100, EDT, "Flossie" was 810 miles east-southeast of Hilo, and had maximum sustained wind near 140 mph with gusts reaching 165 mph. It was travelling west at about 12 mph.

London, Aug 13 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: At 0900, UTC, today the centre of hurricane "Flossie" was located near lat 14.4N, long 148.2W, or about 585 miles southeast of Hilo, Hawaii and about 795 miles southeast of Honolulu, Hawaii. "Flossie" is moving toward the west-northwest near 14 mph and this motion is expected to continue through tonight. The maximum sustained winds are near 135 mph with higher gusts. Some slight weakening is forecast during the next 24 hours. Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 40 miles from the centre and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 105 miles. The estimated minimum central pressure is 959 mb.

Honolulu, Aug 13 -- The island of Hawaii declared a state of emergency, closing schools and setting up shelters, as Hurricane "Flossie" approached the islands. "Flossie" weakened from a Category 4 to a Category 3 at midday today, but remains a "dangerous hurricane with a clear, well-defined

eye," according to the National Weather Service's Central Pacific Hurricane Centre. "Flossie"'s strength is not expected to change over the next 24 hours, it said. The service put the island of Hawaii under a hurricane watch early today and said "Flossie" would come within 85 miles of the Big Island around 1400 hrs local time tomorrow. Winds at that time will be at 40-50 miles per hour and surf will exceed 15 feet. Torrential rainfall of up to 10 inches is expected along the southeast shore, said Ray Tanabe, National Weather Service warning coordination meteorologist. Island of Hawaii Mayor Harry Kim issued a state of emergency this afternoon for the volcanic island's population of 160,000. For the rest of the state, the main impact will be high surf along shores facing south and east, Tanabe said. "All the islands of Hawaii are at equal risks for hurricanes," Tanabe said. "There is still a chance the hurricane could take a jog a bit to the north, but it has been fairly well behaved." The weather service has also issued a flash flood watch. -- Reuters.

London, Aug 14 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: At 0900, UTC, today the centre of hurricane "Flossie" was located near lat 16.4N, long 153.2W. "Flossie" is moving toward the west-northwest at 13 knots with maximum sustained winds 100 knots with gusts 120 knots. Forecast valid 0600, UTC, Aug 15, lat 18N, long 157.3W, maximum wind 75 knots, gusts 90 knots.

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: Hurricane "Flossie" weakened today before it approached the waters off Hawaii, where residents braced for high winds and surf and torrential rain after an overnight earthquake jolt. Officials on the island declared a state of emergency as of yesterday, closing schools and opening shelters as "Flossie" passed near its south-east shore. Forecasters expected "Flossie" to approach the islands, but not make landfall in the U.S. state. Early today, "Flossie's" sustained winds had slowed to 110 miles per hour with higher gusts, at the top of the range for a Category 2 storm, or one capable of inflicting moderate damage. As of early this morning, Hurricane "Flossie" was about 390 miles south-east of Honolulu, where oil refineries were operating normally but preparing for heavy rain and high winds in the next 12 hours. Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle proclaimed a state of emergency yesterday for the island of Hawaii and an advance team from the Federal Emergency Management Agency is already in Honolulu, Curtis said.

London, Aug 15 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: At 0600, UTC, today the centre of hurricane "Flossie" was located near lat 15.5N, long 156.4W. Movement past six hours 285 degrees at nine knots. Maximum sustained winds 60 knots with gusts 75 knots. Forecast valid 0600, UTC, Aug 16, lat 18.5N, long 159.7W, maximum wind 45 knots, gusts 55 knots.

MALAYSIA

London, Aug 11 -- Dulang Marine Terminal is experiencing inclement weather with wind speed 30 knots and sea swell 3.5 metre. The port was closed at 1700, Aug 9, until further notice.

NORTH KOREA

London, Aug 12 -- Thunderstorms in North Korea have inflicted considerable damage to agriculture and infrastructure of the country. Floods, caused by torrential rains, destroyed dwelling houses and offices, scoured roads and disrupted railway traffic. According to the KCNA news agency, local authorities take measures to bring prime necessities and medicines to flood-stricken areas. While at the start of the week, southern areas of the country were most vulnerable to the inundation, floods also struck the North Korean capital these days.

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: North Korea, already dependent on foreign aid to feed its people, said today that devastating floods have washed away more than a tenth of its annual grain harvest. Aid agencies said up to 300,000 people were believed hit by the worst floods in a decade, which would worsen already severe food shortages in the impoverished communist nation. Official media has said torrential rains from Aug 7-12 caused "huge human and material damage." The North has reported hundreds dead or missing and more than 30,000 houses for over 63,300 families destroyed, along with at least 800 public buildings and more than 540 bridges and sections of railway. As of yesterday more than 11% of rice and maize fields nation-wide had been submerged, buried or washed away, he added, along with 200 pumping stations. More than 2,000 breaches were reported in waterways and riverbanks. At least 100,000 hectares (247,000 acres) of farmland were inundated.

PAKISTAN

London, Aug 11 -- At least 43 people have died in rain-related incidents since a storm hit Karachi on Thursday (Aug 9), with most casualties being attributed to roof collapses and electrocutions. The heavy rains and strong winds also washed out the RCD Highway between Balochistan and Sindh. Hundreds of vehicles travelling on the Karachi-Quetta route near Uthal were marooned, as water flooded both sections of the highway. The Mekran coastal highway was also damaged from some sections near Ormara area. This culminated in the disruption of road links between Karachi and Gwadar. The water level at Hub Dam also reached an alarmingly high level of 335 feet. The local government has declared a state of emergency in order to meet any trouble in case of a dam burst. Authorities have also shut down schools and colleges. According to Edhi Foundation spokesman Anwar Kazi, officials were still assessing the situation and the death toll could

rise. Officials said Karachi had already received over 152-millimetres of rain since the storm hit the city.

Karachi, Aug 11 -- Three berths of Karachi Port Trust (KPT) were damaged due to rain in last two days. It has asked Scot Wilson, of United Kingdom, to ascertain damages caused to berths Nos. 10, 14 and 15 at east wharves, due to current spell of torrential rains in last two days. An official of port authority said that a two-member team has already arrived to conduct survey, including underwater assessment to structures/foundation of berths for repair. Berth No.14, located on East Wharf, caved in at around 0300, Aug 9, due to heavy rains, while berth No.15 sustained partial damage and later berth No.10 was damaged at 0230, Jan 10. No damage was reported to general cargo *Hyundai Jumbo* (23132 gt, built 2002) and bulker *BMS Tbarloti* (22009 gt, built 1984) and they remained unharmed when the berths where the vessels were anchored caved in. Understand, the KPT had a berth reconstruction plan. Design consultancy has been awarded to M/s Scot Wilson Kirkpatrick and design of berths with appointment of contractors is in progress. The movement of cargo to and from Karachi Port and Port Qasim were partially disturbed due to current spell of torrential rains for last two days. The exporters and traders suffered losses of million of rupees in term of sales and shipment due to incessant heavy monsoon rains and power breakdown, traders and industrialist said. They said that heavy rains had badly hit the trade and economic activities in the city, as over 80 percent of the shopping centres remained completely closed for last two days. "Industrial activities in the five industrial estates almost came to a standstill due to electricity failure and major industries have failed to start their operation," said Zubiar Motiwala, a leading exporter to media. He said during the last two days, the productivity of export-oriented companies had been reduced due to shortage of workforce, causing delay in shipment of export orders. With the halt of export process in the industries, the exporters might suffer billions of rupee losses as the export shipments would be delayed, Motiwala added. Meanwhile, the transporters had refused to take delivery of export shipments from factories to the ports, believing that their trucks or trailers might get stuck up in the dug-up roads, he added. -- Lloyd's List Correspondent.

RIVER RHINE, EUROPE

London, Aug 11 -- Shipping was halted on part of the Rhine river after heavy rains pushed water levels one metre past their maximum limit for the first summer in 29 years. Barge captains have been told not to sail between Basel, Switzerland, where the river starts, and the German city of Mannheim in the state of Baden Wurttemberg, Kai Kempmann, the head of Freiburg's waterways

department, said today. The river connects Rotterdam, Europe's largest oil port, with industrial facilities in France, Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Germany is Europe's most important barge market, accounting for 25 percent of inland waterborne transportation. "The floods are hampering trade and transport," said Peter Kulsen, a consultant at PJK International BV in the Netherlands, which tracks freight rates. "Discussions for loading and lifting early next week have had to be delayed." The restriction will remain in place until at least Aug 12. Shipping continues on other parts of the waterway, Kempmann said. Further north, the river is in "no danger" of bursting its banks, Wolfgang Werner, a spokesman for North Rhine Westphalia's harbour and river police.

TROPICAL STORM "DEAN"

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: Tropical Storm "Dean" formed in the Atlantic Ocean, midway between western Africa and the Caribbean Sea, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said today. Meanwhile, the energy market continued to watch the Gulf of Mexico where a tropical depression may form later today that could threaten U.S. oil and natural gas facilities. The NHC said in an advisory issued shortly before 1100, EDT, that the center of "Dean" was located about 1,030 miles west of the southernmost Cape Verde Islands and about 1,490 miles east of the Lesser Antilles. "Dean" was moving westward at about 23 miles per hour, with maximum sustained winds near 40 mph. The NHC said "Dean" could strengthen into a Category 1 hurricane with winds of 74-95 mph in two to three days and a Category 2 (winds of 96-110 mph) or Category 3 (winds of 111-130 mph) storm in four or five days.

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: At 1500, UTC, the center of Tropical Storm "Dean" was located near lat 11.7N, long 39.4W, or about 1030 miles west of the southernmost Cape Verde Islands and about 1490 miles east of the Lesser Antilles. "Dean" is moving toward the west ear 23 mph. Maximum sustained winds are near 40 mph with higher gusts. Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 35 miles mainly to the north of the center.

London, Aug 15 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office: At 0900, UTC, the centre of tropical storm "Dean" was located near lat 12.2N, long 44.2W, position accurate to within 30 nautical miles. Present movement toward the west or 275 degrees at 16 knots. Maximum winds 45 knots with gusts to 55 knots. Forecast At 0600, UTC, Aug 17, lat 13.8N, long 57.1W. Maximum sustained winds 70 knots, gusts 85 knots.

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: At 1500, UTC, the centre of tropical storm "Dean" was located near lat 12.4N, long 46W. "Dean" is moving toward the west near

20 mph. Maximum sustained winds 60 mph. Some strengthening is forecast during next 24 hours.

London, Aug 15 -- A press report from Australia, dated Aug 16, states: World oil prices surged higher overnight amid fears that stormy weather could threaten key US energy facilities in and along the Gulf of Mexico, traders said. New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for delivery in September, closed up 95 cents at \$US73.33 (\$89.42) per barrel. The contract had earlier jumped as high as \$US74.23. In London, the price of Brent North Sea crude for September delivery settled up \$US1.13 at \$US71.64 per barrel. Traders eyed potential disruption to US oil facilities as tropical storm "Dean" gained momentum over the Atlantic ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. "Dean," now located off the north-east coast of Brazil and headed in the direction of Jamaica and the Gulf of Mexico, could turn into the Atlantic season's first hurricane tomorrow, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

TROPICAL STORM "ERIN"

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: At 1800, UTC, the centre of tropical storm "Erin" was located near lat 26N, long 93.8W. Present movement toward the west-north-west at 16 mph. Maximum winds 40 mph. Some strengthening is possible before landfall tomorrow.

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: Tropical Storm "Erin" formed today in the Gulf of Mexico and headed toward Texas, threatening to bring downpours to a state that already has had one of its rainiest summers on record. Gov. Rick Perry ordered emergency vehicles and personnel, including National Guard troops, to the Harlingen and Corpus Christi areas. Out in the Gulf, Shell Oil Co. evacuated 188 people from offshore facilities in the storm's path. "Erin" formed late yesterday and was upgraded to a tropical storm today when its maximum sustained speed hit 40 mph, the National Hurricane Center said. At 1400, EDT, the storm was centered 210 miles east of Brownsville and about 260 miles east-south-east of Corpus Christ, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. Its top wind speed remained at 40 mph. "Erin" was moving toward the west-north-west at around 12 mph. A tropical storm warning was posted for the Texas coast from Freeport, south of Houston, southward to the border. Mexico issued a tropical storm watch for its north-west coast from Rio San Fernando northward.

TROPICAL STORM "FLOSSIE"

London, Aug 10 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: Tropical storm "Flossie" centre located near lat 12.6N, long 134.9W, at 0900, UTC, today. Position accurate to within 20 nautical miles. Present movement towards the west, or 270 deg, at 12 knots. Maximum sustained winds 55 knots with gusts to 65 knots.

Radius of 50-knot winds 15 nautical miles north-east and south-east. Radius of 34-knot winds 45 nautical miles north-east, south-west and north-west and 60 nautical miles south-west. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Aug 11: Position lat 13N, long 139.1W. Maximum winds 60 knots with gusts to 75 knots.

TYPHOON "PABUK"

London, Aug 10 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: Tropical storm "Pabuk" centred within 30 nautical miles of 22.3N, long 113.8E, at 0600, UTC. Forecast is for the storm to move north-east at about four knots for the next 24 hours. Maximum winds near the centre are estimated to be 35 knots. Radius of over-33-knot winds 30 nautical miles. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Aug 11: Dissipated over land.

London, Aug 13 -- A tropical storm lashed China's southern Guangdong province over the weekend, triggering floods and destroying more than 3,000 houses, state media reported today. Tropical Storm "Pabuk" caused estimated economic losses of \$170 million and ruined 3,665 homes in the cities of Zhanjiang, Maoming and Meizhou, the official Xinhua News Agency said, citing the provincial flood control headquarters. No casualties were immediately reported. Water levels in five Zhanjiang reservoirs were above their warning lines, while another reservoir overflowed twice, Xinhua said. It said nearly 6,000 people who had been stranded by floods in Zhanjiang had been rescued by yesterday, without giving details.

London, Aug 10 -- A press report, dated Aug 9, states: Tropical storm "Pabuk" moved towards China's southern coast today after triggering landslides that killed 11 people in the Philippines and disrupting power supplies in southern Taiwan. "Pabuk" was downgraded from a tropical storm to a tropical depression that lashed China's coastal provinces of Zhejiang and Fujian with heavy rain late yesterday, the official Xinhua News Agency said. No injuries or damage were immediately reported. "Pabuk" then gained force and was again categorised as a tropical storm as it headed southwest at 12 mph early today, Xinhua quoted Lu Shan, chief forecaster of the Guangzhou observatory, as saying. It was expected to hit southern China's Guangdong province late today. The storm bolstered monsoon rains across the Philippines, causing a landslide that buried seven houses and killed at least 10 people on Monday (Aug 6) in the southern gold mining town of Maco in Compostela Valley province. Another landslide yesterday killed a nine-year-old boy in the northern mountain resort city of Baguio. Heavy rains flooded many Manila streets, forcing schools to close and leaving commuters stranded, officials said. The storm then moved across the southern tip of Taiwan, bringing heavy rains but causing no major damage or casualties, according to Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau. Power supplies were disrupted to 3,000

households in the southern county of Pingtung, the Central News Agency said. Chinese authorities urged fishing vessels and other seacraft off the coast of Fujian province to head for port yesterday, Xinhua reported. The province's flood control headquarters said they had mobilised troops and police to increase patrols and stack sandbags around ponds and reservoirs, Xinhua said.

TYPHOON "SEPAT"

London, Aug 14 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office: At 0900, UTC, typhoon "Sepat" was in lat 16N, long 130.3E, east of Philippines moving west-southwest at eight knots. Maximum winds 75 knots near centre. Forecast At 0900, UTC, Aug 15, lat 16.3N, long 128.3E. Maximum sustained winds 80 knots near centre.

London, Aug 15 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office: At 0001, UTC, typhoon "Sepat" was near lat 15.6N, long 128.6E. Movement past six hours 270 degrees at five knots. Position accurate to within 25 nautical miles. Maximum winds 130 knots with gusts of 160 knots. Forecast at 0001, UTC, Aug 16, lat 17N, long 126.4E. Maximum sustained winds 140 knots, gusts 170 knots.

London, Aug 16 -- Typhoon "Sepat" strengthened to a Category Four storm with winds of 239 kilometres per hour east of the Philippines and is forecast to reach Taiwan within three days, the U.S. Navy said. The eye of "Sepat", the ninth storm of this year's north-west Pacific cyclone season, was 763 kilometres east of Manila at 1400, Philippine time, the U.S. Navy Joint Typhoon Warning Center said in the latest advisory on its Web site. "Sepat" was moving west at 11 kilometres per hour. The storm, with winds gusting to as high as 295 kilometres per hour, is forecast to turn north-west and head in the direction of Taiwan, Navy forecasters said. Waves in the vicinity of the eye of Sepat are 12.5 metres high. Sepat's winds are forecast to strengthen to 258 kilometres per hour tonight, making it a Category Five storm, the strongest on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale. "Sepat" is forecast to maintain strength as it heads north-west across the Pacific toward Taiwan and is expected to approach the island early on Aug 18.

Manila, Aug 16 -- Residents of Manila and northern Philippines braced for more flooding and possible landslides today as Typhoon "Sepat" gathered strength northeast of the archipelago en route to Taiwan. The tropical cyclone, which has intensified into a category 5 super typhoon, brought the Philippine capital to a near standstill yesterday as it exacerbated monsoon rains, causing flooding chest-deep in places. Taiwan issued a sea warning and told local fishermen to return to port as the storm gathered strength and moved towards its coast. Sepat, which is currently about 500 km northeast of the Philippines, is expected to reach southern Taiwan on Saturday (Aug 18) morning as a category 4 typhoon, according to the British-based Web site Tropical Storm

Risk. Although "Sepat" will not make landfall in the Philippines, weather officials have warned the storm, with gusts of up to 220 km per hour, will intensify rains. Major roads outside Manila remained flooded with water up to 5 feet deep in places and officials in the neighbouring province of Rizal ordered the evacuation of around 100 people after a landslide. "At this time the weather is relatively calm. But once the rains fall again, the inner soil will give way and another landslide will happen," engineer Jesus Samson told a local radio station. Despite dry skies, schools in the capital and nearby provinces remained shut as residents mopped up following yesterday's flash floods. Disaster officials have warned small fishing boats to stay in port and have also cautioned residents of coastal areas about big waves and storm surges. -- Reuters.

Natural Disasters



PERU

Lima, Aug 15 -- Two powerful earthquakes within minutes of each other struck Peru today, rattling buildings in the capital and triggering a tsunami warning for four countries. The quakes had a magnitude of about 7.5. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre in Hawaii issued a tsunami warning for Peru, Chile, Ecuador and Colombia. Peruvian civil defence officials said there were no immediate reports of fatalities but radio stations said there was a fire in one district of Lima and that several poorly constructed homes in Pisco, a town near the epicentre of the quake, were knocked down. The U.S. Geological Survey said the first quake hit about 25 miles north-west of Chincha Alta and that the second quake hit shortly afterward, both with a magnitude of 7.5. -- Reuters.

SHIVELUCH, RUSSIA

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: The Shiveluch volcano on the Kamchatka Peninsula in the Russian Far East is emitting ash to the height of 6,000 metres, the local geophysics service said today. In the past twenty-four hours, about 170 local tremors have been registered round Mount Shiveluch, Kamchatka's northernmost volcano with an altitude of 3,283 metres. Satellite-made pictures show that clouds of volcanic ash are spreading to the distance of 90 km south-east of the volcano, posing threat to air flights.

Political & Civil Unrest



NIGERIA

Port Harcourt, Aug 10 -- Gunmen seized an American manager from oil

services firm Hydrodive who was on his way to work in Port Harcourt today, the local police chief said. "The man was on his way to work when some gunmen in a car overtook his vehicle and blocked it before snatching him," said Felix Ogbaudu, commissioner of police of Rivers state where Port Harcourt is located. Abductions for ransom are frequent in the oil producing delta. Today's incident raises to at least five the number of foreigners being held captive by various armed groups. -- Reuters.

Labour Disputes



INDIA

Karachi, Aug 9 -- Cargo handling is partially disturbed at Kochi port in wake of a strike by workers, a National Central Trade Union in India said yesterday. According to media, it had hampered the movement of cargo to and from the port on account of stoppage of container trailer/truck operations. Besides work stoppages, it is also affecting the sailing of vessels from the port, resulting in delay in the delivery of cargo to overseas consignees. -- Correspondent.

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated Aug 14, states: A section of Air India ground staff today struck work demanding, among other things, payment of HRA and CCA arrears even as the company warned of appropriate action if they did not withdraw their indefinite strike resorted to without giving prior notice. Employees affiliated to the Aviation Industry Employees Guild (AIEG), however, said they would continue their indefinite strike until their demands were met. An Air India spokesperson said here that most wage-related issues had already been settled and that the union had gone on strike without giving any notice. "Any union resorting to such measures without giving prior notice would be dealt with appropriately," he warned. The Guild's demands include payment of arrears of HRA and CCA from January 1997 as well as acceptance of the recommendations of a high-powered committee on productivity-linked incentives (PLI). The Air India spokesperson told PTI that "all efforts would be made to maintain flight schedules. We will do our best to ensure that our flights are on time." The flag-carrier's management was contemplating engaging temporary and casual workers to tide over the present problem, he said.

PAKISTAN

Karachi, Aug 15 -- All Pakistan Oil Tanker Owners Association and All Pakistan Oil Tanker Contactor Association have called off a strike that had suspended edible oil supply from ports to ghee mills across the country. The strike started one week ago when a

clash occurred between the two associations on freight charges, which was resolved on Monday (Aug 13) by the Sindh government in a meeting. According to media that the Pakistan Vanaspati Manufacturers' Association (PVMA) had forced the government to resolve the issue between the two associations of oil tankers, which halted supply to the ghee manufacturing units across the country from the Karachi Port terminals. Presently, around 150,000 tonnes of edible oils was stored at Karachi port terminal and two ships are waiting at sea carrying around 30,000 tonnes of edible oils. -- Correspondent.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: Aer Lingus is refusing to enter talks with its pilots unless they withdraw their strike plans for next week. Almost 500 pilots are planning to take industrial action on Tuesday (Aug 21) and Wednesday to protest the airline's plans to hire new pilots in the north on lesser terms and conditions. The Labour Relations Commission has offered to intervene in the dispute and IMPACT, which represents the pilots, says it has always been prepared to hold talks. However, in a statement this afternoon, Aer Lingus said it could not agree to talks until the strike notice is withdrawn. The airline says its total focus at the moment is on looking after customers who will be severely inconvenienced by any action taken.

SOUTH AFRICA

London, Aug 13 -- About 3,500 Solidarity mine workers went on strike yesterday over low salaries, trade union Solidarity said. "Plans for the strike at midnight today (Sunday) are on track," said spokesperson Reint Dykema. The union is to go on strike at coal mines around the country over an inadequate pay offer, particularly for artisans," he said. The union's members were unhappy with the lower categories of workers being offered a 10% increase and artisans eight percent. The affected coalmines included Anglo Coal, Xstrata, Optimum Colliery and Exxaro. Dykema said the strike would affect the industry negatively. "We foresee big supply problems for coal export from Richards Bay and coal supplies to Eskom for electricity generation."

Fires & Explosions



REFINERY, PORT ARTHUR, UNITED STATES

London, Aug 12 -- A press report, dated Aug 10, states: As of midday today, Valero Energy Corp. had not restarted a naphtha pre-treating unit that was shut down after being damaged in a fire Sunday (Aug 5) at the company's Port Arthur refinery. No

one was injured in the fire, and production at the 325,000 barrel-a-day refinery wasn't affected. Valero spokesman Bill Day declined to say when the unit will be restarted. "Because this is a piece of equipment that isn't affecting production, we aren't going to say when we're going to restart it," he said. Sunday's fire began in the naphtha pre-treater, which is located near a coking unit that can process 105,000 barrels a day of heavy sour crude. San Antonio-based Valero, the nation's largest refiner, is investigating the accident.

REFINERY, TOMSK, SIBERIA, RUSSIA

London, Aug 13 -- One person has died and two others have been injured in an accident at an oil refinery in Tomsk in West Siberia, the regional emergencies center said yesterday. The accident occurred at 0350, local time, yesterday at a compressor station owned by Tomskneftekhim when leaks from equipment caused fire, the emergencies center said. The fire was soon extinguished while the injured persons were hospitalised.

REFINERY, WOODS CROSS, UTAH, UNITED STATES

London, Aug 16 -- Quick action kept a fire at a Woods Cross refinery from getting out of hand. Around 0100, yesterday morning, officials at the Silver Eagle Refinery reported a fire from a piping structure inside their plant. When crews arrived, flames could be seen 20 feet in the air. Crews shut off the valve that was supplying fuel for the fire. Then firefighters waited for the residue to burn off. Investigators say the fire started where one of the piping lines broke. No one was hurt.

SHIPYARD, MOKPO, SOUTH KOREA

London, Aug 14 -- Ten shipyard workers were injured, one seriously, yesterday following an explosion at South Korea's Hyundai Samho Heavy Industries yard near Mokpo in South Jolla province. Investigators were probing the cause of the blast and believe it was caused by gas leaking from a feed pipe. All 10 employees were working on a hatch-cover assembly using gas welding equipment.

Aviation



ACCIDENT, GIMHAE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Six people were injured today when a South Korean aircraft skidded off the runway after landing in the southern city of Busan, officials said. According to airport official Lee Yong-tae, a Jeju Air 74-seater Q400 aircraft skidded off the

runaway of Gimhae International Airport at 0937, local time. The airport was forced to close for about 25 minutes. Um Chul-hwan, another airport official said at least six passengers were seriously injured and were taken to a nearby hospital. The Ministry of Construction and Transportation is now investigating the accident.

London, Aug 14 -- De Havilland Canada DHC-8-402 Q400, operated by Jeju Air, HL5256, went off the side of the runway at Busan-Gimhae International Airport at 0937, Aug 12. It ran into a drainage ditch between two runways. Left hand main gear leg collapsed and propeller blades separated.

AIRCRAFT GROUNDED, NEPAL

London, Aug 12 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Nepal Airlines Corporation (NAC) resumed its international flights today after nine days of halt. After both of Boeings on NAC's fleet were grounded, the state-flag-carrier had been forced to halt all international flights. According to a leading website in Nepal, eKantipur.com report, one of Boeings was taken to Brunei for regular technical inspection while the other has been grounded due to technical problems. The engine of the aircraft which is in Brunei has been fitted on the grounded plane to resume international flights, NAC officials said. The state-run enterprise has been incurring heavy losses due to disruption of the international flights. NAC employees have been pressing the government to add at least one more Boeing to salvage the ailing corporation.

CRASH INTO SEA OFF MOOREA ISLAND, FRENCH POLYNESIA

Papeete, Aug 10 -- A passenger aircraft plunged into the sea in French Polynesia yesterday, killing at least 14 people, with another six still missing at nightfall when a search was suspended, French authorities in Papeete said. An Air Moorea aircraft with 19 passengers and a pilot on board came down after taking off from the island of Moorea on a seven-minute flight to the local capital Papeete. Police said 14 bodies had been recovered including that of the pilot but no survivors had been found. Television reports said 16 bodies had been recovered. All those on board were French apart from two Australians. The search was to resume in the morning but authorities held little hope of finding any of the missing alive. The plane, a DeHavilland Twin Otter aircraft, veered to the right after take-off for the main island of Tahiti and crashed into the ocean at around 1215 hrs, (2215 UTC) yesterday. "I watched the airplane depart. At 500 feet in the air, and following the 30 seconds in the air, the craft suddenly crashed," helicopter technician Temorere Marlon told Polynesian television. Aviation authorities said weather conditions were clear and the head of Air Moorea, Christian Vernaudeau said the pilot had not signalled any problem. -- Reuters.

London, Aug 11 -- De Havilland Canada DHC-6 Twin Otter 300, operated by Air Moorea, F-OIQI, crashed into the sea, 1.5 km off Moorea-Temae Airport. Fourteen bodies have been recovered, the remaining six passengers have not been found.

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: The French prime minister's office said today that France will seek help from a U.S. ship to recover an in-flight recorder from the sunken wreckage of De Havilland Canada DHC-6 Twin Otter 300 that crashed last week off French Polynesia, apparently killing all 20 people on board. Salvage teams yesterday located the recorder from the aircraft at a depth of 430 m, said Anne Boquet, head of the territory's High Commission, which represents France in the territory. The crash's cause was not immediately clear but recovery of the recorder could help reveal what happened. Recovery would require a boat with a pulley system and unmanned underwater device that could hoist the recorder up. The Paris office of Prime Minister Francois Fillon said French authorities were seeking help from a U.S. ship with such an apparatus that could arrive faster than a similar French vessel. An acoustic apparatus from the French civil aviation agency's investigations unit found the recorder, which was beeping to show its location about 450 m from the site of impact. Search teams were still looking for six bodies, officials said yesterday, despite earlier reports that 17 bodies had been found.

London, Aug 16 -- A press report, dated today, states: The French high commission in New Caledonia says a vessel equipped with a small submarine will be at the site of last week's French Polynesian plane crash in 10 to 17 days. The wreck of the Air Moorea Twin Otter is about 450 metres under water and believed to still have six bodies inside. The vessel to be sent is *Ile de Re* of the Alcatel telecommunications company. It is currently between Australia and New Caledonia and will stop in Noumea before heading to Moorea. The rescue effort, which is expected to take several days, is also aimed at recovering the plane's voice recorder.

CRASH, BALCARCE, ARGENTINA

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: Four people were killed when a helicopter belonging to the Buenos Aires province police department, the largest law enforcement agency in Argentina, crashed in a rural area, the Spanish news agency EFE said. The accident occurred on Monday (Aug 13) night in Balcarce, while the police helicopter was searching for a lost girl. The aircraft's occupants, three police officers and a civilian, were killed in the crash.

CRASH, CAPTIVA ISLAND, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated Aug 12, states: A pilot and his passenger walked away without injury

after engine failure dropped their small aircraft onto Captiva beach, Captiva Island, today. The pilot managed to crash-land the aircraft on the sands of Captiva Island, within the view of about 500 beachgoers. The aircraft flipped over on its top when its landing gear dug into the sand. Authorities say the pilot refused medical attention, but his passenger was taken to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries. No one on the beach was injured. Federal transportation officials will investigate

CRASH, CRANBERRY PORTAGE, MANITOBA, CANADA

London, Aug 11 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Two men were killed when a helicopter contracted to Manitoba Hydro crashed in northern Manitoba yesterday morning. The crash happened in a remote area near Cranberry Portage, said Peter Hildebrand of the Transportation Safety Board. An early report said it was believed the aircraft had struck a power line. A pilot and a 26-year-old Manitoba Hydro employee who was on his way to work on a transmission line were on-board, Manitoba Hydro said.

CRASH, DORAVILLE AREA, DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, UNITED STATES

London, Aug 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: Two people are fortunate to be alive in Grady Memorial Hospital's burn unit this morning after surviving a fiery aircraft crash last night. Both had extensive burns when they were pulled from the wreckage of the small aircraft. According to the Federal Aviation Administration, the twin-engine Cessna Skymaster took off from DeKalb Peachtree Airport around 1900 hrs but the pilot soon reported engine trouble. He was trying to land again when the aircraft crashed a couple of miles north of the field near Doraville. The control tower alerted Dekalb County emergency crews when the aircraft was still five miles out. Rescuers said they made it to the scene within three minutes but by then the aircraft had grazed a small building at the brand new Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant and crashed into a nearby hill. The aircraft is "burned up." The FAA said the aircraft is registered to a man in Akron, Ohio. Federal crash investigators are expected to return to the scene this morning to look for more clues about why it happened.

London, Aug 10 -- Cessna T337G (Skymaster) N969CB crashed near Chamblee, Georgia, at 2338, Aug 8. The aircraft was destroyed. The two persons on board were seriously injured.

CRASH, LAKE WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated Aug 14, states: According to police, two people were rescued from a float aircraft that flipped in Lake Washington, about 1,000 yards off Mount Baker Park this afternoon. Spokesman Jeff Kappell said preliminary information indicates the two climbed onto the pontoons and

were picked up unharmed by a boat. Seattle police towed the aircraft to the Stan Sayres Pits on Lake Washington. According to police, there was no fuel leak.

CRASH, LOMITA, LOS ANGELES, UNITED STATES

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated Aug 12, states: Authorities are working to find out why an aircraft clipped a house and crashed near Los Angeles this weekend (Aug 11-12). The crash occurred Saturday afternoon in Lomita, just south of Los Angeles International Airport. The pilot was trapped in the Cessna until power lines tangled with aircraft plane were removed. He later died at a local hospital. A man inside the house that was hit also suffered minor injuries.

CRASH, MELVILLE HALL AIRPORT, DOMINICA

Dominica, Aug 14 -- At about 1634, Aug 11, a Learjet 35 Series Reg.500ND, owned and operated by World Jet 11 of Florida, crash landed at Melville Hall Airport, Marigot. Reported that on touch down, the aircraft failed to stop on the runway and plunged onto a main road along the eastern side of the airstrip causing a major hold up to vehicles travelling along the road. No damage to third party property or oil spill. The aircraft had a crew of two and four passengers. All persons were unhurt. The aircraft sustained extensive damage. Personnel from the OECS Civil Aviation Unit are currently on the island investigating the cause of the crash. -- Lloyd's Agents.

CRASH, NORTH OF BONHAM, FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS, UNITED STATES

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: North of Bonham, Texas, one person is dead after an aircraft crash at 0700 today. According to police, a witness saw an aircraft go straight down on the north end of the runway at Jones Field. Police and Fannin County Sheriff's deputies are investigating the incident.

CRASH, ORANGE COUNTY AIRPORT AREA, NEW YORK

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Prince George's County man was seriously injured yesterday when the Falcon XP aircraft he was piloting crashed near Orange County Airport, New York state, authorities said. Jeremiah Murphy was piloting the aircraft about 1430 hrs when it crashed in woods west of the Orange County Airport near Montgomery, located about 60 miles north-west of New York City. The cause of the crash is under investigation by the New York State Police and federal aviation authorities.

CRASH, REYKJAVIK AREA, ICELAND

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Cessna-152 with two people on board crashed into a lava field near Reykjavik on Aug 9. The two

passengers were airlifted from the area south of Straumsvik, near Hafnarfjordur and taken to the national hospital Landspítali in Reykjavik. Local media sources reported that extracting the two passengers proved to be difficult due to the location of the crash. The aircraft came down just over six kilometres from the main road. The helicopter took the two people to the trauma centre at the hospital. Given the nature of the accident, which left the aircraft almost completely in pieces, the medical staff were surprised at the condition of the passengers who lacked any serious injury. The cause of the crash has not yet been discovered but investigations are underway.

CRASH, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

London, Aug 12 -- An airliner that crashed in Brazil last month had shown no signs of mechanical or computer error, a congressional panel probing air safety has heard. The claim was made by Yannick Malinge, Airbus flight safety vice-president. Some 199 people died when a TAM Airlines Airbus 320 skidded off a runway and crashed into a building outside Sao Paulo's Congonhas airport. "There was no mechanical error or malfunction of the computers on board," Mr Malinge told the panel, basing his evidence on data from the aircraft's flight recorders. Last week the same panel said that an engine throttle in the wrong position was probably a major cause of the deadly accident, which occurred in wet weather. But Mr Malinge said this was a "premature" conclusion. Other possible causes of the crash being investigated include the condition of the runway.

CRASH, SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated Aug 11, states: A small aircraft crash-landed this afternoon at Schaumburg Regional Airport when its landing gear failed to deploy but the two people on board escaped injury, authorities said. The aircraft landed on its belly and skidded to a stop about 1600 hrs, Schaumburg police said. Both occupants walked away, officials said. Officials briefly closed the airport. Federal Aviation Administration officials were investigating, said Elizabeth Isham Cory, a spokeswoman for the FAA.

CRASH, ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, UNITED STATES

London, Aug 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: A small aircraft with three people on board has crashed in St. Mary's County a few miles north-west of Lexington Park, Maryland State Police said this morning. A police duty officer in the Leonardtown barracks said authorities were responding to an area off Lawrence Hayden Road, which is near St. Mary's County Airport. The crash was reported shortly before 0800 hrs. At least one person was reported injured but police said they had no further details on casualties. Fire crews from

the Patuxent River U.S. Naval Air Station were assisting, police said.

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated Aug 12, states: The National Transportation Safety Board is expected to examine the engine of a 52-year-old Piper PA-22-160 aircraft that crashed in St. Mary's County, killing an 85-year-old passenger. The NTSB will look to see whether an existing condition in the engine could have led to the crash Thursday (Aug 9) morning. Even in cases such as this one, in which the plane was burned and destroyed, the engine often stays intact enough for examination, said Peter Knudson, a NTSB spokesman. Investigators are expected to make their results public in nine to 12 months.

CRASH, SWAN HILL, EDMONTON AREA, CANADA

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: Three members of the same family died last night in an aircraft crash near Swan Hills, north-west of Edmonton. A family member said the pilot, Jean Dargis, was a farmer from the St. Paul region who was flying home from a family event in Spirit River with his wife Joanne and mother Anita. Dargis had bought his aircraft, a single-engine, four-passenger Cirrus SR22, only a few months earlier, said the family member. The emergency locator beacon was activated at about 2140 yesterday somewhere between Swan Hills and Faust, said local RCMP. After a search was called, the damaged aircraft was spotted in a heavily forested area at about 1630 today. The Transportation Safety Board is investigating.

CRASH, SWAN HILLS, ALBERTA, CANADA

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Three people died last night in an aircraft crash in northern Alberta. The four-passenger Cirrus SR 22, crashed near Swan Hills, about 220 kilometres north-west of Edmonton. Emergency personnel found the first signs of wreckage in a heavily wooded area early this morning. Investigators have determined that all three occupants died. The cause of the crash is unknown.

CRASH, WEST BEND, WISCONSIN, UNITED STATES

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated Aug 10, states: A single-engine aircraft crashed near a cornfield at West Bend, killing the one person on board, authorities said today. The pilot crashed about a quarter-mile north of the West Bend Municipal Airport, airport manager Jim Retzlaff said. Investigators were in the process of gathering more information, including the aircraft's point of departure and intended destination, Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory said. Retzlaff said authorities detected an emergency beacon from the aircraft about 0700 hrs. The cause of the crash remained unclear. The airport has no tower, so it's not known whether the man tried to

radio for help, Retzlaff said. It appeared the pilot was trying to land at the airport when the aircraft went down, Retzlaff said.

EMERGENCY LANDING, BILLINGS, MONTANA, UNITED STATES

London, Aug 16 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: A tanker aircraft assisting in the state's fire-fight, made an emergency landing at Billings Logan airport just after 1900, yesterday, after reporting a problem with one of its landing gears. A plume of smoke emerged from the right side of the P2V-7 tanker's right side propeller when it came in contact with the tarmac and broke apart. Airport rescue and fire officials said that no one was injured and the aircraft was able to taxi off of the runway where it was eventually towed away by emergency vehicles. Crews immediately cleaned up the debris on the runway and then checked the surface for any damage before reopening the main runway to other traffic.

EMERGENCY LANDING, BOURNEMOUTH AIRPORT, UNITED KINGDOM

London, Aug 12 -- A holiday jet made an emergency landing at Bournemouth Airport today after the pilot reported an engine problem. The Thomsonfly Boeing 737 departed for Palma just after 0700 hrs but returned a short time later after dumping fuel. The pilot had radioed air traffic control to say one of the engines was surging and requested emergency services be put on standby. The jet landed safely around 0745 hrs. A replacement aircraft was sent down from Doncaster at lunchtime.

EMERGENCY LANDING, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: An Air New Zealand Boeing 737 on a domestic flight made a safe emergency landing on one engine in Christchurch today. The Boeing 737 aircraft, carrying 73 passengers, was heading to the resort of Queenstown from Auckland when it diverted to Christchurch after an apparent engine fault, airline spokeswoman Andrea Dale said. Dale said the crew had to shut down one engine as a precaution after a warning light came on in the cockpit and immediately diverted to Christchurch. The aircraft landed without incident, she said. The event sparked a full emergency alert at Christchurch International Airport. Airline engineers in Christchurch were inspecting the engine, she said. The passengers would either be booked on other flights or be taken by bus to the ski resort, Dale added. International Airport. Airline engineers in Christchurch were inspecting the engine, she said. The passengers would either be booked on other flights or be taken by bus to the ski resort, Dale added.

EMERGENCY LANDING, ROCKHAMPTON, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

London, Aug 14 -- Virgin Blue made an emergency landing in central Queensland yesterday after it noticed a fuel leak during a flight from Brisbane to Hamilton Island, the AAP has reported. According to Virgin Blue spokeswoman Amanda Bolger, the pilot noticed a light indicating there was a fluid leak in one of the engines mid-flight. The aircraft was then diverted and landed safely in Rockhampton at around 1400 hrs. The 120 passengers and six crew on board the Boeing 737 were disembarked before engineers examined the faulty engine. A replacement aircraft was later brought in from Brisbane and took the passengers to their final destination.

FLIGHTS CANCELLED/DELAYED DUE TO COMPUTER PROBLEMS, UNITED STATES

London, Aug 12 -- About 2,500 international passengers were stranded for as long as five hours yesterday on aircrafts and in terminals at Los Angeles International Airport because a computer shutdown prevented them from passing through customs, authorities said. The passengers were stranded in four airport terminals and on runways starting at about 1330 hrs because of a breakdown in a computer system that contains names of arriving passengers and law enforcement data about them including arrest warrants, said Mike Fleming, a Customs and Border Protection spokesman. The cause of the shutdown was not known, and there was no estimate on when the system would be repaired, Fleming said. Customs officials were working to divert incoming flights to airports in Ontario, Calif., and Las Vegas, Fleming said.

FLIGHTS GROUNDED, PIARCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TRINIDAD

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: For almost five hours yesterday, operations at Piarco International Airport were grounded with no flights being allowed to leave and none to arrive, after a portion of the runway had to be closed for repairs. Officials at the Works and Transport Ministry said they were informed by the Airports Authority that a section of the asphalt runway measuring six feet by six feet which had been resurfaced only Sunday (Aug 12) night, was apparently damaged and thus rendered the runway dangerous for aircraft landing or taking off. The runway was closed at 0840 hrs to allow Jusamco Pavers Limited workmen time to repair the damaged strip of runway. At 1342 hrs, the runway was cleared and operations at the airport resumed. However, within the almost five hours that the runway was closed, 13 incoming flights and 18 departures were delayed while four flights were cancelled. Among flights scheduled for departure which were delayed were Continental flight CO 1879 bound for Newark, US, scheduled to depart at

0850 hrs; Primaris flight FE 6103 destined to leave at 0930 hrs for New York, Liat LI 718 to St. Vincent at 1240 hrs, Caribbean Airlines BW 600 to Toronto at 1310 hrs and a Travelspan flight XP 95 bound for New York which was scheduled to depart at 1500 hrs. Aviar Airlines 9V 1202 to Margarita scheduled to leave at 1220 hrs was among the four flights cancelled. Following the closure of the runway, a release from the Ministry of Works and Transport stated that it intended to pursue all necessary action against the contractor, Jusamco Pavers Limited, in order to avoid a repeat of the incident and to ensure the contractor fulfilled its contractual obligations. In January, a Government official defended awarding Jusamco the contract to repave the Airport despite what the Government official described as sub-standard work previously done. The repaving started in March and is expected to finish some time this month, at a cost of \$137M. A release from Ellen Lewis Adamson, Manager (Corporate Communications) at the Airports Authority confirmed the closure adding that the Authority was alerted to the situation following the departure of Caribbean Airlines Flight BW416 at 0831hrs en route to Kingston-St Maarten and Barbados. Following an inspection of the runway by personnel from the TT Civil Aviation Authority and the Airports Authority, a decision was taken to carry out repairs to maintain the safety and integrity of the environment.

INCIDENT, CITY OF DERRY AIRPORT, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED KINGDOM

London, Aug 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: An inquiry is underway into why an aircraft sank into tarmac on a runway at the City of Derry Airport. Yesterday, an aircraft arriving from Spain with 180 passengers sank into the tarmac after being told to wait on a remote runway before taxiing to the terminal. The passengers were asked to leave the aircraft and it was eventually able to move itself forward.

INCIDENT, FREEMAN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, SEYMOUR, INDIANA, UNITED STATES

London, Aug 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: An Aeronca Chief aircraft landing at Freeman Municipal Airport yesterday morning veered off the runway and travelled into a cornfield, police say. When landing the aircraft, one of its wheels locked up. The Indiana State Police Post at Seymour investigated the incident and reported that the 1946 Aeronca Chief aircraft sustained damage to its wingtip and propeller. After the incident, reported at 0919 hrs, rescue workers pulled the aircraft out of the cornfield and to the terminal area of the airport. The Federal Aviation Administration also is looking into the incident, which remains under investigation.

INCIDENT, JOLIET REGIONAL AIRPORT, ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES

London, Aug 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: A small aircraft overshot the main runway at the Joliet Regional Airport yesterday afternoon, according to Joliet Fire Battalion Chief Robert DiLorenzo. Neither the pilot nor his passenger were injured in the crash, but it proved to be a challenge to move the aircraft and to contain the fuel spill that occurred as a result of the crash. The aircraft landed with its nose in the creek that runs near the edge of the airport, which is owned by the Joliet Park District. A small amount of fuel that leaked from the aircraft contaminated the creek. The Joliet Park District will have to hire a clean-up company for the final clean-up, DiLorenzo said. The accident is under investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration. The crash closed down the entire airport for about one hour. The aircraft was removed from the scene by a crane.

SWEDEN SUSPENDS FLIGHTS TO AND FROM IRAQ

London, Aug 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: Sweden has suspended commercial flights to and from Iraq after an apparent rocket

attack against a passenger jet as it took off from the northern city of Sulaimaniyah, the Nordic country's aviation authority said today. In the incident last Wednesday (Aug 8), pilots of the Nordic Airways aircraft carrying 130 passengers noticed a trail of light arching over the aircraft just after takeoff, Civil Aviation Authority spokesman Anders Lundblad said. The McDonnell Douglas MD83 aircraft was not hit, and arrived safely in Stockholm. Lundblad said the incident was being investigated, but that preliminary information suggested "some kind of rocket" was fired at the aircraft. The authority suspended all commercial airline traffic between Sweden and Iraq last week pending a review of the security situation in northern Iraq.



NIGERIA

London, Aug 10 -- Nigeria has cleared most cargoes that had been waiting at

Lagos port after severe congestion and gasoline the country purchased in a quarterly tender is now due to be delivered, trading sources said today. "They have cleared, but there are still some cargoes left there," one source said. "Third quarter deliveries will commence soon." In May, the port congestion forced state-owned Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation to cut gasoline imports to 33 cargoes, or 960,000 tonnes, in the third quarter tender, while it had planned for 55 cargoes. NNPC also delayed the deliveries by a month to August to October from the regular July-September quarter. In the second quarter tender, NNPC bought 54 cargoes. The European gasoline market rose on the Nigerian clearance earlier in the day, rebounding from four-month lows struck yesterday. -- Reuters.

Port Delays

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Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
Australia		
Abbott Point	20-Aug-2007	Coal: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 waiting; 3 vessels due by 8/9; Annual outloading shutdown starts 07.00 hrs. 3/9 and ends 07.00 hrs. 9/9, with no berthing/loading during this period.
Brisbane	20-Aug-2007	Coal: Fisherman Island coal berth: 11 vessels due by 11/3.
Dalrymple Bay	20-Aug-2007	Coal: DBCT berth 1: berth closed until October for maintenance, date to be advised; DBCT berth 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 5 waiting; DBCT berth 3: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 5 waiting; other vessels not scheduled: 23 vessels waiting; 18 vessels due by 13/9.
Dampier	20-Aug-2007	Iron ore: Parker Point berth 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting; 11 vessels due by 3/9; Parker Point berth 3: no shipping operations at present due to drilling and blasting; Parker Point berth 4: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 waiting; 4 vessels due by 29/8; Parker Point berth 5: no shipping operations at present due to drilling and blasting; East Intercourse Island: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 4 waiting; 3 vessels due by 26/8.
Esperance	20-Aug-2007	Iron ore: 2 vessels due by 28/8.
Geralton	20-Aug-2007	Grain: 3 vessels due by 28/1, all to load unknown grain cargoes; 4-13 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability.
Gladstone	20-Aug-2007	Coal: R.G. Tanna (Clinton) coal terminal: 3 vessels berthed and loading, 12 waiting; 38 vessels due by 21/9; Barney Point: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting; 16 vessels due by 1/10.
Hay Point	20-Aug-2007	Coal: Berth 1: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 10 waiting; 1 vessel due 23/8; Berth 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 5 waiting; 1 vessel due 22/8; other vessels not yet scheduled: 2 vessels waiting, 5 due by 26/8.
Newcastle	20-Aug-2007	Coal: Kooragang 4, 5 and 6: 3 vessels berthed and loading, 40 waiting; 37 vessels due by 11/9; 17-22 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; approx. 42 vessels off port awaiting berths; Dykes 4+5: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 12 waiting; 21 vessels due by 11/9; 20-27 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; 12 vessels off port awaiting coal.
Port Hedland	20-Aug-2007	Iron ore: BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Mt. Newman (Nelson Point), "A" berth: 1 vessel berthed and finished loading, 3 waiting; 3 vessels due by 23/8; shiploader maintenance for 12 hours from 06.00-18.00 24/8; "B" berth: 2 vessels waiting; 4 vessels due by 27/8; 8 other vessels due by 11/9, no e.t.a. received; shiploader maintenance for 80 hours from 18.00 hrs. 19/8 to 02.00 hrs. 23/8; BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Goldsworthy (Finucane Island) "C" berth: berth undergoing refurbishment and closed until further notice; Goldsworthy (Finucane Island) "D" berth: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 waiting; 12 vessels due by 25/8; Cockatoo Island: 2 vessels due by 26/8; Koolan Island: no vessels.
Port Kembla	20-Aug-2007	Coal: 15 vessels due by 16/9.
Port Walcott	20-Aug-2007	Iron ore: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 7 waiting; 12 vessels due by 1/9.
Whyalla	20-Aug-2007	Iron ore: 4 vessels due by 23/8; 1 vessel due by 28/8 for transhipping.
Bulgaria		
Bourgas	20-Aug-2007	Five vessels in port operating, of which 3 loading (1 baryte concentrate, 1 steel sheets, 1 copper anodes), 2 discharging (1 copper concentrate, 1 zinc concentrate); no vessels in roads; 6 vessels due, of which 2 to load (1 equipment, 1 sulphur), 4 to discharge (1 gasoil, 1 copper/zinc concentrate, 1 metals, 1 coal).
Varna	20-Aug-2007	Varna East, Varna West, Electrical Power Station, Balchik: Conditions 13-19 August: Twenty-four vessels in port operating of which 11 loading (1 packed hardboard, 1 TSP, 1 bulk sulphuric acid, 2 bulk clinker, 2 bulk dense soda, 1 containers, 1 bagged chamotte, 1 bulk kaolin, 1 caustic soda solution), 8 discharging (3 bulk coal, 1 raw phosphate, 1 petcoke, 1 clay, 1 iron bars, 1 liquid urea), 5 discharging/loading (4 containers, 1 bagged chamotte); no vessels waiting in roads.
Egypt		
Adabiya	20-Aug-2007	Two vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 2 general cargo.
Alexandria	20-Aug-2007	Fifty-two vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 48 general cargo, none bulk carriers, 3 tankers, 1 container vessel; 12 vessels at outer anchorage.
Damietta	20-Aug-2007	Twenty-nine vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 15 general cargo, 1 bulk carrier, none tankers, 6 container vessels; 2 vessel at inner anchorage, 5 at outer anchorage.
Dekheila	20-Aug-2007	Seven vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 2 general cargo, none bulk carriers, 4 tankers, 1 container vessel; no vessels at outer anchorage.

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Port Conditions

Port Said	20-Aug-2007	Six vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 2 general cargo, 3 container vessels, 1 passenger vessel.
Suez	20-Aug-2007	Twelve vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 3 general cargo, 3 passenger vessels; 2 tug boats; 4 vessels dry-docked.
Suez Canal	20-Aug-2007	Twenty-five vessels transiting Northbound, 21 Southbound.
Estonia		
Tallinn	21-Aug-2007	Paljassaare (formerly Kopli): No vessels berthed, none anchored; no vessel due, with 4 days berthing delay expected.
India		
Kolkata	20-Aug-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Containers, Iron Ore, General Cargo), 3 vessels discharging (Containers, Lubricant Oil, General Cargo), 2 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 1 vessel waiting to discharge General Cargo; 2 vessels working at midstream and discharging Logs; 2 vessels working at midstream loading (Iron Ore), and discharging (Logs); 5 vessels under repair; 1 vessel under arrest; 3 vessels under others (1 non payment of dues, 2 non availability of MHC); 2 vessels due (Containers, Logs).
Haldia	20-Aug-2007	15 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Iron Ore-2, POL), 8 vessels discharging (Crude, Soya, Rock Phosphate-2, Coking Coal-3, MOP), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers, 2 vessels waiting to load (M. Scale, Steel), 1 vessel waiting to discharge Coking Coal; 4 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (2 to discharge, 2 to load), 7 vessels waiting at anchorage (2 to discharge, 5 to load); 7 vessels due (Crude-2, Iron Ore, Coking Coal, Met Coke, MEG, Containers).
Paradip	20-Aug-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading (Iron Ore-3, Ch. Ore), 5 vessels discharging(SKO, NC Coal-2, Lime Coke, Project Cargo), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 12 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (3 to discharge, 9 to load), 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to load; 26 vessels due.
Vizag	20-Aug-2007	15 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Iron Ore-2, B.F. Slag, Steel Billets-2, Product Tankers), 9 vessels discharging (Coking Coal-4, Crude Oil-2, MOP, Caustic Soda, Ammonium Nitrate); 8 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (4 to discharge, 4 to load); 41 vessels due (Iron Ore-8, Product Tankers-3, Thermal Coal, Manganese Ore, Granite Blocks-3, Ammonium Powder, C.P. Coke, Containers, General Cargo-2, Urea-2, Coking Coal-9, Containers, DAP, Ammonia Powder, Caustic Soda, Liquid Ammonia, Toluene, DBM Bags-2, P. Acid).
Chennai	20-Aug-2007	12 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Project Cargo, IOL, Iron Ore), 4 vessels discharging (Project, Urea, Coking Coal, Log), 5 vessels loading and discharging (Project / Steel Pipe/ Granite Block-2, Containers-3); 2 vessels (*) awaiting berth at anchorage (1 to discharge, 1 to load), 5 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (3 to discharge, 2 to load); 1 vessel under arrest; 4 vessels due (Containers, General Cargo, V. Oil, Hary).
Tuticorin	20-Aug-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (General Cargo-4, Sugar-2), 4 vessels discharging (Urea, Thermal Coal, Logs, Wheat); 3 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (2 to discharge, 1 to load), 5 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (1 to discharge, 4 to load).
Cochin	20-Aug-2007	4 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading High Speed Diesel, 2 vessels discharging (HSD,MS), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge; 22 vessels due (Crude-3, Domestic Passenger, Containers-8, POL, Chemicals-2, B.Bulk-2, Edible Oil, Clinker, Research-2, Pipes).
New Mangalore	20-Aug-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Iron Ore Fines-2, POL Product), 7 vessels discharging (Fertiliser, Timber, LPG, POL Crude, Cr. Palm Oil, Coal-2); 5 vessels waiting at anchorage (2 to discharge, 3 to load); 27 vessels due (Fertiliser-4, Timber-2, Iron Ore (P), Iron Ore Fines-6, POL Proudct-4, Coal, LPG-4, POL Crude, Ammonia, Cr. Soya Bean Oil, Lime Stone).
Mormugao	20-Aug-2007	2 vessels operating at berth loading Iron Ore; 2 vessels working at midstream loading Iron Ore; 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to load; 4 vessels under dry docked; 3 vessels due (Coking Coal-2, Containers).
Mumbai	20-Aug-2007	25 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Steel Cargo-2, Bagged Sugar, Vehicles, POL-2), 14 vessel discharging (Palm Oil Products-2, Rock Phosphate/MOP-3, Steel/Project Cargo-3, Steel Cargo-2, Bulk Peas, POL-3), 5 vessels loading and discharging (Steel/General Cargo-4, Woodpulp/Bagged SBM); 2 vessels working at midstream to discharging Oil; 5 vessels awaiting order at anchorage to discharge; 21 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 12 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel (berth not required for cargo operation); 33 vessels due (Containers-4, Oil-3, General Cargo-26).
J.N.P.T.	20-Aug-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel discharging Lubricant Oil, 8 vessels loading and discharging at berth Containers ; 4 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge; 4 Containers vessels due.

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Kandla	20-Aug-2007	18 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading (Agriculture Product, Rice, Cement, Pipe), 13 vessels discharging (POL-2, Timber Logs-4, Coal, Urea-3, Coal, Chemical-2), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 3 vessels working at midstream to discharge (Coal, T. Logs, Pipe); 8 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (5 to discharge, 3 to load); 7 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (3 to discharge, 4 to load); 1 vessel under repair.
Ennore	20-Aug-2007	1 vessel working at inner anchorage and loading Iron Ore; 2 vessels due (MV Good Season (Coal), MV Apj Sridevi (Coal)).
Israel		
Ashdod	19-Aug-2007	No labour problems. Thirteen vessels discharging at berth (8 general cargo, 5 bulkers), 4 vessels loading/discharging at berth (3 containers, 1 car carrier); 5 general cargo vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge, 8 vessels waiting at anchorage to load/discharge (6 bulkers, 1 containers, 1 tanker); 29 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Eilat	19-Aug-2007	No labour problems. One general cargo vessel discharging at berth; 1 general cargo vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge; 3 vessels due, with no delays expected.
Haifa	19-Aug-2007	No labour problems. Seven vessels discharging at berth (5 general cargo, 2 bulkers), 6 loading/discharging at berth (1 containers, 1 car carrier, 3 tankers, 1 passenger vessel); 11 vessels waiting at anchor to load/discharge (6 bulkers, 3 containers, 2 tankers); 4 vessels under repairs/dry-docked, 1 awaiting orders; 14 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Russia		
Novorossiysk	20-Aug-2007	Twelve vessels in port operating, of which 8 loading, (2 steel billets, 2 wheat, 1 slabs/pipes, 1 copper, 1 equipment, 1 diesel oil), 3 discharging bulk sugar, 1 discharging/loading containers; 12 vessels waiting in roads, all to load, of which 6 wheat, 1 steel billets, 1 barley, 1 slabs, 2 diesel oil, 1 pipes/steel billets; 48 vessels due, of which 39 to load (2 HBI, 6 wheat, 3 slabs, 3 copper, 2 soda ash, 2 pipes, 2 steel billets, 1 bulk ammonium nitrate/UAN solution, 3 copper WRIC, 3 aluminium, 1 sodium sulphate, 1 cellulose, 1 bulk fertiliser, 1 spare parts, 2 steel billets/steel sheets, 2 barley, 2 coils, 1 bulk urea, 1 diesel oil), 7 to discharge (2 bulk sugar, 1 debar, 1 vehicles, 2 bulk cement, 1 zinc concentrate), 2 to load/discharge containers. Oil terminal: 3 tankers berthed, all loading, of which 2 crude oil, 1 fuel oil; 3 tankers in roads, all to load crude oil; 4 tankers due, all to load crude oil.
Turkmenistan		
Okarem	17-Aug-2007	Oil products: One vessel loading crude oil at berth.
Turkmenbashi	17-Aug-2007	Oil products: Two vessels loading at berth (1 fuel oil, 1 gasoline); 10 vessels in roads all to load (4 gasoil, 3 fuel oil, 3 others).
Ukraine		
Ilechevsk	20-Aug-2007	Eleven vessels in port operating, of which 10 loading (6 steel products, 1 iron ore concentrate, 1 sunflower oil, 1 rape, 1 sulphur), 1 discharging billets; no vessels in roads; 15 vessels due, of which 7 to load (4 steel products, 1 pig-iron, 2 sulphur), 1 to discharge equipment, 7 to load/discharge containers.
Mariupol	20-Aug-2007	Eleven vessels in port operating, of which 9 loading (3 steel, 1 fire-clay, 1 coal, 1 sulphur), 2 discharging (1 equipment, 1 containers); 14 vessels in roads, all to load, of which 10 steel, 3 fire-clay, 1 sulphur; 38 vessels due, all to load, of which 24 steel, 7 coal, 4 fire-clay, 2 sulphur, 1 slag.
Odessa	20-Aug-2007	Fifteen vessels in port operating, of which 8 loading (4 metal, 1 pig-iron, 1 timber/metal, 1 ore, 1 barley), 2 discharging luggage, 3 discharging/loading containers, 2 passenger vessels; 11 vessels in roads, of which 1 to load metal, 1 to discharge sand, 9 to discharge/load containers; 49 vessels due, of which 22 to load (15 metal, 2 scrap, 1 coal, 2 grain, 1 wheat, 1 oil), 6 to discharge (1 metal, 1 general cargo, 1 luggage, 2 oil, 1 soda), 21 to discharge/load containers.
United States		
Galveston, TX	21-Aug-2007	Fifteen vessels in port operating, of which 8 loading (4 metal, 1 pig-iron, 1 timber/metal, 1 ore, 1 barley), 2 discharging luggage, 3 discharging/loading containers, 2 passenger vessels; 11 vessels in roads, of which 1 to load metal, 1 to discharge sand, 9 to discharge/load containers; 49 vessels due, of which 22 to load (15 metal, 2 scrap, 1 coal, 2 grain, 1 wheat, 1 oil), 6 to discharge (1 metal, 1 general cargo, 1 luggage, 2 oil, 1 soda), 21 to discharge/load containers.
Houston, TX	21-Aug-2007	Channel open under normal traffic. Current Houston ship channel 45 ft. 0 ins. max. draft up to Shell terminal, 40 ft. 0 ins. max. draft above Shell terminal to 610 bridge area; Cargill terminal - berth 1: 2-3 days delay, berth 2: 2-3 days delay; LDC Dreyfus terminal: no delays.

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Kalama, WA	21-Aug-2007	Kalama export terminal: 2 days delay; United Harvest terminal: no delays.
New Orleans, LA	21-Aug-2007	Mississippi River terminal berthing delays: Cenex-Harstates/Myrtle Grove: 4-5 days delay expected; Cargill-Westwego: 4 days delay expected; ADM/Ama: 5-6 days delay expected; Bunge/Destrehan: 3 days delay; ADM/Destrehan: 2 days delay expected; ADM/Reserve: no delays expected; Cargill/Reserve: 2 days delay expected; ADM/Paulina: no delays expected; Zen-Noh/Convent: 2 days delay expected; Cargill/Baton Rouge: no delays expected; Mississippi River mid-stream buoys - estimated berthing delays based on new vessel presented as load-ready and weather permitting: Mile 121.5 ADM (Gemini) - Destrehan: 2 days delay expected; Mile 158.0 Myrtle Grove midstream terminal: 2 days delay expected; Mile 180.0 Cooper (America) - Darrow: 7 days delay expected. Nine-day forecast for Carrollton Gauge/New Orleans: expected to decrease to 3.0 ft. above sea level by 30/8. Mississippi River recommended draft restrictions: SW Pass to Pilottown - 47 ft. for all vessels (24 hours); Pilottown to Nola - 47 ft. for all vessels (24 hours); New Orleans to Mile 180 - 45 ft. (24 hours) and up to 47 feet on a case-by-case basis; Mile 180 to Baton Rouge - 45 ft. for all vessels (24 hours); Mississippi River Gulf outlet: 23 ft. as per last report of the Bar Pilots. It is highly recommended that MRGO is excluded in fixtures until further notice, as plans to restore the 36 ft. project depth have not been published.
Portland, OR	21-Aug-2007	Columbia Grain terminal: 2 days delay; CLD Irving terminal: 3 days delay; CLD, O Dock terminals: no delays.
Seattle, WA	21-Aug-2007	Louis Dreyfus (Pier 86) terminal: 2 days delay.
Tacoma, WA	21-Aug-2007	Temco terminal: 1 day's delay.
Vancouver, WA	21-Aug-2007	United Harvest terminal: 1 day's delay.

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