

## IMO makes fresh plea over Somalia piracy

By Michael Grey - Thursday 28 June 2007

**THE United Nations Security Council is to be asked by the International Maritime Organisation to further intervene to prevent piracy and hijacking in the waters of Somalia following the recent upsurge which has seen two food aid ships hijacked offshore and carried into ports under pirate control.**

In particular both IMO and the World Food Programme are anxious to see warships operating on patrol in the region being empowered to enter the territorial waters of Somalia, rather than confining their operations to waters outside the territorial waters limit as prescribed by international law.

Earlier this month warships on patrol monitored the capture by pirates of the Danish flag cargo ship Danica White and its five Danish crew, carried into Somali waters with the warships not authorised to intervene and pursue them into Somali territorial waters.

The IMO Council, meeting this week in London strongly endorsed a proposal of Secretary-General Efthimios Mitropoulos that the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon be requested once again to bring the piracy situation off Somalia to the attention of the UN Security Council.

It is hoped that the Security Council will request the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia to take action to prevent and suppress acts of piracy, and significantly, to consent to foreign warships entering its territorial waters when engaged in anti-piracy operations, and in particular to protect the safety of crews aboard ships carrying humanitarian aid to Somalia or leaving Somali ports having discharged WFP cargoes.

Mr Mitropoulos said that a new request from the UN Security Council would be in line with the earlier Presidential Statement of 15 March 2006, which encouraged member states with naval vessels and military aircraft in the area to take appropriate action.

This led to a reduction in pirate activity, assisted by IMO liaison with naval operations' centres. The upsurge in the number of attacks has occurred only in recent months.

IMO had been co-operating with the World Food Programme in assisting the latter find ships of a reasonable quality to undertake their aid missions to Somalia. It has also been assisting in ensuring that naval forces in patrol in the region are kept fully informed of the movements of aid ships and the progress of their voyages.

IMO has also published marine safety circulars warning shipping about the piracy and security situation around the Horn of Africa, where attacks have recently been concentrated, with the pirates, connected to local warlords, employing "motherships" and attacking vessels hundreds of miles off the coast.

Most recently, MCS 1/Circular 1233 advises masters to take all appropriate measures to reduce the risk of attack in these waters.

The Folmer owned 1600 dwt Danica White was seized some 240 miles off the coast on 2 June. Earlier this week Kenyan authorities, who have been monitoring the situation in the region, said that their intelligence indicated that food was running out aboard the seized Danish ship and that its generator and water purification system were no longer operating.

A Taiwanese fishing boat and two Tanzanian registered craft are also currently known to be in the hands of the pirates in Somalia, who are thought to have killed one of the Taiwanese hostages.

### Co-operation key to counter terror threat

**CLOSER co-operation between the US Navy and the US Coast Guard is an effective way to counter the small-boat terrorist threat faced by the United States, a report by a Washington-based conservative think-tank says, reports John Zarocostas of Lloyd's List.**

In particular, the navy should focus on providing intelligence and sharing research in countering small-boat threats with the coast guard, concludes the report by Heritage Foundation national security expert Dr James Carafano.

The expert report, aimed at policymakers in Congress and the Bush administration, suggests the USCG should take the lead in developing a national maritime domain awareness system. It says the USCG should also work closely with state and local authorities and the private sector to share information and intelligence effectively.

The study also recommends that the US government should encourage craft of less than 500 tonnes to employ transponder locator and identification technologies.

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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
AGAWA CANYON	bulker	CAN	LR	16,290	24,099	1970	Lost steering and grounded, near shore, in the St. Clair River near Willow Point at Algonac in lat 42 38N, long 82 30W, Jun 17. Refloated same day by 2 tugs and escorted to Windsor (CAN), where arrived Jun 18.
ALEXANDRA C.	chem/oil tanker	PAN	—	5,921	10,079	1981	Had flooded engine-room in lat 13 56.8N, long 53 35.5E, about Jun 19. Disabled. Requires towage to Aden. Flooding due to pump problem. Sank about. 95 nm off Socotra Island. in bad weather Jun 20. All 19 crew rescued by <i>Fairchem Stead</i> , which bound Mumbai.
BALKAN	bulker	BGR	BK	15,865	24,386	1975	Had engine failure in front of Asiyan, Istanbul Strait, Jun 14. Tugs <i>Kurtarma 3</i> , <i>Sonduren 10</i> and <i>Kiyi Emniyeti 8</i> dispatched to scene and anchored at Buyukdere same day. Still at anchor Jun 21.
ENERGIZER	container	NLD	BV	7,642	9,450	2004	Reported engine problems at the entrance to Gelibolu port Jun 15. Towed by tug <i>Sonduren 4</i> and anchored in front of Sevketiye. Still at anchor Jun 18.
GULF SCANDIC	crude oil tanker	IOM	LR	80,187	151,459	1984	Had engine failure off Pantelleria Island Jun 9. Sea <i>Salvor</i> commenced towing Jun 10. Arrived Valletta roads Jun 13 to await berth. Still at Valletta Jun 19. Under way as of Jun 20.
MUSTERU	passenger / ro-ro	CPV	HR	1,622	382	1973	Had vehicle fire on board about 15 miles south of Sao Tiago Island, Cape Verde, Jun 5. Lost main engine power. Under tow same day.
NAVIGATOR	trawler	CYP	—	3,114	2,742	1984	Reported Jun 17 sank at Nouadhibou at the end April.
NICOLAS DELMAS	container	BHS	BV	26,061	30,450	2002	Had engine problems approximately 27 miles west of Ushant in lat 48 30N, long 05 40W, Jun 14. Taken in tow by tug <i>Abeille Bourbon</i> and arrived Brest Jun 15. Under repair Jun 16. Discharged containers Jun 20.
NINA	general	NLD	BV	3,954	5,727	1998	Arrived Valletta Jun 18 in tow of tug <i>Santantonio Primo</i> after having crankcase explosion off Bizerta. Berthed at Coal Wharf for repairs.
P 7	dredger	SWE	—	—	—	—	Flooded by heavy weather and sank at Skutskar, Sweden, Jun 15. To be salvaged.
YONG TONG	dredger	KHM	—	1,234	—	1988	Problems with lubricating oil pump in lat 33 39.6N, long 132 27.4E, Jun 9. Towed by a tug into Matsuyama Jun 14, ETC for repairs 10 days.

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### ACCORD (Philippines)

Manila, Jun 15 -- The departure of general cargo *Accord* for Cebu sustained another setback as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) blocked its leaving. *Accord* had just been cleared by the Philippine Coast Guard and was all set to be towed to Keppel Cebu Shipyard today when the DENR issued a hold departure order because of complaints that the water drained from the ship's cargo hold during its refloating was toxic and had contaminated the surrounding waters. Environmental groups in Malinao town in Albay province had expressed fears that the nearby Curangon shoal, a marine preserve, could have been damaged by toxic waters escaping from the vessel. This prompted the DENR to send a team to take samples of the remaining water in the cargo hold to determine if this was indeed toxic. The samples would be taken to the DENR's laboratory in Manila for testing. *Accord*, in the meantime would have to remain off Malinao town until the test results are known. Matsya Shipping Lines officials said the departure of the vessel could be delayed for another week because the laboratory results would only be known after five days. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jun 20 -- General cargo *Accord* arrived in Cebu island in central Philippines on Jun 19 under tow of its sister vessel *Frontier*. The vessel left Malinao town in Albay province Sunday (Jun 17) evening after it was allowed to proceed on its voyage by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). Its departure was stopped by DENR following complaints by environmental groups that the vessel was an environmental threat. Officials of Matsya Shipping, owners of the vessel, were able to convince the environmental authorities, however, that the vessel no longer carried any fuel oil or cargo and could thus be towed without endangering the environment. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jun 21 -- The Philippine-registered general cargo *Accord* is now moored at Philippine Trigon Shipyard awaiting availability of the yard's dry dock. Philippine Trigon Shipyard officials could not give a definite date when the vessel would enter dry dock. The vessel was originally reported to be heading for repairs at Keppel Cebu shipyard but the vessel was towed instead to Philippine Trigon on Tuesday (Jun 19) after negotiations between Keppel and Matsya Shipping Lines fell through. -- Correspondent.

### AGAWA CANYON (Canada)

Troy, Michigan, Jun 17 -- Bulker *Agawa Canyon* (16290 gt, built 1970) is

reported to have lost steering and is aground, near shore, in the St. Clair River at Algonac. The incident apparently happened around noon, local time and no tugs were on the scene as late as 1600 hrs. At 2000 hrs, it is still sitting at an angle to the river. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

Troy, Michigan, Jun 17 -- Tugs *Superior* and *Vermont* arrived on scene tonight and were working to free bulker *Agawa Canyon*. At 2230 hrs, the vessel reported they were working with the tugs and manoeuvring to raise the anchors. Shortly before midnight the vessel was turning in the river and continued downbound. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

London, Jun 18 -- Bulker *Agawa Canyon* lost steering near Willow Point, St. Clair River, lat 42 38N, long 82 30 45W, at 1343, EDST, Jun 17. Vessel dropped anchors but continued to drift and ran aground. At 2356 her vessel was freed with tug assist.

London, Jun 19 -- A press report, dated Jun 18, states: Bulker *Agawa Canyon*, loaded with gravel, has been freed after being stuck overnight in the St. Clair River. The vessel developed steering problems and grounded on the U.S. side of the river yesterday afternoon, off Willow Point near Algonac, according to Joseph Jackson, operations Spec. IC with the U.S. Coast Guard in Detroit. The freighter dropped its anchors while waiting for assistance to arrive. The freighter was freed by two tugs that arrived on the scene yesterday evening. The tugs escorted her to Windsor (CAN), Jackson said. It was in the Detroit River by 0800 hrs. The Coast Guard was not directly involved in freeing *Agawa Canyon*, but they monitored the situation and sent an inspector to make sure the vessel was seaworthy, Jackson said.

London, Jun 20 -- Bulker *Agawa Canyon* arrived at Windsor (CAN) on Jun 18 from Milwaukee.

London, Jun 21 -- After partially unloading in Windsor (CAN), bulker *Agawa Canyon* sailed at 1030 hrs, Jun 18, bound for Nicholson's Ecorse in Detroit, to complete unloading. She arrived later on Jun 18, finished unloading and sailed at 0400 hrs, Jun 19, returning to Ojibway Salt dock in Windsor (CAN) to load salt for Detroit, sailing later on Jun 19.

### AL SALAM BOCCACCIO 98 (Panama)

Sydney, Jun 18 -- The owners of the passenger ro/ro *Al Salam Boccaccio 98* have spoken of their desire to return to Egypt to resolve pending legal proceedings against them for manslaughter. Amr Mamdouh Ismail, vice-president of El Salam Maritime Transport, the company that managed the Panama-flagged vessel, said he was prepared to return to Egypt for the first time since the vessel sank in the Red Sea 16 months ago, killing more than 1,000 people. A judgment was due to hear final presentations relating to the case in July but the hearing had been suspended to Sep 22. Mr Ismail said his lawyers had made a petition for the

case to be heard over four continuous days to output the matter to rest. Neither he, nor his father Mamdouh Ismail, have returned to Egypt since the tragedy but are willing to return for the final hearing. -- Lloyd's List Daily Commercial News.

#### **ALEXANDRA C. (Panama)**

London, Jun 19 -- Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 0305, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Alexandra C.* (5521 gt, built 1981) has a flooded engine-room in lat 13 56.8N, long 53 35.5E. Vessel is disabled and requires assistance.

London, Jun 19 -- Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 0735, UTC: The master of combined chemical and oil tank *Alexandra C.* reported at 0310, UTC, that the engine-room flooding was under control and the vessel no longer in distress but still required towage.

London, Jun 19 -- Following received from the operators of Combined chemical and oil tank *Alexandra C.*: *Alexandra C.*, bound Australia, cargo ammonium nitrate, is looking for a tug to tow it to Aden. At the moment it is believed the vessel's engine-room flooded due to a pump problem. (Note -- *Alexandra C.* sailed Constantza May 29, passed Dardanelles May 30 and passed through Suez Canal Jun 8 bound Australia.)

London, Jun 20 -- Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 0735, UTC: A report was received at 0708, local time, from Ankara MSRCC that the crew were abandoning combined chemical and oil tank *Alexandra C.*

London, Jun 20 -- Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 0740, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Alexandra C.* is reported to have sunk 135 miles off Yemen. All crew have been rescued and are being taken to Mumbai.

London, Jun 20 -- Following received the operators of combined chemical and oil tank *Alexandra C.*: *Alexandra C.* was last reported in approximately 14 42N, long 54 15E. All 19 crew members were rescued by chemical tanker *Fairchem Steed* and are being taken to Mumbai.

London, Jun 20 -- A press report, dated today, states: Combined chemical and oil tank *Alexandra C.* sank off Socotra Island in bad weather today, Yemen's state news agency said. *Alexandra C.*, went down amid high seas at around 0850 hrs (0550, UTC). Nineteen crew members were rescued by a passing vessel, the agency said.

Hodeidah, Jun 20 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Alexandra C.*, with a cargo of urea ammonia nitrate liquid in bulk, reported water in the engine-room and subsequently sank in approximately lat 14 16N, long 53 50E, about 95 nautical miles north of Socotra Island. Nineteen crew rescued by *Fairchem Steed* which was directed there by SAR Centre Norfolk. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 21 -- A press report, dated today, states: Quick thinking on the part of rescue coordinators in Turkey and skilled ship handling by

the master of chemical tanker *Fairchem Steed* led to the successful rescue of all 19 crewmen on board combined chemical and oil tank *Alexandra C.* which sank in heavy weather off the coast of Yemen. Rescue coordinators in Turkey called the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Atlantic Area Rescue Coordination Centre requesting assistance when they realised there were simply no resources available to respond to the sinking ship. The USCG search and rescue experts quickly queried the Amver database and identified *Fairchem Steed* which they diverted to the last known position of the sinking vessel. According to Mohan Iyer, master of *Fairchem Steed*, "We proceeded at full speed to the distress location." Fortunately Captain Iyer and his crew were only 53 miles from the distress location. Captain Iyer notified the USCG search and rescue coordination centre that the crew of *Alexandra C.* "was safe and healthy with no casualties." *Fairchem Steed* is proceeding to its next port of call, Mumbai, where company officials from the sunken ship were arranging for the crew's return home.

#### **ALEXIS T. (Guyana)**

Port au Prince, Jun 18 -- General cargo *Alexis T.* (1906 gt, built 1978) arrived at Cape Haiti with about 300 tonnes of rice apparently damaged by water and oil on Jun 9. Vessel has been arrested by W.K. Webster of London. Rice was for Blocs La Roche of Cape Haiti. P&I Club is also present (navigators). -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **ALKISTIS (Panama)**

London, Jun 15 -- Following received from Five Oceans Salvage, Athens, dated today: General cargo *Alkistis*, in tow of tug *Med Fos*, is expected to arrive at Conakry around 1100, UTC, today.

Conakry, Jun 19 -- Reported that general cargo *Alkistis* had engine failure about 800 miles from Dakar and has been towed to Conakry with the purpose of discharging a cargo of 7,000 tonnes of bagged sugar. Vessel is operating this moment with a mobile generator set. Understand repairs will be carried out at Dakar at the end of the discharge operations. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **AMADEO (Panama)**

Bucharest, Jun 19 -- Product tanker *Amadeo* is still at Constantza Shipyard. The repairs of the damages, following the fire, have not been completed yet, nor the conversion works for which it had called Constantza. Understand the vessel will remain in the shipyard at least until the end of June. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **AMALTAL MARINER (New Zealand)**

See "Nelson Harbour, New Zealand" under "Pollution".

#### **AMINA H. (Georgia)**

Piraeus, Jun 18 -- According to the Lavrion Port Authorities general cargo

*Amina H.* arrived at Lavrion Jun 12 and sailed to Durres on the same day after completing inspections. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **AMY SUE (U.S.A.)**

See *Miss Majorie*.

#### **ASHLEY (Netherlands)**

London, Jun 15 -- Understand that general cargo *Ashley* (2056 gt, built 2000), which arrived at Dundee on Jun 14 from Sluiskil, has experienced electrical problems in the port.

London, Jun 18 -- General cargo *Ashley* was reported passing Skaw, in a southerly direction, 1224 hrs, Jun 17 and is ETA Rostock at 1700 hrs, today.

#### **ATHENA 106**

See *Miss Megan*.

#### **AURELIA M (North Korea)**

London, Jun 18 -- General cargo *Aurelia M* was reported passing through the Kerchenskiy Strait, in a northerly direction, at 2156 hrs, yesterday. Vessel is ETA Mariupol at 1000 hrs, today.

#### **BALKAN (Bulgaria)**

Istanbul, Jun 15 -- Bulker *Balkan* (15865 gt, built 1975) experienced engine failure in front of Asiyan, in the Istanbul Strait Jun 14. In order to provide the safety of navigation, life, property and the protection of the marine environment, tugs *Kurtarma 3*, *Sonduren 10* and *Kiyi Emniyeti 8* were immediately dispatched to the scene. *Balkan* was anchored safely to Buyukdere at 1228 hrs. -- Topaz Marine Survey & Consultancy Co Ltd.

London, Jun 18 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS bulker *Balkan* was at anchor in lat 41 09 17N, long 29 02 55E, at 0329, UTC, Jun 17.

Istanbul, Jun 18 -- Bulker *Balkan* is still anchored safely at Buyukdere. -- Topaz Marine Survey & Consultancy Co Ltd.

London, Jun 21 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS bulker *Balkan* was still at anchor in lat 41 09 18N, long 29 02 58E, at 0249, UTC, today.

#### **BALTIC SEA (Singapore)**

London, Jun 20 -- Crude oil tanker *Baltic Sea* (53833 gt, built 1993) reported with engine trouble during Dardanelles passage off Gelibolu at 2043, local time, Jun 19. (Note -- *Baltic Sea*, from Odessa, passed Istanbul 1735, Jun 14, it then passed Dardanelles west bound 1105, Jun 15 and then reported passing Dardanelles, east bound, at 1730, Jun 19.)

London, Jun 20 -- Following received from VTS Dardanelles, timed 1035, UTC: Crude oil tanker *Baltic Sea* is still at anchor, safely, outside traffic channel.

London, Jun 21 -- Following received from the Singapore operators of crude oil tanker *Baltic Sea*, timed 0830, UTC: *Baltic Sea* is carrying out repairs at the moment and hopes to get underway shortly.

#### **BARRI (Latvia)**

Riga, Jun 19 -- Pollution control vessel *Barri* has still not received permission for towage. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**BERNICE (Netherlands Antilles)**

London, Jun 16 -- Edible oil tanker *Bernice* arrived Amsterdam 2158, Jun 14, and sailed 2200, Jun 17.

**BOWA (NIS)**

Gothenburg, Jun 15 -- General cargo *Bowa*: Diver inspection was carried out and a certificate was issued by classification society for a single voyage to repair yard at Szczecin, with departure Jun 14 and ETA Szczecin Jun 15. Following damages noted: Vessel's bottom keel and bilge platings with adjacent internal indented in way of double bottom tank No 2 starboard/port side, Nos 3 and 4 starboard centre and area of engine-room spaces starboard side. Restrictions: Voyage only permitted in good weather and calm sea conditions, with frequent sounding and recording of all double bottom water ballast/tanks. Vessel is able to proceed under own power. -- Westax Marine Services AB. (See issue of Jun 15.)

London, Jun 17 -- General cargo *Bowa* arrived Szczecin Jun 15 to carry out repairs to grounding damage.

Poznan, Jun 20 -- General cargo *Bowa* is currently under repair at Szczecin and will remain in the port for the next two weeks. Final destination unknown. -- Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Jun 19.)

**BIRCHGLEN (Canada)**

London, Jun 15 -- Temporary repairs to bulker *Birchglen* were carried out at Sorel and a condition of class was issued to allow a more suitable location for permanent repairs somewhere over the next month. The vessel carried out repairs at the anchorage and is alongside, remaining at all times on hire. (See issue of Jun 14.)

**BOURBON DOLPHIN (Norway)**

London, Jun 19 -- A press report, dated Jun 18, states: Anchor handling tug/supply *Bourbon Dolphin* which capsized off Shetland in April had almost tipped over last December, it has emerged. The disclosure was made in an inquiry in Aalesund set up to examine what led to the vessel overturning during a routine operation. Today the commission heard evidence from Trond Myklebust, managing director of Bourbon Offshore in Norway. He said the decision on whether or not a vessel was suitable for a job rested with the contractor, not with his company. Mr Myklebust admitted that he had since been told *Bourbon Dolphin* was "marginal" for the job at the Chevron oil platform and that he now knew it was not the first or even second choice of vessel. The inquiry continues.

London, Jun 21 -- A press report, dated Jun 20, states: During the Royal Commission hearing about the illfated anchor handling tug/supply *Bourbon Dolphin* it was revealed that the tow master on semi-submersible drill platform *Transocean Rather* initially refused to give more slack on the wire. The master of *Bourbon Dolphin* asked to have more slack on the wire to allow the vessels more room to manoeuvre. At first the tow master refused to give out more wire, but later relented when

the captain insisted. When Captain Grim Bergtun, the master of anchor handling tug/supply *Olympic Hercules* was asked if he believed that the accident could have been avoided had the wire been slackened, he answered *Yes*. The slack on the wire had allowed *Olympic Hercules* to get pack in position through strong current and six metres waves. The tow master appeared to understand that *Bourbon Dolphin* had difficulties, because he asked *Olympic Hercules* to stand by to assist. According to captain Bergtun, the tow master also asked *Bourbon Dolphin* to terminate the job and get out of the area. Seven anchors were already in place and the situation was not regarded as critical.

**BUNSHO MARU NO.8 (Japan)**

Yokohama, Jun 21 -- General cargo *Bunsho Maru No.8* (497 gt, built 1988) Tsukumi for Kobe, in collision with general cargo *Thanks Twenty* (5144 gt, built 1990), Kimitsu for Vietnam, in lat 34 09.4N, long 132 54.9E at 0608, Jun 8. *Thanks Twenty* sustained scratching damage to its bow. *Bunsho Maru No.8* sustained scratching damage extending from its port bridge to stern, damage to exhaust pipe and port bow bulwark was bent. No water ingress or oil spill. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**BUTUAN BAY 1 (Philippines)**

Manila, Jun 18 -- The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), in the course of its investigation of the engine-room explosion on Roll On Roll Off *Butuan Bay 1*, has discovered that there were serious lapses in safety procedures during the repair of the ship's engine prior to the accident on May 15. MARINA Enforcement Division Director Arnie Santiago said that the shortcomings in safety procedures during the repair of the vessel's engine could have led to the explosion in the engine-room. Mr. Santiago noted that the repairs took place without the supervision of engineers from the ship's classification society. The ship owner also violated procedure when it failed to have a MARINA inspector present during sea trials. There was likewise a failure to properly document the repairs carried out. MARINA inspectors, noted for instance, that there was no record of the replaced engine parts. These were among the latest violations by *Butuan Bay 1* uncovered by MARINA's Enforcement Division. Earlier, the Division had discovered that the engine crew failed to follow proper procedures in operating the engine. *Butuan Bay 1* is owned by Cebu-based Carlos A. Gothong Shipping Lines. The findings of the MARINE Enforcement Division are now with the MARINA Adjudication Board which is currently hearing the case. If found guilty, the MARINA Adjudication Board could issue administrative penalties against the shipowner and crew of *Butuan Bay 1*. These sanctions could range from fines to the suspension of licenses for both the ship owner and crew. Apart from the MARINA, the Philippine Coast Guard is also holding a separate

investigation into the accident through its Special Board of Marine Inquiry. The Board, however, is only a fact-finding body and cannot impose penalties. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jun 19 -- The Philippine Coast Guard Special Board of Marine Inquiry, which is holding a separate investigation on the Roll On Roll Off *Butuan Bay 1* fire, has ordered the owner to ready the vessel's engine for inspection by the Board's members. The Board has scheduled the inspection on Jul 5 in which the engine will be opened for the first time since it exploded. An examination of the engine is expected to yield clues to why it exploded while at sea. Carlos Gothong Lines officials said that they are now in the process of cleaning the engine-room and setting up lights and other equipment needed by the inspectors. Gothong Lines spokesperson and legal counsel Atty. Francisco Mijares said that repair work on the engine will start immediately after the inspection. -- Correspondent.

**CASTOR (Finland)**

Helsinki, Jun 14 -- Tug *Castor*, 25 metres long, built 1956, had an engine-room fire Jun 13, when towing a barge carrying a cargo of stones. The fire was extinguished 40 minutes after the alert was made and the casualty was towed to the port of Vuosaari, Helsinki. No personal injuries to crew members or oil leaks were reported. According to the Helsinki City Fire Department, the fire started in the exhaust pipe gaskets and was contained to the engine-room. *Castor* is owned by the Finnish company R-Towing Oy. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**CASTOR STAR (Panama)**

London, Jun 19 -- Bulker *Castor Star* (18430 gt, built 1982), Ramallo to Cigading, carrying approximately 30,000 tonnes of corn, sustained damage to its starboard turbocharger around May 11. The vessel had to divert to Cape Town to effect the necessary repairs. As a consequence of the incident, the owners have declared General Average. The vessel arrived Cigading Jun 15.

**CATALYN D. (Philippines)**

Manila, Jun 14 -- The Philippine Coast Guard reported Thursday (June 14) that search and rescue operations for possible survivors of the ill-fated passenger ro/ro *Catalyn D.* have been called off, four days after the mishap left at least five passengers dead. The Coast Guard made the decision after failing to find any missing passengers. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jun 15 -- The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has suspended the 28-man crew of passenger ro/ro *Catalyn D.* which burned and sank last Sunday. MARINA, which regulates the domestic shipping as well as crewing industry, said that the officers and crew of *Catalyn D.* will not be allowed to work on any vessel pending the results of an investigation that MARINA is conducting. Among other things the

investigation will try to determine if the crew should be held responsible for the fire and the subsequent deaths of at least five passengers. If found guilty, the crew could at the very least have their licenses cancelled. MARINA could likewise file criminal charges against the crew. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jun 21 -- The Philippine Coast Guard's Special Board of Marine Inquiry issued summons to the ship owner, the master and crew of the sunken passenger ro/ro *Catalyn D.* during its first hearing in Manila yesterday. The ship owner and crew have been ordered to appear before the Board on Jun 28. They will be cross-examined to determine the reason behind the fire and sinking. The Board during its first hearing also gathered and marked documentary evidence, initial investigation findings and video footage of the underwater wreck. -- Correspondent.

#### **CG K79 (U.S.A.)**

Bilbao, Jun 19 -- Barge *CG K79* is still at Princesa Pier, Bilbao. Understand no decision has yet been made by the owners regarding repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **CHIZUKAWA MARU (Japan)**

Yokohama, Jun 21 -- General cargo *Chizukawa Maru* (3487 gt, built 1999), Tsukumi for Mizushima, in collision with fishing *Yuko Maru* (3.6 gt) in lat 33 24.3N, long 132 02E at 0710, Jun 19. *Chizukawa Maru* sustained scratching damage to its port stern. The sponson deck bow on *Yuko Maru* was uplifted and its starboard bulwark removed. No water ingress, or oil spill. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **CLIPPER TROJAN (Bahamas)**

London, Jun 15 -- A press report, dated Jun 14, states: The chief engineer of chemical tanker *Clipper Trojan* was sentenced yesterday in Newark, New Jersey, to five months in prison for his role in attempting to cover up illegal discharges of oil sludge and oil-contaminated bilge waste on board the ship, US Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced. US District Chief Judge Garrett E. Brown Jr, also ordered Fernando Magnaye, 45, of Quezon City, Philippines, to pay a \$3,000 fine. Magnaye, as a licensed chief engineer on board the vessel, was responsible for managing engine room operations and faithfully recording any transfers or discharges of oil sludge or oil-contaminated bilge waste in the vessel's oil record book. Vessels are required under international and US law to maintain an accurate Oil Record Book that records all discharges or transfers of oil. The Coast Guard regularly inspects vessels' oil record books in determining whether to allow vessels to enter US ports and waters. Magnaye pleaded guilty on Feb 2 to charges of presenting a false document to the Coast Guard and attempting to obstruct a Coast Guard inspection. At his plea hearing, Magnaye admitted that he knew about illegal discharges of oil sludge and contaminated bilge waste but failed to record those

discharges in the *Clipper Trojan*'s oil record book. Magnaye admitted presenting the vessel's oil record book to the Coast Guard during an inspection on Jun 15, 2006, in Port Newark and falsely claimed to Coast Guard inspectors that the book was accurate. Magnaye further admitted that he asked the vessel's fourth engineer to ensure that the Coast Guard would take a false reading of the contents of the vessel's bilge sludge oil tank, in which oily waste is stored. Magnaye stated that he did so because an accurate reading of the tank's contents may have exposed the false entries in the oil record book. The corporations that owned and operated the M/T *Clipper Trojan* were indicted on Mar 27. The eleven-count indictment alleges that Magnaye and other crew members attempted to prevent the US Coast Guard from learning of the illegal discharges during the Coast Guard's inspection of the vessel. The corporate defendants include *Clipper Wonsild Tankers A/S*, a Danish company that commercially operated the vessel; *Clipper Marine Services A/S*, which technically managed the vessel; and *Trojan Shipping Co Ltd*, a Bahamas company to which the vessel was registered.

#### **DAE SUNG 5001 (South Korea)**

Busan, Jun 15 -- Permanent repairs of to barge *Dae Sung 5001* completed on Jun 13, when the barge returned to normal service as a coastal flat deck barge. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents. (See issue of Jun 5 under *Sam Jin No.1*.)

#### **DANICA WHITE (DIS)**

See "Somalia" under "Piracy."

#### **DON RAIMUNDO (Argentina)**

Buenos Aires, Jun 20 -- Trawler (All types) *Don Raimundo* was towed to Mar del Plata, due to a breakage on the coupling between the gear box and the engine, while fishing. All repairs were carried out and she proceeded to the fishing area. On Jun 13, she returned to the Port of Mar del Plata, where she is currently berthed. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **DONALD C. (U.S.A.)**

London, Jun 18 -- A Coast Guard New York press release, dated Jun 10, states: The U.S. Coast Guard is launching an investigation into a reported collision between a 24-foot pleasure boat and tug *Donald C.* (185 gt, built 2004) near Execution Rocks off King's Point, NY, that left one boater on life support and two others injured shortly after 1400 today. The two injured boaters were reportedly in stable condition. The Coast Guard received a report via marine band radio channel 16 at 1420 hrs of an overturned pleasure craft and as many as three people in the water. Rescue crews from Rye, Mamaroneck Harbor, Nassau County and Glen Cove Police Departments as well as Hempstead Bay Constables and Coast Guard Station Kings Point immediately responded to the scene. Rescuers pulled all three boaters from the water. *Donald C.* notified the Coast Guard

about 1517 hrs of the apparent collision. The tug, and a barge, remain anchored in the area awaiting a Coast Guard boarding team from Station Eatons Neck who will conduct routine drug and alcohol screening of the tug's crew. Investigators from Coast Guard Sector New York and Marine Safety Field Office Coram, NY, are en route to interview the crew of *Donald C.* and investigate the condition of the pleasure craft. "We are in the initial stages of our investigation of trying to find out the cause of the reported collision," said Coast Guard LT. j.g. Mark Labert. "We do know three boaters were injured with one currently on life support." Nassau County's Marine One towed the partially submerged pleasure boat to Harry Tappen Beach, Glenwood Landing on Long Island following the collision. Weather on scene was reported at less than one-foot seas, less than five knots of wind and 10 nautical miles visibility.

London, Jun 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: The woman who was fishing on Long Island Sound with her boyfriend when police said a 324-foot tank barge collided with their boat died after she was taken off life support, her family said yesterday. Leibe Ociele Medina, 47, of the Bronx, had been in a coma at St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn since the Jun 10 accident. Medina, her boyfriend and his brother, Efrain Rivera, were fishing in a 24-foot boat off Sands Point. Authorities had released few details about the accident, which took place near the Execution Rocks lighthouse, a popular fishing spot. Officials with the US Coast Guard and Nassau Police Marine Bureau said no new details were available yesterday. A police spokesman said Marine Bureau officials expect to complete an investigation this week. The Coast Guard has said it received conflicting accounts of the accident, but would not specify how the accounts differed. In the meantime, Medina's family has hired a Mineola attorney. Attorney Bob Sullivan said he plans to pursue lawsuits against the owners of the barge and its tug (tug *Donald C.*). Efrain Rivera remained in stable condition yesterday at North Shore University Hospital at Glen Cove. Sullivan said his investigation is also seeking to determine why the boat could not get out of the way of the barge in time. Representatives of Seaboat Inc, the Fall River, Mass, based company that owns the tug and the barge it was pushing, could not be reached yesterday.

#### **DREDGER SUNK AT SKUTSKAR PORT, SWEDEN**

London, Jun 19 -- Following navigation warning issued at 0830, UTC, June 18: A dredger has sunk inside the eastern breakwater at Skutskar, between the pierhead and the first red light-buoy. Least depth over the wreck is one metre. Position of the wreck: Lat 60 39.3N, long 17 23.8E. The position has been marked by a red buoy. Pilot is mandatory for all vessels entering the port of Skutskar, with a length exceeding 50 metres.

London, Jun 19 -- Following received from Gothenburg MRCC, timed 0835, UTC: The sunken dredger, name not known, is being inspected and an investigation is underway.

#### **EK-STAR (NIS)**

See *Humboldt Rex*.

#### **ENERGIZER (Netherlands)**

Istanbul, Jun 15 -- Container carrier *Energizer* (7642 gt, built 2004) reported engine problems at the entrance to Gelibolu port at 0130, local time, Jun 15. -- TurkishStraits.com.

Istanbul, Jun 15 -- In order to provide the safety of navigation, life, property and protect of marine environment, tug *Sonduren 4* has been immediately dispatched to the scene of Container Carrier *Energizer* by Canakkale VTS. Canakkale Strait was closed to north/south traffic until 0530 hrs, today. At 0900 hrs, *Energizer* was anchored safely in front of Sevketiye, out of the Strait, after she gave the towing line to *Sonduren 4* at 0530 hrs. - - Topaz Marine Survey & Consultancy Co Ltd.

Istanbul, Jun 18 -- Container Carrier *Energizer* is still anchored in Sevketiye area. -- Topaz Marine Survey & Consultancy Co Ltd.

#### **ERCAN NAIBOGLU (Turkey)**

Istanbul, Jun 21 -- General cargo *Ercan Naiboglu* (2310 gt, built 1984) has an engine problem at Kapez Point, Istanbul Strait, at 0400, today. -- TurkishStraits.com. (Note -- *Ercan Naiboglu* stationary in lat 40 5 50.4N, long 26 21 17.4E at 0228, today.)

#### **EURO SQUALL (U.K.)**

London, Jun 20 -- Container Carrier *Euro Squall* arrived at Hamburg on Jun 18 from Lisbon.

#### **FEDERAL POWER (Cyprus)**

London, Jun 15 -- Upbound general cargo *Federal Power* (12993 gt, built 2000), reportedly struck the bullnose of Cote St. Catherine lock, in lat 45 24N, long 73 34W, at 0225 today. Damage sustained. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Federal Power* was located in lat 45 20N, long 73 54W, 12.9 nautical miles off Valleyfield, at 1148, UTC, today, course 232.9 deg, speed 5.8 knots.)

London, Jun 21 -- General cargo *Federal Power* arrived at Windsor(CAN) on/about Jun 17 and sailed on/about Jun 18, bound for Milwaukee, where it arrived on/about Jun 19. (See issue of Jun 19.)

#### **FINNMARKEN (Norway)**

London, Jun 20 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passenger ro/ro *Finnmarken*, infected with the norovirus on board, has as yet to be given a clear bill of health, NRK (Norwegian Broadcasting) reports.

#### **FORTUNA I (Latvia)**

See under "Labour Disputes."

#### **FRAM (NIS)**

London, Jun 20 -- A press report, dated today, states: A new bout of badly

upset stomachs has hit passenger (cruise) *Fram* (12000 gt, built 2007) with several passengers falling ill. According to Hurtigruten operating manager Svein Sollid, nine passengers were taken ill on the ship which is cruising near Greenland. Sollid said that Hurtigruten was co-operating with medical authorities in the city of Tromso to do what they could to contain the illness and prevent new cases. We have drawn up and carried out procedures for dealing with contagious diseases. Contacting contagious disease authorities is part of these procedures, Sollid said.

#### **FRAU NANCY (North Korea)**

London, Jun 19 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Frau Nancy* was reported stationary at Valletta as of 1344, UTC, today.

#### **FRONTENAC (Canada)**

London, Jun 18 -- Bulker *Frontenac* (17808 gt, built 1968) had a blackout and loss of power at Port Weller, Ont, in lat 43 15N, long 76 43W, at 2252, EDST, Jun 16. Vessel dropped anchors and blocked the channel. Vessel regained power and secured at WO2 for Seaway inspection. (Note -- *Frontenac* sailed Hamilton, Can, 0001, Jun 16, for Sault Ste Marie.)

#### **GADWALL (Hong Kong)**

London, Jun 20 -- Downbound bulker *Gadwall* (22790 gt, built 2007) struck the ship arrester in Beauharnois lock No.3, in lat 49 19N, long 73 55W, at 0630 hrs, today. The seaway was temporarily closed for repairs. (Note -- *Gadwall* had loaded in Duluth, departing from there on Jun 15.)

#### **GENERAL JACKSON (Canada)**

London, Jun 18 -- Tug *General Jackson* (237 gt, built 1958), towing barge *Swiftsure Prince*, caught fire near the entrance to Kyoquot Channel, BC, lat 49 57 24N, long 127 16 48W, at 0748, PDST, Jun 16. There were no injuries. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *General Jackson* in lat 48 19 27.57N, long 123 29 24.98W, at 1912, UTC, Jun 18, speed 11.4 knots.)

#### **GOLDEN ROSE (South Korea)**

London, Jun 20 -- Chinese maritime officials yesterday blamed the crew of a Chinese container Container Carrier *Jin Sheng* for a collision with Korean general cargo *Golden Rose* that left six seamen dead and ten missing last month. The Ministry of Communications revealed its findings at a press conference in Beijing, saying that *Jin Sheng* was primarily responsible for the collision. *Golden Rose* was also partly to blame as it failed to take avoiding action after *Jin Sheng* turned on its collision course, said Liu Gongchen, executive deputy director of the China Maritime Search and Rescue Centre. Liu said both vessels violated the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea by sailing too fast and misjudging the risk of collision. He said the ROK vessel sank so quickly after the collision that there was no time for

the crew to abandon ship, leaving 16 sailors missing. The Chinese vessel failed to promptly report the accident to the local search and rescue centre although it informed its operating company and applied for a maritime visa with Dalian shipping and transportation administration, said Wang Jinfu, head of the Chinese investigation team. Wang said the Chinese ship operated by Shandong Lufeng Shipping Company Ltd. left the accident scene before fulfilling its search and rescue obligations and the Chinese authorities would investigate this issue and prosecute the company. When the accident occurred, the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) and the Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) on the ROK vessel failed to activate, according to investigations jointly carried out by Chinese and ROK experts. Both vessels were responsible for the delay in the rescue operation, said Wang, adding the ROK investigators would further investigate the causes of the emergency system failure on *Golden Rose*. *Golden Rose* loaded with 5,900 tons of steel sank off the coast near Yantai City, east China's Shandong Province, May 12 in heavy fog after the collision. The bodies of the three ROK sailors were repatriated on May 30 and the body of a Myanmar sailor was cremated in Yantai, the workers said. The bodies of the other two were airlifted to Myanmar via the ROK on May 31. More than 300 Chinese rescue vessels and helicopters were involved in the search over the past three weeks. Thirty-four divers are still searching for the remaining ten sailors.

#### **GULF SCANDIC (Isle of Man)**

London, Jun 14 -- Crude oil tanker *Gulf Scandic* (80187 gt, built 1997) experienced engine failure off Pantelleria Island at 1600, Jun 9. Tug *Sea Salvor* started towing the casualty at 1030, Jun 10. Towage proceeded to Valletta roads where it arrived at 1130, yesterday. Due to Malta Shipyards having no berthing space she had to wait until today to berth.

London, Jun 19 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, crude oil tanker *Gulf Scandic* was located stationary at Valletta as of 1145, UTC, today. (See issue of Jun 18.)

London, Jun 21 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 1830 hrs, Jun 20, crude oil tanker *Gulf Scandic* was located in lat 35 50.45N, long 14 38.53E, 6.8 nautical miles off Marsaxlokk, course of 151.4 degs, speed of 12.9 knots.

#### **HANNA (Faroe Islands)**

London, Jun 18 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 1010, UTC: General cargo *Hanna* (736 gt, built 1970), Vejle for Gothenburg, in ballast, grounded in Vejle fjord, in lat 55 42.2N, long 09 33.9E, at 0145, UTC, today. Vessel remains aground. Coast Guard vessel proceeding and owners/class to inspect and provide salvage plan.

London, Jun 18 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 1940, UTC: General cargo *Hanna* refloated without assistance on high tide at 1500, Danish

time. Vessel proceeded to Vejle and is in port. Inspected by divers and class and some repairs required before vessel permitted to sail. (See issue of Jun 19.)

London, Jun 20 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 0850, UTC: General cargo *Hanna* has been released by Danish maritime authorities to continue operations. It remains at Vejle at present.

#### **HARVEST ANNE (U.K.)**

London, Jun 19 -- Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRCC, timed 2244, UTC, Jun 18: General cargo *Harvest Anne* (78 gt) advised that he had grounded in Loch Eishort, in lat 57 10.2N, long 05 54.6W, this morning. Repairs had been carried out to the port quarter of the vessel and it was now proceeding to Corpach, ETA 0730, Jun 19. Vessel's bilge pump coping with very slight leak.

#### **HAVEN HAWK (U.K.)**

London, Jun 21 -- A press report, dated today, states: A dramatic rescue took place yesterday after a fire broke out on board a boat. Rescue crews were called to the pilot boat *Haven Hawk* (24 gt), after flames were roaring from the vessel. An air-sea rescue helicopter, from RAF Wattisham, dashed to its aid, amid fears for passengers' safety, after the coastguard received the emergency call at about lunchtime. The three men on board had received no injuries, but had to be winched to safety by the helicopter. Fortunately, the helicopter had been just 15 miles away on an exercise programme, when the alarm was raised. A lifeboat crew also joined rescue efforts and helped control the blaze. The passengers were taken to Walton-on-Naze, where the mobile coastguard unit met them. *Haven Hawk* was eventually towed to Harwich harbour, where it remains until a full inspection can be carried out.

#### **HELGA (Antigua & Barbuda)**

London, Jun 20 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: General cargo *Helga* (1473 gt, built 1984) was in collision with Container Carrier *Nathalie Ehler* (9981 gt, built 2002) on the Kiel Canal on Jun 16. *Nathalie Ehler* incurred slight damage on its port side. (Note -- *Nathalie Ehler* arrived Hamburg Jun 16 and remains in port. *Helga* according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, in lat 54 45 28.01N, long 19 25 28.93E at 1044, Jun 19.)

#### **HERM J. (U.K.)**

Kiel, Jun 19 -- Container Carrier *Herm J.* (6454 gt, built 2005) ran into the embankment of the Kiel Canal at 0530, Jun 18, close to Kiel. Tug *Holtenuau* was called from Kiel and succeeded in refloating the vessel. The incident was caused by dense fog. -- Correspondent.

London, Jun 19 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, Container Carrier *Herm J.* was located four nautical miles from Hamburg, in lat 53 31 39.6N, long 09 55 18.42E, at 1446, UTC, today, course 135.2 deg, speed 2.7 knots.

London, Jun 20 -- Container Carrier *Herm J.* arrived Hamburg at 1636, Jun 19.

#### **HOHEWEG (Germany)**

Kiel, Jun 19 -- The salvage of fishing (general) *Hoheweg*, which sank on Nov 8, 2006, will commence on Jul 9. The company Otto Wulf, Cuxhaven, will raise the wreck, which is lying off the coast of Wurst and endangers shipping. About 20 tons fuel are thought to be still on board. Depending on weather conditions the plan is to complete the work on Jul 20. As the ship has been abandoned by its owners the German state has to bear the salvage costs. First divers are to investigate the actual situation. Then two ropes are to be laid out under the wreck in which the body of the skipper is thought to be trapped. Just one week ago the rescue boat *Hermann Helms* had brought ashore the body of the third crew member which had been found close to Helgoland. -- Correspondent.

#### **HUMBOLDT REX (Philippines)**

St. Petersburg, Jun 19 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Humboldt Rex* (7637 gt, built 1998) collided with the berthed combined chemical and oil tank *Ek-Star* (8829 gt, built 1999) while manoeuvring to berth at St. Petersburg on Jun 18. *Humboldt Rex* sustained damages to her portside shell plate, superstructure in portside accommodation and portside lifeboat. *Ek-Star's* damage is reportedly not so significant. At this moment *Humboldt Rex* is discharging and *Ek-Star* is under loading operations in the port of St. Petersburg. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **HYBUR TRADER (Antigua & Barbuda)**

London, Jun 16 -- Roll On Roll Off *Hybur Trader* sailed Port Everglades Jun 5 for Palm Beach.

#### **JACK CROWLEY (U.S.A.)**

London, Jun 18 -- Following received from Coast Guard Cleveland, timed 1400, UTC: Tug *Jack Crowley* (68 gt, built 1977) had fire in engine-room on the Illinois River near Chicago at 1211, Jun 17. Vessel extinguished fire itself and continued passage. Marine Safety Office are investigating.

#### **JIN CHENG (China)**

Chittagong, Jun 18 -- Understand from local agents of general cargo *Jin Cheng* that the vessel is presently lying at Chittagong Dry Dock Jetty No. 2 undertaking necessary repairs. Expected to sail on Jun 19. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Chittagong, Jun 20 -- General cargo *Jin Cheng* sailed from Chittagong Dry Dock Jetty No.2 at 1500, Jun 19 for China. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **JIN SHENG (St. Vincent & Grenadines)**

See *Golden Rose*.

#### **JO BETULA (NIS)**

London, Jun 18 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Jo Betula* was reported arriving at Houston at 1715, Jun 16 and sailing at 1405, Jun 17.

#### **JULIA (Russia)**

London, Jun 18 -- An Alfons Hakans report states: On Jun 8 a message was

received from MRSC Helsinki that the Russian flagged megayacht *Julia* had heavily grounded outside the port of Helsinki. Alfons Hakans immediately despatched a salvage team with divers to the site arriving at the casualty at 0325 hrs. A Lloyd's Open Form salvage agreement was agreed with the Russian owner onboard. The divers soon found out that the yacht was heavily aground and leaking. Salvors arranged for pumps and a crane for lifting the casualty ashore. During the afternoon the casualty was refloated by the help of a tug. At 1630 hrs *Julia* was lifted ashore and redelivered to the owner.

Helsinki, Jun 20 -- Russian Azimut 68E yacht *Julia* ran aground off Helsinki at 0100, local time, Jun 8. Finnish coast guard evacuated four passengers and two passengers remained on board. Oil booms were placed around the vessel, which was not in danger of sinking. The propeller axle was damaged and the 21.6 metre long yacht was towed to the Sompasaari harbour, Helsinki in the afternoon. The reason for running aground was navigational error. The weather conditions were good when the accident occurred. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **KARAKOY 1 (Turkey)**

Istanbul, Jun 19 -- After receiving notice that fire had broken out on asphalt tanker *Karakoy 1* (961 gt, built 1961), which is anchored in front of Pendik, at approximately 0100, Jun 18, patrol vessel *Kiyi Emniyeti 4* and tug *Sonduren 5* were immediately sent to the place of incident by Istanbul VTS. On arrival on scene it was observed that the crew had left the vessel. The fire was brought under control as a result of successful fire fighting works which continued until 0300 same day. The vessel has no cargo but two tons fuel on board. As a result of fire-fighting, the vessel is listing approximately 15 degrees to "wharf." The work for correcting the vessel's list has started. As a result of first inspections, no pollution was reported. -- Topaz Marine Survey & Consultancy Co Ltd.

#### **KOBEE V (Panama)**

Busan, Jun 15 -- Passenger (cruise) *Kobee V* is still lying at the shipyard in Busan awaiting the supply of new hydrofoil. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **KOVAMBO (NIS)**

London, Jun 18 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, mining ship *Kovambo* was located 21.5 nautical miles from Luderitz, in lat 26 59 27.41S, long 15 08 35.35E, at 0724, UTC, today, course 271.2 deg, speed 1.6 knots.

#### **KRISTINA REGINA (Finland)**

Riga, Jun 18 -- Tug *Pioneer* with barge *Carrier 5* arrived Riga Jun 18, for repairs to the barge, after collision with passenger (cruise) *Kristina Regina*. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **LA CONCHA**

London, Jun 17 -- A press release from Svitzer, dated Jun 8, states: Svitzer



Salvage and partners Resolve Marine Group have jointly started refloating operations on a grounded dredger *La Concha*, together with a loaded crane barge, that ended up on reefs off Cancun in Mexico. Salvage staff from the US were immediately sent out to execute inspections in the middle of this week, based on which the owners and underwriters awarded Resolve, assisted by Svitzer Salvage, the refloating and pollution prevention contract last Thursday (Jun 7). Further staff from the US, South Africa and the Netherlands are being mobilised in, as is assisting tug power and special salvage equipment.

#### **LEONIS (Panama)**

London, Jun 18 -- General cargo *Leonis* sailed from Hull at 1746, Jun 15, bound for Eikefet, Norway.

#### **LILLIAN (Belize)**

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

#### **LINDA (Finland)**

Kiel, Jun 20 -- Container Carrier *Linda* (9981 gt, built 2007), 8950 ts, ran aground on the River Elbe, at buoy 102, earlier today. The vessel sustained a machine failure at 0235 hrs and stuck fast between Stadersand and Buetzfleth. The vessel has a draught of 7.3 m, while the water was only 6.5 metres deep. At 0345 hrs, the vessel refloated with the rising tide. Germanischer Lloyd initially stopped the vessel, but then allowed it to proceed to Rotterdam, where it will undergo a further class inspection. -- Correspondent.

Maassluis, Jun 21 -- Container Carrier *Linda* arrived Rotterdam 2150, local time, Jun 20, from Hamburg. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **LIVANITA (NIS)**

London, Jun 20 -- London's High Court has backed an arbitrators' tribunal ruling that the charterers of the bulker *Livanita* (26044 gt, built 1997) must pay the owners more than \$70,000 for the damage caused to the vessel's hull by ice off St Petersburg. Mr Justice Langley rejected an appeal by charterers STX Pan Ocean Co Ltd against the award made by arbitrators Graham Clark and Parick O'Donovan on Apr 24, 2006 in favour of the vessel's owners Ugland Bulk Transport SA. He backed the arbitrators' ruling that the charterers were liable for breach of the express safe port warranty in the charter. STX entered into the time-charter party with Ugland on Dec 24, 2002 for a one-time trip via St Petersburg to the far east, and the vessel was delivered to them passing Skaw on Dec 29, 2002. She berthed at St Petersburg on Jan 12, 2003, and the loading of a cargo of 37,058 tonnes of steel coils was completed on Jan 20. The vessel left for Dunkirk at 0026 on Jan 23, assisted by ice breakers to the outbound convoy area on Jan 24. The outbound passage in convoy commenced on Jan 27 and was completed on Feb 2. However, during the outbound convoy the hull of

the vessel was damaged. This was found by the arbitrators to be the result of impact with ice blocks of some size created by the ice breakers. They ordered STX to pay Ugland \$73,136 plus interest.

#### **MAIN ORE (Panama)**

London, Jun 15 -- Following received from Singapore Port Operations, timed 2318, UTC, Jun 14: Bulk ore carrier *Main Ore* has restarted its engine but is unable to navigate due to fire damage. The vessel is still awaiting a tug, which is due on scene at about 0600, local time, Jun 17.

London, Jun 17 -- Following received from Singapore Port Operations, timed 0050, UTC: Bulk ore carrier *Main Ore*: Tug *Deda* arrived on scene this morning and will tow the casualty to port. Destination not known.

London, Jun 20 -- Following received from Singapore Port Operations, timed 0220, UTC: Bulk ore carrier *Main Ore* is currently in tow of tug *Deda* bound Penang, ETA unknown.

#### **MANILA BAY 1 (Philippines)**

Manila, Jun 19 -- Carlos A. Gothong Shipping Lines spokesman and legal counsel Atty Francisco Mijares said today that completion of repairs on passenger ro/ro *Manila Bay 1* would be delayed for another month. Repairs were originally scheduled to be finished by end of June. Mr. Mijares said that repairs were taking longer than expected. -- Correspondent.

#### **MARE SALERNUM (Italy)**

Rome, Jun 15 -- Owners and managers of crude oil tanker *Mare Salernum*, which sustained a small puncture when struck by one of its mooring tugs on Jun 12 at the quay of Klaipėdos Nafta, report that permanent repairs in Klaipėda will be completed at latest by the morning of Jun 16, under the supervision of Classification Society, Lloyds Register. The double hull tanker will immediately resume service. At the time of the incident, the vessel was in ballast and there was no pollution or injuries.

London, Jun 20 -- Crude oil tanker *Mare Salernum* sailed from Klaipėda on Jun 16.

#### **MARIA S. (Panama)**

Kochi, Jun 15 -- Understand that Container Carrier *Maria S.* did not enter Tuticorin port for repairs. However, the local agents of the vessel were able to send a repair team on board at Tuticorin outer anchorage. It is reported that *Maria S.* will be sailing for Greece at 1430, local time, today, after successful completion of repair work. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 16 -- Container Carrier *Maria S.* sailed from Tuticorin anchorage Jun 15.

#### **MARIN MARIE (French Polynesia)**

London, Jun 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Jersey ferry service to France is expected to return to normal after ferry *Marin Marie* (608 gt, built 1994) experienced engine

failures, causing crossings to be stopped this week. *Marin Marie* is expected to resume service tomorrow. Passengers have been travelling on Manche Isles' ferry *Victor Hugo* instead. A spokesman said work was being completed on *Marin Marie* and its scheduled sailings to Carteret, Sark and Guernsey would go ahead.

#### **MELDERSKIN (Norway)**

Sandnes, Jun 20 -- Roll On Roll Off *Melderskin* is still at Wartsila Shipyard, Rubbestad, undergoing repairs. ETC unknown. -- Correspondent.

#### **MIDNATSOL (Norway)**

London, Jun 20 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passenger ro/ro *Midnatsol*, infected with the norovirus on board, has yet to be given a clear bill of health, NRK (Norwegian Broadcasting) reports.

#### **MIGHTY SERVANT 3 (Netherlands)**

London, Jun 18 -- A SMIT Salvage report states: Semi-sub HL vessel *Mighty Servant 3* has been transported to Cape Town for repairs, where it arrived yesterday, Jun 17.

Cape Town, Jun 20 -- Semi-sub HL vessel *Mighty Servant 3* was towed into Cape Town on Jun 17 and drydocked on the same day. Understand that further investigations are to be conducted in respect of the sinking as well as evaluation of repairs. Vessel is expected to remain at this port for a month. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **MIKHAIL DUDIN (Malta)**

Hull, Jun 16 -- General cargo *Mikhail Dudin* diverted to Hull after sailing from Howden, apparently due to overheating of the main engine. Class and H&M Surveyors have been in attendance and the vessel is expected to complete repairs mid-week next week. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **MINERAL BEIJING (Belgium)**

London, Jun 21 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulker *Mineral Beijing* was located 34.7 nautical miles from Port Hedland, in lat 19 58 40.44S, long 118 06 44.82E, at 0617, UTC, Jun 17, course 261 deg, speed 13.8 knots.

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

London, Jun 21 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: The Coast Guard is responding today after tug *Miss Majorie* (56 gt, built 1972) and tug *Amy Sue* (134 gt, built 1980) both sank, while tied alongside the dock on the Atchafalaya River, near Baton Rouge, La. Just after 0400 hrs, the Coast Guard received a call that *Miss Majorie*, which was tied to *Amy Sue* and moored to the dock at the Krotz Springs Valero Refinery, was taking on water. The deckhand woke up the captain and crew just before *Miss Majorie* sank, subsequently sinking *Amy Sue* as well. Three crew members safely jumped to the pier while the forth, the captain, swam safely to shore. Pollution Investigators from Marine Safety Unit Baton Rouge

assessed the waterway and declared that of the estimated 500 gallons spilled, there was only minimal recoverable diesel fuel which is currently being cleaned by spill contractors. Salvage operations are expected to begin tomorrow.

London, Jun 21 -- A press report, dated today, states: An investigation into what caused tugs *Miss Majorie* and *Amy Sue* to sink and release an estimated 500 gallons of diesel fuel into the Atchafalaya River early yesterday is ongoing. Lt. Cmdr. Shannon Gilreath, with the U.S. Coast Guard in Baton Rouge, said the tugs were anchored at the Valero Krotz Springs Refinery's Dock One and sank around 0400 hrs. Gilreath said *Miss Majorie* sank first and pulled *Amy Sue* down with it, he said. The boats, owned by Terral RiverService Inc., were tied together and are still submerged. "*Miss Majorie* was towing *Amy Sue*," Gilreath said. "*Amy Sue* was not manned." Gilreath said *Miss Majorie* had four crew members. Three crew members made it to the dock safely, he said. The remaining member swam to dock and suffered minor injuries. Valero Energy Corporation's director of media relations Bill Day said the company's emergency response team responded to the leak and started the clean up process. Clean up efforts were ongoing yesterday, Gilreath said. He expected clean up operations to continue today. Crews from Oil Mop LLC, hired by Terral RiverService, worked to clean up the leaked diesel hours after the tugs sank. Boat traffic was not stopped on the Atchafalaya near Krotz Springs while crews worked, Coast Guard officials said. Oil Mop workers placed a containment boom in Atchafalaya River near Valero's public boat ramp about half a mile from the origin of the spill. The tugs are expected to be recovered tomorrow, he said.

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

London, Jun 16 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: The National Transportation Safety Board determined that the failure of Athena Construction to require its crews to pin mooring spuds securely in place on its barges led to an unintentional release of one of the spuds. This resulted in a pipeline rupture that killed six. On October 12, 2006, the uninspected tug *Miss Megan* was pushing two deck barges in the West Cote Blanche Bay oil field in Louisiana, en route to a pile-driving location. Barge *Athena 106* was tied along the port side of barge *IBR 234*. *Miss Megan* was secured astern of *IBR 234* pushing both barges. While the vessels were under way, the aft spud on the *Athena 106* released from its fully raised position. The spud dropped into the water and struck a submerged, high-pressure natural gas pipeline. The resulting gas released ignited and created a fireball that engulfed the towing vessel and both barges. The master of the towing vessel and four barge workers were killed. The *Miss Megan* deckhand and one barge worker survived. One barge

worker is officially listed as missing. The Board stated in its final report that Athena Construction's manual contained no procedures mandating the use of the safety devices on the spud winch except during electrical work. It was found that if the *Athena 106* crew had used the steel pins to secure the retracted spuds during their transit, a pin would have prevented the aft spud from accidentally deploying. Furthermore, the spud would have remained locked in its lifted position regardless of whether the winch brake mechanism, the spud's supporting cable, or a piece of connecting hardware had failed. Contributing to the accident was the failure of Central Boat Rentals to require, and the tug's master to ensure, that the barge spuds were securely pinned before getting under way. The Board noted that investigators found no evidence that the master or deckhand checked whether the spuds had been properly secured before the tow began.

#### **MOBRO 139 (U.S.A.)**

London, Jun 20 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Beaufort County bridge severely damaged less than two months ago is scheduled to completely reopen this morning. Only one lane of the J.E. McTeer Bridge has been open for limited hours since the steel beams under the span were damaged by a crane (on *Mobro 139* being towed by *Sara Kaitlin*) on Apr 27. Both lanes of the bridge are set to open at 0600 today, then close again 1900 hrs for utility work before hopefully staying open for good, Beaufort County Emergency Management Director William Winn said. Thunderstorms are about the only thing that could slow things down, Winn said. As recently as earlier this month, construction officials did not think the bridge would be fixed until the end of July. But replacing the bridges five steel support beams was done in less than half the projected 10-week period, said Robert Clark, Department of Transportation engineering administrator for Beaufort County. Transportation officials said they fixed the bridge quickly because it is a vital evacuation route. The Department of Transportation will bill Savannah Marine Services for the cost of the repairs, which has not been calculated. The company owns the tug that pulled the barge crane that hit the bridge.

#### **MOL SPRINGBOK (Liberia)**

London, Jun 20 -- Mitsui OSK Line South Africa (MOL) advises that the Container Carrier *MOL Springbok* (16800 gt, built 1996) on voyage 704B has sustained engine problems en-route to Europe. This has unfortunately caused a delay in schedule and it is expected to undergo repairs in Lisbon. In order to regain the time lost and ensure that her cargo is delivered promptly, the following changes have been made to her schedule: All Bremerhaven (Import) cargo will be discharged in Antwerp. This cargo will be loaded onto *DAL East London 705A* for Bremerhaven discharge. The

Bremerhaven (Export) cargo will be loaded on to *Lars Maersk 706A* or *DAL East London 705A*. All Lisbon cargo will be loaded onto *DAL East London*. Antwerp Export cargo will be transferred from *DAL East London 704A* to *MOL Springbok 705A*. The vessel will be omitting the port of East London, voyage 705A/B. *Mol Springbok* is due at Lisbon Jun 24. (Note -- *MOL Springbok* sailed Cape Town June 6 for Antwerp, and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was in lat 20 48N, long 18 00W, at 0001, UTC, today.)

London, Jun 20 -- Container Carrier *MOL Springbok* is due Lisbon Jun 24, scheduled to sail Jun 25 and then scheduled as follows: Arrive Antwerp Jun 27, sailing Jun 28, arriving Thamesport, Jun 29, sailing same day, Bremerhaven omitted, arrive Le Havre Jun 30, sailing same day, Lisbon omitted, arriving Cape Town Jul 14.

#### **MONCHEGORSK (Cyprus)**

Baltimore, Jun 15 -- Roll On Roll Off *Monchegorsk* (18627 gt, built 1983) reported a loss of power while transiting the Chesapeake Bay. Vessel anchored about 0145 today near Smith Island to make repairs. The surveyor was expected on board at about 1900 today and it could be under way again by 2000 hrs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 17 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, roll on roll off *Monchegorsk* was located 35.8 nautical miles from Virginia Beach, in lat 36 30 48.38N, long 75 27 23.84W, at 1035, UTC, Jun 16, course 138.1 deg, speed 12.3 knots.

#### **MSC ALEXA (Panama)**

London, Jun 15 -- Container Carrier *MSC Alexa*, Barcelona for Las Palmas, passed Gibraltar 1152, Jun 12, and, according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, was located stationary at Tangier as of 0811, UTC, today.

#### **MSC NAPOLI (U.K.)**

London, Jun 21 -- A press report, dated today, states: Salvors working to clean up Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* have set a date to refloat the vessel. Jan De Bokx, salvage master for SMIT, said: "We have a planned date for the refloat, which will probably be on Jul 2. We will start early in the morning, with pumping continuing through the next night. Within that 24-hour period, hopefully, the vessel should be refloated."

#### **MUMRINSKIY (Russia)**

Portsmouth, UK, Jun 18 -- Three activists from Greenpeace have clamped fishing (general) *Mumrinskiy* (2399 gt, built 1989) at Eemshaven today. According to Greenpeace *Mumrinskiy* is a well-known contravener of international fishery rules and wants the Netherlands to add the vessel to the black list. The three activists confirmed that a steel cable has been wrapped round the ships propeller so it cannot sail out of Eemshaven.

London, Jun 19 -- Greenpeace divers have chained the propeller of what it terms the notorious fishing (general) *Mumrinskiy* to the quay at the port of

Eemshaven. Calling for the immediate scrapping of the vessel, Greenpeace yesterday handed the Dutch Minister of Fisheries the keys of the lock chaining the vessel. The vessel arrived from the Barents Sea on Saturday (Jun 16) to offload its cargo at Sealane Cold Storage, a Dutch freezing company. But on Jun 12 the vessel was documented by the Norwegian coastguard transshipping illegally to reefer *Sinbad*, added Greenpeace saying this was another vessel with a scandalous track record of involvement in the Barents illegal cod fishery. *Sinbad* was operating without a flag and under the unregistered name *Marlin*, Greenpeace said, but this vessel had been blacklisted.

#### **MUSTERU (Cape Verde)**

London, Jun 17 -- A press release from Bermuda RCC, states: An MF DSC Distress Relay Alert was received from the master of *SKS Tiete* reporting passenger ro/ro *Musteru* (1622 gt, built 1973) had issued a distress in position approximately 15 nautical miles South of Sao Tiago Island, Cape Verde Islands at 0744, Jun 5. Communications were eventually established with the vessel who confirmed that a vehicle fire on board had led to loss of main engine power. The vessel was at that time safely under tow and returning to port. (Note -- *Musteru* sailed Praia (CPV) Jun 5 for Fogo.)

#### **NA-KAO (U.S.A.)**

Honolulu, Jun 20 -- Workers were re-lettering tank barge *Na-Kao* yesterday. Repairs are anticipated to be completed this week. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **NAN SHAN (Hong Kong)**

London, Jun 19 -- Bulker *Nan Shan* sailed Gibraltar 0857, Jun 13, for Flushing and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, was located 26 nautical miles from Barfleur, France, in lat 50 04 27.27N, long 01 23 48.58W, at 0819, UTC, today.

#### **NANGUIJI 035 (China)**

Portsmouth, Jun 17 -- Six crew members, including the master, were detained by maritime police today after general cargo *Nanguiji 035* hit a 1,600-metre-long bridge, causing part of it to collapse, in southern Guangdong Province on Friday (Jun 15). Nine people believed to be on the bridge at the time are missing. Shi Guide, the master, and five other seamen, had been detained, said the Guangdong Maritime Affairs Bureau. The barge, loaded with sand, sailed out of the main navigation channel of the Xijiang River and hit the bridge on Friday. About 200 metres of the bridge collapsed. The bridge connects Jiujiang Township in Nanhai district of Foshan to neighbouring Heshan city. Sections of the collapsed bridge fell onto the bow of the vessel, partially submerging it. All 10 crew members were rescued and two were treated in hospital for bruises and released. Video from traffic monitors shows four vehicles carrying seven people, and two bridge workers were on the bridge when it collapsed.

Divers and search and rescue boats were yet to locate the vehicles or missing people, said Huang Yaxuan, an official of the bureau.

Antwerp, Jun 19 -- On Jun 15 general cargo *Nanguiji 035* contacted with the Jiujiang Bridge downstream of Xijiang River, in Guangdong Province. The collision resulted in a 200-metre break in the bridge. Five running cars fell into the river, nine people are still missing. The bridge, which has many pilings, is over 19 years old. Only some spans were designed for navigating. The barge belongs to Yuhang Shipping Co., a small local shipping company. It is said that the vessel, with a deadweight of 1,987 tonnes, was actually loaded with 2,200 tonnes of sand. *Nanguiji 035* was sailing downstream in fog at dawn. Sailing with the stream, the vessel was pushed to an area that was not designed for navigation. The ship owner said it was too late when they found the pier of the bridge in fog. Local authorities are trying to find the cars that fell into river with Sonar. -- DPS Teamhead Surveyors.

London, Jun 19 -- A press report, dated today, states: The bodies of three of the nine people missing after the Jiujiang Bridge in Foshan collapsed were pulled from the Xijiang River yesterday, sources with the local civil affairs authorities said. The bridge collapsed on Friday morning after being hit by a boat laden with sand (general cargo *Nanguiji 035*). Rescue workers yesterday retrieved five bodies from the river. Three of them were identified as being victims of the collapse, while the other two were men who had drowned in separate incidents. Meanwhile, efforts to salvage four vehicles believed to have fallen into the Xijiang River when the bridge collapsed, were halted yesterday afternoon due to bad weather conditions. A team of 10 salvage experts from central and local maritime authorities began using a ship-based 7-ton electromagnet yesterday morning to help retrieve the vehicles. "The magnet made contact with something in the river, but the heavy rains increased the flow of the river and we lost it," Zhou Wen, an official with the Foshan government, said. "We have therefore put the salvage work on hold until the weather improves," he said. Zhang Dejiang, Party secretary of Guangdong Province, yesterday urged related departments to thoroughly investigate the accident after inspecting the site on Sunday. An investigation team comprising local governmental departments for public security, communications, maritime affairs and work safety has been set up. The master and five crew of the barge that hit the Jiujiang Bridge have been detained. As of yesterday, operations at Jiujiang dock, which were halted when the bridge opened in 1998, remained on hold, Li Xinzhong from the Foshan communications bureau, said. Following the bridge collapse, authorities decided to resume operations at the dock in an attempt to ease the traffic congestion. But Li said

the bureau must first train staff and assess safety at the dock.

#### **NATHALIE EHLER (U.K.)**

See *Helga*.

#### **NAVIGATOR (Cyprus)**

London, Jun 17 -- Trawler (All types) *Navigator* (3114 gt, built 1984) sank at Nouadhibou at the end of April.

#### **NESNA (Norway)**

Kiel, Jun 19 -- On Jun 5, due to navigational errors, replacement Roll On Roll Off *Nesna* (618 gt, built 1973) grounded between Vandve and Solfjellsjoen. There were no passengers on board. The ferry *Donna* which is normally used in this service is having its periodical overhaul. -- Correspondent.

#### **NICOLAS DELMAS (Bahamas)**

London, Jun 16 -- Following received from Corsen MRCC, timed 0840, UTC: Container Carrier *Nicolas Delmas* (26061 gt, built 2002), Le Havre for Montoir, cargo containers, had engine problems in approximately lat 48 30N, long 05 40W, at 0613, UTC, Jun 14. Vessel was taken in tow by tug *Abeille Bourbon* at 1800, UTC, same day, and arrived safely at Brest yesterday morning.

Brest, Jun 16 -- At 0634, local time, Jun 14, when Container Carrier *Nicolas Delmas* was en route between Le Havre and Montoir, with 1,104 containers, it experienced a main engine breakdown approximately 27 miles west of Ushant Island. The crew were unable to repair at sea and a contract was passed with the tug company Abeille Internationales in order to arrange towage to Brest. Tug *Abeilles Bourbon* arrived at the scene at 2000 hrs. A tow was passed to the vessel and the convoy transited to Brest, where it arrived at 0730 hrs, Jun 15. *Nicolas Delmas* is now alongside a repair berth at Brest and investigations have commenced to determine the extent of the damage. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Brest, Jun 20 -- Container Carrier *Nicolas Delmas* has now shifted to a commercial berth to discharge the 1,102 containers on board, which is due to start this afternoon. Reportedly the discharging will take place in between the current commercial operations of the port and will last between one and two weeks. An unknown vessel is due to arrive at Brest in the middle of next week to receive the first part of the containers discharged. The rest of the containers will be loaded on a further vessel at a later date. It is not known how long repairs will take but understand that the delay will be long. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **NINA (Netherlands)**

London, Jun 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: Tug *Santantonio Primo* arrived off Valletta towing general cargo *Nina* (3954 gt, built 1998) which had a crank explosion off Bizerta. Malta tugs *Felica*, *Lieni* and *Wenzina* took over the tow off Valletta. Vessel berthed at Coal Wharf, inside

Valletta for repairs. (Note -- *Nina* sailed Ceuta Jun 10 and arrived Valletta Jun 15. Vessel is still in port at Valletta.)

#### **NMT SILVIA (Panama)**

Kiel, Jun 19 -- Roll On Roll Off *NMT Silvia* (6894 gt, built 1985) veered the anchor when it hooked a chain in the bottom at Valencia on Jun 15. A tug was requested and after an hour the vessel was freed. -- Correspondent. (Note -- *NMT Silvia* arrived Valencia Jun 15 and sailed Jun 16 for Algiers.)

#### **NOORA (Comoros)**

Chittagong, Jun 17 -- Bulker *Noora* sailed from Chittagong outer anchorage at 0835, Jun 13, bound Thailand. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **NORMAN SPIRIT (U.K.)**

Portsmouth, UK, Jun 18 -- Reported Jun 13 that seven crew members of passenger ro/ro *Norman Spirit* (28833 gt, built 1991) were sent to hospital in Le Havre with chemical poisoning as a result of a leakage of chemicals from a container. A small quantity of chlorophenol escaped onto the automobile deck aft, enough to give acute poisoning to the seven crew. Passengers first revealed the leakage. -- Correspondent.

#### **NORRBOTTEN (Isle of Man)**

Kiel, Jun 20 -- General cargo *Norrbotten* (5211 gt, built 2001) hit a pier in Cuxhaven when berthing and was damaged in the foreship region on the starboard side Jun 13. The vessel then proceeded to the Luebbertquey where repairs were carried out. -- Correspondent.

#### **OCEAN VICTORY (Hong Kong)**

London, Jun 21 -- Following navigation warning issued at 1620, JST, today: Tug towing the stern of a ship (bulker *Ocean Victory*), departs offKashima, lat 35 55N, long 140 43E at 1235, JST, today to Edajima, Seto Naikai, via Inubo Saki, speed three knots, length of tow about 1,200 metres.

#### **ODYSSEY**

London, Jun 16 -- Repairs were started yesterday at Victoria Shipyards on a massive platform used at sea to propel commercial satellites into orbit. The Odyssey Launch Platform is undergoing repairs after a failed mission damaged the vessel in January after 20 consecutive successful launches. The platform, which is 133 metres long or almost one and a half football fields in length, is owned by Sea Launch, an international partnership of four American, Russian, Ukrainian and Norwegian businesses, including Boeing. The platform's structure, which is 67 metres wide and 60 metres tall, wasn't damaged but support equipment like wires and light fixtures were. A conservative estimate on the cost to repair the platform is about \$30 million, said Paula Korn, Sea Launch's director of communications. Initial repairs on the self-propelled vessel began in its home port of Long

Beach, Calif. The platform made its voyage north to have repairs done by contractors from Sweden, Denmark, Poland and Norway. "There were some things that we really needed to do in a professional shipyard environment," Korn said, adding that the decision to come to Victoria was based on the shipyard's schedule, location and price. Repairing the hangar doors, where the rocket is kept while it travels from its home port to the launch site, 2,253 kilometres south of Hawaii, is one of the major projects being done, Korn said. It will take almost 20 tons of paint and 1.8 tons of paint thinner to cover 32 square kilometres on the vessel. The Odyssey was accompanied by the Sea Launch Commander, a support ship which will undergo routine repairs. The platform will be at the shipyard until the end of July and the aim is to have the vessel out to sea and ready to return to work by October.

#### **ONYATI (Namibia)**

See *Santa Fe*.

#### **P 7 (Sweden)**

Gothenburg, Jun 19 -- Dredger P 7, length 25 metres, breadth eight metres, owner Noaas, Gefle, at 0500, Jun 15, two men on board working nightshift were surprised by heavy weather and water flooded the dredger. All pumps could not cope and the engine and pumps stopped and they decided to leave the dredger. They are all well and not injured. When a rescue team arrived the dredger has sunk just beside the channel and one metres under water the surface and a danger to traffic. Diesel oil noted and Coast Guard aircraft confirmed an oil leak, and oil booms have been placed around the dredger. It will not be known why the dredger sank until it is salvaged. Company themselves will do the work. They have dredged the port for 500,000 cbm of poisonous sediment and total over three tons of Mercury has been cleaned off and there is still a year or more of dredging to go. Later: P 7 works by hydraulic suction system, and no machinery of its own. It has been working at this place for the last five years. The bottom sediment is pumped up to a dyke/pool near the processing factory, where more than 3,000 litres of Mercury has been filtered, from an old processing plant. On the dredger is 600 litres of hydraulic oil and 2.5 cbm diesel oil. -- Westax Marine Services AB.

Stockholm, Jun 20 -- A dredger (P 7), involved in an environmental project since 2000, sucking impurities from the bottom at the port of Skutskar, sank on Jun 13. Understand that water was being pumped out of one of the pontoons when big waves drowned the electricity unit feeding the pumps and water entered into the pontoons, resulting in sinking of the dredger. The vessel is lying on its side at a depth of seven metres and about one metre from surface. A salvage operation starts today trying to lift the dredger by using two lighters. P 7 contains electronic equipment and a GPS system which is probably destroyed. The weight of the dredger is 40 tons. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **PAMLICO (U.S.A.)**

London, Jun 16 -- A press report, dated today, states: The state Department of Transportation has cancelled half of its ferry runs between Swan Quarter and Ocracoke. Officials say mechanical problems with the passenger (cruise) *Pamlico* (734 gt, built 1965) has led them to limit service today and tomorrow.

London, Jun 20 -- A press report, dated Jun 19, states: The N.C. Department of Transportation's Ferry Division has cancelled half its runs of the Swan Quarter-Ocracoke route through Thursday, Jun 21, due to mechanical problems with ferry *Pamlico*. It is expected to return to service on Friday, Jun 22.

#### **PANAMA EXPRESS (Bahamas)**

Tampa, Jun 14 -- General cargo *Panama Express* is still at Port Manatee, Florida and may sail either later this evening or tomorrow morning. Repairs to the damaged bulwark were repaired by International Ship Repair and understand Class Surveyors passed the repairs yesterday. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 18 -- General cargo *Panama Express* was reported arriving Houston at 2355, Jun 16 and sailing at 2145, Jun 17.

#### **PASHA BULKER (Panama)**

See "Australia" under "Weather & Navigation".

#### **PING YANG NO.8 (Belize)**

London, Jun 21 -- General cargo *Ping Yang No.8* sailed Nagoya Jun 5 for Haimen. (See issue of Feb 19.)

#### **PIONEER BAY (Liberia)**

Maassluis, Jun 18 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Pioneer Bay* is still under repair at Rotterdam. There is still no information regarding its completion or when she will be sailing. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **PRIDE OF DOVER (U.K.)**

Portsmouth, Jun 20 -- Reported that passenger ro/ro *Pride of Dover* (26433 gt, built 1986) hit the quay, Berth 7, Dover. Company report: This is the update for 0600 today: "Due to a technical problem with our vessel *Pride of Dover* the following services have been cancelled:" Dover to Calais: 0210, 0755, 1215, 1635 and 2055 hrs. Calais to Dover: 0015, 0630, 1105, 1525 and 1945 hrs. Reported that *Pride of Dover* is out of service after hitting the quay, Berth 7, Dover, damaging her stern in such a way that her stern door won't open. Going on the damage she's hit the quay with some force and will probably need a week or two to fix it. The stern door was unable to open following the incident. -- Correspondent.

London, Jun 21 -- Passenger ro/ro *Pride of Dover* was today reported at Quay Douvres, Dunkirk.

#### **PRINCESS CAROLA (Malta)**

Messina, Jun 15 -- General cargo *Princess Carola* (16007 gt, built 2000) grounded on rocks while entering the

port of Milazzo today. Tugs in attendance. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Messina, Jun 18 -- General cargo *Princess Carola* was refloated by tugs and berthed in port. No hull damage reported and as far as is known there has been no interest from H&M insurers. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 18 -- Following received from Rome MRCC, timed 1015, UTC: General cargo *Princess Carola* is confirmed to have grounded on sandy bottom only very briefly at Milazzo. It was very quickly refloated with no damage to hull.

#### **PROBO KOALA (Panama)**

London, Jun 19 -- The Ivory Coast is pressing Trafigura, the charterer of the combined bulk and oil carrier *Probo Koala*, for €340m (\$455m) for the clean-up operation and damages caused following the slops-dumping incident in Abidjan. However, Trafigura responded: "The document is something that has come unilaterally from the Ivorian state lawyers and is not binding. Trafigura in no way accepts the figures stated in this document. There is an ongoing environmental audit which will help to establish any figures owed. As this has not yet been completed, any figures mentioned must therefore be seen as speculative." In February, three Trafigura employees were released from prison in the Ivory Coast after a deal whereby Trafigura had agreed to pay the Ivorian government €145m (\$194m). At the time Trafigura said the payout was in no way an admission of liability. The money was set to be used for the independent environmental audit and assessment of the damage. Under the deal, the Ivory Coast would drop any claims against the Netherlands-based trader, which is believed to be the third largest in the world.

#### **QUANG DUC (Vietnam)**

London, Jun 19 -- Product tanker *Quang Duc* (1044 gt, built 1979) collided with cargo vessel *Vinashin Southern 18* in a river in Ho Chi Minh City this morning, causing 400 litres of oil to spill into the water. The slick was mopped up within two hours. *Quang Duc* was docked at Nha Be Port in district 7 with 1,700 litres of fuel oil in its hold when, at 0500 hrs its anchor came loose and it began to drift. It rammed into *Vinashin Southern 18*, a cargo vessel, and developed a 3m by 1m, 20 cm deep, crack on its hull. By 1300 hrs the crack was welded and the ship towed ashore.

London, Jun 20 -- A press report, dated today, states: Product tanker *Quang Duc* transporting oil for PETEC Co yesterday struck a cargo ship owned by Vietnam Shipbuilding Industry Group (Vinashin Group), causing an oil spill in the Nha Be River in Ho Chi Minh City. An official of the HCMC Port Authority said the *Quang Duc* went adrift due to strong water currents at around 0600 yesterday and later hit *Vinashin's* freighter in the river in District 7. The accident left a huge crack at the bow of the oil tanker

with 1,778 tons of oil onboard, which led to hundreds of litres of fuel oil spilling into the river. The port authority and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment asked Dai Minh Co, a rescue service provider in the city, to recover oil and clean up the river. Dai Minh director Hoang Van Loc said yesterday afternoon that almost all the oil had been recovered and that his welding divers had also shielded the crack of the ship. The tanker was towed to the PETEC's wharf yesterday, which is six kilometers away from scene of the accident, for repair. An official of the HCMC Environmental Protection Agency said the agency would assess the damage to the environment and make a report, which will be used as a basis for claiming compensation.

#### **QUEEN OF THE NORTH (Canada)**

London, Jun 21 -- A press report, dated today, states: BC Ferries is reopening its internal investigation into the March 2006 sinking of passenger ro/ro *Queen of the North*, citing newly uncovered information, and is asking the federal safety board to delay its report due out this summer until the review can be completed. In a newly released letter, sent May 3 from BC Ferries' president David Hahn to the Transportation Safety Board, the company questions for the first time whether fourth officer Karl Lilgert was on the bridge when the ferry sank, as its investigation concluded based on evidence given by Lilgert and other crew members. "I can confirm we have re-opened our divisional inquiry based on significant new information that has come forward and we've passed this information on to the Transportation Safety Board," BC Ferries' spokesman Mark Stefanson said last night. BC Ferries struck an out-of-court agreement with the safety board in late May to obtain a copy of the data retrieved last June from the computer hard drive of the ferry's electronic chart system. In asking for the data copy, Hahn writes: "We also require the data as objective evidence against which to assess the new information which has been made available to us regarding the presence or non-presence of the fourth officer on the bridge during the critical minutes prior to the grounding." The chart system tracks and displays the course, direction and speed of a vessel. In a court affidavit, Hahn explains the information will reveal "the times when relevant electronic navigational aids were being used by bridge crew and, as importantly, when they may not have been in use." Interviews with crew, coupled with information previously gleaned from the computer hard drive, formed the basis of BC Ferries' internal report, released in March, that blamed human error for the sinking. The inquiry determined Lilgert was in charge of the vessel and "failed to make a necessary course alteration or verify such alteration was made." It also concluded that helmswoman Karen Bricker was the second person on the bridge. Second officer Keven Hilton was

apparently on a meal break. All three have been fired and the BC Ferry and Marine Workers' Union is challenging the dismissals. In correspondence filed in court between the two sides, the safety board notes its frustration with requests by BC Ferries to delay its report. BC Ferries expects the new investigation to take a couple of weeks.

#### **ROMMEL (Philippines)**

Manila, Jun 20 -- Repairs to tug *Rommel* are continuing. -- Correspondent.

#### **RTS SINDBAD NUI (St. Kitts-Nevis)**

London, Jun 19 -- General cargo *RTS Sindbad Nui* was reported arriving at Dubai on Jun 12 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 2007 hrs, Jun 18, she was reported to be still at Dubai.

#### **SAGASUND (Norway)**

Oslo, Jun 15 -- After the collision, passenger ro/ro *Sagasund* was taken by tug to Drammen shipyard. Repairs have now been completed, but waiting for three new windows. To return to service on Jun 23. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **SANTA FE (Cyprus)**

Portsmouth, UK, Jun 18 -- General cargo *Santa Fe* (11524 gt, built 1978) contacted the quay wall at Walvis Bay after dragging the rope of tug *Onyati* (344 gt, built 1977) on Jun 17. Damage to vessel's bow. *Santa Fe* continued voyage Jun 18 after repairs. *Santa Fe* was at Walvis Bay for bunkers and shelter. -- Correspondent.

#### **SARA KAILTIN (U.S.A.)**

See *Mobro 139*.

#### **SEA DIAMOND (Greece)**

London, Jun 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: The owners, operator and captain of passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond*, that hit the rocks off the island Santorini and sank, were fined a total of \$1.57 million today for polluting the Aegean Sea. *Sea Diamond* leaked an estimated 300 tons of fuel into the sea since sinking off the island two months ago. The ship's owners, Louis Group, operators Louis Cruise Lines and Greek captain Yiannis Marinos were fined for polluting the sea and the coast near the shipwreck and failing to submit a final action plan to pump the remaining fuel from the hulk, the Merchant Marine Ministry said. A ministry announcement also accused the companies and captain of not monitoring the effect of the pollution on marine life in an environmentally sensitive area. The ministry added that Santorini port authorities already have imposed additional daily fines of \$12,000 on the shipowners for pollution, adding up to some \$750,000 in the past two months. Marinos and five other crew members are still facing criminal charges of negligence. Greek authorities and Louis Cruise Lines blamed the shipwreck on human error. A Louis Group spokesman said the company would not comment on the fine for now. But Michalis Maratheftis

defended the company's clean-up efforts, handled by a private Greek contractor. "Our people are doing an exceptional job," he said. "The area is perfectly clean." Vassilis Mamaloukas, an environmental engineer leading the clean-up for contractor Environmental Protection Engineering SA, said the operation is going "very smoothly." "The operation on the beaches is close to completion," he told The Associated Press. "My personal assessment is that most of the fuel has already seeped out of the tanks, judging by the quantities we have picked up on the surface. We have collected some 250-300 tons, and a quantity has also been gathered on the coast." Mamaloukas said the marine clean-up "will take months," using a floating boom deployed round the shipwreck.

#### **SEABULK NEVADA (U.S.A.)**

Anchorage, Jun 19 -- Anchor handling tug/supply *Seabulk Nevada* at Alaska Ship & Dry-dock. The shaft was being repaired in Washington State and is now being barged up to Ketchikan. They hope to have vessel off the dry-dock and into water for testing by around Jun 26. The total estimated cost of repairs is \$800,000. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **SHOLOKHOV**

See *Volgo-Don 5050*.

#### **SORLANDET (Norway)**

London, Jun 17 -- Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 0725, UTC: Training *Sorlandet* was refloated on high tide a couple of days ago with no damage. It is now back operating normally with passengers on board.

#### **ST MICHAEL (South Africa)**

London, Jun 21 -- Following navigation warning issued Jun 20: Fishing *St Michael* (length 20.57 metres, built 1996) sank in lat 34 11.7S, long 22 10.9E. Nets remain adrift in same position. Danger to navigation. Vessels to keep a sharp lookout and give this area a wide berth.

London, Jun 21 -- Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 0930, UTC: Fishing *St Michael* sank at 0145, UTC, Jun 20. All nine crew were rescued from a liferaft by fishing *Umadala*.

#### **STOCKHOLM (Sweden)**

Gothenburg, Jun 19 -- Passenger (cruise) *Stockholm* (649 gt, built 1931) had an engine failure, drifted slowly towards a sandbank and grounded near Skuruground Nacka, outside Stockholm, at 1540, Jun 18. The passengers transferred to another vessel from the same company. Vessel is now awaiting a tug to pull it off and check for any damage to the bottom. -- Westax Marine Services A.B.

London, Jun 19 -- Following received from Gothenburg MRCC, timed 0120, UTC: Understand *Stockholm*, SGLD, has refloated, no oil spill. No injuries to any passengers, which were subsequently transferred to a sister-ship.

#### **TABEIRON (Argentina)**

London, Jun 18 -- Following navigation warning issued today: Fishing (general) *Tabeiron* (383 gt, built 1994) adrift in lat 46 01S, long 66 02W.

#### **TAHOMA REEFER (St. Vincent & Grenadines)**

London, Jun 18 -- A press report states: The Inspector General of the Liberia National Police, Col Beatrice Munah Sieh, disclosed that the police have succeeded in discovering the actual story on how refrigerated general cargo *Tahoma Reefer* was stolen from the Free Port of Monrovia. "It has been uncovered that the *Tahoma Reefer* was towed from Liberian territorial water by a Chinese fishing vessel to Ghanaian territorial waters," she said. "Information obtained during our investigation indicated that the vessel was stolen by a Ghanaian national who presented a counterfeit document to the head of the Chinese fishing vessel indicating that said vessel was given permission by the Port Authority to leave the port of Liberia," Inspector Sieh added. According to the Liberian Police Inspector General, the head of the Chinese vessel was cajoled so he accepted the charter to tow the stolen vessel to Ghana territorial water. She said after the Chinese fishing vessel had successfully towed the stolen vessel to the Ghanaian territory, the chartered vessel returned to Liberia which indicated that the Chinese vessel had no sinister motive. Madam Sieh indicated that the police will walk closely with the Chinese vessel crew in carrying out more investigation. Col Sieh disclosed further that the *Tahoma Reefer* left the coast of Liberia on May 11 and arrived in Ghana May 18.

#### **TAKU (U.S.A.)**

Seattle, Jun 15 -- Passenger ro/ro *Taku* is currently still at Todd Shipyard, undergoing repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **TASSILI II (Algeria)**

Genoa, Jun 18 -- Passenger ro/ro *Tassili II* is reported still at San Giorgio del Porto Spa shipyard. No ETS available for the time being. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **THUNDER (Antigua & Barbuda)**

London, Jun 14 -- The following was issued by The Marine Accident Investigation Board (MAIB), dated today: At 2100, BST on Aug 9, the Antigua and Barbuda registered general cargo *Thunder* anchored in the Wild Road anchorage off the port of Mostyn. Three shackles of cable were veered in 24m of water. The wind was gusting to 29 knots and a tidal stream of 2.5 knots was running. Overnight the vessel dragged her anchor, and in the early morning of the following day, during the last of the ebb tide, she grounded. The vessel had navigated the Mostyn Outer Channel without an appropriate navigational chart. The master achieved this using a set of GPS waypoints and the position of a

"preferred" anchorage which had been sent to him in an email by the ship's Mostyn agent. The master had changed his original plan of anchoring close to the North Rhyl buoy, at the entrance to the Mostyn Outer Channel, based upon information received from the agent that provided details of the preferred anchorage. The master was not called by the OOW overnight. When he arrived on the bridge at 0800 the following morning he discovered that the vessel was lying aground on a sandbank 2.5 cables south-east of the preferred anchorage. There was no damage sustained by the vessel, no injuries to the crew and no pollution. The master did not report that his vessel had grounded. During the forenoon, the Mostyn harbourmaster received a report from Liverpool Coastguard that a vessel was aground in his area. He checked the position of *Thunder* on AIS and, content that she was lying in the Wild Road anchorage, took no further action. During the next high water, the master was unable to manoeuvre the vessel clear of the bank and the prevailing wind and tide caused her to drag further inshore. The vessel was now lying in the statutory harbour authority (SHA) area of the Dee Conservancy and was in danger of becoming neaped. At 1625 on Aug 10, *Thunder* was observed by the Dee Conservancy harbour master stranded off the Point of Ayr; this was the first official recognition that the vessel had grounded. When he was made aware of the accident, the Mostyn harbour master spoke to the master of *Thunder* and advised him of the most effective way to manoeuvre clear of the bank at the next high water, shortly after midnight. *Thunder* floated free at 0010 on Aug 11. Once clear of the shallow water, a Mostyn pilot boarded the vessel and familiarised the master with channel lights and marks. He provided the master with a local chart, and advice on where to anchor. Due to deteriorating weather conditions, the pilot left the vessel shortly afterwards. As a result of the incident, the Port of Mostyn has been recommended to reinstate its recommended pilotage service from the North Rhyl buoy to the port; promulgate a comprehensive port passage plan; and ensure that all charts and hydrographic publications are amended to reflect the revised procedures.

#### **TIKRIT (Morocco)**

London, Jun 15 -- Following received from Rabat MRCC, dated today: The six crewmen from fishing (general) *Tikrit* are still missing, presumed dead. Search and Rescue operations are now suspended.

#### **TINEKE (Netherlands Antilles)**

London, Jun 20 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Tineke* arrived at Klaipeda on Jun 19.

#### **TORM SIGNE (Singapore)**

London, Jun 21 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS product tanker *Torm Signe* was still at anchor in lat 22 49 04.8S, long 43 08 37.2W (Guanabara Bay) at 1130, UTC, today.

**TRINITY SIERRA (Cyprus)**

See "Portugal" under "Port State Control".

**VARANDEY (Russia)**

London, Jun 20 -- Roll On Roll Off *Varandey* arrived at Korsakov, in tow, on May 25. She departed on Jun 8, bound for Aleksandrovsk-Sakhalinskiy, arriving on Jun 10 and sailing one day later.

**VASILEOSTROVSKIY (Russia)**

See under "Labour Disputes".

**VOLGO-DON 5050 (Russia)**

Portsmouth, UK, Jun 19 -- General cargo *Volgo-Don 5050* (4022 gt, built 1973) (North Western Steam Navigation Company) ran aground at the 575km marker on the River Sheksna at 2330 hrs, Jun 17. She was assisted off the sandbank by general cargo *Sholokhov* (Doninturflot) after off loading cargo from *Volgo-Don 5050*. During the offloading *Sholokhov* damaged the bulwark in the forward section. *Volgo-Don 5050* was undamaged. *Sholokhov* continued its voyage at 0545 hrs, Jun 18. -- Correspondent.

**YEOMAN BROOK (Liberia)**

London, Jun 20 -- Following received from Coast Guard Portsmouth, Va, timed 1525, UTC: Bulker *Yeoman Brook* (43332 gt, built 1990) has reportedly been taking on water at Sparrows Point Terminal, Baltimore, since 1010, UTC, today. Vessel's bilge is filling with water and permission has been granted to pump bilge contents overboard. Pollution prevention personnel are on scene but there has been no pollution reported up until now. Vessel is to effect repairs once water ingress is brought under control.

**YONG TONG (Cambodia)**

Yokohama, Jun 20 -- Dredger *Yong Tong* (1234 gt, built 1988), Ningbo for Toyohashi, was un navigable in lat 33 39.6N, long 132 27.4E at 0835, Jun 9 due to problems involving its lubricating oil pump. Pump could not be repaired and the vessel was towed into Matsuyama port by a tug Jun 14. Repairs will take 10 days. -- Lloyd's Agents.



**ERITREA**

London, Jun 21 -- An Egyptian fishing vessel came under attack from suspected pirates in Eritrean waters earlier this month, according to the International Maritime Bureau (IMB). After opening fire, the pirates succeeded in capturing the vessel together with its crew of 23 and have taken the vessel to a position along the Eritrean coast from where it is thought a ransom will be negotiated.

**SOMALIA**

London, Jun 16 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Danish crew of general cargo *Danica White*, which was hijacked in international waters off the coast of Somalia, is being treated well, Denmark's Foreign Ministry said yesterday. "According to the information we have, we have no reasons to believe that they are not doing fine," said Lars Thuesen, head of the Danish Foreign Ministry's consular department. *Danica White* was on its way to Mombasa from Dubai when it was seized by pirates. All five crew members are Danish. Thuesen declined to give further details or say whether any ransom had been demanded. The Foreign Ministry "doesn't take part in any negotiations if negotiations are being conducted," he said.



**PORTUGAL**

Ponta Delgada, Jun 20 -- Bulker *Trinity Sierra* is still berthed alongside the quay inner port arrested by the Port State Control. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**REPUBLIC OF IRELAND**

London, Jun 20 -- A press report, dated Jun 19, states: The Irish economy is being subsidised by "third-world work practices" a union official claimed today after general cargo *Lillian* (1982 gt, built 1977) arrested in Co Wexford was found not to have paid crew members for 10 weeks. *Lillian* was arrested in New Ross on May 16 but concerns only became known when dock workers alerted Siptu last Thursday (Jun 14). Port State Control arrested *Lillian* after an Irish firm refused to accept its cargo of steel because it was corroded. A subsequent inspection revealed the vessel, which had set sail from Turkey, had at least 15 structural defects and had been letting water into the cargo hold. Ken Fleming of Siptu, which is an affiliate of the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), inspected *Lillian* yesterday and says he discovered there were two sets of books being kept onboard. ITF-registered agreements onboard showed the workers had not been paid since they boarded at the start of April, and their rates and terms had been changed, Mr Fleming said. "The master was on \$1,500 a month instead of \$5,000, the chief engineer was on \$2,000 a month instead of \$4,000 and able seamen were on \$1,000 a month instead of \$1,750. The crew were absolutely terrified and afraid to speak out," Mr Fleming said. The crewmen also had their hours of work doubled and their holiday rates halved. Mr Fleming described the vessel as "floating sweatshop" and said the crewmen were owed \$4,600. The Russian crew of nine are employed by the Inter Balt Crewing Agency, through its St Petersburg office and the vessel

is owned by a Russian firm called Highbridge. A representative for the company's agent in Ireland, Stafford Shipping was not available for comment. *Lillian* cannot set sail until the defects have been repaired. A Department of Transport spokeswoman said Port State Control have yet been invited back to inspect the vessel. (Note -- *Lillian* arrived New Ross 1500, May 13.)



**ALEXIS T. (Guyana)**

See under "Marine."

**ANNIE SIERRA (Cyprus)**

Karachi, Jun 18 -- Understand that bulker *Annie Sierra* is still under arrest at Port Muhammad Bin Qasim and that the owner is reportedly looking to sell the vessel. -- Correspondent.

**ASIAN EXPRESS (Maldives)**

Kochi, Jun 19 -- General cargo *Asian Express* sailed from New Tuticorin on Jun 18, bound for the Maldives. It is understood that the vessel was released from arrest, following the settlement of dues. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**CONTAZ ANKARA (Liberia)**

Zeebrugge, Jun 14 -- Container Carrier *Contaz Ankara* sailed Antwerp Jun 13 for Salerno. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**LAMO (Panama)**

Cape Town, Jun 21 -- Bulker *Lamo* was boarded by the Namibian Defence force while she lay at anchor approximately 36 miles north of Walvis Bay. Namport tug *Ondjaba* proceeded to the vessel on Apr 13. The vessel was lying on her starboard anchor and all attempts to heave up the anchor were in vain, due to the poor condition of the anchor/chain/equipment. She slipped her anchor and *Ondjaba* towed her to Walvis Bay where she berthed at the tanker berth on Apr 14. The vessel was shifted to No. 8 berth and she was provided with a second hand anchor and some chain. She was towed to the inner anchorage on May 22 and is still in that position. She has instructions to report her drafts and position every six hours to Namport port control. There was a hole in her forepeak tank in way of the bulbous bow which was patched when she was lying alongside. A spokesperson from the local Mission to Seafarers reports that the vessel is under arrest and the local Sherriff is providing them with fuel and food on the odd occasion. A condition survey has been arranged for next week. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**MINERVA CLARA (Greece)**

London, Jun 16 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Border Police have detained crude oil tanker *Minerva*

*Clara* (58156 gt, built 2006) for violation of naval rules. The master of the tanker, which had entered Georgian waters, let the rescue boat into the water without warning, which is considered to be violation of naval rules according to Georgian Law. The tanker was fined with 50 000 GEL. The sum must be transformed to the Georgian budget during the term of one month. Before paying the fine, the vessel will stay in the Batumi port.

Batumi, Jun 21 -- Crude oil tanker *Minerva Clara* was detained due to lowering the lifeboat for drill at Batumi port. The Coast Guard detained the vessel and imposed a fine on Jun 14. Upon depositing the amount to the authorities account, the vessel was released and sailed from Batumi at 1700, local time, Jun 19. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**MSC LAUREN (Panama)**

Zeebrugge, Jun 19 -- Container Carrier *MSC Lauren* (32238 gt, built 1982) arrived at Antwerp on Jun 13. Departure on Jun 14 has been suspended due to detentions. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**PAN ACE (South Korea)**

London, Jun 18 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Pan Ace* was located 11.9 nautical miles from Ajisu, Japan, in lat 33 48 26.4N, long 131 24 48.6E, at 1505, UTC, Jun 6, course 106.3 deg, speed 9.2 knots.

**PERTH (U.K.)**

London, Jun 18 -- Container Carrier *Perth* sailed from Bremerhaven at 0115 hrs, Jun 16, bound for Istanbul.

**POLONUS (Poland)**

London, Jun 18 -- Norway's coastguard have seized trawler (All types) *Polonus* (1805 gt, built 1987) off its North Atlantic coast and found it had a large quantity of undersized cod, PAP news agency said yesterday. PAP reported coastguard spokesman Christian Isaksen as saying the vessel, which had been fishing in the waters of the Svalbard archipelago, was escorted to Tromso and taken into police custody.

**RIG DELIVERER (Panama)**

Durban, Jun 18 -- Understand that anchor handling tug/supply *Rig Deliverer* is still under arrest at Durban. An order has not yet been granted for the auction. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**RUBY DELIVERER (Panama)**

London, Jun 15 -- Anchor handling tug/supply *Ruby Deliverer*, which is currently under arrest at Cape Town, will be sold by Judicial Public Auction, to be held in Durban at 1100, Jun 29.

Durban, Jun 20 -- Understand that both anchor handling tug/supply *Ruby Deliverer* and tug *Mighty Deliverer* are still under arrest. *Ruby Deliverer* however, has been placed on auction. The situation with *Mighty Deliverer* remains unchanged.

**SEA EAGLE II (Malta)**

Zeebrugge, Jun 19 -- Roll On Roll Off *Sea Eagle II* (8460 gt, built 1975) arrived at Zeebrugge on May 8. Departure on Jun 4 was suspended due to detentions. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**SEASHAW (Panama)**

London, Jun 17 -- A press report, dated Jun 14, states: Yacht *Seashaw* (644 gt, built 2004), owned by the son of Runme Shaw of Shaw Brothers, with 17 people on board, is being held at a naval base in West Kalimantan after the 44 metre mega-yacht got into trouble with Indonesian immigration. While it is not clear exactly how long they have been held, *Sea Shaw* was believed to have been due to return to Singapore on Jun 4, after a scuba-diving trip. The vessel was stopped off at Pontianak, the capital of West Kalimantan and detained for allegedly not following proper immigration procedures. Indonesian authorities have apparently asked for a fine to be paid before they can be released.

London, Jun 18 -- Yacht *Seashaw* was reported arriving at Singapore at 2312 hrs, Jun 15.

Friends, a Buddhist civic group that provides aid for the North, the blast occurred in Sonchon County in the North Pyongan province. Fuel spilling from the cracked pipe ignited, and the explosion killed local residents who had come to scoop up leaking fuel from the pipe. According to the group, the fire was extinguished only the following day.



Pollution

**FRESHWATER BAYOU, LOUISIANA, UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 16 -- A press report, dated Jun 14, states: The US Coast Guard and well control specialists are responding to a drilling waste spill following a blowout aboard a Nexen Petroleum barge rig drilling in a canal off Louisiana's Freshwater Bayou. A Nexen official said 56 workers were safely evacuated from the barge during the incident, at about 1000, local time, on Monday (Jun 11). The wellhead continued to spew oil-based drilling mud until yesterday. However, much of the spill was reported to have been contained. Coast Guard Lieutenant Commander Andrew Sheffield said teams at the scene were attempting to gain access to the wellhead to shut it down. "The pollution has subsided and we are maintaining safety measures," he said. "The next step is to go in and cut it off." Sheffield said much of the spilled fluid had been contained within the barge itself and within primary and secondary anti-pollution booms used at the site. The Coast Guard said in a separate statement that it estimated up to 1000 barrels of fluid had been spilled. Nexen vice president and general counsel Gregg Radetsky said the well had been drilled to within 1000 feet of its target when the blowout occurred. The well is owned and operated by Nexen Petroleum, with contract drilling being carried out by Coastal Petroleum, Radetsky said. Wild Well Control had been called in to manage the spill.

**NELSON HARBOUR, NEW ZEALAND**

London, Jun 19 -- Talley's Fisheries has been fined \$10,000 for spilling up to 100 litres of black fuel oil at Port Nelson in February. The company pleaded guilty to the charge which stemmed from fuel oil spilling into Nelson Harbour after it escaped through unblocked drain holes in the scuppers of trawler (All types) *Amaltal Mariner* (555 gt, built 1996). Environment Court Judge Jon Jackson said that while the spill was not significant, the cumulative effect of small discharges caused damage to the environment. Judge Jackson ordered 90 per cent of the fine be paid to Nelson City Council, which brought the prosecution. The spill occurred while its vessel was taking on 44,000 litres of



Pipeline Accidents

**ABILENE, TEXAS, UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 21 -- Two people working on a natural gas pipeline near the Dickinson-Geary County line were hurt Monday (Jun 18) when the line ruptured. One of the workers, Dan Whitehair, was treated at Memorial Hospital in Abilene and released, a hospital representative said. No information on either the name or the condition of the other worker was available from the hospital or authorities.

**ORENBURG REGION, URALS, RUSSIA**

London, Jun 17 -- A gas pipeline has ruptured in the Orenburg Region. Residents in the south of the city of Orenburg felt strong gas smell overnight and reported about it to the appropriate service, the press service of the Emergencies Ministry's Volga-Ural regional centre said. The damaged pipe was found five kilometres south of Orenburg. The diameter of the hole was 377 millimetres. The section was blocked at 0258, Moscow time. Nobody was hurt. According to the preliminary version, the pipe was damaged because of an attempt of illegal connection to the line.

**SONCHON COUNTY, NORTH KOREA**

London, Jun 20 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: An explosion at an old fuel pipeline in North Korea ten days ago left at least 110 people dead, Seoul's Yonhap news agency said today, citing a South Korean aid organization. The agency said that according to Good



light fuel oil. A crew member first noticed the spill when he saw fuel flowing from the settling tank vent and onto the deck. Some then flowed through an unblocked drain hole into the harbour. Responsibility for blocking scuppers and drain holes is with the vessel and a bunkering checklist stated they were blocked, but they were not. The company's investigations concluded the valve to the fuel settling tank may not have been fully closed, allowing the oil to escape from the tank's vent. Some oil was contained and recovered from the harbour and the company paid more than \$3000 in clean-up costs. Judge Jackson said Talley's had been in touch with the council before the spill to request its bunkering procedure be reviewed to ensure best practice. Vessels owned by Talleys had never had spillage problems in the harbour, he said. Talleys and Sealord Group had also approached the city council and offered to fully fund a new spill containment unit with the costs split three ways between the two fishing companies and Port Nelson Ltd, the judge said.

## Weather & Navigation



### AUSTRALIA

London, Jun 15 -- Following received from Australia RCC, timed 2341, UTC, Jun 14: Bulker *Pasha Bulker* is still aground and salvage preparations are continuing. (See issue of Jun 15.)

London, Jun 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: The State Emergency Service in New South Wales says forecast heavy rain over the next 24 hours could delay clean-up efforts across the Hunter and create more problems in the storm-ravaged region. A flood watch has been issued for the Paterson and Williams Rivers, the Karuah Valley and the Wyong River. It is due to a low pressure system which is expected to produce heavy rain along the lower Hunter and mid-north coast tonight and tomorrow. Spokesman Phil Campbell says people should continue to monitor the weather forecasts. "The possibility of further significant weather coming in over the next few days will hamper the SES in its ability to be able to finish those remaining outstanding tasks," he said. "We have got around 90 per cent of outstanding tasks completed. That effort will be hampered by this rain and also the possibility this rain coming through might create additional tasks."

London Jun 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: An attempt to refloat bulker *Pasha Bulker* will be delayed until the end of June as preparations continue for the salvage of the vessel. Work on the transfer of fuel and oil from "vulnerable" tanks lower in the vessel to higher and safer tanks, which is being led by Svitzer, a unit of A.P. Moeller-Maersk A/S, is continuing, New South Wales Ports Minister Joe

Tripodi said today in an e-mailed statement. It won't be completed in time for high seasonal tides due this weekend, he said. "The refloating of the *Pasha Bulker*, led by the internationally recognized salvage operator Svitzer Salvage, cannot be rushed," Tripodi said in the statement. "The salvage team is now looking to the next set of higher tides, near the end of June."

London, Jun 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: Salvors are currently transferring some of the 700 tons of fuel oil from tanks at the bottom of bulker *Pasha Bulker* to those higher up. So far, there has been no spill. Salvors have also temporarily filled one of the middle holds with water to make the ship heavier. Bob Purser, spokesman for the Newcastle Ports Commission, said this would keep the vessel from moving and settling deeper into the sand, which would make it harder to shift when the time comes. The salvage operation is being complicated by a hole below the waterline leaking into the space between the vessel's double hull, although Purser said the ship's pumps were having little trouble coping. The plan is to "kedge" the vessel off the reef, which involves using the power of its own winches to pull it off. "The key vessel will be the anchor-handling vessel, which will lay anchors out to sea and also feed cables back to the *Pasha Bulker's* on board winches, assisting the ship to move off the seabed and be refloated," the salvage master Drew Shannon said today. Tanks at the bottom of the vessel were being readied for "air-blowing," which forces water out of the ship floor and creates buoyancy, according to the salvage master. "While this process requires a number of key factors to be in place, we remain confident that we will be in a position to refloat the vessel during the next spring tides," Shannon said. Those tides are expected at the end of the month but there is little guarantee that there will be enough water to float *Pasha Bulker* over the reef. (See issue of Jun 18.)

London, Jun 16 -- Storms and gale force winds are again set to lash the NSW coast this weekend, bringing the risk of further flooding. Today's Rosehill race meeting has also been cancelled. The Hunter Valley and Central Coast are still cleaning up after last weekend's ferocious storms and widespread flooding which killed nine people. The Bureau of Meteorology has issued a gale force wind warning for the Hunter coast, the NSW mid-north coast, the Sydney coast and Illawarra coast. There are renewed flood warnings as well. Wind gusts are expected to exceed 90km/h and torrential rain developed last night then is expected to persist today. "We are expecting a low pressure system to develop just off the Hunter coast in the early hours of the morning and that will produce gale force south-easterly winds," said BoM senior forecaster Chris Webb. The winds also were likely to dredge up damaging surf of up to five metres, made all the more

dangerous by very high tides, he said. Mr Webb said the low pressure system was "pretty significant" but did not expect it to be quite as serious as the four days of wild storms, which left nine people dead and a trail of destruction across parts of NSW over the long weekend. Declared a natural disaster zone insurance claims had climbed to more than \$270 million by late this week.

London, Jun 17 -- The State Emergency Service (SES) says the threat of flooding across Sydney and parts of the New South Wales Central Coast has eased after severe storms caused chaos in the city. A minor flood warning had been issued for houses near the Georges River in Sydney's south-western suburbs after heavy rains in the city in the past 24 hours. The Nepean River and Lake Illawarra are also under flood watch and some local roads are still closed. SES spokesman Phil Campbell says while the recent weather is not as bad as last weekend, there have been several cases of flash flooding closing roads and bridges in western Sydney. Mr Campbell also says trees have come down on powerlines and houses in Sydney's northern suburbs. "The last 24 hours have resulted in close to 1,000 requests for assistance, so a much smaller response but nevertheless a significant one," he said. "We are keeping a close eye on river levels. At this stage, there are quite a few local roads closures that are in force and we are urging people not to drive through flood waters." He says the milder weather is giving emergency crews time to clear the backlog of jobs. "We're anticipating good weather for the next couple of days until a new system of possible rain comes through later," he said. Wind gusts of up to 90 kilometres an hour yesterday brought trees crashing down onto houses, powerlines and roads in Sydney and on the Central Coast. Ferries, flights, traffic and power supplies were disrupted.

London, Jun 18 -- Following received from Australia RCC, timed 0100, UTC: Bulker *Pasha Bulker* remains aground in the same position. Salvage operations are continuing.

Sydney, Jun 18 -- The outgoing chairman of Port Phillip Sea Pilots says the 'oblame culture' which has developed in the port of Melbourne in recent years was the reason the port was closed to shipping traffic for extended periods over the weekend. Captain Charles Griffiths said that for the first time that he could recall in his 28 years as a pilot, no ships moved while the port and its surrounds were shrouded in thick fog. The port was closed for about 10 hours on Friday (Jun 15) and again for a further 12 hours on Saturday. Capt Griffiths said pilots had decided that they would not be deployed to ships while the foggy conditions existed. In the past, pilots, with the aid of tugs, would even berth large car carriers in zero visibility, he said. However, since the decision last year by Marine Safety Victoria to recommend that criminal sanctions be taken against a pilot, the pilots in Port

Phillip Bay have become reluctant to put their licences in jeopardy. Pilots are fearful to take small risks because of the blame culture that exists at Marine Safety Victoria, Capt. Griffiths said. -- Lloyd's List Daily Commercial News.

London, Jun 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: A tug central to the salvage operation of bulker *Pasha Bulker*, will arrive on scene on Thursday (Jun 21). Tug *Pacific Responder* is sailing from Cairns to Newcastle (NSW) ahead of the big tides necessary for refloating the 40,000 tonne vessel. The tug, which is 64 metres in length, will assist in laying sea anchors and chains as part of the salvage of *Pasha Bulker*. The salvage plan also involves three other vessels: the salvage tugs *Woonna* and *Keera* and the oil spill response vessel *Shirley Smith*. Newcastle Port Corporation chief executive Gary Webb said the *Shirley Smith* would remain in Newcastle as a precautionary measure while fuel oil was pumped from *Pasha Bulker's* lower tanks to safer tanks higher on the vessel. "The pumping of fuel oil is expected to take until Friday (Jun 22) and *Shirley Smith* will return to Sydney," Mr Webb said. "It will then sail back to Newcastle for the refloating of *Pasha Bulker* on spring tides later in June."

London, Jun 18 -- The port of Newcastle has re-commenced coal loading after severe weather which caused a shutdown of nearly a week. Port Waratah Coal Services (PWCS) is still not receiving coal at full capacity due to ongoing repairs to the rail networks and minesites. The Hunter Valley Coal Chain is currently working at 50-70% of capacity at the moment. Throughput to the terminal is expected to increase to 80% of capacity by midweek. The weekend brought more heavy rain and strong winds to the region, which hampered repairs to some extent. Meanwhile, the heavy rainfall and high winds caused delays at Port Kembla over the weekend. As a result of the weather, some stockpiles collapsed, burying stackers and reclaimers and stopping road/rail deliveries. It is expected that the situation will be promptly returned to normal operations.

London, Jun 19 -- Newcastle Harbour entrance has been declared "smooth", but the port is still restricted to selected inward/outward traffic due to the large amount of fresh water from inland floods. There are predictions of increased swell which may restrict some vessel movements over the next few days. Dyke Terminal has resumed loading vessels and normal coal rail receipts are expected to resume late tonight. Progress towards a re-start of cargo assembly remains on track with the network north of Maitland planned to re-open from 1800, today.

Sydney, Jun 19 -- New South Wales ports have been warned to expect to be battered by an extra-tropical cyclone likely to bring big seas, gale-force winds and flash flooding over the next 24 hours, after advice from the Bureau of Meteorology this morning. The

bureau said the NSW coast would be buffeted by wind gusts of up to 125 km/h and average winds of 90 km/h, as the weather system moved over port facilities at Port Kembla, Sydney and Newcastle. The heavy rain and strong winds could also cause delays to flights from Sydney Airport tonight and early tomorrow. The bureau said sea conditions off the coast would be very dangerous but that most of the predicted heavy rainfall would occur south of Sydney, sparing the Hunter coal network from more flooding. It will be the third intense weather system to affect the state's ports in the last fortnight. The Newcastle Port Corporation has advised all of its 69 anchored ships to move further out to sea to ride out the big seas. A port corporation spokesman said early this afternoon that 57 of the vessels had left the anchorage. The port corporation and NSW Maritime were to brief media this afternoon about the effect the conditions would have on salvage plans and port operations. The bureau is predicting 5-metre waves to be breaking on beaches along the coast. -- Lloyd's List Daily Commercial News.

London, Jun 19 -- A press report, timed 1305 (local time), today, states: Port authorities in eastern Australia are concerned the grounded bulker *Pasha Bulker* could break up in wild weather that is forecast to hit the region late today. The weather bureau is warning of flash flooding and destructive winds with wind gusts expected to reach 125 kilometres per hour. Several other coal ships waiting off Newcastle's coast have moved further out to sea to ride out the storms. The head of the Newcastle Port Corporation, Gary Webb, says *Pasha Bulker* is holding up well on the beach, but intense storms could cause problems. "The advice we've got is that the ship is standing up quite well. I was on board nearly a week ago now and the top deck was looking quite firm, quite strong and the advice we're continuing to get is that it's standing up well. Weather conditions like this, though, do continue to put the ship under stress," he says.

London, Jun 19 -- A press report, timed 1625, WST, today, states: Bulker *Pasha Bulker* grounded on a Newcastle beach is in for another battering from the ocean, but salvage experts said it has been standing up well to the conditions. Huge seas and strong winds are due again tonight and tomorrow as another intense storm menaces the New South Wales coast. The Newcastle Port Corporation said more than 50 bulk carriers in waters beyond the *Pasha Bulker* have headed further out to sea ahead of the forecast wild weather. Another 16 vessels anchored off the coast followed suit. Newcastle Port Corporation chief executive Gary Webb said winds up to 55 knots and seas of up to seven metres were expected to reach the Hunter coast overnight. The weather put the salvage of *Pasha Bulker* on hold. "The salvage team is aware of the impending weather conditions and is securing equipment onboard the vessel in

readiness," Mr Webb said. "The 22-member team will stay onboard *Pasha Bulker* overnight with the view to recommencing their work tomorrow depending on weather conditions." Mr Webb said *Pasha Bulker* was standing up well under the current weather conditions. NSW Maritime spokesman Neil Patchett said the on-board salvage crew would be troubleshooting during the storm, and would be monitoring for any oil spills throughout the night. "The crew are confident it is holding up well and that it will continue to hold up well," Mr Patchett said. Oil spill response resources had been moved closer to the beach earlier this week, and the oil spill combat team was on stand-by, he said.

London, Jun 19 -- A press report, dated today, states: Salvage crews suspended work on bulker *Pasha Bulker* today ahead of the third major storm in two weeks to hit Australia's east coast, prompting authorities to close parks and beaches. The Bureau of Meteorology said waves up to seven metres and gale-force winds with gusts of up to 120 km/h were set to batter coastal areas of New South Wales state from early tomorrow. Authorities are concerned the ship could break up under more pounding waves. "The salvage team plan to stay on board overnight. The vessel is holding up well. But there is obviously concern if the vessel continues to take this type of weather," Newcastle Port Authority chief executive Gary Webb told reporters. More than 50 other coal ships, waiting offshore to enter the port, headed for deeper waters today to ride out the latest storm, which comes as NSW records its second wettest June on record. The Insurance Council of Australia estimated the total damage bill from the storms at A\$270 million (\$227 million), but NSW state Premier Morris Iemma today said the damage bill could top A\$1 billion.

London, June 20 -- A press report, dated today, states: Stranded bulker *Pasha Bulker* is "standing up well" off a Newcastle beach, after a major storm forecast to hit the NSW coast overnight moved out to sea. "It wasn't as bad as what we expected," Newcastle Port Corporation spokesman Keith Powell said. "*Pasha Bulker* is still standing up well to the conditions." Mr Powell said the weather bureau's warnings of storm-force winds saw 69 bulk carriers, which had been waiting to enter Newcastle Port, sail out into open waters yesterday. "They are still out to sea. We have a heavy entrance in the port and we have restrictions at the present moment," he said. Newcastle Port chairman Wilton Ainsworth said "detailed planning" was continuing in the effort to refloat *Pasha Bulker*. About 25 people were working on the salvage project this week, down from about 55 in the days following the ship's beaching, he said. "These people have been pulled away from their normal duties, which has placed a strain on their own organisations," Mr Ainsworth said. "Many people will return next week as we progress towards safely attempting to refloat the

Pasha Bulker." Groups involved in planning for the refloat attempt, along with specialist company Svitzer Salvage, include NSW police, several port authorities, Nobbys Surf Life Saving Club, NSW Maritime, the Australian Maritime Oil Spill Centre and the NSW Department of Environment.

London, Jun 21 -- Newcastle Port Corporation chief executive Gary Webb said the anchor handling tug *Pacific Responder* has arrived at the port of Newcastle to help salvage the stranded bulker *Pasha Bulker*. It will be joining two other tugs, *Woonna* and *Keera*, to lay sea anchors and chains in the operation to save the *Pasha Bulker* by winching it off the sandbar and out to sea. Oil spill response vessel *Shirley Smith* is still standing by as a precautionary measure while fuel oil is pumped from the bulker's lower tanks to safer tanks higher on the vessel. A spokeswoman for Newcastle Ports Corporation says the team aims to complete the fuel-oil pumping tomorrow. (See issue of Jun 21.)

Sydney, Jun 21 -- The Hunter coal chain is still feeling the effects of flooding which occurred almost two weeks ago, as the Hunter Valley Coal Chain Logistics Team (HVCCLT) predicts the storms will wipe out 2.5m tonnes of throughput from the port of Newcastle this year. The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) expects to re-open its rail lines between Whittingham and Branxton by 1800 today, taking the Hunter coal chain to 80% of its normal capacity. The system was moving up to 270,000 tonnes of coal each day before the Jun 8 storms that flooded tracks, stockpiles and mines and closed the harbour for several days. Another severe weather system closed the port from Tuesday (Jun 19), but the harbour was expected to re-open this morning. The port restrictions have not caused any major problems for coal throughput because the main focus at the moment is on inbound supplies by rail. The track limitations have meant that Port Waratah Coal Services is still operating with below-average stockpiles, about 749,000 tonnes this morning, short of the average 1m tonnes of waiting coal. Trains will operate at slower speeds until water has drained from several sections of track, keeping the system at 80% of capacity. It could take another week for the speed restrictions to be lifted. PWCS is still pumping water from its stockpiles. -- Lloyd's List Daily Commercial News.

Sydney, Jun 15 -- The Newcastle Harbour entrance has been declared "smooth". However the port is still restricted to "selected inward/outward traffic" due to the large amount of fresh water in the harbour from inland floods. There are predictions of increased swell which may restrict some vessel movements over the next few days. Dyke Terminal has resumed loading vessels and expecting normal coal rail receivals to be resumed late tonight. Progress towards a re-start of cargo assembly remains on track with the network north of Maitland planned

to re-open from 1800 hrs, today. Some train services south of Maitland have now been run and Terminals expecting operating a plan of approximately 150k of coal receivals on Saturday. The weather remains a significant risk with more rain forecast. Significant rainfall may result in further closure of the network and will also limit stockpile space at PWCS with water still affecting a significant area of the yard, pumping is continuing in an effort to reduce water levels. While every effort is being made to schedule vessels in turn of arrival, some out of turn loading may be required to ensure the highest level of throughput can be maintained. There are currently three vessels loading coal at Newcastle, 64 coal vessels are at anchor off Newcastle. Weather forecast for Hunter Coastal Waters: Jun 16: Showers increasing, tending to rain evening in east, with local moderate to heavy falls possible. Chance of thunderstorms in far south. Jun 17: Dangerous swells developing in the surf zone, scattered showers and rain periods in the east, with moderate to heavy local falls likely, moderate to fresh south-east to south-west winds, strong and gusty on the coast. Jun 18: Isolated showers tending scattered near the coast. Jun 19: Isolated showers. Bulker *Pasha Bulker* remains firmly aground on Nobby's Beach. There is little prospect of the vessel being refloated in the immediate future. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### BANGLADESH

London, Jun 18 -- The ready made garment sector alone is claimed to have sustained a financial loss of Taka of more than a billion due to the unprecedented water logging, backed by the high-tide in Chittagong early last week. Stalwarts in garment manufacturing in Chittagong said that several hundred containers laden with exportable goods were underwater when rainwater surged different dry-ports in and around the city. Stuffed containers awaiting shipment and placed on the lower row were covered by the surged water, damaging entire contents. According to an initial estimate of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) the extent of damage will even exceed Taka one billion.

Chittagong, Jun 12 -- According to Meteorological department, Chittagong cautionary signal No. 3 is still continuing. Around 88 persons were killed including women and children and more than 250 people were injured due to mudslides in the city caused from heavy downpour. Total rainfall recorded 317 mm from 0900 hrs to 2100, Jun 11. Most of the areas of Chittagong including the low-lying areas of the city were inundated. People from low lying areas have been evacuated and kept temporarily at various schools and colleges, which are being used as shelter under the supervision of Chittagong City Corporation and local administration. Police, Army, firefighters and volunteers took active part to evacuate

people from low areas and living near hills in the city due to fear of further mudslides. Government of Bangladesh has announced both cash and kinds, mainly food items, to provide instant relief and support to the affected people. Operation of Chittagong port was also suspended due to heavy downpour. We have visited Chittagong port car shed within port protected area and were informed by the respective shed officer that huge quantity of cars were upto there floors with rain water. Few Toyota cars were opened and checked at random and found the floors of the cars were wet to various extent. We have also visited the port container yards and have noticed some containers which were stowed on the ground level at the container yard No.3 and CCT yard had water stain marks and all side body upto height of 12 inches from bottom. Sar & Co, Ltd., at Sagarika Road, Chittagong, one of the largest shrimp and fish processing plants in the area, report that their two cold storage and machine room were inundated resulting stock of frozen and finish products and machinery were affected to various extent. Inundation of garments factories and other industries including damage to machinery, raw material and stock were reported from different areas. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Chittagong, Jun 18 -- Meteorological Department, Chittagong, report that at present there is no cautionary signal prevailing both for sea and river ports. As per Chittagong Port Authority, loading and unloading of goods at Chittagong port is continuing. According to the control room of Chittagong City Corporation, in total, 123 persons were reported to be killed including women and children due to mudslides. Salvage operation have been suspended from Jun 15. Seven shelter centres have been opened in different areas of Chittagong where near about 1,500 persons were given shelter. Reportedly about 500 persons having injuries were admitted in different hospitals, out of which almost two hundred persons were released after giving necessary medical treatment. Reportedly a quantity of cargo consisting of materials for Cap Production were kept at port N shed after unstuffing of one 40 ft and one 20 ft containers awaiting for delivery. Due to sudden torrential rain on June 11, port transit shed N was inundated, as a result the cargo was water affected/soaked to various extent. As Lloyd's Agents, we have already attended survey on the relevant consignment at port transit shed and have recommended the consignee to arrange for detail survey at their factory premises in Dhaka, in order to ascertain the actual loss/damage to cargo. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Chittagong, Jun 21 -- As per Chittagong Meteorological Department: Cautionary signal number 1 (one) has been hoisted due to a depression formed in the Bay of Bengal. Presently the depression is located between east and north, Bay of Bengal. All fishing boats and trawlers have been asked to

remain nearer to coastal areas from this morning until further advice. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**CHINA**

London, Jun 17 -- China has seen 128 people killed and 24 missing in floods by June 15 this year, the Office of the State Flood Control and Draught Relief Headquarters said yesterday. Meanwhile, China's north is experiencing severe drought, according to the office. A total of 22.72 million people and 1.22 million hectares of crops had been affected by the floods by June 15 this year, which inflicted a direct economic loss of 8.92 billion yuan (1.17 billion U.S dollars), according statistics from the office. In the first half of June alone, 63 people were killed. Economic loss of 6.55 billion yuan was incurred as 14.24 million people and 717,000 hectares of crops were affected by the floods. Meanwhile, the widespread and prolonged drought has left 10.91 million Chinese short of drinking water by Jun 14 this year. The drought has hit 165 million mu (about 11 million hectares) of arable land and 120 million mu (about 8 million hectares) of crops in most parts of northern China and some parts of the southwestern Chongqing, Sichuan and Yunnan.

**TROPICAL CYCLONE "GONU"**

London, Jun 17 -- Oman said yesterday that the damage caused by Cyclone "Gonu", which tore through the country earlier this month, could rise to 3.9 billion dollars, ONA state news agency said. Preliminary surveys have estimated the damage between 1.25 billion riyals (3.25 billion dollars) and 1.5 billion riyals (3.9 billion dollars), the ministry of economy said, according to ONA. The damage to infrastructure alone could reach one billion riyals (2.6 billion dollars). At least 49 people were killed when "Gonu" hit the coast of Oman along the Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Oman on Jun 6, before veering towards Iran.

**Natural Disasters**



**INDONESIA**

Jakarta, Jun 16 -- An undersea earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale jolted Indonesia's eastern Moluccas island chain today, but there were no immediate reports of any damage, a meteorological agency official said. The epicentre of the quake lay at a depth of 39 km under the sea about 104 km south-west of Ternate, capital of North Moluccas province, Andi Zulfikar, an earthquake analyst at the meteorology and geophysics agency, said. He said no tsunami warning had been issued. -- Reuters.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

London, Jun 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: An earthquake measuring 6.0 in magnitude was

recorded early today below Papua New Guinea's island of New Britain. There were no immediate reports of damage from the affected region, authorities said. The United States Geological Survey office reported the quake on its website as occurring at a depth of 43km at 0341, local time, around 177km south-south-west of Rabaul. Geophysical Survey of PNG assistant director Chris McKee said from Port Moresby that the quake occurred somewhere under the coast near the district centre of Pomio in East New Britain. "It's probably the earthquake capital of PNG. McKee said a quake of that size was unlikely to have caused a tsunami but might have caused some damage to properties.

**Political & Civil Unrest**



**NIGER**

Niamey, Jun 18 -- Tuareg rebels in Niger carried out a hit-and-run attack on the airport of the Saharan town of Agadez yesterday, but authorities said it caused no casualties or serious damage. A group calling itself the Niger Movement for Justice (MNJ) claimed responsibility for the attack. It was one of the boldest raids so far this year by the nomadic desert fighters, who complain of neglect and discrimination by the central government and who have attacked military posts and a uranium mine in the last few months. Military officers and local officials said the raid targeted the airport at Agadez, 1,000 km north of the capital Niamey. The trading town is the gateway to Niger's remote desert region where foreign firms are exploring for uranium and oil. Niger is the world's third largest uranium producer. "A light vehicle came up on the side of the airport and shots came from it," Agadez governor Abba Malam Boukar told Radio France Internationale (RFI). Local residents said they heard firing from automatic rifles and also from heavier weapons. Boukar said there was no serious damage and a military source said no casualties were reported. Agali Alambo, leader of the MNJ rebel group, told RFI his fighters had attacked the airport in reprisal for reconnaissance flights carried out by authorities from Agadez airport. -- Reuters.

**NIGERIA**

London, Jun 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: Up to twelve hostages have been released by Nigerian militants operating in the Niger Delta region, according to news reports from the West African country. Among those released is a South African who was taken hostage on 25 May, as well as four UK citizens, three Americans, two Indians, a Filipino and a Nigerian. According to the BBC the South African hostage described his

time in captivity, saying that his captors were mostly intoxicated with drink or drugs for much of the time and repeatedly carried out mock executions with their automatic weapons. The release of the men has since been confirmed by Nigerian and Philippines government officials. Also in Nigeria, representatives of the Nigerian Owners of Fish Trawlers reported a series of attacks on the fishing fleet by pirates. They said the pirates attacked the unarmed fishing vessels using speed boats in which several of the fishermen were killed. They claim to have lost up to N1 Billion in assets stolen by their attackers. According to a Nigerian Navy spokesman, Capt Amin Ikioda, only 11 fishing vessels have reported having been attacked by pirates in the past three months. He said there were long delays before the attacks were reported, up to several days at times. As a result of a meeting held to discuss the matter a committee has been formed between the fishing association and the navy to facilitate better communication.

London, Jun 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: Gunmen abducted five foreigners today in Nigeria's restive southern oil heartland, with at least three of them seized and spirited away in a speedboat, officials said. The five were identified as two Chinese, two Indians and one Polish national, said Brig. Gen. Lawrence Ngubane, a military commander in the Niger Delta. Yesterday, a leader of the militant group behind many of the attacks on Nigeria's oil industry walked free from prison after a judge granted him bail - a breakthrough in the crisis roiling Africa's oil giant and global petroleum markets. A newly liberated Mujahid Dokubo-Asari told cheering supporters who greeted him after a year and a half behind bars that he would continue to work for greater autonomy and oil riches for the impoverished crude oil-pumping region. Dokubo-Asari's liberation was a key demand of the main militant group in the region, where oil-installation attacks and more than 200 kidnappings of foreign workers in the past 18 months have cut Nigeria's oil production and helped send crude prices higher. Dokubo-Asari's lawyers said he would not leave the capital, Abuja, for his home in the oil region before tomorrow. President Umaru Yar'Adua has said the crisis is one of his main priorities, and Dokubo-Asari's release two weeks after Yar'Adua's inauguration was seen as a peace offering by the new government. A spokesman for the militant group praised the development, calling it a "positive sign" that could hasten a negotiated peace. The militants have also demanded liberty for an ex-governor on trial for corruption charges, as well as more government oil funds for their region - which remains desperately poor despite its great natural bounty.

Lagos, Jun 18 -- Italian oil company Eni said 27 people including 11 soldiers were being held hostage at one of its oilfield stations in Nigeria on Monday (Jun 18) after the facility was overrun

by militants a day earlier. No one was harmed or killed in the invasion of the Ogbainbiri flow station in Bayelsa state, which normally produces about 40,000 barrels per day of oil. "At the time of the attack there were 24 local workers and 51 soldiers within the premises. 40 soldiers and 8 workers have managed to leave the flow station," the company said in a statement, adding it was working with local authorities to resolve the crisis. The invasion was apparently in response to the killing of eight people by troops guarding Ogbainbiri last week, security sources said. The military said the dead were militants who tried to attack the oilfield, but a militant group said they were mostly unarmed civilians. A prominent militant leader, Mujahid Dokubo-Asari, was released on bail last week, meeting a key demand of armed groups who have led a campaign of kidnapping of foreign workers and bombings of oil facilities. About 600,000 barrels a day of Nigerian oil output are still off line because of the attacks, and thousands of foreign workers have fled the region. -- Reuters.

Milan, Jun 19 -- Eni has declared force majeure on oil shipments from an oilfield station in Nigeria after the facility was attacked on Sunday (Jun 17), a company spokesman said today. The Ogbainbiri flow station in Bayelsa state was one of two oil plants in the Niger Delta invaded by armed men on Sunday. "It was declared after the attack," the Eni spokesman said. Earlier today, Eni's Chief Executive Paolo Scaroni said that because of the occupation, 37,000 barrels per day of production was off line, of which 5,500 bpd is net to Eni. -- Reuters.

**SRI LANKA**

London, Jun 20 -- Sri Lanka's navy destroyed five Tamil Tiger vessels after coming under attack from two dozen rebel boats off the island's far northern tip, the military said, estimating it had killed dozens of insurgents. Yesterday's clash at sea off Point Pedro in the northern army-held Jaffna peninsula, which is cut off from the rest of the island by rebel lines, was the latest in a string of land and sea battles and air strikes in recent months. "We destroyed five boats and damaged seven to eight more," said Navy spokesman DKP Dassanayake. "There are more than 40 Tigers presumed dead". "There were 24 Tiger boats, including four suicide boats," he added. "They were trying to attack our patrol boats, but they failed. We are trying to recover one boat which is drifting." He said no navy vessels were damaged.



**Labour Disputes**

**BELGIUM**

London, Jun 16 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Security workers have decided to extend over

the weekend the strike action which shut down two Belgian airports today, a trade union official said. Flights at the two airports in the Wallonia region of southern Belgium were grounded amid a row over the privatisation of security staff, airport management said. The strike began at dawn at Brussels' Charleroi airport where all incoming and outgoing flights were cancelled or diverted until further notice. Later the action spread to Liege airport to the east. Security personnel decided "unanimously" to continue their strike until a meeting scheduled for Monday at 1200, GMT, said Jean-Francois Magotte, spokesman for Belgium's main CSC union. The strikers were security guards with civil service status under the Walloon region government which wants to transfer them to the private, though subsidised, airport management firms. A management spokesman at Charleroi, a main hub for Ryanair, estimated that 8,000 passengers had already been affected.

London, Jun 16 -- A press report, dated today, states: Aircraft remained grounded at Brussels south Charleroi airport today as a strike by security officers entered a second day, airport officials said. Attempts by the regional Wallonia government in southern Belgium to bring in private workers to reopen the airport after the strike, over privatisation, began yesterday had not yet succeeded, an airport spokesman said. "There is no supervisor to oversee these workers and therefore the airport cannot reopen," he said. Regional ministerial officials and union representatives were due to hold talks later today. The strikers were security guards with civil service status under the Walloon region government which wants to transfer them to private, though subsidised, airport management firms. Ryanair, the main operator at the short- to medium-haul airport, announced that it would not operate any flights in or out of the airport until Monday (Jun 18) at the earliest. Yesterday Ryanair brought court action over the "illegal" and "unjustified" strike. The court ruled that the action was unfounded and ordered Charleroi and the similarly affected Liege-Bierset airport to the east, to be reopened. Transport minister for Belgium's southern Wallonia region, Andre Antoine announced yesterday his intention to reopen the airports as soon as possible with private staff brought in to break the strike. Some flights were operating today from the Liege airport, which handles a lot of freight flights. All flights at the two airports in the Wallonia region were cancelled or diverted yesterday, with passengers, offered a refund or later flight, complaining of a lack of information as the queues lengthened. Apart from Ryanair, fellow low-cost carriers Wizzair, Jet4You and Onair also had to divert flights to French airports in Lille and Paris as well as Belgium's main airport in Brussels. Airport management advised passengers not to turn up at Charleroi before checking their flight on the website

www.charleroi-airport.com or phoning the airport.

London, Jun 18 -- Flights resumed at Brussels south Charleroi airport today after security workers suspended a strike which shut it down for two days, an airport spokesman said. Low cost airlines Jet4you and Wizzair were operating again, while the short-to-medium-haul airport's main operator, Ryanair, had already cancelled flights until today, airport spokesman Pierre Fernemont said. The security workers suspended, rather than formally ended, their walkout on Saturday (Jun 16) after Andre Antoine, transport minister for Belgium's southern francophone Wallonia region, offered a deal to assuage their fears over privatisation plans. The strike action also affected another Walloon airport, Liege-Bierset, to the east, which mainly handles cargo flights. Further talks between Antoine and union representatives are set for tomorrow.

**CANADA**

London, Jun 16 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Xstrata Plc, the world's fourth- largest copper producer, said a strike will disrupt deliveries of the metal from its refinery in Montreal that accounted for 2 percent of world supply last year. Work at the company's Canadian Copper Refinery, or CCR, has stopped since Jun 11, when 430 unionised employees walked off the job in a pension dispute. CCR produced 368,319 metric tons of copper last year, according to Zug, Switzerland-based Xstrata's Web site. Xstrata declared force majeure, a legal step companies take when they can't meet contracts because of incidents beyond their control.

**FORTUNA I (Latvia)**

Dublin, Jun 14 -- The crew of general cargo *Fortuna I* were paid in full yesterday. Vessel offloaded and ETS this week for Latvia. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**GERMANY**

Gothenburg, Jun 15 -- Port workers at Travemunde have commenced a strike and ferries to and from Sweden have been affected by the decision. All traffic to and from Travemunde has been suspended. The strike, which is expected to last for 24 hours, is due to reported plans to privatise the port. All other ports are operating normally. -- Westax Marine Services AB.

London, Jun 21 -- Baltic operator Finnlines expects to lose money as a result of actions by German dockers protesting about port privatisation. In a statement Finnlines says that, since May 24, operations at the terminals of L,becker Hafengesellschaft at Lubeck have been suffering from actions of the dock workers' union. It says: "The reason is the union's protest against the planned privatisation of L,becker Hafengesellschaft. As a consequence of this protest, all overtime work has been stopped. On Friday Jun 15, there was a total strike for 24 hours. Further union actions are to be expected."

**NIGERIA**

London, Jun 19 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Nigeria's trade union federation is to join a strike over recent rises in petrol prices and value-added tax. "We have decided to go on an indefinite strike beginning Wednesday," trade union leader Nuhu Toro said. The trade unions had warned the new government of President Umaru Yar'Adua to reverse the increases two weeks ago or face a national strike. Long queues are already being reported at petrol stations after transport and oil unions went on strike on Friday (Jun 15). Street protests will accompany the general strike, Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) President Abdulwahed Omar said. "All offices, ports, banks, petrol stations and business premises will be shut down. All schools, airports, official and semi-official business premises will be closed," Mr Omar told a news conference in the capital, Abuja. Talks between the Nigeria Labour Congress and the new government broke down over the 15% rise in fuel prices and a VAT increase from 5% to 10%. The union also wants Nigeria's new President, Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, to reverse Mr Obasanjo's sale of two of the country's refineries.

London, Jun 20 -- Scarcity of petroleum products occasioned by the planned industrial action has prompted international carriers to abort flights into Lagos and other parts of the country. Flights that were billed to arrive today from London and other European cities were cancelled because the airlines would not be able to source aviation fuel, popularly known as JET A1, when they arrive. The Virgin Atlantic Airways flight which was supposed to depart London Heathrow Terminal Four for Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos, yesterday was cancelled because of the fuel scarcity due to independent petroleum marketers' strike which was called off on Monday (Jun 18).

London, Jun 21 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Crude oil production from Chevron Corp.'s (CVX) facilities in Nigeria hasn't been affected by a nationwide strike, a company spokesman said today. "Production has not been affected," said Chevron spokesman Michael Barrett, adding, "I suspect this (strike) is a short-term thing." Eni SpA (E) Chief Executive Officer Paolo Scaroni also confirmed at a press briefing in Rome today that there has been no impact on crude production from Eni SpA facilities in Nigeria as a result of the strike. Africa's biggest oil exporter has been paralyzed by industrial action after Nigeria's oil workers joined their counterparts in other industries in a nationwide strike. Representatives of the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas workers warned if the strike extends beyond the first day, its impact will spread in the oil industry and could disrupt production. Last-minute talks between the government and the unions failed to achieve a resolution to the disagreement. "Despite the government concessions, the unions are going on with the planned strike but

it will take a couple of days before a better assessment can be made on its impact on crude oil flows," said Olivier Jakob at Petromatrix.

**REPUBLIC OF IRELAND**

London, Jun 17 -- A strike by Dublin airport staff delays flights Aer Lingus was today stung by an unofficial one-hour strike by ground staff at Dublin Airport. Check-in staff and other ground workers staged the lightning strike between 0600 hrs and 0700 hrs. Management were given a 10-minute warning about the action after staff were asked to work on check-in and boarding. Passengers using Aer Lingus flights arriving at and departing from Dublin Airport were being warned they could face delays of between one and a half and two hours. The airline advised passengers to present themselves at check-in as normal. The industrial action came as Ryanair suspended all its flights to Charleloi Airport in Brussels this weekend due to industrial action in Belgium. Passengers flying to and from the Belgian capital were being urged to book alternative flights free of charge on the company's website if services were available. Security staff in Brussels began their industrial action yesterday, with Charleloi unable to guarantee the security of air passengers.

**VASILEOSTROVSKIY (Russia) / KRONSHADTSKIY (Russia)**

St. Petersburg, Jun 15 -- Messrs. Transmar (ship's owner) paid off his debts and the crews of fish factories *Vasileostrovskiy* and *Kronshadtskiy* obtained 5,000,000 Roubles (fetched after sale of the vessels) and cancelled their claim. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jun 18 -- Fish factory *Vasileostrovskiy* sailed from St. Petersburg on Jun 8, bound for Istanbul

from a medical transplant aircraft that crashed into Lake Michigan last week will be removed from the water today. A Milwaukee-area salvage company will retrieve what's left of the Cessna Citation II (N550BP), which crashed about one mile east of McKinley Marina, killing everyone on board.

London, Jun 16 -- A press report, dated Jun 15, states: The final victim of the crash of Cessna Citation II (N550BP), which killed six members of an organ procurement team from the University of Michigan, has been identified. The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office says it has identified the remains of Transplant Donation Specialist Richard Chenault the Second using DNA analysis. The announcement came as a salvage crew on Lake Michigan continued to bring up more pieces of the medical transport aircraft that went down last week. The team had been taking a set of donor lungs from Milwaukee to an airport near Detroit.

**CRASH INTO SEA OFF KOKOHEAD, HAWAII, UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 20 -- Cessna 150, N60020, operated by Georges Aviation Services Inc., crashed into the sea two miles from Kokohead, Hawaii, at 0357, local time, Jun 15. The two persons on board were rescued. The aircraft was destroyed.

**CRASH INTO SEA, OFF BAJA, MEXICO**

London, Jun 16 -- A press report, dated today, states: Two veteran Pasadena firefighters were killed Thursday (Jun 14) when their private aircraft plunged into the Sea of Cortez in an off-duty accident. Kenneth Soltis, of La Verne, and John Kiesow, of Agua Dulce, were killed in the late-morning crash in shallow water off the east coast of Baja, Mexico, said Pasadena fire Chief Dennis J. Downs. The chief said the men were on a fishing vacation and were returning to Pasadena when the crash occurred. Information about the crash was arriving via the Mexican consulate in Los Angeles, said Lisa Derderian, a department spokeswoman, and department officials were piecing together the sketchy details. Kiesow was an avid flier and was piloting the crashed aircraft. Derderian said. Kiesow and Soltis are believed to be the aircraft's only occupants, Downs said.

**CRASH, CALOUNDR A AREA, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA**

London, Jun 18 -- Two people are dead after an aircraft crash on Queensland's Sunshine Coast and their bodies have been recovered by the coast guard and water police. Police said both occupants of the aircraft died when the aircraft crashed between Caloundra Beach and Brays Rock about 1440, yesterday. Water police, the Coast Guard and Surf Life Saving Caloundra are at the site of the crash, 2km outside Caloundra, and emergency services are still retrieving wreckage from the site.

**Fires & Explosions**



**STORAGE FACILITY, RICHARDS BAY, SOUTH AFRICA**

London, Jun 20 -- An underground fire caused considerable damage to a product storage facility at the port of Richards Bay at the weekend. The fire was made worse by sprinkler systems and extraction fans that did not activate, resulting in severe structural damage.

**Aviation**



**CRASH INTO LAKE MICHIGAN, NEAR MILWAUKEE, UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 15 -- A press report, dated Jun 14, states: The wreckage

**CRASH, CUMBRES DE VALENCIA AREA, SPAIN**

London, Jun 19 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Cessna 337 crashed in a mountainous region of eastern Spain today, killing one person on board and injuring the other two, the Interior Ministry said. The Cessna 337 took off from the eastern town of Almansa in Albacete province and crashed minutes later near Cumbres de Valencia, 24 miles to the east. The crash ignited a small forest fire, which took one hour to extinguish. There was no immediate word on the cause of the crash.

**CRASH, DOUALA AREA, CAMEROON**

London, Jun 16 -- A press report, dated today, states: A search team has found the cockpit voice recorder of a Kenya Airways Boeing 737-800 that crashed in Cameroon last month, killing 114 people, the airline's chief executive officer said. The voice recorder was found yesterday afternoon and Cameroonian authorities are now making arrangements to get it to Canada as soon as possible, Kenya Airways CEO Titus Naikuni said in a brief statement late yesterday. When it is analysed, the voice recorder is expected to reveal the final exchanges between the plane's captain and his copilot and also any conversations with the control tower in Cameroon's commercial capital of Douala. The Kenya Airways flight nose-dived into a swamp in the West African country less than two minutes after taking off from Douala on a stormy night on May 5. The aircraft had been bound for Kenya. The aircraft's data recorder was found last month and taken to Canada for analysis. A preliminary review showed no evidence of a mechanical malfunction, the Cameroon Civil Aviation Authority said in a statement posted on its website yesterday. The authority said a full report of what led to the crash would take as long as a year. The preliminary investigation found that all crew members were sufficiently trained and certified according to expected aviation guidelines, the statement said. Though the flight was delayed about an hour because of thunderstorms and heavy rain, the preliminary report suggested that conditions had cleared by the time the aircraft took off. Pilots from two other airlines, however, said they waited longer to take off because they were concerned about the weather. The report, issued on Monday, also said the Kenya Airways jetliner reached 3,000 feet before nose-diving sharply at a 45-degree angle "for undetermined reasons." The aircraft disintegrated on impact. It took about two days for Cameroonian authorities to find the crash site, as reports from locals suggested the plane might have crashed hundreds of kilometers south and the body of the jetliner sank into the mud of the swampy forest. The report says that investigators plan to also review the performance of the flight crew and consider if there were any regulatory oversights. The US National

Transportation Safety Board is assisting Cameroon in the investigation, along with aviation authorities from Kenya and Canada.

**CRASH, ILULISSAT AREA, GREENLAND**

London, Jun 14 -- On Apr 18, the Air Greenland Sikorsky S61N (registration OY-HGZ) departed Ilulissat, Greenland on a round-trip glacier sight-seeing flight with 24 passengers and three crew. While on approach to a landing area about 60 nautical miles east of Ilulissat the No. 2 engine (GE CT-58-140-2) failed. The aircraft landed hard on a 25 degree slope, about 100 feet downhill of the intended landing site. The helicopter sustained substantial damage but there were no injuries reported. The Danish AIB is conducting an investigation. Preliminary examination of the engine has revealed mechanical anomalies with the No. 2 engine front frame accessory drive installation.

**CRASH, KASHIRA, RUSSIA**

London, Jun 21 -- Robinson R-44 helicopter, RA-04140, was substantially damaged when it crashed under unknown circumstances in Kashira, Russia, at approximately 1400, UTC, Jun 3. The Russian pilot was fatally injured and two passengers were seriously injured. The local flight, which originated at a helipad in Moscow, was being conducted under Russian flight regulations.

**CRASH, LUNGI, SIERRA LEONE**

Freetown, Jun 16 -- Sierra Leone's transport minister and three other state officials have been arrested on corruption charges after a helicopter crash two weeks ago which killed 22 people, anti-corruption officials said today. Transport Minister Prince Harding, his permanent secretary, the director of the civil aviation authority and his deputy had all been detained under anti-corruption laws, officials from the West African country's anti-corruption commission said. The helicopter service operated by Paramount Airlines had been grounded for safety checks earlier in the year. "It's not clear how the Paramount helicopter service was given permission to continue operating," one official from the anti-corruption commission told Reuters, asking not to be named. The Mi-8 helicopter exploded and crashed at Sierra Leone's main international airport on Jun 3, killing 22 people. -- Reuters.

**CRASH, MONGOLIA**

London, Jun 18 -- Fourteen people were killed and eight survived when a helicopter crashed into a mountain in north-central Mongolia while on a firefighting mission, a government official said today. The crash site was found Saturday (Jun 16). The large, Russian-made Mi-8 helicopter had been missing since Wednesday. Rescuers were still trying to retrieve survivors, Emergency Minister S. Otgonbayar said, adding that rescuers may need cutting equipment to free trapped

survivors. The helicopter crashed into a mountain, making rescue work difficult, Otgonbayar told reporters. The dead included two of the three pilots on board. Authorities lost contact with the helicopter as it was transporting firefighters and equipment to a forest fire in Selenge province, Otgonbayar said.

**CRASH, MOORE LAKE, ONTARIO, CANADA**

London, Jun 20 -- At 1550, Jun 16, The Piper PA-11SX floatplane was being taxied, reportedly without any intention for flight. During one run down the lake, apparently the airplane was caught by a gust of wind resulting in unintended flight. The nose came up and the airplane dropped a wing, struck the water in a nose-low attitude and came to rest inverted in shallow water. Both occupants wore seatbelts. The operator in the front seat, who is not a licensed pilot, was unhurt. The passenger in the rear seat received minor injuries. The airplane sustained substantial damage.

**CRASH, NORTH BATTLEFORD, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA**

London, Jun 20 -- At 0830 today, Aerotek S-1 Pitts Special, C-FEVW, was conducting manoeuvres at North Battleford, SK. The aircraft struck the ground, bounced and came to rest near an industrial park. The aircraft was destroyed by impact and post-crash fire. The pilot was fatally injured.

**CRASH, NORTHERN MALAWI**

London, Jun 17 -- A press report, dated today, states: Five British tourists and a Canadian pilot have died in an aircraft crash in northern Malawi, authorities said. The Cessna aircraft had been heading from the capital city, Lilongwe, to the north of the country. The wreckage of the aircraft was found by villagers in a ravine, and there were no survivors, police said. The next of kin are yet to be notified. The five Britons were on a cycling tour in the northern part of Malawi and they took an aircraft yesterday, with a Canadian pilot, for sight-seeing. The aircraft was expected back at camp after 45 minutes but never returned. Raymond Phesele, the government's chief aviation officer, said one of the British tourists killed was a woman. An investigation has been launched into the cause of the incident, which reportedly happened in bad weather. The aircraft is understood to have been operated by Nyika Safari Company, which offers access to two reserves in the remote north of the country, Nyika National Park and Vwaza Marsh Game Reserve. The company apparently has its own Cessna 206, which seats four to five passengers.

London, Jun 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Cessna 206 crashed in northern Malawi over the weekend (Jun 16-17), killing five British tourists and the Canadian pilot, a civil aviation official said. The group had been on a sightseeing tour of Malawi's Nyika Plateau in the northern Rumphu district when the

aircraft crashed in a game park on Saturday evening, the country's chief aviation officer Raymond Phesele, told AFP yesterday. Phesele said the aircraft, operated by the Nyika Safaris tourist company, took off around 1600 hrs from the nearby Chilinda Airfield. The civil aviation department would launch "investigations as soon as possible to establish what happened," he added.

#### **CRASH, PORT ST. JOE AREA, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 15 -- A press report, dated Jun 14, states: One person was killed in an aircraft crash today in Gulf County. The Sea-Ray Float Plane went down in an industrial canal a mile north of US 98 at Hiland View, just west of Port St. Joe, at around 1000, Eastern Time, this morning. The Gulf County sheriff's office confirmed one person died in the crash. The pilot has been identified as Dan Smith, a longtime Dothan, Alabama, car dealer. He was the only person on board the aircraft. The pilot was apparently flying very low, hit a power line and according to witnesses did "cartwheels into the water below." Gulf County sheriff's deputies have sealed off the area awaiting the arrival of FAA and NTSB investigators.

#### **CRASH, SIMITI, BOLIVAR, COLOMBIA**

London, Jun 21 -- Bell 206L3 helicopter, HK-4400, operated by Aviheco LTDA, crashed under unknown circumstances in a mountainous region, at about the 1,000-foot level, in Simiti, in the Bolivar region, Colombia, at approximately 1230, local time, Jun 5. The pilot and co-pilot received fatal injuries and four passengers received serious injuries. The flight originated at Barrancabermeja, Colombia, earlier that day.

#### **CRASH, WABUSH AREA, QUEBEC, CANADA**

London, Jun 20 -- At 0615, Jun 16, the Bell 206B helicopter, registration C-GQMR, was being used for water bucket operations on a fire near a railroad track. While hovering over the water, 20 feet from shore, visual references were lost and the helicopter moved too far forward in reference to the submerged water bucket. The aft corrective action resulted in the tail rotor hitting the surface of the water, breaking the tail rotor shaft. Tail rotor control was lost and the aircraft did a 360 degree turn, in which time the pilot shut the fuel valve. The aircraft descended upright and ditched right on contacting the water. The main rotor blades hit the roof of the aircraft which injured the pilot, who was not wearing a helmet. The pilot exited the aircraft and held on to the tailboom before swimming to shore. The aircraft sank inverted in shallow water. The pilot walked 200 meters to join a work crew and was given appropriate first aid before being evacuated to hospital via helicopter. The aircraft was substantially damaged.

#### **CRASH, WARREN FIELD AIRPORT AREA, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 19 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Washington man, involved in an aircraft crash Sunday (Jun 17) near Washington's Warren Field Airport, was listed in critical condition yesterday at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. The pilot and his son, both of Washington, were able to exit the aircraft before it caught fire, according to the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. The aircraft went down in a wheat field between Springs Road and Wares Chapel Church Lane, near the Warren Field Airport in Washington. The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office received the emergency call at 1745 hrs. Old Ford Volunteer Fire Department responded with the assistance of the City of Washington Department of Fire-Rescue-EMS Inspections and the Bunyan Volunteer Fire Department. The aircraft was fully engulfed when fire personnel arrived. Firefighters worked to extinguish the aircraft and keep the fire from spreading to a nearby wooded area, according to a statement from the sheriff's office. A field investigation into the crash begins today, said Kathleen Bergen with the Federal Aviation Administration. She said inspectors with the FAA will be at the crash site to determine whether the pilot was operating under the required credentials and that the aircraft was "flown in the proper manner." The sheriff's office is assisting the FAA and conducted an interview yesterday with Hank Modlin at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, said Lt. Tommi Bridgeman. An interview with Hilton Modlin was not possible yesterday because of his condition, she said. Bergen said the National Transportation Safety Board determines the cause of the crash. "The National Transportation Safety Board may send someone down to investigate, but if not, we will submit our findings and they will determine probable cause," she said.

#### **CRASH, WEST HAWK LAKE, MANITOBA, CANADA**

London, Jun 13 -- At 1820 hrs, Jun 12, the Mooney M-20C was observed flying in the area of the north shore of West Hawk Lake, Manitoba. The aircraft struck a power line in the vicinity of Big Island Landing, and sank in about 15 metres of water. Manitoba Hydro and RCMP personnel responded to the scene. TSB investigators were deployed to the site. Two deceased occupants of the aircraft were located.

#### **CRASH, YELLOW PINE AREA, IDAHO, UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 20 -- Cessna 172 N6233E crashed under unknown circumstances seven miles from Johnson Creek Airport, Yellow Pine, Idaho, on Jun 14. There were two persons on board, one was fatally injured, one sustained unknown injuries. The aircraft was destroyed.

#### **EMERGENCY LANDING, BLENHEIM AIRPORT, NEW ZEALAND**

London, Jun 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: Air New Zealand is flying a special support team to Blenheim to help passengers and staff involved in this morning's emergency landing. The airline says its Eagle Air crew on flight NZ 2300 from Timaru to Wellington did an excellent job of executing a textbook "wheels up" landing after the landing gear on the Beech 1900D aircraft failed to lower as the flight from Timaru was preparing to touch down in Wellington. The pilot diverted to the Woodbourne Air Base where the aircraft was doused in foam as it landed on its belly. Air New Zealand says two of the 15 passengers were taken to hospital as a precautionary measure. One is a woman who is pregnant. Doug Roberts, Eagle Air's general manager, says the company's pilots undergo some of the most extensive training in the industry to deal with emergency situations such as today's. He says many of the passengers will carry on with their journey later today. Eagle Air says it has launched an investigation into the emergency landing and the Transport Accident Investigation Commission will also look into it.

London, Jun 19 -- Investigators could take months to determine what led to equipment failures on an aircraft that was forced to land on its belly at Blenheim yesterday. The Beechcraft 1900D, operated by Air New Zealand subsidiary Eagle Air, landed safely at Woodbourne airport with 15 passengers and two crew on board but sustained damage to the undercarriage and propellers. The aircraft is now in a hangar on jacks and investigations have been launched by both Eagle Air and the Transport Accident Investigation Commission (Taic). Investigation head Ian McClelland told Radio New Zealand today there would be detailed inquiries and assessments and no immediate answers. He said the system to lower the landing gear was an automatically operated hydraulic one but it could also be lowered manually in emergency situations. The focus of the investigation was to find out why neither options worked. It would also involve interviews with crew and research on the aircraft's history. He said some of the tyres incurred scuffing, but the landing gear itself was relatively undamaged. It was up to the operator to assess if and when the aircraft could fly again but initial assessments suggested it was certainly repairable, Mr McClelland said.

London, Jun 20 -- Beechcraft 1900D, operated by Eagle Airways, ZK-EAK, diverted to Woodbourne/Blenheim where an intentional wheels up landing was made Jun 18. Damage is substantial.

#### **EMERGENCY LANDING, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BOSTON, UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 21 -- A press report, dated today, states: Sparks flew from the landing gear of an American Eagle



jet carrying 40 people during its first attempt to touch down, forcing a second landing Wednesday (Jun 20). The aircraft landed without incident at Logan International Airport about an hour later. Debris also fell when Flight 4539 from Toronto tried to land about 0820, American Eagle spokeswoman Andrea Huguely said. Crews believe it may have come from flaps that open beneath the aircraft when the landing gear comes down. Mechanics on the ground checked the landing gear twice as the aircraft flew by the airport, and no problems were found. The aircraft also stayed in the air to burn excess fuel as a precaution, Huguely said. The aircraft, filled with 37 passengers and three crew members, landed without incident at 0931 and was taken out of service to be inspected. The runway remained open. American Eagle is a commuter airline operated by Fort Worth-based AMR.

#### **EMERGENCY LANDING, TULUKSAK, ALASKA, UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 16 -- The general manager of Frontier Flying Service says one of its airplanes made a forced landing yesterday morning in Western Alaska after experiencing mechanical problems. Bob Hajdukovich says the eight-passenger Piper Chieftain was on a scheduled run between Aniak, Kalskag and Bethel. It diverted to Tuluksak, 35 miles north-east of Bethel. There were no injuries. Hajdukovich says one of the aircraft's twin engines quit. Also, when it touched down on Tuluksak's nearly 2,500-foot gravel runway, one of the aircraft's landing gear collapsed, causing two others to also collapse. Seven passengers on board were from Kalskag and the other was from Aniak. National Transportation Safety Board investigator Larry Lewis says the forced landing is under investigation.

London, Jun 20 -- Piper PA-31, N200AK, operated by Frontier Flying Service Inc, landed gear up at Tuluksak, Al, Jun 13. No injuries to the nine persons on board the aircraft. Damage is substantial.

#### **FLIGHTS DELAYED, UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Jun 21 -- Thousands of British Airways passengers faced delays and disruption yesterday after the carrier outsourced 430 ground jobs to a separate company. Dozens of flights between Edinburgh and London were delayed by between 15 minutes and three hours. Worst hit were flights to London City, which were cancelled or severely disrupted. Shuttle flights to Heathrow and Gatwick ran between 15 minutes and one hour late all day. Yesterday was the first day that BA ground operations at Edinburgh, including check-in, baggage-handling, ticketing and dispatch of aircraft, were provided by the contract firm Aviance. BA told 218 Edinburgh staff in March

that their jobs were being cut and work outsourced in an effort to cut costs. Some 56 BA staff in Aberdeen have already handed over to Aviance, while 160 jobs at Glasgow will end later this month. Union officials denied there was any "go-slow" by remaining BA workers at Edinburgh yesterday, but said Aviance was using fewer staff and lower rates of pay. "This is part of BA's retreat from Scotland," said the GMB organiser, Ian King. "First went the routes, and now the ground staff." The airline insisted delays were isolated, including problems with the Instrument Landing System (ILS) at London City.

#### **GROUNDING OF AIRCRAFT, BULGARIA**

London, Jun 19 -- Four Bulgaria air cargo carriers have failed an inspection by officials from the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and the European Commission and will be delicensed by the local Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), said representatives of the companies. In February this year, EASA imposed an operating ban on Air Sofia, Bright Aviation Services, Heli Air Services, Skorpion Air and Vega Airlines. A team of experts then visited to review the corrective actions prescribed to the Bulgarian cargo carriers. The carriers were given two months to address the deficiencies in their operation. The tab for the recommended corrective measures was seen at 3.5 mln euro. Only Heli Air is reportedly permitted to continue to operate one aircraft. Skorpion Air is permitted to operate a pilot training centre. The report from the inspection will be made public towards the end of this week. The CAA last week met with the carriers to notify them of the pending delicensing procedure. CAA chief Zahari Aleksiev refused to comment, saying he is awaiting the release of the EASA report. Bright Aviation may register its fleet in a non-EU state, said company executive Sergei Petkov. The other option is to liquidate the business. Vega Airlines executive director Ivan Ivanov said it will sell its six An-12s to buy a Boeing jet that would likely to get registration in Bulgaria.

#### **GROUNDING OF AIRCRAFT, UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: Cape Air had between five and seven of its 49 airplanes back in the skies as of yesterday evening, after a third incidence of engine failure forced a voluntary grounding of its entire fleet on Tuesday (Jun 12.) Mechanics were working around the clock to replace a faulty engine part in the Cessna 402 twin-engine propeller planes, with representatives from the engines' manufacturer, Continental Teledyne, overseeing installations. "We're very happy with the progress," Cape Air spokeswoman Michelle Haynes said. "We expect to be partially up by Friday (Jun 15) and fully up on Monday (Jun

18)." The planes that resumed service yesterday were flying between Boston and Martha's Vineyard and between San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Tortola in the British Virgin Islands. "We still don't have any Nantucket flights, but that could change by tomorrow," Haynes said. "It's a very fluid situation."

#### **HARD LANDING, LOS ANGELES, UNITED STATES**

London, Jun 20 -- On May 28, Air Canada flight 795, an Airbus A320 aircraft, was landing at Los Angeles when a hard landing message was generated. The aircraft was inspected and deemed safe for a return flight to Winnipeg. Further investigation by Air Canada determined that the aircraft bounced on landing and, during the second touchdown, the aircraft registered 3.07G. The aircraft has since been removed from service to undergo a major inspection for possible internal damage. It is expected that the landing gear will be scrapped and the aircraft will be out of service for at least one month.

#### **INCIDENT AT CHENNAI AIRPORT, INDIA**

Karachi, Jun 15 -- An ATR cargo aircraft of India private sector - First Flight Couriers Ltd (Mumbai based) met with the mishap while landing at Chennai, in Southern India at 0850 hours today. The Airport Authority told media that the pilot, who was alone in the aircraft, escaped unhurt. However, as a result of the accident, flight services from Chennai airport were briefly disrupted. It said that the aircraft got stuck at the main runway of the domestic airport after its nose portion fell off while landing. The pilot managed to stop the aircraft on the main runway. Later, sparks were noticed in its engine and fire tenders rushed to the spot and prevented the aircraft from catching fire. The aircraft was later taxied to the cargo terminal for repair. -- Correspondent.

#### **TEMPORARY GROUNDING OF UNITED AIRLINES AIRCRAFT**

London, Jun 20 -- A press report, dated today, states: A computer failure at United Airlines forced the airline to ground the fleet for two hours this morning, causing delays for airline passengers across the country. Officials say United Airlines grounded their flights between 0900 and 1100 hrs, while they fixed the computer problem. The malfunction caused delays systemwide for departing flights of at least two hours. Although the computer problem is fixed, delays on United Airlines flights are expected throughout the day. United Airlines operates more than 3,600 flights a day on United, United Express and TedSM to more than 210 U.S. domestic and international destinations from its hubs in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Port Conditions



**GERMANY**

London, Jun 16 -- The new north lock chamber of the Kiel Canal at Brunsbützel will be out of service for repairs between 0700 and 1400 on Monday (Jun 18). This may cause some small delays to transits.

London, Jun 20 -- A press report, dated today, states: Kiel Canal Authorities have announced that the small south lock chamber at Holtenau is out of service, due to damages to the lock gate. The authorities are checking the possibility of a restricted service. The large south lock chamber at Holtenau, currently closed for maintenance work, will be fully operational again on Jul 5. There are two large and two small lock chambers on each side of the Kiel Canal. Therefore, one large lock chamber and one small lock chamber are still fully operational in Holtenau. Delays of one-two hours are possible.

**ISRAEL**

London, Jun 19 -- Israeli customs agents have set up a blockade of international cargo bound for Gaza after Hamas seized control of the territory at the weekend. Fuel supplies had already been cut, and Palestinians were stocking up on food and other necessities as the crisis deepened. The latest move by Israel to isolate Hamas came today when the country's tax Authority instructed customs agents not to release shipments destined for Gaza until further notice. Medical and other emergency supplies are excluded from the embargo. "Given recent developments in the Gaza Strip and the closure of crossings between it and Israel, I hereby inform you that no cargo destined for the strip is to be released until further notice," an Israeli Finance Ministry official wrote in a letter to international customs agents, according to a report from Reuters. Most containers bound for Gaza move through the southern Israeli port of Ashdod. But the impact of this new ban on both the ports and global shipping will be minimal. Volumes have been shrinking over the past few months as tensions in the

region worsened, and now very little moves across the border from Israel to Gaza. Any containers loaded with merchandise for Gaza are emptied in Ashdod and then taken by truck to the crossing where the goods are transferred to another vehicle. Ashdod is already badly clogged up, with container lines raising their congestion surcharge substantially last week.

**KENYA**

London, Jun 20 -- A press report, dated today, states: A surcharge of \$100 will be levied on any containers at the port of Mombasa which "overstay their welcome" in the terminal. That's the latest get-tough action from the Kenya Port Authority, fed up with the number of importers who use the port as a storage facility resulting in congestion and delays to shipping and other clients. According to KPA managing director Abdalla Mwaruwa any container remaining in the port for more than 21 days (15 days period of grace to collect and seven days to clear through Customs) will be levied a \$100 surcharge per 20ft container and \$120 for a 40ft box. The "unwelcome boxes" will be stored at two Mombasa freight stations. The notice sent to clients reads: "This is to notify all shipping lines, importers and clearing agents that with effect from Jun 15, 2007, all local and transit containers that have overstayed at the port will be transferred to the appointed container freight stations (CFSs) at the owners' cost."

**NETHERLANDS**

London, Jun 19 -- Shipowners bunkering at Rotterdam still face delays due to barge congestion at Vopak's terminal which has failed to keep pace with a surge in barge activity. Brokers report that barge delays eased slightly over the weekend to around four days, down from seven days encountered earlier in the week. However, supply is expected to remain tight as the terminal struggles to load the barges quickly enough to keep pace with demand. It's quite simple, there just isn't product available, said one local supplier. With Vopak's Europoort terminal the main storage facility in Rotterdam, the supplier added that product was possibly being over-sold by some of the majors, including BP and Total. "People are selling too much as to what can be handled by Vopak," a spokesperson for Chemoil Europe said. With the normal nomination procedure

just 48 hours for loading in Rotterdam, the delays of up to seven days have taken a toll on spot business as prompt nominations could not be handled. A spokesman for Vopak said there is too much demand in one jetty and there had been problems with one customer that had nominated for requirements beyond the limitations of its agreement. Vopak terminal operates five jetties, but does not switch tanks between the other jetties to limit delays.

**OMAN**

London, Jun 18 -- A press report, dated Jun 17, states: Due to deteriorating swell condition (monsoon) with immediate effect and until the end of the monsoon season, ship to ship operation and boat services at Salalah anchorage are suspended until conditions improve at the end of the monsoon season, end of August or early September. Any transfer of stores or crew to vessels has to be inside the harbour.

**PANAMA CANAL**

Balboa, Jun 16 -- Panama Canal situation: There is a backlog today of 46 vessels and delays are running at about two days. Miraflores Locks are operating with lane restrictions due to maintenance from Jun 13 to 22, while Pedro Miguel Locks will have one lane out from Jun 17 to 20. Due to significant reduction in capacity, severe delays are anticipated for the coming week. The booking system remains at a very high level of utilisation with auction attracting significant premiums. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**UNITED STATES / CANADA**

London, Jun 18 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Freighter traffic is way down this spring on the Saginaw River at Bay City, Michigan. The causes are a slow economy, low river levels and a strike against a company that operates three large freighters (bulkers the *David Z*, the *Earl W* and the *Wolverine*). One ship-watcher says freighters made 40 trips in or out of Bay City from May 29 to Jun 14, 2005. He says freighters made 16 trips in the same period last year and eight this year. A slowdown in construction and road projects in the area has reduced demand for freighters. Some dredging could take place this summer after construction of the Dredged Material Disposal Facility.

**Port Delays**

**Information received from BIMCO, Denmark and the Indian Ports Association Jun 26-28**

Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
<b>Australia</b>		
Abbott Point	25-June-2007	Coal: 5 vessels berthed and waiting; 9 vessels due by 15/7.
Brisbane	25-June-2007	Coal: Fisherman Island coal berth: 14 vessels due by 20/8.
Dalrymple Bay	25-June-2007	There was a belt fire at the loading system on 24/6 which will reduce cargo receipt until repairs completed ca. 28/6. This may have some effect on berthing prospects. Coal: DBCT berth 1: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 waiting; DBCT berth 2: berth closed for maintenance until further notice; DBCT berth 3: 3 vessels waiting; other vessels not scheduled: 49 vessels waiting; 16 vessels due by 17/7.
Dampier	25-June-2007	Iron ore: Parker Point berth 2: 1 vessel waiting; Parker Point berth 3: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting; 6 vessels due by 5/7; Parker Point berth 4: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 waiting; 7 vessels due by 4/7; Parker Point berth 5: no vessels; East Intercourse Island: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 waiting; 9 vessels due by 26/7.
Esperance	25-June-2007	Iron ore: 2 vessels due by 11/7.
Geraldton	25-June-2007	Iron ore: 1 vessel anchored; 5 vessels due by 9/7; regular maintenance shutdowns are expected at berth No. 4 during construction of new iron ore berth 5.
Gladstone	25-June-2007	Coal: R.G. Tanna (Clinton) coal terminal: 2 vessels berthed, 15 waiting; 40 vessels due by 1/8; Barney Point: 1 vessel berthed, 1 waiting; 14 vessels due by 1/8.
Hay Point	25-June-2007	Coal: Berth 1: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 waiting; 4 vessels due by 30/6; Berth 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 waiting; 3 vessels due by 30/6; 7 other vessels due by 20/7, not yet scheduled.
Newcastle	25-June-2007	Port slowly returning to normal after the recent floods and storms. Hunter Valley coal chain advise that the PWCS terminals have returned to full capacity. Coal: Kooragang 4, 5 and 6: 3 vessels berthed and loading, 50 waiting; 27 vessels due by 11/7; 27-32 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; approx. 50 vessels off port awaiting berths; Dykes 4+5: 2 vessels berthed and loading, 25 waiting; 15 vessels due by 11/7; 23-31 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; 25 vessels off port awaiting coal.
Port Hedland	25-June-2007	Iron ore: BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Mt. Newman (Nelson Point), "A" berth: 1 vessel berthed and finished loading, 3 waiting; 5 vessels due by 4/7; "B" berth: 1 vessel berthing, 3 waiting; 6 vessels due by 4/7; 2 other vessels due by 17/7, no e.t.a. received; 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, 6 waiting; 7 vessels due by 4/7; Cockatoo Island: 1 vessel due 2/7; Koolan Island: 1 vessel due 6/7.
Port Kembla	25-June-2007	Coal: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 anchored; 13 vessels due by 19/7.
Port Walcott	25-June-2007	Iron ore: 2 vessels berthed and loading, 6 waiting; 15 vessels due by 2/8.
Whyalla	25-June-2007	Iron ore: 3 vessels due by 23/7; ore belt replacement at ore jetty from 9-19/7; 1 vessel due by 23/6 for transshipping.
<b>Azerbaijan</b>		
Apsheron	22-June-2007	Oil products: Dubendi terminal: 3 vessels berthed, 1 completed discharging crude oil, 2 empty vessels; 1 vessel due 22/6 to discharge crude oil.
Baku	22-June-2007	Oil products: Bay of Baku: no vessels; AzerTrans terminal - Nobel avenue: 2 vessels berthed, 1 discharging crude oil, 1 gasoline; Sangachal district: no vessels.
<b>Bulgaria</b>		
Bourgas	25-June-2007	Six vessels in port operating, of which 3 loading (1 ammonium nitrate, 1 coils, 1 copper concentrate), 3 discharging (1 steel billets, 1 copper concentrate, 1 sugar); 1 vessel in roads to discharge iron ore; 10 vessels due, of which 4 to load (3 coils, 1 containers), 5 to discharge (1 salt, 1 sulphur, 1 kerosene, 1 lead concentrate, 1 zinc/lead concentrate), 1 for repairs.
Varna	25-June-2007	Varna East, Varna West, Electrical Power Station, Balchik: Conditions 18-22 June: Twenty-one vessels in port operating of which 11 loading (2 bulk sulphuric acid, 1 bulk wheat, 1 bulk clinker, 1 equipment in packing cases, 3 soda, 1 industrial salt, 1 bulk NPK, 1 caustic soda solution), 5 discharging (2 bulk coal, 1 raw phosphate, 1 bulk silica sand, 1 chamotte/kaolin), 5 discharging/loading (4 containers, 1 equipment in packing cases/pipes/containers); no vessels waiting in roads.

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**Cyprus**

Larnaca	26-June-2007	Three conventional vessels discharging at berth; 2 conventional vessels due 27/6; no delays expected.
Limassol	26-June-2007	Four container vessels discharging/loading at berth, 2 conventional vessels discharging at berth; 4 container vessels, 3 conventional vessels, 2 passenger vessels due 27/6; no delays expected.

**Estonia**

Tallinn	25-June-2007	Paljassaare (formerly Kopli): 1 vessel berthed and discharging; no vessels anchored; 1 vessel due, with 4 days berthing delay expected.
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**India**

Kolkata	25-Jun-2007	1 vessel operating at berth loading and discharging Containers; ), 2 vessels waiting at anchorage to ( 1 to discharge, 1 to load and discharge); 4 vessels under repair; 1 vessel under dry docked; 1 vessel under arrest; 2 vessels waiting to sail; 2 vessels due (Logs).
Haldia	25-Jun-2007	20 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (POL, Iron Ore-3, Buta, General Cargo), 10 vessels discharging (POL, Coking Coal-2, Sulphur, Ammonia Coal, Met Coke-2, Limes, Rock, Soya), 3 vessels loading and discharging Containers, 1 vessel waiting to load Iron Ore; 11 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 6 to discharge, 4 to load, 1 to load and discharge), 5 vessels waiting at anchorage ( 3 to discharge, 2 to load); 5 vessels due (LPG, PRXLN, Thermal Coal, Containers).
Paradip	25-Jun-2007	12 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Iron Ore-2, Thermal Coal-2, P. Iron), 7 vessels discharging (Ammonia Coal-3, Urea, S. Acid, Rock Phosphate); 21 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 7 to discharge, 14 to load), 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge; 24 vessels due.
Vizag	25-Jun-2007	14 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading (Iron Ore-2, Granite & Steel Cargo, Thermal Coal), 10 vessels discharging (Coking Coal-2, Crude Oil, Alumina-2, Yellow Peas, Urea-2, Rock Phosphate, Lime Stone); 16 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage ( 9 to discharge, 7 to load); 1 vessel under arrest; 1 vessel under others reasons; 37 vessels due ( Iron Ore-8, Thermal Coal-2, I. Sand, B.F. Slag, Urea-2, Liquid Ammonia, Phosphoric Acid-2, Coking Coal-7, Containers-3, Gypsum, Met Coke, Limestone, Steel Cargo-2, Steam Coal, Crude & POL Products-4).
Chennai	25-Jun-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading, 4 vessels discharging (Log, Steam Coal-2, High Speed Diesel), 4 vessels loading and discharging (LSHS/Furance Oil, Containers-3); 3 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load, 4 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage ( 4 to discharge, 1 to load); 1 vessel under arrest; 8 vessels due ( High Speed Diesel, Edible Oil, Supply, Steam Coal, Coking Coal, Containers-3).
Tuticorin	25-Jun-2007	7 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading General Cargo, 4 vessels discharging (Logs, Rock Phosphate, Thermal Coal, VCM), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 2 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load.
Cochin	25-Jun-2007	7 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading General Cargo, 5 vessels discharging (Wheat, Crude, MOP, POL, Butyl/Acrylate), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 4 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 3 to discharge, 1 to load and discharge); 12 vessels due (Crude, Domestic Passenger, Containers-6, Fertilizer Raw Material, Logs, CBFS, POL).
New Mangalore	25-Jun-2007	8 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Iron Ore Fines-3, Iron Ore (P), POL Product), 3 vessels discharging (Fertilizer, POL Crude, Coal); 4 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 2 to discharge, 2 to load), 5 vessels waiting at anchorage ( 4 to discharge, 1 to load); 15 vessels due ( LPG-3, Iron Ore Fines-4, POL Product-3, Iron Ore (P)-2, Container, POL Crude, Fertilizer).
Mormugao	25-Jun-2007	4 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading ( Alumina, Iron Ore), 2 vessels loading and discharging (POL, MOP); 1 vessel working at midstream loading Iron Ore; 3 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 2 to discharge, 1 to load); 4 vessel under dry docked; 11 vessels due (Coking Coal-2, Steam Coal, Containers, MOP, Met Coke, Iron Ore-5).
Mumbai	25-Jun-2007	13 vessels operating at berth of which 8 vessels loading ( Heavy Lift, Sugar, Rice, Vehicles, POL-4), 1 vessel discharging Clay, 4 vessels loading and discharging (Steel/ Project/ General/ Containers/ Vehicles/ Break Bulk); 2 vessels working at midstream and

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		discharging ( RPO/ Acid); 1 vessel not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load, 5 vessels awaiting order at anchorage to discharge, 4 vessels waiting berth at anchorage (3 load, 1 to load and discharge) 25 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 12 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel under laid up (Berths not required for cargo operations); 37 vessels due ( Containers- 3, Fertilizer Raw Material, General Cargo-33).
J.N.P.T.	25-Jun-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels discharging ( Cement, MEG, Lubricant Oil), 6 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 7 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge; 7 Containers vessels due.
Kandla	25-Jun-2007	11 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Fly Ash, Cement-2, Zinc, Pipes, Rice-2), 4 vessels discharging (Timber Palm Oil, Urea, CDSBO); 7 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (3 to discharge, 4 to load).
Ennore	25-Jun-2007	1 vessel working at berth and discharging Coal; 1 vessel working at inner anchorage loading Iron Ore; 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to load; 4 vessels due (MV Good Season (Coal), MT Selendang Permata (POL), MV Tail Anna (Coal), MV Gem of Ennore (Coal).
<b>Israel</b>		
Ashdod	24-June-2007	No labour problems. Fourteen vessels discharging at berth (8 general cargo, 6 bulkers), 4 container vessels loading/discharging at berth; 2 general cargo vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge, 1 container vessel waiting at anchorage to load/discharge; 23 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Eilat	24-June-2007	No labour problems. Two general cargo vessels discharging at berth; no vessels waiting at anchorage; 1 vessel due, with no delays expected.
Haifa	24-June-2007	No labour problems. Six vessels discharging at berth (4 general cargo, 2 bulkers), 8 loading/discharging at berth (4 containers, 4 tankers); 1 general cargo vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge, 5 vessels waiting at anchorage to load/discharge (2 bulkers, 1 containers, 2 tankers); 6 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 22 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
<b>Kazakhstan</b>		
Aktau	22-June-2007	Oil products: 4 vessels berthed, all loading crude oil; 6 vessels in roads, all to load unknown cargo; 2 vessels due by 23/6, both to load unknown cargoes.
<b>Poland</b>		
Gdansk	25-June-2007	Eight vessels loading at berth (1 coal, 1 bulker, 1 tanker, 3 general cargo, 2 grain), 6 discharging at berth (3 general cargo, 2 grain, 1 tanker); 8 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; no vessels waiting at anchorage, none waiting in roads; 25 vessels due.
Gdynia	25-June-2007	Six vessels loading at berth (1 coal, 3 general cargo, 2 bulkers), 3 vessels discharging at berth (1 grain, 2 general cargo); 13 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; no vessels waiting at anchorage, none waiting in roads; 54 vessels due.
<b>Russia</b>		
Novorossiysk	25-June-2007	Ten vessels in port operating, of which 6 loading, (1 bulk NPK, 1 copper, 1 aluminium, 1 cellulose, 1 wheat, 1 UAN solution), 3 discharging (1 bulk sugar, 1 meat products, 1 vegetable oil), 1 discharging/loading containers; 1 vessel waiting in roads to load diesel oil; 49 vessels due, of which 41 to load (6 steel billets, 4 slabs, 3 pig-iron, 1 bulk ammonium nitrate, 1 soda ash, 2 pipes, 6 copper, 1 copper WRIC, 2 DRI, 1 lead/zinc, 1 coils, 1 sodium sulphate/soda ash/steel billets, 1 HBI, 1 aluminium, 2 steel billets/steel sheets, 1 coils/steel, 1 barley, 1 H-beams, 1 cellulose, 1 zinc concentrate, 2 diesel oil, 1 bulk sugar), 6 to discharge (1 cattle, 1 vehicles, 1 debars, 1 vegetable oil, 2 bulk sugar), 2 to discharge/load containers. Oil terminal: 1 tanker berthed, loading crude oil; 4 tankers in roads, all to load, of which 3 crude oil, 1 diesel oil; 2 tankers due, both to load crude oil.
<b>Slovenia</b>		
Koper	26-June-2007	Port working normally. Seven vessels berthed of which 2 loading general cargo, 4 discharging bulk cargo, 1 loading bulk cargo; 3 vessels anchored of which 1 to load sawn timber, 2 to discharge bulk cargo; 13 vessels due over the next 2 days of which 2 to discharge/load containers, 3 car carriers to discharge/load vehicles, 1 car carrier to discharge vehicles, 1 vessel to discharge bulk cargo, 1 to load bulk cargo, 5 to load general cargo/sawn timber cargo, 7 to load general cargo/sawn timber.
<b>Spain</b>		
Bilbao	25-June-2007	Thirty-two vessels operating (6 tankers, 26 other vessels), of which 2 loading, 13

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Sagunto	25-June-2007	discharging, 17 loading/discharging. Twenty-four vessels in port operating, of which 4 loading (1 steel products, 2 cement, 1 bulk fertiliser), 18 discharging (13 steel products, 3 gas, 1 fruit, 1 anhydrous ammonia), 2 loading/discharging vehicles; no vessels outside commercial wharf; no berthing delays at present.
<b>Sri Lanka</b>		
Colombo	25-June-2007	Berthing/unberthing (pilotage) delays being experienced on breakbulk/conventional vessels. Delays to conventional vessels are due to the fact that container/feeder vessels are given priority at breakbulk berths if there is container congestion. Conventional cargo vessels at BQ 1 and 2 are facing navigation delays. Eleven vessels loading at berth (10 containers/feeders, 1 Ro/Ro), 23 vessels discharging at berth (16 containers/feeders, 1 bagged fertiliser, 1 bulk cement, 2 bulk palm oil, 2 frozen fish, 1 bulk LPG); 7 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge (6 containers/feeders, 1 bulk fertiliser); 4 vessels dry-docked; 6 container/feeder vessels due, with no delays expected for containers/feeders/general cargo/bagged cargoes.
<b>Turkmenistan</b>		
Aladja	22-June-2007	Oil products: 1 vessel berthed, loading crude oil.
Turkmenbashi	22-June-2007	Oil products: 2 vessels berthed, both completed loading, of which 1 fuel oil, 1 HPGO; 3 vessels in roads, all to load, of which 1 gasoil, 2 gasoline; 1 vessel due 22/6 to load fuel oil.
<b>Ukraine</b>		
Ilechevsk	25-June-2007	Seven vessels in port operating, of which 5 loading (1 steel products, 2 sunflower oil, 1 wheat, 1 sulphur), 1 discharging steel billets, 1 loading/discharging containers; 4 vessels in roads, all to load, of which 3 sunflower oil, 1 wheat; 26 vessels due, of which 17 to load (13 steel products, 1 sunflower oil, 1 iron ore concentrate, 2 sulphur), 1 to discharge nickel ore, 8 to load/discharge containers.
Mariupol	25-June-2007	Twelve vessels in port operating, all loading, of which 6 steel, 2 fire-clay, 2 coal, 1 slag, 1 sunflower beans; 14 vessels in roads, all to load, of which 11 steel, 3 coal; 32 vessels due, all to load, of which 12 steel, 6 coal, 8 fire-clay, 1 slag, 2 wheat, 3 sulphur.
Odessa	25-June-2007	Twenty-eight vessels in port operating, of which 17 loading (12 metal, 3 wheat, 2 timber), 5 discharging (1 metal, 2 luggage, 1 sugar, 1 citrus), 2 discharging/loading containers, 4 passenger vessels; 9 vessels in roads, of which 6 to load (3 corn, 1 coal, 1 wheat, 1 metal), 3 to discharge (2 sugar, 1 general cargo); 55 vessels due, of which 20 to load (17 metal, 1 ore, 2 wheat), 5 to discharge (4 metal, 1 sugar), 30 to discharge/load containers.

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