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## Captive crew overthrow Somali pirates

By Marcus Hand and David Osler

**T**WO pirates were killed and several more injured yesterday after the crew of a North Korean-registered cargoship seized off the coast of Somalia overpowered their assailants and regained control of the vessel.

Details of what occurred remained sketchy, but according to the International Maritime Bureau, the crew of 1980-built 9,689 dwt Dai Hong Dan managed to re-establish control over the engine room, allowing the vessel to return to international waters, where it was met by coalition naval forces.

The ship involved in the incident appears to be a vessel reported taken captive by Somali pirates on either Monday or the early hours of Tuesday. The crew reportedly numbered 22, including a South Korean master and chief engineer, and junior officers and ratings from the Philippines and Burma. As such, they considerably outnumbered the eight pirates.

The hijack was the second in recent days. On Sunday, a Japanese chemtanker — thought to be the 11,676 dwt Golden Nori — was also boarded and taken over near the east African country's coast.

A distress signal was picked up in Norway and relayed to the International Maritime Bureau's piracy reporting centre in Kuala Lumpur.

According to Noel Choong, head of the centre, the bureau then notified the coalition naval force warships in the area and informed the authorities in Yemen.

"We informed everybody this had happened, including notifying the owners in Tokyo," Mr Choong said. "We received a message from coalition forces that the vessel had entered Somali waters. Then no assistance can be rendered."

Although Somalia has no effective central government, the 12 nm limit of its territorial waters still has to be respected by international naval forces. This means that once a hijacked vessel has crossed into the country's waters it is in effect at the mercy of the pirates.

Four other vessels — a Comoros-registered cargoship, two Tanzanian fishing vessels and a vessel from Taiwan — are also being held by armed groups.

The hijackings are likely to bring the issue of piracy in the waters off Somalia back into

sharp focus, with similar attacks on Japanese vessels in the Malacca Strait earlier in the decade forcing action against pirates in the busy shipping lane.

In the first nine months of this year there were 26 piracy attacks off Somalia, compared to eight in 2006. However, until two weeks ago, the last few months had been relatively quiet. The last two weeks have seen the successful hijacking of a general cargo vessel on October 17. Since then there have been three attempted attacks in waters off Somalia and two in the Gulf of Aden. In several of the cases pirates in small boats fired upon the merchant vessels they were chasing. The ships involved included an LPG tanker and an oil tanker.

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### Pride of Bilbao officer on trial for yacht deaths

by Sandra Speares

**T**he trial started this week of Michael Hubble, second officer on the *Pride of Bilbao* on charges of manslaughter through gross negligence following the loss of the yacht *Ouzo* and three crew members last year.

Mr Hubble, 62, denies the manslaughter of James Meaby, Jason Downer and Rupert Saunders, whose bodies were found in the English Channel after the incident, which the UK's Marine Accident Investigation Branch has concluded resulted from a collision or very close encounter with P&O's *Pride of Bilbao*.

During the MAIB investigation, voyage data records of ships known to be in the area when the *Ouzo* disappeared were analysed, leading to the conclusion that the *Pride of Bilbao* had had an encounter with a small yacht 9 km south of the Isle of Wight while outbound to Spain on August 21, 2006.

The lookout on the ferry had not seen the yacht until it was very close and Mr Hubble tried a last-minute manoeuvre to avoid it, which he believed to have been successful, as lights were seen astern of the ship, the report said. At Winchester Crown Court the prosecution alleged that the three could have been saved if Mr Hubble had alerted the captain at the time. The trial continues.

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

<b>Vessel</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Flag</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>GT</b>	<b>DWT</b>	<b>Bit</b>	<b>Casualty</b>
<i>ADLER VI</i>	ferry	DEU	GL	265	52	1979	Had fire on board 2 miles SW of Hornum/Odde, Sylt, Oct 20. Passengers evacuated. Towed to Hornum. Defective auxiliary diesel caused fire.
<i>BRIGHT RUBY</i>	bulker	KOR	NK	15,872	26,589	1987	Reported Oct 24 in tow of tug Anglian Warrior, in lat 35 04S, long 54 52W, due engine problems. Vessels bound Montevideo.
<i>CSK UNITY</i>	bulker	SGP	BV	36,074	68,371	1995	Grounded in the Macapa area, River Amazon Oct 16. Refloated Oct 22 and returning to Macapa for inspection.
<i>EL MEXICANO</i>	general cargo	MEX	NV	7,170	12,363	1985	Reported taking water in lat 21 04.7N, long 106 54.4W, Oct 21. Engine-room flooded. Sailed to safe anchorage in lat 21 40.5N, long 106 34.6W. Anchored off Manzanillo(MEX) as of Oct 24, ascertaining damage.
<i>FAS PROVENCE</i>	container	BHS	BV	6,072	8,049	1986	Arrived in tow of tug <i>Posejdon</i> at Marseilles Oct 18 with Nos 5 and 6 cylinder crankpin problems. Repairs ETC early Dec.
<i>MARC MITCHELL</i>	general cargo	ATG	BV	2,599	3,480	1999	Towed to Moerdijk Oct 20 with engine problems.
<i>MOBY DICK</i>	ferry	KOR	KR	426	45	1991	In contact with <i>Queen Coral 8</i> at Naha port Oct 14.
<i>OCTAVIA</i>	tanker	CYP	LR	2,143	3,813	2005	Lost main engine power and touched bottom in lat 55 35.6N, long 12 29.2E, Oct 18. No serious damage and vessel cleared to proceed on voyage to Brofjorden.
<i>OFICINA PORVENIR</i>	supply	MEX	—	646	716	1975	Sank in Gulf of Mexico Oct 23 after engine-room leakage. Thirteen of the 14 persons on board rescued.
<i>QUEEN CORAL 8</i>	ferry	JPN	—	4,945	3,200	1999	In contact with <i>Moby Dick</i> at Naha port Oct 14.
<i>THOR</i>	tug	ITA	RI	318	173	1972	Sank at moorings in Trieste probably due faulty sea valve Oct 24.

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## A.P.CROWN (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

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

## ADLER VI (Germany)

Kiel, Oct 20 — Ferry *Adler VI* (265 gt, built 1979) had fire on board two miles south-west of Hornum/Odde, Sylt, at 1106, Oct 20. While trying to extinguish the fire, the master was intoxicated by fumes. The 10 passengers on board were evacuated by ferry *Adler Express*. Members of the local fire brigade were taken on board the casualty by tug *Minden* and tackled the blaze. The vessel was then towed into the port of Hornum. Police in Husum said that a defective auxiliary diesel had caused the fire. — Correspondent.

## ALADDIN DREAM (Hong Kong)

London, Oct 23 — Roll on roll off *Aladdin Dream* arrived Hong Kong Oct 21.

## ALADIN I (Panama)

London, Oct 25 — General cargo *Aladin I* sailed from Brest on Oct 23 bound for Shoreham.

## ALANDSFARJAN (Sweden)

London, Oct 23 — Following received from Turku MRCC, timed 1720, UTC: Passenger ro/ro *Alandsfarjan* (6172 gt, built 1972) grounded in lat 60 01.56N, long 19 52.35E, at approximately 1200, UTC, today. Vessel refloated under own power and entered Mariehamn. Damage, if any, not known at the moment.

London, Oct 23 — A press report, dated today, states: A Viking Line ferry (passenger ro/ro *Alandsfarjan*) ran aground off Mariehamn at 1500, local time, today with 178 people on board. The ship managed to carry on to Mariehamn under its own power. No one was hurt in the incident.

Kiel, Oct 24 — While entering Mariehamn passenger ro/ro *Alandsfarjan* ran aground at 1500, Oct 23. The ship was able to refloat under its own power and proceeded to Mariehamn, where it berthed at 1545 hrs. The 134 passengers on board were not harmed. The grounding was caused by a technical mistake. — Correspondent.

Helsinki, Oct 24 — Passenger ro/ro *Alandsfarjan*, Kapellskar for Mariehamn, touched ground south of Mariehamn afternoon of Oct 23. The 178 passengers on board gathered on the afterdeck for evacuation. Finnish Coast Guard sent several units to the scene due large number of passengers. However, upon inspection it was established that vessel was able to proceed to Mariehamn port. Cause of casualty being investigated. — Lloyd's Agents.

Helsinki, Oct 25 — Divers inspected passenger ro/ro *Alandsfarjan* on Oct 24. Several cracks were established, the largest being approximately 30 cm long. Thanks to the double hull, no oil leaks were reported. The vessel will most likely be repaired in Estonia. The cause of the casualty is yet to be revealed. — Lloyd's Agents.

Kiel, Oct 25 — The repairs to passenger ro/ro *Alandsfarjan* will not be completed until at least Nov 9. The vessel will move under its own power to Tallinn for docking and exact damage assessment. — Correspondent.

## ALGOSTEEL (Canada)

London, Oct 19 — Bulk carrier *Algosteel* departed from Goderich at 2100 hrs. Oct 13, bound for Becancour, arriving at 0930 hrs, Oct 18.

## ALKISTIS (Panama)

Dakar, Oct 19 — General cargo *Alkistis* completed repairs and sailed Oct 5. — Lloyd's Agents.

## ALMARJAN (Comoros)

See "Somalia" under "Piracy."

## ALMIRA G. (Georgia)

London, Oct 19 — Following received from Vladivostok RCC, timed 0018, UTC: General cargo *Almira G.* was taken in tow at 2300, local time, Oct 18, bound for Mokpo, where ETA 1000, local time, today. (See issue of Oct 19.)

Busan, Oct 23 — General cargo *Almira G.* is now berthed at New port, Mokpo, and divers are currently effecting temporary repairs by making the holes watertight. These repairs are expected to be completed by Oct 26. Understand the vessel will then drydock for permanent repairs, but no docking schedule has yet been decided. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

## ALYONA (Malta)

Maassluis, Oct 24 — Roll on roll off with container capacity *Alyona* is still in the shipyard at Scheldepoort and may remain there for another two weeks. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

## ANTONIA (Croatia)

Rijeka, Oct 24 — Crude oil tanker *Antonia* returned to service on May 7. — Lloyd's Agents.

## AR RAOK 2 (France)

Portsmouth, Oct 24 — At 1030 today, trawler (All types) *Ar Raok 2*, (64 gt) registered in St. Nazaire, reported to the operational regional rescue centre Atlantic that its trawl had become entangled in the propeller of crude oil tanker *Deep Blue* (62404 gt, built 2005), en route from Primorsk to St. Nazaire, about 38 km to the west of Point Herbaudiere off the island of Noirmoutier. Tanker lost propulsion but after discussions with the regional rescue centre the trawler managed to release its trawl nets. After checks on the two vessels the trawler was able to continue fishing and *Deep Blue* set course for St. Nazaire, where it is expected later today. Investigations into the incident will be conducted by

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the regional centre for maritime matters for the Loire region. — Correspondent.

London, Oct 24 — Following received from Delta Tanker Ltd: Our vessel, crude oil tanker *Deep Blue*, arrived off St. Nazaire, six nautical miles from the fairway buoy at 1600, local time, Oct 22 where it remained adrift waiting for berthing. At about 0900, local time, today *Deep Blue* was still in the same location waiting for a pilot. At that time trawler *Ar Raok 2* engaged in fishing operations, approached *Deep Blue* from its port quarter and swung around its stern to starboard quarter entangling its trawling nets apparently *Deep Blue's* rudder fin. At about 1200, local time, after several attempts the trawler managed to release its nets and continue fishing in the vicinity. *Deep Blue* had rebooked the pilot and at 1230 hrs proceeded to the berth as per schedule. As per the information presently received from the master of *Deep Blue* no apparent damage or abnormal responses have been noticed. Notwithstanding that, we have arranged the class surveyor to attend as well as diver's inspection of the stern area with emphasis to the rudder and propeller to ensure that no hidden damages have taken place. In the meantime we have initiated immediately a full investigation of the circumstances surrounding the incident in order to identify the root causes. In this respect the company's marine superintendent who was already onboard to attend the cargo operations at Donges will lead also the investigation.

#### **ARAUCANIA (Argentina)**

London, Oct 20 — Following navigation warning issued Oct 19: Fishing *Raffaella* towing fishing (general) *Araucania* (125 gt, built 1961) in lat 38 59S, long 58 37W, line length 400 metres, speed six knots, course 130 degrees, bound for Mar del Plata port.

#### **ARCADIA PROGRESS (India)**

Bahrain, Oct 19 — Bulk carrier *Arcadia Progress* is presently at ASRY dry dock, Bahrain. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **BANGLAR JYOTI (Bangladesh)**

Karachi, Oct 20 — Understand from Chittagong Port Authority today that a fire broke out on crude oil tanker *Banglar Jyoti* (8672 gt, built 1987) at Chittagong port Oct 18. Port officials report that the fire broke out in the tanker berthed at Jetty 9 in the river mooring at around 2130 hrs when welding work was going on without making it free of gas. Fire-fighters in association with two tugs of the port managed to put out the fire before it caused any major damage. The extent of damage is being ascertained. — Correspondent.

#### **BARGARA (Malta)**

Buenos Aires, Oct 23 — Bulk carrier *Bargara* (40437 gt, built 2002), loaded, and general cargo *Onego Traveller* (5057 gt, built 2004) were in collision at buoy 29, Punta Indio Channel, River Plate, at 0730, local time, today. As a

result *Bargara* ran aground obstructing the channel. At the moment, the Coast Guard is allowing the passage of vessels of draught not exceeding 8.84 metres. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Bargara* was aground in lat 35 00 52S, long 57 11 27W, at 2049, UTC, today and *Onego Traveller* was at anchor in lat 34 44 21S, long 57 51 30W, at 1852, UTC.)

London, Oct 24 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS bulk carrier *Bargara* was still aground in lat 35 00 44S, long 57 11 38W, at 1623, UTC, today and general cargo *Onego Traveller* was in lat 34 13 28S, long 58 04 59W, at 0458, UTC, today, speed 12 knots, course 313 degrees.

London, Oct 25 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulk carrier *Bargara* remains aground in lat 35 00 44.95S, long 57 11 38.18W, as of 1134, UTC, today.

#### **BIRTHE BRES (DIS)**

London, Oct 19 — General cargo *Birthe Bres* arrived Agadir Oct 18 and sailed same day.

#### **BITUMEN GLORY (Singapore)**

Penang, Oct 19 — Local agent informs asphalt tanker *Bitumen Glory* sailed Penang Sep 3 for Chittagong. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Bitumen Glory* was reported on fire in the vicinity of lat 06 55.9N, long 97 55.6E, on Jan 10 and was towed to Penang Jan 17.)

Chittagong, Oct 9 — Asphalt tanker *Bitumen Glory* arrived Chittagong anchorage Sep 29 and was reported to have been beached for demolition Oct 3. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **BLACK PRINCE (Bahamas)**

London, Oct 19 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS passenger (cruise) *Black Prince* was reported moored at Belfast at 0906, UTC, today.

London, Oct 24 — Passenger (cruise) *Black Prince* sailed from Belfast on Oct 19.

#### **BOURBON DOLPHIN (Norway)**

London, Oct 24 — A press report, dated today, states: A preliminary report into the sinking of anchor handling tug/supply *Bourbon Dolphin* off Shetland has highlighted a combination of factors that contributed to the tragedy. The tug capsized during a routine anchor handling operation in April, with the loss of eight lives. The report prepared for the ship's insurers is unable to pinpoint the precise cause of the accident. But it said there were stability problems on board, possibly due to the partial filling of a ballast tank. The report also found that the weight of the anchor chain reduced the ship's stability especially when a pin on deck was lowered which could have caused the tug to swing to the port side. And it suggests that an accumulation of water on the deck, along with a total loss of power on the vessel, were also contributory factors. The inquiry held in Aalesund has already heard that the vessel had almost tipped over in a separate incident last December.

#### **BRIGHT RUBY (South Korea)**

London, Oct 24 — Following navigation warning issued today: Tug *Anglian Warrior* towing bulk carrier *Bright Ruby* (15872 gt, built 1987) in lat 35 04S, long 54 52W, line length 500 metres, speed 4.4 knots, course 262 bound Montevideo. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Bright Ruby*, not under command, and *Anglian Warrior* were in lat 35 04 03S, long 55 55 09W, at 2037, UTC, today, speed 3.4 knots, course 273 degrees. *Bright Ruby* had sailed San Lorenzo 1245, Oct 19 for Durban.)

London, Oct 25 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulk carrier *Bright Ruby* was located stationary 16.2 nautical miles from Montevideo, in lat 35 03 42.89S, long 56 03 05W, at 0919, UTC, today. The latest Lloyd's MIU AIS position on tug *Anglian Warrior* located the vessel in a stationary position at Montevideo, in lat 34 54 14.63S, long 56 12 49.46W, at 1126, UTC, today.

#### **BROTHERS 12 (Russia)**

London, Oct 25 — Product tanker *Brothers 12* passed the Kerchenskiy Strait on Oct 24.

#### **BSLE ENDURANCE (Cyprus)**

Kochi, Oct 25 — On Oct 18, while general cargo *BSLE Endurance* (18792 gt, built 1978) was loading granite at New Mangalore for Italy, one granite block weighing around 20 tonnes, slipped from the crane's slings and fell into the vessel's hatch causing damage to the outer wall of the vessel's oil tank. The oil in the tank was immediately shifted to another oil tank and no spillage of oil was reported and there is no threat to the environment. There were no reported injuries to any of the crew. The vessel has been shifted to an anchorage for repairs. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *BSLE Endurance* arrived at New Mangalore on Oct 17, from New Tuticorin.)

#### **C.DREAM (Hong Kong)**

London, Oct 25 — Crude oil tanker *C.Dream* arrived at Singapore on Oct 22 and sailed on Oct 23 bound for Fujairah.

#### **CAP VAN DIEMEN (Marshall Islands)**

Sydney, Oct 22 — Fully cellular containership *Cap van Diemen* was berthed at No 1 Brotherson Dock within the Patrick container terminal from 1900, Oct 10, until 0330, Oct 13. At approximately 0500, Oct 11, stevedore crews on board the vessel reported an odour. The fire brigade was called and undertook an extensive inspection; however, they did not find anything and ultimately declared the area safe. At approximately 0330, Oct 12, the stevedore crews again reported the odour, the fire brigade attended again and, after many hours, identified a container of mercaptan as the source. The container was offloaded and operations resumed as normal. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **CAPE FLATTERY (U.S.A.)**

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated Oct 21, states: Unmanned fishing

(general) *Cape Flattery* (102 gt, built 1941) that went adrift in Mystery Bay on Thursday (Oct 18) during a windstorm was secured yesterday afternoon and surrounded by an oil containment boom. "There has been a slight sheen spotted during two Coast Guard fly-overs," said Petty Officer David Marin of Coast Guard public affairs in Seattle. *Cape Flattery* was blown loose on Thursday in the Puget Sound area, according to the Coast Guard's Seattle office. *Cape Flattery* went aground and was listing off Marrowstone Island in Kilisut Harbour on Thursday. "The owner, Matt Willing, has been contacted and he has been helping out with the clean-up," Marin said. Marin said the leak wasn't a large one, and probably consists of diesel or whatever other fluids were on the boat. "It's no real pollution scare," he said. "The vessel was not wrecked, so it is salvageable. It just needs to be pulled off the beach, but that can be expensive." Chief Petty Officer James Bayer of the Coast Guard Seattle office said that Willing is required under federal law to contract with an oil spill response company to clean it up. But since Willing didn't have enough money to complete the clean-up, the federal government took it over and used money from a federal pollution control fund, he said. No cost estimates were available for the clean-up, Bayer said. "The contractor will refloat it and bring it into a harbour and make sure its seaworthy," Bayer said. "Since the federal government has taken over the clean-up, that contractor must satisfy the Chief of the Port of Seattle that the spill is cleaned up." The boat, less than 200 ft off the shore at Madrona Road, was taking on water and listing Friday to the point that items on its deck were falling off. The Coast Guard sent a helicopter Thursday and Friday to examine the sinking vessel. Mike Allen, operations unit controller with Coast Guard Group Port Angeles, on Friday said: "Any salvaging is going to be the owner's responsibility." The matter had been passed along to the Coast Guard's marine safety division in Seattle, he said.

#### **CAPITAL QUEEN (Cyprus)**

London, Oct 20 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS general cargo *Capital Queen* (in tow) was in lat 01 28 03N, long 103 12 17E, at 0719, UTC, today, speed 4.9 knots, course 131 degrees, bound Singapore.

London, Oct 22 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS at 0254 hrs, Oct 21, general cargo *Capital Queen* (in tow) was reported in lat 01 17.57N, long 103 40.58E, 0.2 nautical miles off Jurong, speed 1.6 knots, course 341 degs.

London, Oct 23 — General cargo *Capital Queen* (in tow) arrived at Singapore at 0640 hrs, Oct 21.

#### **CAPRICORN (Netherlands)**

Savona, Oct 19 — A shore crane at Pier 30, Savona, collapsed at about 1730, local time, today while discharging cargo from general cargo *Capricorn* (4871 gt, built 2000) and landed on the vessel's port side deck.

Emergency services are presently in attendance. No injuries were reported. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

Savona, Oct 23 — General cargo *Capricorn*, along with the section of the pier where the accident occurred, have been placed under detention in order to investigate the incident. A prosecution has also been opened. Repairs to the vessel's damaged hatch coaming will be carried out at Savona. The vessel is not expected to complete repairs or sail before Oct 26. The crane operator broke his shoulder in the accident, and was taken to hospital. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

Savona, Oct 24 — Repairs to general cargo *Capricorn* should start pm today, weather permitting, by local workshop appointed by shore crane's owners. The repairs are expected to take about two working days. Harbour-master requires that class inspection be carried out by Bureau Veritas in order to authorise sailing once repairs have been effected. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **CAPTAIN ALI (Syria)**

Port Said, Oct 24 — General cargo *Captain Ali* is still under arrest at Port Said and informed that the costs of repairs to the new passenger berth at Port Said is estimated at US\$800,000.00. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **CAPTAIN SPYROS (St. Vincent & Grenadines)**

Piraeus, Oct 22 — General cargo *Captain Spyros* (2265 gt, built 1977) grounded at the entrance to Nauplia this morning. The vessel's crew are safe. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct 22 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 0839, UTC: General cargo *Captain Spyros* grounded at Nauplia at 0630, UTC, today. The vessel is still aground.

London, Oct 22 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1049, UTC: General cargo *Captain Spyros* is still aground. No pollution has been reported. A tug is proceeding to assist the vessel, ETA not presently known.

London, Oct 23 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 0744, UTC: General cargo *Captain Spyros* is still aground and a tug is now on scene.

Piraeus, Oct 23 — General cargo *Captain Spyros* grounded in shallow waters near Nauplia on Oct 22. Several divers and a tug arrived on scene this morning in order to inspect the vessel for possible damages due to the incident and assess salvage options. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct 24 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 0915, UTC: General cargo *Captain Spyros* is still aground. Refloating attempts have been made but have so far been unsuccessful.

London, Oct 25 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1100, UTC: General cargo *Captain Spyros* remains aground at Nauplia.

#### **CARIBBEAN BARGE**

See *Caribbean Tug*.

#### **CARIBBEAN TUG (Panama)**

Santo Domingo, Oct 19 — Barge *Caribbean Barge* was refloated at

around 0100, local time, May 11, subsequent to which it was taken by tugs into the port of Puerto Plata. The cargo of gravel that was discharged from the barge during salvage operations, as well as the same cargo which remained on board following refloating, were transhipped to barge *Thor II* and under tow of tug *El Morro* were delivered to respective consignees. Tug *Caribbean Tug*, was later refloated following removal of fuel oils and contaminants at around 0045, local time, May 23 and was also taken into the port of Puerto Plata. Following inspection and evaluation of damage, the necessary preparations were made and both the tug and barge were taken by separate tow to the dry dock facility of Ciramar, at Las Calderas, where repairs to the barge have reportedly been completed and repairs of the tug are proceeding. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **CHANG TONG (Panama)**

Singapore, Oct 22 — Fully cellular containership *Hanjin Gothenburg* is currently still at Keppel Tuas South Quay, Singapore. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **CHRISOULA (Greece)**

Piraeus, Oct 22 — Fishing (general) *Chrisoula* is still under repair at Nea Michaniona port. It is estimated that the repairs on its hull will be completed in four to five days. Passenger ro/ro *Samothraki* commenced and completed repairing the crack at its foreshore on Oct 12 and subsequently sailed for its scheduled destination. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct 19 — Following received from the Singapore owners of bulk carrier *CSK Unity*, timed 0850, UTC, today: *CSK Unity*, outbound loaded with bauxite, is still softly aground. Salvage experts are due on scene shortly.

London, Oct 23 — Following received from Singapore based operators of bulk carrier *CSK Unity*, dated today: *CSK Unity* refloated yesterday morning. The vessel is returning to Macapa to undergo an inspection, before resuming her passage to Corpus Christi.

#### **DEEP BLUE (Greece)**

See *Ar Raak 2*.

#### **DIAMOND I (Greece)**

Piraeus, Oct 19 — Divers found the dead body of the master of general cargo *Diamond I* inside the sunken vessel at approximately 1500 today. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **DJEBEL EL ONK II (Algeria)**

London, Oct 2 — General cargo *Djebel el Onk II* passed Istanbul 1305, Oct 18.

#### **EASTERN STAR (St. Vincent & Grenadines)**

London, Oct 23 — General cargo *Eastern Star* arrived Visakhapatnam Oct 1 and sailed Oct 3.

#### **EL MEXICANO (Mexico)**

London, Oct 21 — Following received from Coast Guard San Francisco, timed 0830, UTC: General cargo *El Mexicano*,

XCCF4, (7170 gt, built 1985) reported taking water in lat 21 04.7N, long 106 54.4W. Passenger *Norwegian Star* is responding and should be on scene in approximately 30 minutes. Mexican Navy are taking control of the situation.

London, Oct 21 — Following received from Coast Guard San Francisco, timed 1210, UTC: General cargo *El Mexicano*, cargo cement, has flooding in engine-room which is now under control, however the flooding has affected the vessel's electrics and communication system. The vessel is heading towards Isla Maria Madre, lat 21 40.5N, long 106 34W, at 10 knots, to shelter from tropical storm "Kiko" which is in the area, with passenger *Norwegian Star* standingby until *El Mexicano* anchors at Isla Maria Madre. The Norwegian owners of the vessel have arranged for four commercial tugs to assist the vessel.

London, Oct 21 — Following received from Coast Guard San Francisco, timed 1930, UTC: General cargo *El Mexicano* arrived one mile off Isla Maria Madre about 1508, UTC, Oct 21. Flooding under control. Tugs en route, ETA 2000, UTC, Oct 21. Mexican Navy handling situation.

London, Oct 21 — The owners and managers of general cargo *El Mexicano* report that the vessel had a leakage with water ingress to the engine-room. The vessel is west of Mexico presently safely at anchor in sheltered waters east of Isla Maria Madre in lat 21 40.5N, long 106 34.6W. Early this morning the vessel reported leakage with water ingress to the engine-room. The Marine Control Centre Mexico and the US Coast Guard Pacific RCC coordinated a rescue operation. The *El Mexicano* sailed on own engine, escorted by passenger cruise *INorwegian Star*, to a safe anchorage position. In this anchorage position the *El Mexicano* will be met by two vessels from Mexican Navy later today. These vessels will support the *El Mexicano* with pumps and divers. The vessel was on passage from Ensenada to Manzanillo, in ballast condition. The last report from the vessel is that it is safely at anchor and the situation onboard is stable and under control. The vessel is awaiting divers to have the hull inspected. Further action will be based on the outcome of this inspection. All the appropriate Authorities have been notified of the incident including Mexican Navy and Flag State. The *El Mexicano* is owned by Chantal and managed by Kristian Gerhard Jebsen Skipsrederi A/S. The crew of the vessel comprised 22 seafarers; one Croatian and 21 Mexicans.

London, Oct 22 — The owners and managers of general cargo *El Mexicano* report that the vessel is west of Mexico presently safely at anchor in sheltered waters east of the island Maria Madre in lat 21 40.5N, long 106 34.6W. Following the arrival of the Mexican navy, supported by divers and pumps, the crew found a crack/hole from the engine-room to one of the ballast tanks. This crack has now been welded by the

crew. Divers have also inspected the hull, which is fully intact. The vessel is presently cleaning the engine-room with fresh water and awaiting delivery of lube oil before leaving her present position.

London, Oct 24 — Following received from the owners of general cargo *El Mexicano*, dated today: *El Mexicano* is now safely anchored at Manzanillo, Mex. Investigations are currently underway to ascertain the extent and nature of repairs that will be necessary.

#### **ENERGY (Panama)**

Kochi, Oct 23 — Anchor handling tug/supply *Energy* is under repair at Mangalore. Repairs are expected to be completed by this weekend. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **ESPIRITO SANTO (Brazil)**

Yokohama, Oct 22 — Bulk carrier *Espirito Santo* (21733 gt, built 1987), Singapore for Yokkaichi, became unnavigable in lat 25 28.6N, long 124 59.1E, at 1025, Oct 18, due breakage of her stern tube mechanical seal and water ingress to her engine-room. She was towed by tug and arrived Nago port at 0800 today. No oil spill or injuries reported. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Espirito Santo* sailed Singapore 1005, Oct 7.)

London, Oct 24 — Salvage services were rendered to bulk carrier *Espirito Santo* by Nippon Salvage Co Ltd under Lloyd's Open Form dated Oct 18.

#### **FALCON CAPE (Liberia)**

Maassluis, Oct 25 — Bulk carrier *Falcon Cape* is still under repair. ETC Nov 2. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **FAS PROVENCE (Bahamas)**

London, Oct 19 — Following received from La Garde MRCC, timed 0745, UTC: Fully cellular containership *FAS Provence* (6072 gt, built 1986) arrived Marseilles 1310, local time, yesterday, in tow of tug *Posejdon*. Reason for tow not known.

Marseilles, Oct 24 — Fully cellular containership *FAS Provence*, from Algiers, arrived Marseilles Roads 1050, Oct 18, in tow, before two port tugs towed her to Berth 153 for discharge of empty containers. She then shifted to drydock No.10, which is being used as a wet berth, about 1200 the following day. The crankpins of Nos. 5 and 6 cylinders are badly scorn and it is seen that the elimination of the deep marks will require machining off several millimetres on the pin diameter. Repairs expected to take approximately four to six weeks. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **FEDERAL PIONEER (Cyprus)**

London, Oct 22 — General cargo *Federal Pioneer* (12993 gt, built 1999), cargo steel, ran aground while upbound in the St.Clair River near light buoy X32, in lat 42 36 40N, long 82 30 55W, at 1520, EDST, Oct 11. The vessel subsequently freed itself. (Note — *Federal Pioneer* subsequently arrived Menominee Oct 17 from Brake.)

#### **FERRY TAIYO (Japan)**

See *Shinyo No.1*.

#### **FINNMAID (Finland)**

Kiel, Oct 20 — Passenger ro/ro *Finnmaid* (45923 gt, built 2006) struck the pier at Lubeck-Travemunde during the evening of Oct 19. The vessel then had to wait off its berth for tug assistance to get berthed. — Correspondent. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Finnmaid* was in lat 57 43 27.6N, long 19 46 58.8E, at 1935, UTC, Oct 20.)

London, Oct 23 — Passenger ro/ro *Finnmaid* arrived Helsinki Oct 21.

#### **FREE JUPITER (Marshall Islands)**

Manila, Oct 18 — Malaysian Towage and Salvage Inc and its partner SMIT Singapore Pte Ltd announced the termination of its salvage operation for bulk carrier *Free Jupiter* Oct 15 following the successful refloating of the grounded vessel. Malayan Towage officials said that the vessel and part of its cargo of nickel ore had been turned over to its owners, Freeseas Inc. Some 9,000 tonnes of nickel ore, offloaded to lighten the vessel during refloating, remain in four barges operated by Malayan Towage, however. Malayan Towage officials said that they were still awaiting instructions from the owner on the disposition of the nickel ore. *Free Jupiter* and the four barges carrying its cargo are still anchored off Dingat Sound in southern Philippines today. — Correspondent.

Manila, Oct 19 — Japanese surveyor and class society, NK, have cleared bulk carrier *Free Jupiter* for the resumption of its voyage to Yangpu. NK, however, will only allow the vessel to travel partially loaded. The 9,000 tonnes of nickel ore, which was offloaded on four barges during refloating operations, will remain behind. The vessel sustained bottom hull damage when it ran aground although the holes have been sealed with temporary patches and water ingress has been stopped. A survey also revealed that there was no damage to propellers or rudder. As of today *Free Jupiter* was still anchored off Surigao Province and it is expected to leave in the coming days. — Correspondent.

Manila, Oct 22 — As of today bulk carrier *Free Jupiter* was still anchored off Surigao province in southern Philippines. Sources said that the vessel can not leave until the arrival of crew immersion suits, a flag state requirement. The owners are said to be arranging for the delivery of the immersion suits which is likely to have been flown in from overseas. *Free Jupiter* will be resuming its voyage to Yangpu in mainland China once the immersion suits arrive. — Correspondent.

Manila, Oct 24 — Bulk carrier *Free Jupiter* is scheduled to leave the Philippines on Oct 28 following the arrival of crew immersion suits yesterday evening. A supply of immersion suits to outfit the entire crew is the remaining flag state requirement that *Free Jupiter* has to comply with in order to obtain a clearance to leave from Philippine flag state authorities. The clearance is now being prepared by local authorities and

*Free Jupiter* crew hopes it will be released before their target departure date of Oct 28. — Correspondent.

#### **GAIA (Panama)**

See *Guanarteme*.

#### **GAS PRUNUS (Panama)**

Yokohama, Oct 23 — Liquid petroleum gas carrier *Gas Prunus* (3247 gt, built 1992), Korea for Mizushima, and pusher tug *Ocean Bridge No.1* (618 gt, built 2001), Higashi-Harima for China, were in collision in lat 34 17.2N, long 133 32.1E, at 0230, Oct 21. *Gas Prunus* sustained damage to the port stern and handrail, and *Ocean Bridge No.1* sustained cracks in the starboard side. No oil spill or water ingress were reported, and there were no injuries. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct 23 — Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Gas Prunus* arrived Mizushima Oct 21 and sailed Oct 22 for China.

#### **GATUN (Panama)**

Balboa, Oct 19 — General cargo *Gatun* is still anchored at Balboa, situation unchanged. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **GEO MILEV (Bulgaria)**

See *MSC Elena*.

#### **GEZA HOPE (Syria)**

Alexandria, Oct 20 — General cargo *Geza Hope* is still under repair. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **GLOPPEN (Norway)**

Sandnes, Oct 21 — When arriving Oppedal, from Lavik, Roll On Roll Off *Gloppen* (1984 gt, built 1984) made hard contact with the quay at 0750, local time, today. Only minor damage to ferry and quay and the vessel was back in service again one hour later. No injuries to passengers or crew. — Correspondent.

#### **GOLDEN SKY (Cyprus)**

London, Oct 23 — A press report, dated today, states: Grossline Shipping Ltd, the owner of bulk carrier *Golden Sky*, have been sentenced to pay LVL 183,600 (Euro 216,000) to the Latvian company Lattelecom for the damage the vessel caused to an underwater optic cable when it grounded near Ventspils in January this year, the news agency BNS reports. The amount is lower than the original demand, LVL 522,000 (Euro 743,000) partly since the shipowner before the case went to court paid LVL 200,000 (Euro 285,000) to the insurance company Balta, where the cable was insured. The vessel still remains in the port of Ventspils.

#### **GREAT POINT (U.S.A.)**

London, Oct 22 — A press release, issued by the U.S.Coast Guard Boston, Mass., dated Oct 21, states: The Coast Guard responded after receiving reports that a passenger ferry struck a pier in Hyannis Harbor, Mass., and pushed it into a moored fishing vessel at about 1830 hrs, today. A 41-foot utility vessel from Station Woods Hole, Mass. and personnel from Marine

Safety Detachment Cape Cod, Mass., arrived on scene with the ferry *Great Point* (71 gt, built 1988) at about 2015 hrs, to assess damage and check for any pollution. The *Great Point*, which was carrying about 100 passengers, has only cosmetic damage and about 10-feet of the pier is significantly damaged. Initial reports indicate that the fishing vessel is not damaged. There does not appear to be any pollution. The ferry, owned by Hy-Line Harbor Tours, Hyannis, Mass., was inbound to Hyannis from Nantucket, Mass. No injuries have been reported. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated today, states: Ferry *Great Point* destroyed a finger pier in Hyannis Harbour around 1800 yesterday when mechanical controls failed as it manoeuvred a turn into its berth. None of the 101 passengers or eight crew members were hurt, according to Hyannis fire Lt. Thomas Kenney. The ferry was on its last run of the 2007 season from Nantucket when it neared the dock in Hyannis, preparing to turn and back in, according to Hy-Line Cruises vice-president of operations, David Scudder. A loss of air pressure occurred during the manoeuvre, ferry Capt. Pat Conklin said. The ferry then crashed into a finger pier, destroying about a 10-foot stretch of wood planking but leaving the wooden pilings intact, according to Scudder and a Coast Guard official. The ferry was traveling at about 1 m.p.h. Reports of the ferry hitting the pier came into the fire station at 1758 hrs. Rescuers found water pipes and electric lines for the pier broken, but no fuel leaks, Kenney said. A 40-foot fishing vessel, which was berthed near the destroyed pier, was not damaged based on initial reports, the Coast Guard said. The finger pier is owned by the town of Barnstable. The Coast Guard is investigating the crash. Hy-Line Cruises' fast ferry service between Hyannis and Nantucket will continue as normal, Scudder said.

#### **GUANARTEME (Canary Islands)**

Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Oct 19 — Product tanker *Guanarteme* (2791 gt, built 2004), anchored outside Santa Cruz de Tenerife harbour, was struck by bulk carrier *Gaia* (85695 gt, built 1999), when it was arriving, at 1415, yesterday. It seems neither vessel sustained any serious damage. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Guanarteme* was at La Salineta at 0915, UTC, Oct 20 and *Gaia* was in lat 28 35 44N, long 15 39 47W, at 1832, UTC, Oct 19, speed 12.7 knots, course 20 degrees, bound Rotterdam.)

London, Oct 25 — Product tanker *Guanarteme* arrived at Santa Cruz de Tenerife on Oct 23.

#### **HAN SE (South Korea)**

Yokohama, Oct 23 — Fully cellular containership *Han Se* (3096 gt, built 1997), Busan for Kawano, and general cargo *Woo Jin* (1834 gt, built 1986), Pohang for Higashi-Harima, were in

contact in lat 34 09.28N, long 132 54.08E, at 0230, Oct 21. *Han Se* sustained scratches to the starboard side, and *Woo Jin* sustained scratches to the port bow and handrail. No water ingress or oil spill were reported, and there were no injuries. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **HONG REN (China)**

Guangzhou, Oct 19 — Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Hong Ren*, renamed *Hong Ping*, has been repaired and is operating in Yang Jiang, China. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **ITB 260 (U.S.A.)**

Seattle, Oct 18 — Barge *ITB 260*: Repairs are in progress. There appears to be no particular urgency regarding completion of repairs. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **JIIimaan (Canada)**

Troy, Michigan, Oct 21 — Roll On Roll Off *Jiimaan* (2830 gt, built 1992) remained in Kingsville overnight Friday (Oct 19) instead of returning to Pelee Island, and it will remain in Kingsville Saturday because of a broken winch on the bow hatch. The winch was damaged while opening during docking in high winds Friday afternoon. Wind speeds were measured at close to 70 mph. — Great Lakes and Seaway Shipping News.

London, Oct 22 — On Oct 21 while attempting to dock at West Dock, Pelee Island in west south-west gales and swells, Roll On Roll Off *Jiimaan* (2830 gt, built 1992) struck the dock at 1140, EDST. Both the vessel and the dock sustained damage.

#### **JOKER (Antigua & Barbuda)**

Poznan, Oct 19 — General cargo *Joker* is expected to sail Oct 25, some repairs are still (to be) carried out. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **JOLLY (Marshall Islands)**

Dubai, Oct 19 — Fully cellular containership *Jolly* (27103 gt, built 1992) was stated to have ran aground approximately 10 nautical miles off the breakwater of Port Rashid, Dubai, at 1910, Oct 17. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 1759 hrs, Oct 19, *Jolly* was reported in lat 26 24.44N, long 55 10.54E, 10.9 nautical miles off Dubai.)

London, Oct 20 — Fully cellular containership *Jolly* was refloated by tugs and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was moored in lat 25 16 38N, long 55 17 11E, (Dubai) at 0617, UTC, today.

London, Oct 21 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS fully cellular containership *Jolly* was in lat 25 28 40N, long 56 36 10E, at 1116, UTC, today, speed 13.9 knots, course 187.3 degrees bound Fujairah

Piraeus, Oct 24 — We were engaged to refloat fully cellular containership *Jolly*, which ran aground off Dubai coast, in lat 25 22.4N, long 55 11.5E, on Oct 17. We promptly mobilised a salvage team and local tugs. Vessel was refloated on Oct 19 without lightering and redelivered to its owners. — Tsavliris Salvage (International) Ltd.

**KAIJO MARU NO.25 (Japan)**

Yokohama, Oct 24 — Repairs to general cargo *Kaijo Maru No.25* were carried out at Kobe. — Lloyd's Agents.

**KAIMIKAI-O-KANALOA (U.S.A.)**

Honolulu, Oct 23 — Research *Kaimikai-O-Kanaloa* has been repaired and departed Honolulu on Oct 22. According to the University of Hawaii personnel at Snug Harbor, Piers 44-45, it was a two-fold problem. There was wastage in a common pipe between the fuel and gray water tanks which caused fuel to mixed in with the gray water. When the gray water was being pumped to an onshore holding tank, the second breach was found in a gray water line which caused it to leak into the ground and subsequently into the harbour adjacent to their facility. The red-coloured fuel was spotted and allowed them to take immediate action. — Lloyd's Agents.

**KENT CARRIER (Bermuda)**

See *Ocean Delta*.

**KOSMAS (Panama)**

Piraeus, Oct 22 — General cargo *Kosmas* (2517 gt, built 1966) struck the pier at Kavala on Oct 21, while berthing. No injuries or pollution were reported. The vessel is still at Kavala, for inspection. — Lloyd's Agents.

**L.E.BLOCK (U.S.A.)**

Troy, Mich, Oct 23 — A fire broke out in the forward part of the remains of bulk carrier *L.E.Block* (9376 gt, built 1927), which was being scrapped at IMS at Port Colborne, about 2200 yesterday. There was a lot of smoke, however, due to security restrictions, it is hard to tell if fire crews are trying to extinguish the fire or let it burn out. — Great Lakes and Seaway Shipping News.

**LETTLAND (Isle of Man)**

See under "Pollution."

**LISA A. (Panama)**

Belfast, Oct 25 — Crane barge *Lisa A.* is still undergoing repairs at Belfast with an estimated date of completion Nov 1. — Lloyd's Agents.

**LIVIA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)**

Gothenburg, Oct 19 — General cargo *Livia* is still undergoing repairs at Falkenberg. No date has been set for the completion and at this point it is not known when the vessel will sail. The vessel will probably not be able to sail this year. — Lloyd's Agents.

**LOKI (Australia)**

London, Oct 23 — A press report, dated today, states: One of Australia's best ocean racing yachts, the 18-metre *Loki* (built 2005), was abandoned and the 16 crew rescued by helicopter after it lost its rudder in the gale-ravaged Middle Sea Race in the Mediterranean yesterday. Owned by Stephen Ainsworth, whose father Len founded poker machine company Ainsworth Game Technology, and crewed by some of Australia's top offshore yachtsmen, *Loki* was battling a 35-knot northerly

winds and savage seas off the coast of Sicily when the rudder broke. The yacht was about halfway through the 606-nautical mile course and well placed for a win on corrected time. Details were sketchy last night but it appeared that the only option for the crew was to abandon ship. They took to the life raft and were then rescued by a helicopter. There were no reports of injuries. The crew deployed two anchors before they abandoned the yacht in the hope they would snag on the bottom and stop it from being wrecked on the shore. An aerial search for *Loki* was being planned for first light today. If *Loki* is salvaged it is expected to be shipped to Sydney, repaired and then prepared for the Sydney-Hobart race.

London, Oct 22 — Following received from Rome RCC, timed 1650, UTC: The crew of yacht *Loki* were rescued by helicopter at 2155, UTC, Oct 21 in lat 38 14N, long 12 58E. It is not known where the yacht is now.

Sydney, Oct 25 — Hopes of recovering a top Australian ocean racing yacht that was abandoned off the coast of Sicily on Tuesday (Oct 23) have faded as the 18-metre yacht *Loki* floundered dangerously close to rocks in extreme conditions. The crew of 16 left the yacht when she lost her rudder in savage seas when she was well placed in the Middle Sea Race in the Mediterranean. The seas were reported to be breaking over her mast in the gale to the west of Palermo as she rolled. Two Italian coast guard vessels and the Italian Mini-maxi *Atalanta II* tried to help, but they could only stand by. An Italian air force helicopter arrived and dropped a diver into the water near the liferaft despite the high wind and limited visibility in the night and the storm. The crew of 16 was transferred from the yacht to her liferaft eight at a time and then to the helicopter. The last crew member was safe at midnight. Owner Stephen Ainsworth gambled on dropping anchors to hold the yacht from being beached, but the weather was against it and he gave up on hopes of salvaging her. — Lloyd's List Daily Commercial News.

**LONGSANDS**

London, Oct 24 — Following received from Coastguard Portland MRSC, timed 0124, UTC: Due to adverse sea conditions barge *Longsands*, 30 metres by 10 metres, broke all its lines from 28 metre tug *Luvly Jubly* and has run aground in lat 50 37.5N, long 02 25.9W, in Weymouth Bay. Winds north-easterly, force four to five, occasionally six. Weymouth RNLI AWL and ILB launched. Coastguard are maintaining a watch on the barge.

London, Oct 24 — Following received from the master of tug *Luvly Jubly*, timed 0150, UTC: Extent of any damage to the barge *Longsands* is unknown at the present time as the weather is too rough to carry out any damage assessment. The situation will be assessed once the weather improves. Unknown at present whether any outside assistance will be needed.

London, Oct 24 — Following received from master of tug *Luvly Jubly*, timed 0725, UTC: Barge *Longsands* has been steadied in shallow water and is awaiting an improvement in the weather conditions before repair to a damaged bulkhead and refloating operations can commence.

London, Oct 24 — Following received from Coastguard Portland MRSC, timed 0837, UTC: Wyke coast rescue officers are on the scene of grounded barge *Longsands*. The barge, with no persons on board, has listed and a crane and a few barrels have been lost over the side. The barrels, believed to be no more than six in total, contain old oil and are being recovered by the local authority. The owner of tug *Luvly Jubly* intends to proceed to the barge at lunchtime today, on a locally chartered vessel, to assess the situation with regards to recovering the casualty.

London, Oct 25 — A press report, dated today, states: Barge *Longsands*, which ran aground in Weymouth Bay, has sparked pollution fears. Heavy machinery and barrels of old engine oil fell into the sea after she ran aground at Bowleaze Cove. Bird protection campaigners are fearful of the effect it could have on local populations. A spokesman for Weymouth and Portland Borough Council said the crane which fell into the water was still attached to the vessel by a chain, causing it to list. He added that a small oil sheen came from the crane but began dispersing in Weymouth Bay. Today the barge was due to undergo a survey by divers before plans for its removal were agreed. All the barrels have been recovered. (See issue of Oct 25.)

London, Oct 24 — Following received from Coastguard Portland MRSC, timed 1215, UTC: Barge *Longsands* remains aground. Tug *Luvly Jubly* has called Portland Coastguard to advise that he is proceeding to Plymouth for equipment that will enable refloating/salvage efforts to take place. The *Longsands* is still buoyant, held down by crane boom which has tipped over and is holding it in place, at a list. The plan is for the crane boom to be removed first.

**LORENZA MADRE (Malta)**

London, Oct 23 — A press report, dated today, states: Trawler *Lorenza Madre* (70 gt) reported missing yesterday has been located, through the co-ordinates obtained during a satellite phone-call to the overdue missing crew by one of their wives, the Armed Forces of Malta announced. At 1230 hrs that Mrs. Joan Kedri, wife of Ali Kedri who forms part of the trawler's crew, informed the AFM's Operations' Centre at Luqa barracks that she had been in touch via satellite phone with her husband before the line went dead as he was saying 'hello'. Later at 1435 hrs, Mrs. Kedri was in touch again with the AFM Operations' Centre, who had been co-ordinating a thorough search in the estimated drift area and beyond since the first call last Sunday, stating that her husband Ali managed to get in touch again himself this time, confirming to her the



trawler's position via the sat-phone's on board GPS. He also added that one of the three crew members on board needed medical assistance. It also transpired during the couple's sat-phone conversation that the trawler was out of action. The GPS position furnished plotted the trawler's position some 72 nautical miles south-east of Malta. An Italian Air Force AB212 search-and-rescue (SAR) helicopter of the Italian Military Mission in Malta was dispatched to the area to provide assistance as required, locating the trawler at about 1640 CEST. The injured crew member was airlifted to St. Luke's Hospital but the other two crew members have refused to leave their vessel. The trawler's parent company, Fish-to-Fish Ltd. is now organising a tow back to Malta.

#### LUVLY JUBLY

See *Longsands*.

#### MANILA BAY 1 (Philippines)

Manila, Oct 24 — Repairs to passenger ro/ro *Manila Bay 1* are still only 25% complete and it is unlikely that the target completion date of end October will be met, Carlos A. Gothong Shipping Lines officials said. Officials said that brand-new engine spare parts have been ordered from Japan and are expected to arrive in November. — Correspondent.

#### MARC MITCHELL (Antigua & Barbuda)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 21 — General cargo *Marc Mitchell* (2599 gt, built 1999) was towed to its destination, Moerdijk, by tug *Kingston* at 2236 yesterday with engine problems. — Correspondent. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Marc Mitchell* was moored in lat 51 41 27N, long 04 35 20E, Moerdijk, at 0840, UTC, today.)

#### MASTER ENDEAVOUR (Panama)

See "Hurricane 'Dean'" under "Weather & Navigation."

#### MEUGANG I (Panama)

Bilbao, Oct 22 — Contacted Santander Harbour-master Office and the following information has been provided: General cargo with container capacity *Meugang I* (renamed *Ganga* is still at Santander carrying out repairs. Once the repairs are completed and the trials requested by the harbour-master passed, she will be allowed to sail from Santander. According to information received, the legal requirements have already been complied with and the due amounts paid, therefore, the embargoed of the vessel has been released although she is still under arrest up to the mentioned trials are satisfactorily passed as requested by the harbour-master. Apparently this could be a matter of a few days. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### MEXICA (Panama)

Bar, Oct 19 — General cargo *Mexica* is still at Bijela shipyard. On Oct 10 the lawyers on behalf of the P&I Club lodged an accusation against Bijela shipyard to the Commercial Court at

Podgorica. In the next 30 days, the shipyard should reply to the accusation, after which the judge will schedule the hearing at Podgorica. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### MIGHTY SERVANT 3 (Netherlands)

Cape Town, Oct 19 — Semi-sub HL vessel *Mighty Servant 3* is still in port. — Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Sep 28.)

#### MOBY DICK (South Korea)

Yokohama, Oct 19 — Ferry *Moby Dick* (426 gt, built 1991) was in contact with ferry *Queen Coral 8* (4945 gt, built 1999) during manoeuvring to berth at No.2 pier in Naha port in lat 26 09N, long 127 40.1E at 1855, Oct 14. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### MSC ADRIANA (Panama)

London, Oct 20 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS fully cellular containership *MSC Adriana* was reported in lat 43 40 23N, long 13 55 15E, with restricted manoeuvrability, at 1040, UTC, today, course 91 degrees, bound Piraeus, speed five knots.

#### MSC ELENA (Panama)

Piraeus, Oct 21 — Fully cellular containership *MSC Elena* (30971 gt, built 1994), Piraeus for Thessaloniki, with 25 crew on board and fully cellular containership *Geo Milev* (12554 gt, built 1985), outbound from Thessaloniki for "Smyrna," with 21 crew and one passenger on board, were in collision in the area of Palaionamas, three nautical miles south of Thessaloniki port, at 0710 today. Both vessels sustained damage but there were no injuries. Thessaloniki Port authority which is performing an investigation into the incident, prohibited departure of both vessels pending issuance of new class maintenance certificates. Taking into consideration that this is the third collision occurring recently in the Thermaikos Gulf and additionally that Thessaloniki port does not have a VTS system, the Minister of Shipping ordered research into this issue. — Correspondent.

Piraeus, Oct 23 — The masters of fully cellular containership *MSC Elena* and fully cellular containership *Geo Milev* have been arrested for violating the International Regulation for Prevention of Collisions. — Lloyd's Agents.

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

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated Oct 19, states: Plans to cut up the remains of fully cellular containership *MSC Napoli* have been approved in a move that means the vessel will still be off the Devon coast next Spring. Salvors believe the cargo vessel is too heavy to be lifted in tact, so cutting equipment is to be brought in to break her up further. A barge will then be used to take her away for recycling and scrap, but local businesses have voiced their anger and fear that more oil pollution could put off visitors. Simon Bartlett, who runs a boat hire firm, said: "Oil on the beaches

can't be good for the tourist industry." Robin Middleton, the Secretary of State's representative for Maritime Salvage, said: "Cutting vessels up isn't new, cutting vessels up with a device this sheer size is novel and new and it's hoped in the industry if this is successful this will become the norm."

#### MSC SONIA (Panama)

Sydney, Oct 24 — Container line MSC's 2,450 teu fully cellular containership *MSC Sonia* (50646 gt, built 1972) is due in Melbourne tonight after a voyage from Lae. The boxship had picked up a irepair technician at Lae after electrical problems, an advisory from MSC Hong Kong dated last Thursday (Oct 18) said. MSC was using its best endeavours to return the vessel to her schedule and would endeavour, so far as possible, to catch up with any delay, the advisory read. Her latest revised ETA in Melbourne was now expected to be on Oct 24, nine days later than her original scheduled ETA of Oct 15, the company said. A spokeswoman for MSC Australia said the line would make no comment on the delay. *MSC Sonia* was expected to arrive in Port Phillip Bay yesterday, but would have to wait for the fully cellular containership *MSC Insa* to leave and free up a berth today, a spokesman for North Asia service partner Maersk said yesterday. — Lloyd's List Daily Commercial News.

#### MYS OLYUTORSKIY (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 22 — Fish factory *Mys Olyutorskiy* (4407 gt, built 1991) grounded on a sandbar off Avachinskaya Bay, Kamchatka Peninsula, at 2140, Oct 21. The vessel sent a distress signal to the captain of the fish port, who dispatched three tugs to assist the vessel. The vessel was refloated at 0110, Oct 22. No damage or water ingress were reported. — Correspondent.

#### NEW FLAME (Panama)

Gibraltar, Oct 18 — Bulk carrier *New Flame* is still lying in the same position. The first phase of the salvage plan, involving the removal of the fuel contained in the vessel's tanks, has already been completed and the second phase is scheduled to commence soon. The vessel has a breach of 26 metres by 15 metres in its port side plating. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### NEW VEGA (Hong Kong)

Singapore, Oct 21 — General cargo *New Vega* is currently still at Eastern Laid Up Anchorage in Singapore. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### NIOBE CORINTHIAN (Panama)

London, Oct 18 — Following received from Bermuda RCC, timed 1416, UTC: Research *Niobe Corinthian* is currently at St. George's.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Oct 23 — According to Bermuda RCC, research *Niobe Corinthian* left the Dockyard berth in the west end of the island and is back at St. George berth in the east end of the island. If the vessel leaves

the dock, they have insisted that a tug must be standing by. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **NIRINT IBERIA (Antigua & Barbuda)**

Kiel, Oct 20 — Antigua & Barbuda flagged general cargo with container c *Nirint Iberia*, ex *Beluga Indication* (8861 gt, built 2000) caught fire at the MWB Motorenwerke Bremerhaven AG during the afternoon of Oct 18. Oil remains in a heavy fuel tank were burning, thick smoke rose up on port side. Members of the MSB fire brigade started fighting the flames. Two of them had to be taken to hospital after having been intoxicated by smoke. — Correspondent.

#### **NURTEN ANA (Turkey)**

London, Oct 21 — A Coast Guard Seattle press release, dated Oct 19, states: Thirteen vessels broke loose from their anchorages yesterday due to high winds and storms that passed through the Puget Sound region. Coast Guard Sector Seattle responded to each case to ensure the vessels were not a hazard to navigation and no pollution entered Puget Sound. In one case the Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Center here detected bulk carrier *Nurten Ana* (22135 gt, built 1985) was dragging anchor in Commencement Bay. The Coast Guard coordinated a tug to assist the drifting vessel. *Nurten Ana's* propellers were fouled with logs and debris and the crew could not stop the vessel's drift. Tug *Wendell Foss* kept a tow line on the disabled vessel until the debris could be removed and the vessel could be anchored. The Coast Guard is requiring the vessel to conduct an underwater survey to inspect for any damage.

London, Oct 22 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulk carrier *Nurten Ana* was located stationary at Tacoma, in lat 47 16 02.21N, long 122 22 11.98W, at 1432, UTC, today.

#### **OCEAN BRIDGE NO.1 (South Korea)**

See *Gas Prunus*.

#### **OCEAN DELTA (Canada)**

London, Oct 22 — While anchored tug/icebreaker *Ocean Delta* (722 gt, built 1973) and its barge, pontoon *Kent Carrier* (8365 gt, built 1971), experienced 70 knot winds. Despite manoeuvring efforts both ran aground in lat 62 13 36N, long 75 41 12W, at 1815, UTC, Oct 3. Both were refloated the following day with the assistance of tug *Jerry Newberry*. No pollution was reported.

#### **OCTAVIA (Cyprus)**

London, Oct 19 — Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 0958, UTC: Non specific tanker *Octavia* (2143 gt, built 2005) lost main engine power off Copenhagen at around noon, local time, Oct 18, and touched bottom in lat 55 35.6N, long 12 29.2E. The vessel did not sustain any serious damage and was cleared to proceed on voyage to Brofjorden.

#### **OFICINA PORVENIR (Mexico)**

London, Oct 23 — A press report, dated Oct 22, states: Mexico's state-run oil company Pemex said today a supply vessel it had contracted for operations in the Gulf of Mexico sank today, leaving one individual still unaccounted for. Pemex's E&P unit said the supply *Oficina Porvenir* (646 gt, built 1975), sank just after noon. The supply vessel had sprang a leak in the engine room earlier in the morning. The vessel, which Pemex said is owned by Transportacion y Servicios Maritimos, is under contract to collect waste material and garbage from offshore installations in the Bay of Campeche. Pemex said there were 14 persons on board the vessel at the time of the sinking. A Pemex offshore control unit sent ships and helicopters operating in the area to aid the beleaguered vessel, the company said in a statement. Pemex said of those 14 persons on the vessel, one worker is still missing. Pemex said maritime authorities are sweeping that area of the Gulf of Mexico in search of the missing person.

#### **OLA (Russia)**

Vladivostok, Oct 25 — Reefer *Ola* was towed into Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy on Oct 16 by tug *Predanny*. Repairs are in progress. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **OLVY-01 (Panama)**

Kota Kinabalu, Oct 20 — General cargo *Olvly-01* is still aground in Labuan waters and understand a party is arranging salvage work to refloat the vessel and then bring it in to Labuan Shipyard for repairs. Until now, no salvage work has yet commenced and understand the Marine Department at Labuan is pressing the vessel's owners to speed up the salvage works, to avoid any oil pollution possibilities, as the vessel still has some fuel oil in its fuel tanks. Marine Department advised that the vessel has been renamed *Rousol*, but new owners/managers not given. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **ONEGO TRAVELLER (Netherlands)**

See *Bargara*.

#### **OZERSK (Russia)**

Busan, Oct 19 — Reefer *Ozersk* is still in port at Busan. No sailing schedule has been fixed. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **PADOVA (Panama)**

Busan, Oct 23 — Reefer *Padova* completed repairs and sailed Jinhae at about 1025, Oct 23, for Busan to take on bunkers. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

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

See "Australia" under "Weather & Navigation."

#### **PEDRO XIBANO (Spain)**

London, Oct 24 — Following navigation warning issued Oct 23: Fishing (general) *Pedro Xibano* (169 gt, built 1996), 11 persons on board, reported taking water in engine-room in lat 37 47N, long 18 39W. Vessels in vicinity requested to keep sharp lookout and assist if possible.

London, Oct 24 — Following received from Ponta Delgada MRCC, timed 1435, UTC: The incident involving *Pedro Xibano* occurred on Oct 22. The vessel's crew carried out necessary repairs and rectified the situation. The vessel has resumed fishing operations.

#### **PERTH (U.K.)**

Hamburg, Oct 19 — Fully cellular containership *Perth* has not yet been repaired. According to further information vessel will be repaired at the earliest in mid-November. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **POLAR DISCOVERY (U.S.A.)**

See "North Pacific" under "Pollution."

#### **PRIDE OF TELEMAR (Norway)**

Kiel, Oct 19 — Passenger ro/ro *Fantaasia* berthed at the City Yard quay at 1235, Oct 18, adjacent to the drydocked passenger ro/ro *Pride of Telemark*, to be fitted out for the charter in order to replace the Kystlink-ferry on the Hirtshals-Lagensund-run after its grounding in Hirtshals. The regular service will start on Oct 24 and is to last for three months. The *Pride of Telemark* itself has ordered a pilot for 0800, Oct 19, and is estimated to depart from Gothenburg at 1800 hrs. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Oct 21 — Passenger ro/ro *Pride of Telemark* will remain in Gothenburg for a complete repair. The vessel left the floating dock after completion of repairs to the hull. All damage inside will be repaired at the City Yard quay. Meanwhile, passenger ro/ro *Fantaasia* entered the floating dock. The vessel will enter the Langesund-Hirtshals and Langesund-Stromstad run next week for three months with an option for a further three months. — Correspondent.

#### **PROLIFIC (U.K.)**

London, Oct 21 — Following received from Coastguard Aberdeen MRCC, timed 0800, UTC: Fishing (general) *Prolific*, WK819, MRBT2, (50 gt, built 1979), with three persons on board, reported distress at 0609, UTC, taking water in lat 58 31.2N, long 02 48W, and preparing to take to liferaft. Fishing *Kelly* responded and proceeded. The three crewmen were recovered by Wick lifeboat and vessel sank in lat 58 31.1N, long 02 48.58W, at 0714, UTC. Vessel's Epirb and lifesaving apparatus retrieved. Light sheen of oil observed on surface. Three crew were taken by Wick lifeboat back to Wick. No medical attention required. Search and rescue operations terminated at 0700, UTC.

#### **QUEEN CORAL 8 (Japan)**

See *Moby Dick*.

#### **RIKA (Antigua & Barbuda)**

Kiel, Oct 20 — At 1500, Oct 20, general cargo *Sormovskiy 45* (2478 gt, built 1982) was in collision with general cargo *Rika* (1925 gt, built 1978) on the Kiel Canal at Canal Km 10, Kudensee. The *Rika* had sustained a rudder blackout and both vessels ran into the embankment. The *Sormovskiy*

45 was able to refloat without assistance and could proceed to Kiel-Holtenu. The *Rika* had to be refloated by tugs *Bugsier 11* and *Bugsier 15* and was towed to Brunsbüttel. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Oct 20 — General cargo *Rika* sustained torn hull on starboard side in the cargo hold a short distance from the engine room and also the starboard foreship was dented. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Oct 20 — General cargo *Rika* remains berthed at the South quay in Brunsbüttel for patching and initial repairs. *Rika* developed a list in the aftermath of the collision and is now back on even keel. — Correspondent.

#### RIKA (Antigua & Barbuda)

Kiel, Oct 22 — General cargo *Rika* is still berthed at the South quay in Brunsbüttel. No repair yard has been chosen as yet. General cargo *Sormovskiy 45* is presently berthed at the North harbour in Kiel, with several gashes and dents in the bow. The vessel has been prohibited from continuing its voyage to Kolding until repairs have been carried out, and will remain at its present berth at least until Oct 22. The collision was caused by a blackout on *Rika*, which then drifted right into the bow of *Sormovskiy 45*. — Correspondent.

London, Oct 24 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Rika* is still stationary in lat 53 53 46N, long 09 09 17E, Brunsbüttel area, at 1227 today. According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Sormovskiy 45* is still stationary in lat 54 22 08N, long 10 06 49E, Kiel area, at 1246 today.

#### RYOSEI MARU (Japan)

Yokohama, Oct 23 — Bulk cement carrier *Ryosei Maru* (749 gt, built 1995), which was berthed at Shichirui, grounded in shallow water in lat 35 34.356N, long 133 13.614E, at 0650, Oct 22. The vessel was refloated with tug assistance at 1109 hrs. No water ingress or oil spill were reported, and there were no injuries. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### SAMOTHRAKI (Greece)

See *Chrisoula*.

#### SANDVIKEN (Bahamas)

London, Oct 19 — At 0815 hrs, today, bulk carrier *Sandviken* (23271 gt, built 1986), while proceeding downbound the St. Lawrence Seaway, struck bottom near the Iroquois Lock approach wall, in lat 44 49 30N, long 75 19.20W. It is unknown whether the vessel has been damaged. (Note *Sandviken* sailed from Duluth on Oct 14.)

London, Oct 23 — Bulk carrier *Sandviken* arrived Three Rivers Oct 20. (See issue of Oct 23.)

#### SARA (Lebanon)

See "Cyprus" under "Port State Control".

#### SEA ANGEL (Malta)

London, Oct 23 — Roll on roll off *Sea Angel* arrived Gioia Tauro Oct 14 and sailed the same day.

#### SEA SPARKLE (Panama)

London, Oct 19 — The problem with asbestos found on board bulk carrier *Sea Sparkle* was not as serious as first thought. The vessel sailed from Townsville on Oct 12, for Eden, in New South Wales.

#### SEAGULL EXPRESS (Malaysia)

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated today, states: Fourteen passengers of ferry *Seagull Express*, which caught fire and sank near Pulau Tioman on Oct 13, will sue the ferry operator and other relevant parties for the tragedy that cost the lives of seven and injured many others. "The 14 will sue. They will take legal action against the ferry operators and other relevant authorities," said Parti Rakyat Malaysia secretary-general S.K. Song, whom the victims had approached to help with the lawsuit. Song said if investigations revealed that negligence was involved, they would also sue the relevant government agencies, such as the Marine Department and even the shipbuilder. However, he said they have yet to decide on the amount of compensation to file for. "There are three types of compensation involved. One is to the family of the dead, another is to the passengers for physical injuries, and one more for mental trauma," he said. Song said the group had appointed a law firm, and the lawyers would collate the reports and write to the necessary parties. "It will then take a month to file the summons," he said.

#### SERENITY (Bermuda)

Hamilton, Bermuda, Oct 23 — Ferry *Serenity* is now back in normal service. Only minimal damage to starboard bow fendering. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### SHAH BADAR 2 (Bangladesh)

Chittagong, Oct 23 — According to the local agents of general cargo *Shah Badar 2*, Mariner Services Limited, salvage operations are still in progress and are expected to be completed mid-to-end November. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### SHAH BADAR-1

Chittagong, Oct 24 — Owners' agents of lighter vessel Unknown *Shah Badar-1* report vessel is still lying in same position at shoreside, Patenga sea beach, awaiting scrapping, which expected mid-November. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### SHINYO NO.1 (Cambodia)

Yokohama, Oct 23 — While general cargo *Shinyo No.1* (392 gt, built 1985) was turning around at Miyanoura port, Yakushima Island, the vessel came into contact with ferry *Ferry Taiyo* (499 gt, built 1997), which was berthing, in lat 30 25.9N, long 130 24.4E, at 1645, Oct 4. *Shinyo No.1* sustained scratches to the port bow bulwark and *Ferry Taiyo* sustained damage to the starboard bow. No water ingress or oil spill was reported, and there were no injuries. Both vessels resumed their original voyage. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### SHUJAA 3 (Panama)

Mumbai, Oct 19 — General cargo *Shujaa 3* is still aground and owners have negotiated the sale of the vessel for scrap which will be carried out at the same spot. The buyer of the vessel and the shippers of the cargo are in consultation for discharge of the cargo. Scrapping of the vessel will probably start next month. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### SINU-I-WASA III (Fiji)

Suva, Oct 24 — Passenger ro/ro *Sinu-I-Wasa III* has now been brought to Suva for repairs. It is currently on the slipway and repairs have commenced which will take approximately 21 days to complete. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### SKY STAR (Panama)

London, Oct 22 — On Oct 19, combined chemical and oil tank *Sky Star* was still in port in Muuga.

Tallinn, Oct 22 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Sky Star* is still undergoing repairs at Muuga Harbour, Tallinn. The turbo-charger was installed last week. The engine repairs are to be continued, since the vessel has problems with all six cylinders. At the present stage the cylinders are dismantled. The owners managed the delivery of spare parts, which are expected, in accordance with the owners, by the end of October. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### SLAVYANIN

#### (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Limassol, Oct 23 — Roll On Roll Off *Slavyanin*, in tow of tug *Lore*, sailed Oct 19 for Kherson. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### SORMOVSKIY 45 (Russia)

See *Rika*.

#### STELLANOVA (Netherlands)

Troy, Michigan, Oct 24 — General cargo *Stellanova* (4962 gt, built 1996) lost her steering while upbound for Toronto, in point 7, St. Lawrence Seaway, near Cornwall, Ont, yesterday. With the steering regained, *Stellanova* was ordered to go to anchor at St. Zotique, PQ, for further inspection. By 2200 hrs, *Stellanova* was heading west once more — Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping News.

#### STHENO (Greece)

Piraeus, Oct 22 — General cargo *Stheno* is still under repair at Perama. ETC of repairs is unknown. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### TASSILI II (Algeria)

Genoa, Oct 19 — Passenger ro/ro *Tassili II* is still under repair at Genoa. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### THEODOROS (Panama)

Genoa, Oct 19 — Wine tanker *Theodoros* is repairing at Genoa. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### THOR (Italy)

Trieste, Oct 24 — Tug *Thor* (318 gt, built 1972) sank at her moorings in Trieste port, probably owing to a faulty sea valve. She is sitting on the mud and her superstructures are emerging.

Limited fuel pollution is restricted with floating barriers. Refloating operations have not started yet. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **THOR MERCHANT (Thailand)**

Singapore, Oct 21 — General cargo *Thor Merchant* is currently still at Sembawang Floating Dock Republic, Singapore. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **THORFINN**

Kiel, Oct 19 — Passenger (cruise) *Thorfinn*, which had hit an uncharted reef in Mikronesia in June when departing from Ponape, is at present under repair in dry dock in Batangas on the Philippines. The vessel had stuck fast for 37 days, and little salvage equipment had been available. In the meantime the oil was lightered and the vessel was maintained as well as possible. The *Caroline Voyager* finally towed the grounded vessel off and it was berthed in Ponape for first repairs and patching. From there it had to be towed to Batangas for permanent repairs. The voyage of 2,000 miles lasted 15 more days and ended in the end of September. After completion of repairs in November the *Thorfinn* will return to Chuuk Lagoon where it is expected in December. — Correspondent.

#### **TIANJIN**

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

Taipei, Oct 24 — General cargo *Tianjin* is still berthed at Hualien, for repairs and ETD is on Oct 26. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **TIGER SPIRIT (Cyprus)**

London, Oct 25 — General cargo *Tiger Spirit* arrived at Haldia on Oct 18 and sailed on Oct 21.

#### **TIN TIN (Jamaica)**

Savona, Oct 25 — Yacht *Tin Tin* is still lying idle at Baglietto' yacht-yard at Marina di Varazze. The hull has been released by the Harbour-master. Repairs are still in progress. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **TORM GERTRUD (DIS)**

Lisbon, Oct 23 — According to Setubal sub-agents, product tanker *Torm Gertrud* is still repairing at Lisnave shipyard and is expected to sail on/around Nov 15/20. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **TRAFALGAR (U.K.)**

Buenos Aires, Oct 18 — Bulk carrier *Trafalgar* was refloated today at 0645, local time, by means of tugs *Pampero* and *Buni*. She remains anchored at San Lorenzo roads, where after-grounding inspections will be carried out. Reloading of the lightered cargo is scheduled for tomorrow. — Lloyd's Agents.

Buenos Aires, Oct 23 — At 1120, local time, Oct 20, top-off operations between bulk carrier *Trafalgar* and barge *ACBL 275* commenced at Ramallo Roads with the assistance of floating crane *ACBL 809*. During Oct 20 and 21 top-off operations were carried out from *ACBL 275* and barge *ACBL 265* and they were finished

about 1020, local time, Oct 22, with the cargo in apparent sound condition. At 1140, local time, Oct 22, salvage operations were completed. At 1405, local time, Oct 22, *Trafalgar* resumed her navigation from Ramallo Roads bound Bahia Blanca and her final destination will be China. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **TRINITY SIERRA (Cyprus)**

See "Portugal" under "Port State Control".

#### **VIEN DONG 2 (Vietnam)**

London, Oct 18 — Following received from Port Blair MRCC, timed 2318, UTC, Oct 17: General cargo *Vien Dong 2* remains aground, situation unchanged.

London, Oct 24 — Following received from Port Blair MRCC, timed 1000, UTC: General cargo *Vien Dong 2* remains aground.

#### **VIOLET ACE (Panama)**

Yokohama, Oct 22 — Vehicle carrier *Violet Ace* (28452 gt, built 1986), South Kanda port for New Zealand, ran aground in shallows in lat 33 47.19N, long 131 00.79E, at 1922, Oct 20, causing scratching damage to her bottom. Refloated by five tugs at 0325, Oct 21. No water ingress, oil spill or injuries reported. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Violet Ace*, which sailed Kanda Oct 20 for Auckland, where ETA Nov 5, reported stationary in lat 33 49 15.6N, long 131 07 3E, Kanda 7.2 nautical miles, at 0958, UTC, Oct 22.)

#### **VIVITA (Malta)**

Tallinn, Oct 19 — General cargo *Vivita* is lying afloat at Peetri Harbour, Tallinn, awaiting completion of repairs to its main engine. The engine has been dismantled and taken ashore for repairs and crankshaft renewal. Repairs are expected to be completed in November/December. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **WEST LARISSA (Cyprus)**

Singapore, Oct 23 — Drill platform *West Larissa* departed from Fels Quay 7, Singapore on/about Oct 15. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **WEST STREAM (Bahamas)**

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 20 — Combined chemical and oil tanker *West Stream* (1845 gt, built 1979), cargo 1,300 tonnes fish oil, ran aground on the west coast of Norway last night. The vessel has a double hull, and the tanks are intact, so it poses no harm to the environment. — Correspondent.

London, Oct 20 — Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 1055, UTC: A report was received at 0046, UTC, today that combined chemical and oil tanker *West Stream*, cargo 1,300 tons of fish oil, was aground on a sandbank in lat 59 25N, long 05 14E. The vessel is still aground with tug *Silex* and a rescue vessel in attendance. Tug *Felix* is also on stand by in Haugesund. A refloating attempt will be made at high water at 1400, UTC, today.

Sandnes, Oct 20 — Combined chemical and oil tank *West Stream*,

Vikholmen for Husoy, grounded in lat 59 24.93N, long 05 14. 50E, outside Haugesund, at 0230, local time, today. No injuries to the Norwegian master or the eight Lithuanian crew members. Early this morning an attempt to refloat the vessel failed. There will be a new attempt on next high tide. Tugs *Silex* and *Felix* have now arrived in the area and will assist. The tanker is damaged in the bow section but is double-hulled so there is no pollution. — Correspondent.

London, Oct 20 — Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 1630, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *West Stream* was refloated with tug assistance at 1530, UTC, and presently at Haugesund, where diver inspection to be carried out.

#### **WINDLAND (Antigua & Barbuda)**

London, Oct 22 — On Oct 19, general cargo *Windland* was still in port in Tallinn.

#### **WOO JIN (South Korea)**

See *Han Se*.

#### **YA TOIVO (Bahamas)**

London, Oct 23 — Following navigation warning issued yesterday: Research *Ya Toivo* (9111 gt, built 1984) left anchor marked with unlit red plastic buoy in lat 28 35.11S, long 16 13.93E. Vessels to provide this position with 500 metre wide berth until further notice.

#### **YANNA A. (Panama)**

London, Oct 23 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 0752, UTC: General cargo *Yanna A.* (781 gt, built 1967) reported mechanical failure in lat 38 16.1N, long 21 31.8E, at 0100, local time, Oct 22. The crew effected repairs and the vessel is now anchored at Mesolongion.

London, Oct 24 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 0925, UTC: General cargo *Yanna A.* was last reported still at Mesolongion.

#### **YASA AYSEN (Marshall Islands)**

Manila, Oct 24 — Bulk carrier *Yasa Aysen* (31255 gt, built 2007) ran aground off Surigao del Norte province, Mindanao island, late yesterday afternoon. She hit bottom an area near Dinagat Sound. She originated from Nonoc island, Surigao del Norte province, where she took on a cargo of nickel ore and was bound for mainland China when the accident happened. There were no reports of deaths or injuries to the crew although salvors expect the vessel to have sustained bottom hull damage. Still not clear what caused the vessel to run aground. Refloating will be undertaken by the main contractor SMIT Singapore Pte Ltd and its partner Manila-based Malayan Towage and Salvage. Bulk of the work, however, will be carried out by Malayan Towage since Philippine law prohibits the operation of foreign salvage companies in Philippine waters. Malayan Towage will be deploying the salvage tugs *Ranger* and *Limay*. Malayan Towage is mobilising a small fleet of barges. Part of vessel's

cargo of nickel ore will be offloaded onto these barges to lighten the vessel for refloating. — Correspondent.



**SOMALIA**

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated today, states: Somali pirates have hijacked general cargo *Almarjan* (3011 gt, built 1967) off the Indian Ocean coast, Kenya's maritime officials said today. Andrew Mwangura, programme co-ordinator of the East Africa Seafarers Assistance Program (SAP) said the *Almarjan*, which was seized on Oct 17, was on its way to Mogadiscio from Dubai when it was hijacked by pirates. "We don't know how many crew members were on board and their nationalities but due to chaotic communications with Somalia, the incident had taken several days to confirm," Mwangura told Xinhua. Mwangura said the vessel had over 2,500 tons of general cargo. The International Maritime Board has warned of an alarming increase in piracy in Somali waters since this year and has urged ships to avoid the area. Over the weekend (Oct 20-21), Mwangura said two smaller fishing vessels were hijacked by gunmen off the Somali coast, adding that one of the boats had been fired upon.



**CYPRUS**

Limassol, Oct 18 — General cargo *Sara* (1785 gt, built 1968), which arrived Limassol Oct 12, is under Port State Control detention. — Lloyd's Agents.

Limassol, Oct 24 — General cargo *Sara* was released and sailed from Limassol on Oct 19 bound for Port Said. — Lloyd's Agents.

**GERMANY**

Emden, Oct 19 — General cargo *Forest 1* is still in port under detention with no prospects for release in the near future. There are still three Russian crew members on board. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**PORTUGAL**

Ponta Delgada, Oct 19 — Bulk carrier *Trinity Sierra* has fulfilled Port State Control recommendations and has been released from its detention. The vessel is still berthed alongside the quay at Ponta Delgada under arrest of the local Civil Court on account of several local debts. There are no prospects available locally concerning a solution for the vessel. — Lloyd's Agents.

**UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Oct 20 — A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *A.P.Crown* (1272 gt, built 1986) has been detained in South Wales for more than three months because of a host of safety defects. The vessel was held in Cardiff Docks in June with 23 deficiencies and was still in port at the end of September. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency stopped the vessel leaving port because its rescue boat could not be launched. (Note — *A.P.Crown* arrived Cardiff Jun 13 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was still in port Oct 13.)



**ARCTIC WOLF (Russia)**

London, Oct 19 — Fish factory *Arctic Wolf*: According to local police, vessel's owners were fined Norwegian Kroner 40,000 for the non-declaration of the crabs on board. According to vessel's agents, the vessel sailed around Oct 15 after the owners offered a guarantee.

**JEZABEL 2 (Cambodia)**

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated today, states: The Coast Guard at the Border Police of Georgia detained general cargo *Jezabel 2* (1948 gt, built 1966). Prime-News was told by the Border Police that the operation lasted 62 hours in the special economic zone of the Russian Federation, 145 miles off the port of Poti. The crew consisted of 14 people: Seven from Azerbaijan, six from the Ukraine and one from Russia, on board. The master of the ship is Russian. The Georgian Coast Guard's radar system detected that the ship had sailed in the Ochamchire Port, where it was loaded with smuggled goods, 1,800 tones of coal. Leading (? proceeding) towards Sochi, she turned and went to the direction of Turkey. One vessel and three Georgian Coast Guard patrol boats were applied in the operation. At present she is at Poti. A criminal case was launched on the fact of illegal crossing of State Border, shipment of smuggled goods and violation of the navigation rules. The crime envisages the following sanctions: Confiscation of the ship and the cargo; detention of the master from three to five years; detention of the crewmen from two to four years; violation of the navigation rules and a GEL 50,000 fine.

**MALAYSIAN BARGE SEIZED IN SOUTH CHINA SEA**

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated Oct 20, states: The marine police in northern Sarawak seized more than RM1.2 million worth of suspected illegal diesel from a cargo barge that was on its way from Labuan Island to Sarawak's northern-most division of Limbang. A marine enforcement unit on board a patrol boat intercepted this barge in the early hours of today while

it was in the South China Sea en route to Limbang town. Officers who boarded the barge found a huge reserve of diesel, about 500,000 litres, stored inside the cargo compartment of the barge. Northern Sarawak marine police chief Deputy Supt Christopher Goh yesterday confirmed the seizure. "We found that the consignment of diesel on board did not have any proper documentation to certify the source of the fuel and whether it is subsidised or commercial fuel. We also arrested the seven crew members on board. The captain and the engineer are Malaysian while the rest are Indonesian," he said. "Based on initial details gathered so far, the barge is a Malaysian-registered vessel," he said. DSP Goh said the marine police will seek the help of the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry to determine whether the diesel seized was subsidised diesel or commercial diesel.

**MEDIA V (Cyprus)**

Piraeus, Oct 22 — Passenger ro/ro *Media V* not sold at auction on Sep 18. No new auction has been announced up to date. — Lloyd's Agents.

**ODYSSEY EXPLORER (Bahamas)**

Cadiz, Oct 19 — According to the local newspapers, diving support *Odyssey Explorer* will be released today. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct 19 — A press report, dated today, states: Spanish officials have allowed *Odyssey Marine Exploration Inc.*'s diving support *Odyssey Explorer* to leave Algeciras after searching for evidence that the vessel had removed treasure from Spanish waters, the company said today. *Odyssey Explorer* will soon resume shipwreck search and recovery operations.

**OPNOR (Panama)**

London, Oct 21 — A press report, dated today, states: Spanish narcotics police have intercepted general cargo *Opnor* (412 gt, built 1962) off the coast of Senegal seizing 3.7 tons of cocaine and arresting six crew members from the Netherlands and Ghana, officials in Madrid said this evening. The vessel had loaded its narcotic cargo, believed to have originated in Colombia, from a larger freighter at sea. The cocaine was to have been transported to West Africa before shipping to its final destination in Europe, police said. The seized vessel was brought by authorities to Las Palmas harbour.

London, Oct 21 — A prss report, dated today, states: General cargo *Opnor* has been seized off the coast of West Africa with cocaine worth £155 million on board. Much of the stash found on *Opnor* off Senegal was headed for Britain. A heavily-armed Spanish special forces team discovered 3.7 tonnes of cocaine below decks. The vessel's Dutch master and mate were arrested along with four Ghanaian crew.

**PROTON (North Korea)**

London, Oct 19 — A report in today's issue of "Newsfront" states: General

cargo *Proton* has once again been listed for auction, this time on Nov 7. Lying at Ambelakia, Salamina, the vessel is carrying a start-up price of US\$40,000.

**SOBOLEVO (Russia)**

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 22 — Russian Coast Guard vessel *Nikolai Sipyagin* stopped and detained fishing (general) *Sobolevo* (474 gt, built 1992) in the Sea of Okhotsk on Oct 21. Following inspections, a series of rule violations were found. The inspectors discovered 6.2 tons of discarded production dark-blue crab on board the vessel, along with other discrepancies between the fish in the vessel's holds and what was declared in its documents. The vessel was detained and escorted into Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy for court proceedings. — Correspondent.

**YONG JIA (Hong Kong)**

Zeebrugge, Oct 23 — Bulk carrier *Yong Jia* (40437 gt, built 2001) was arrested at Antwerp on Oct 18. — Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note — *Yong Jia* sailed Antwerp Oct 20.)



**HAIFA AREA, ISRAEL**

London, Oct 23 — A press report, dated Oct 22, states: Approximately 40 tons of oil spilled today from a land pipeline carrying crude oil from the port of Ashkelon to refineries in Haifa, a fire department official said. Hezi Levy, the Haifa fire department spokesman, said a factory owner just south of Haifa called in a complaint that oil was leaking into his building, alerting authorities to the break. The pipeline company stopped the flow and Levy said a clean-up was underway. There was no immediate word about what caused the leak. There was no danger to the population, he told Channel 10 TV, but "the environmental effects of this will be widely discussed in the coming days." The 40-centimetre pipeline is 197 kilometres long, according to the company's Web site.

**IRAQ**

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

**NIGERIA**

Lagos, Oct 18 — Royal Dutch Shell has put out the last of six fires that blazed for four months on a major oil export pipeline in Nigeria, the company said today. The fires, started after holes were drilled into a section of the pipeline in the Ogoni area of the southern state of Rivers between June 18 and 27, were extinguished on Tuesday (Oct 16). A spokesman for the company said there was no significant impact on production and exports by the fires, but declined to explain why. "The company's firefighters put out the final fire on October 16 ... all the six

fires in Ogoniland are now out and all the vandalised sections repaired," Shell said in a statement. Shell abandoned its oilfields in Ogoniland after a wave of popular protests over pollution and neglect in 1993, but it still has big pipelines passing through the region and many residents are still angry about spills and what they see as neglect. It took months to douse the fires because the communities had initially denied the company access, until the Rivers state government and the local council intervened, Shell said. The pipeline, which also evacuates crude oil from fields operated by other companies, has been sabotaged nine times since January, Shell said. Two separate attacks in May forced the company to halt up to 170,000 barrels per day (bpd) production for a few days. This came on top of about 600,000 bpd of output shut down in the another part of the Niger Delta since February 2006. Local rights group, the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People, had previously said the fires were started by local youths angry with the company over what they said were unfulfilled promises for jobs and benefits. Such disputes between communities and oil companies are common in the Niger Delta. A federal government-sponsored peace process in Ogoni has failed to quell protests and discontent in the area, but Shell said in the statement that the Rivers state government gave it approval to secure its assets in Ogoniland and urged it to resume the repair of some damaged facilities. — Reuters.

**PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, UNITED STATES**

London, Oct 18 — A pipeline blast sent flames about 100 feet into the pre-dawn sky today. The blast happened about 0200 hrs just off US 69, about 90 miles east of Houston. The fire continued to burn this morning, and Port Arthur fire officials said it could take several hours for the blaze to burn out. Witnesses said the heat of the flames ignited nearby trees, but no injuries or other secondary damage were reported. Port Arthur police said the pipeline is owned by Union Carbide and Dow Chemical. The Beaumont Enterprise reported that the pipeline carries ethylene. Port Arthur Fire Chief Lar Richards says the fire diminished after the pipeline owners shut it off, but the residual chemical still had to burn off.

London, Oct 19 — A press report, dated Oct 18, states: A pipeline blast sent flames about 100 feet into the pre-dawn sky today, but caused no injuries. The blast happened about 0200 hrs, just off U.S. 69, about 90 miles east of Houston. The fire continued to burn this morning, and Port Arthur fire officials said it could take several hours for the blaze to burn out. Port Arthur police said the pipeline is owned by Union Carbide and Dow Chemical. The Beaumont Enterprise reported that the pipeline carries ethylene. The companies closed the flow through the pipeline at about 0400 hrs, and began working to stop the remaining leak,

police said. Port Arthur Fire Chief Larry Richards says the fire diminished after the pipeline owners shut it off, but the residual chemical still had to burn off.

New York, Oct 18 — Dow Chemical Co. said today its operations will not be affected by the explosion of one of its pipelines in Port Arthur, Texas. "At this point, we really do not see any significant impact on our operations," said Chris Huntley, a spokesperson for Dow. The pipeline, which exploded early today, ran between the company's St Charles operations in Louisiana and Texas City operations in Texas. The company said it is unclear about the amount of time it will require to fix the ruptured pipeline. — Reuters.

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated Oct 20, states: The flames from a third ruptured pipeline should be out today, officials projected. They were waiting for the rest of the mixed butylene, used in making synthetic rubber, to burn off, said Maj. John Owens, Port Arthur Police emergency management co-ordinator and deputy chief. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality officials had taken a handheld monitor throughout the surrounding areas and did not find any unsafe levels of hazardous materials, said spokesman Terry Clawson. Firefighters from Port Arthur, Motiva and other area industrial facilities were at the site spraying water to help the smoke dissipate. With the pipe shut down, the pressure is low, making burning out the chemical slower, Owen said. "There is a large quantity of material in the line," he added.



**HAIFA AREA, ISRAEL**

See "Haifa Area, Israel" under "Pipeline Accidents".

**LETTLAND (Isle of Man)**

London, Oct 23 — General cargo *Lettland* sailed Kemi Oct 2, arrived Riga Oct 4 and sailed Oct 5 and subsequently arrived St.Petersburg Oct 11. Vessel sailed St. Petersburg Oct 15, arrived Kemi Oct 18 and sailed Oct 19.

**NORTH PACIFIC**

London, Oct 24 — A press report, dated Oct 23, states: A Conoco Phillips tanker company has agreed to pay a fine and penalties totaling \$2.5 million for spilling oily sludge in the ocean after leaving Valdez with a load of Alaska oil, then falsifying its records to cover up the spill. Polar Tankers Inc. today pleaded guilty to a pollution violation. The sentence in the federal criminal case also puts Polar Tankers Inc. on probation for three years, according to the U.S. attorney's office. The felony involved a January 2004 spill of engine room sludge from crude oil tanker *Polar Discovery* (85387 gt,

built 2003) in the North Pacific. Court papers say the chief engineer and the master on board the *Polar Discovery* did not properly record the spill in the ship's log books and falsified how the crew attempted to clean up the sludge.



#### AUSTRALIA

London, Oct 24 — Following received from the operators of bulk carrier *Pasha Bulker*, dated today: *Pasha Bulker* is still at anchor off Hon Khoi, and repairs have not yet commenced. The owners and insurers are discussing whether the vessel will be declared a constructive total loss.

#### CYCLONE, SEA OF JAPAN

London, Oct 23 — A press report, dated today, states: The operation of the Vanino-Kholmsk ferry service in Tatar Strait in the north of the Sea of Japan has resumed after three days of a storm, which was brought on by a powerful cyclone. Today the cyclone left the strait, moving to the Sea of Okhotsk. The Kholmsk-bound ferries set out from Vanino this morning. According to a report by a ferry service controller, four vessels serve the Vanino-Kholmsk shipping line. When the cyclone swept the area, the ferries took shelter in the bays of the ports of Vanino and Sovetskaya Gavan. Weather forecasts have it that the cyclone is currently moving slowly eastward across the Sea of Okhotsk.

#### GULF OF MEXICO

Mexico City, Oct 24 — A fierce storm stranded dozens of Mexican oil workers in rough waters yesterday after they fled a drilling platform damaged by 25-foot waves. Mexico closed its main oil exporting ports in the Gulf of Mexico as a cold front hit the area, cutting off most of the country's vital crude shipments to the United States. State oil monopoly Pemex said 81 workers jumped from one platform into liferafts after rough seas caused a gas and oil leak. About 75 of them had been located but could not be reached, and the others were lost. One liferaft was missing and some workers could have fallen into the sea as 80 mph (winds lashed the platform, Pemex's chief executive Jesus Reyes Heróles said late yesterday night. He said he heard an unconfirmed report that two workers had died. "We are still working to verify how many are in the (lost) liferaft and to rescue those who were in the water. The weather has not helped," Reyes Heróles told Mexican television. He described the damaged platform, 20 miles from the port of Dos Bocas, as minor in terms of production but said mostly natural gas was still leaking from its well. The government said most of Mexico's Gulf coast ports were closed, including the oil ports of

Coatzacoalcos, Dos Bocas and Cayo Arcas. Officials said vessels stopped leaving the ports early yesterday and could not say when conditions would improve. "There is bad weather at the moment. We don't know how long it will last, it could be two days," Sergio Cantarell, port captain in Ciudad del Carmen in Campeche state, told Reuters. "No ships are leaving. Everything is closed." Pemex, which has exported an average of 1.708 million barrels of oil per day so far this year, said it should be able to adjust its shipping schedule to minimize the impact of the port closures. — Reuters.

London, Oct 24 — A press report, dated Oct 23, states: An oil drilling platform was damaged when it collided with a production platform in the Gulf of Mexico, and an unspecified amount of oil leaked from the rig, Mexico's state-owned oil company said in a statement. Pemex said 81 workers had evacuated the Usumacinta drilling platform in liferafts today, and that the company, helped by the Mexican navy, was trying to pick them up from the stormy waters. Pemex Director Jesus Reyes Heróles told the TV network Televisa that ships had located liferafts holding an estimated 75 workers but the rough weather had prevented them from retrieving them. "The waves are so strong that we have been unable to carry out that manoeuvre," Reyes Heróles said. He said he was unable to confirm unofficial reports that two people may have died. The accident was caused by a Gulf coast storm that has brought high winds, rain and cold weather to much of southern Mexico, the company said. Pemex said the Usumacinta platform, owned by a subcontractor, struck a light production platform known as Kab 101, about 20 miles offshore from the port of Dos Bocas in the Gulf coast state of Tabasco. Pemex said it had dispatched repair teams but the oil leak continued through the afternoon. The company said it will send more repair teams as soon as weather permits. "A leakage of gas and oil occurred" after waves as high as 25 ft and gusts of wind of as much as 80 mph caused part of the drilling rig to collide with the other platform, knocking out some controls on a valve, the company said. The valves on the platform were closed after the accident but the leakage continued. The drilling rig is owned by the Compania Perforadora Central S.A. de C.V. and operates under contract to Pemex.

London, Oct 24 — A press report, dated today, states: A fierce storm killed two Mexican oil workers and stranded dozens in rough waters today as they fled an offshore drilling platform damaged by 25-foot waves. The bad weather shut Mexico's top three oil exporting ports in the crude-rich Gulf of Mexico for a second day, cutting off most of the country's oil shipments to the United States. Port officials saw it unlikely they would reopen before tomorrow. "The weather is really bad, there is no chance ships can get in. There is a 99.9% chance that the port will not open today," Jorge

Rojano, port captain in Dos Bocas, Tabasco, said. Most of Mexico's crude is shipped from the Gulf ports of Dos Bocas, Cayo Arcas and Coatzacoalcos, which were closed yesterday morning as a severe cold front brought stormy seas and high winds. State oil monopoly Pemex said 81 workers jumped from one platform into liferafts after rough seas caused a gas and oil leak. About 75 of them had been located but could not be reached, and the others were lost. Spokesman Javier Delgado in Ciudad del Carmen said that as of 0100 hrs two of the workers had died. He said he did not have details on the circumstances of their deaths. However, conditions had improved slightly and could help rescue teams reach workers in the next few hours. One liferaft was missing and some workers could have fallen into the sea as 80 mph winds lashed the platform, Pemex Chief Executive Jesus Reyes Heróles said late yesterday. Reyes Heróles described the damaged platform, 20 miles from the port of Dos Bocas, as minor in terms of production but said natural gas was still leaking from its well. Officials said ships stopped leaving the ports early yesterday and could not say when conditions would improve.

London, Oct 25 — A press report, dated Oct 24, states: At least 10 oil workers were killed when a drilling platform hit an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico, spilling gas and oil into the sea, Mexico's state-owned oil company said today. Some other workers remained were still missing. Rescuers have pulled 58 oil workers from the water, but have yet to control the oil leak, Mexico's oil monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos (also known as Pemex) said in a news release issued in Mexico City. At least 18 employees of the state oil company were still either floating at sea in life-rafts or were unaccounted for, it said. The company said it had located a raft but "weather conditions in the area have made it impossible to reach the vessel." The Pemex release said 81 workers abandoned a subcontractor's Usumacinta platform yesterday after it hit the *Kab 101* light-production rig amid eight-metre waves and winds gusting to 130 km-h. It was not immediately clear how much gas and oil had spilled from the accident about 32 kilometres off the port of Dos Bocas in the Gulf Coast state of Tabasco. The storm forced Mexico's main oil ports to close. They remained closed today, Pemex said. The Usumacinta drilling rig is owned by the Compania Perforadora Central SA de CV and operates under contract to Pemex.

London, Oct 25 — A press report, dated today, states: At least 18 oil workers were killed when a drilling rig struck an oil platform in stormy weather, spilling gas and oil into the Gulf of Mexico, the state-owned oil company said yesterday. Seven other workers were still missing. Rescuers have pulled 61 oil workers to safety from storm-tossed waters but have yet to control the oil leak, said Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex.

**HURRICANE "DEAN"**

Martinique, Oct 18 — General cargo *Master Endeavour* is still aground. Refloating operations are scheduled to be carried out by the French Navy late Week 43 (Oct 29-Nov 4) or beginning Week 44 (Nov 5-11). No repairs will be carried out to the vessel, which will be moored at the French Navy mooring buoy, awaiting for public sale for demolition only. — Lloyd's Agents.

**TROPICAL STORM "KIKO"**

London, Oct 19 — Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today, states: Tropical storm "Kiko" located near lat 16.7N, long 104.9W, at 0900, UTC, today. Position accurate within 30 nautical miles. Maximum sustained winds 35 knots with gusts to 45 knots. Forecast position lat 17.0N, long 105.3W at 1800, UTC, today. Maximum winds 40 knots, gusts 50 knots. Forecast position lat 17.5N, long 105.9W at 0600, UTC, Oct 20. Maximum winds 50 knots, gusts 60 knots.

London, Oct 20 — A press report, dated today, states: Tropical Storm "Kiko" remains off the Pacific coast of Mexico but may become a hurricane later today, the National Hurricane Center said. As of this morning, "Kiko" was about 165 miles west-south-west of Manzanillo, Mexico, and moving toward the north-west at 5 mph. "Additional strengthening is forecast during the next 24 hours and Kiko could become a hurricane later today or tonight," the NHC said in an advisory issued from Miami. "Above-normal tides accompanied by large and dangerous battering waves are possible along portions of the Pacific coast of Mexico in regions of onshore flow." The center of the storm was expected to remain offshore but heavy rains were forecast in west-central Mexico with flash floods and mudslides possible in mountainous terrain, the NHC said.

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated today, states: Tropical Storm "Kiko" weakened today as it moved slowly away from Mexico's Pacific coast, forecasters said. The storm's eye is well offshore, although forecasters at the U.S. National Hurricane Centre said tropical storm conditions could be felt in Baja California over the next couple of days. The storm is then expected to head out to sea and not threaten land directly, the centre said. Authorities discontinued a tropical storm watch for Mexico's Pacific coast, but said southern Baja California could be put on alert later today. "Kiko"'s outer bands could still kick up strong waves, winds and rains on land, forecasters said. At 1700 EDT, the storm's maximum sustained winds had decreased to near 50 mph and the storm was moving to the north-northwest at three mph. It was centered about 270 miles southeast of Cabo San Lucas.

London, Oct 22 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical storm "Kiko" near lat 19.6N, long 108.1W, at 0600, UTC, Oct 22.

Movement past six hours 300 deg at two knots. Position accurate to within 60 nautical miles, based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 40 knots with gusts to 50 knots. Radius of 34-knot winds 60 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 50 nautical miles north-west quadrant, 30 nautical miles elsewhere. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Oct 23: Position lat 19.9N, long 110.6W. Maximum sustained winds 35 knots with gusts to 45 knots. Radius of 34-knot winds 50 nautical miles.

London, Oct 23 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical storm "Kiko" near lat 19.4N, long 100.4W, at 0001, UTC, Oct 23. Movement past six hours 265 deg at nine knots. Position accurate to within 20 nautical miles, based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 30 knots with gusts to 40 knots. Forecast for 1200, UTC, Oct 23: Position lat 19.2N, long 112.5W. Maximum sustained winds 30 knots with gusts to 40 knots.

**Natural Disasters****INDONESIA**

Jakarta, Oct 24 — A strong earthquake struck western Indonesia in the Mentawi islands off Sumatra today, but there were no reports of casualties or damage, a meteorology official said. The magnitude 6.0 quake struck just before 0300 hrs, (2000 UTC, Oct 23) at a depth of 35 km, with its epicentre 125 km southwest of the town of Padang, according to a bulletin on the Web site of the U.S. Geological Survey. An official at the Indonesian meteorological and geophysics centre said that the latest quake could be felt strongly in the area, but there had been no reports of damage or casualties. There was no tsunami warning issued. The local agency put the quake at 6.1 on the Richter scale and at a shallower depth of 20 km. — Reuters.

**Political & Civil Unrest****IRAQ**

Kirkuk, Oct 19 — Bombers blew up a section of an internal pipeline carrying crude oil to the Baiji refinery in northern Iraq today. Police said the pipeline connecting Kirkuk's northern oil fields to the refinery was ruptured by a bomb about 50 km southwest of Kirkuk. A spokesman for Kirkuk's oil company said it would not affect crude oil exports and that there was only minor damage to the pipeline. Militants also targeted an oil pipeline near Haswa, 50 km south of Baghdad,

causing minor damage that was quickly repaired, the Iraqi army said. The pipeline feeds the Doura oil refinery in Baghdad with crude from Iraq's southern fields. Today's attack near Kirkuk was the third on pipelines feeding the Baiji refinery since September 18, when Iraq's northern oil export pipeline to Turkey was also damaged in a bomb attack. — Reuters.

**NIGERIA**

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated Oct 21, states: Gunmen in speedboats have kidnapped seven workers including three foreigners from an offshore Nigerian oilfield in a major setback to peace in the Niger Delta. The three contractors to Royal Dutch Shell, a Croat, a Russian and a Briton, were taken from a support vessel at the EA field off the southern state of Bayelsa yesterday night after a three-hour gunfight with troops, security sources said today. "There was a long drawn-out battle and three were taken from a support vessel," a security source at an oil company said. Four Nigerians were also kidnapped, Shell said. No group has claimed responsibility.

Abuja, Oct 22 — All seven hostages seized by gunmen from an offshore Nigerian oilfield were released today after two days in captivity, a state government spokesman said. The four Nigerians, a Briton, a Russian and a Croat were all in good health. The attack had no immediate impact on oil output because the field was halted after an earlier militant attack in February 2006. It had been expected to resume production of 115,000 barrels per day (bpd) by the middle of next year. A spokesman for a prominent militant group, the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), claimed responsibility for the abduction. However, industry and security sources said the claim did not ring true. It was more likely an attempt by a delta warlord to gain relevance with local authorities, they said. — Reuters.

**Labour Disputes****ITALY**

Milan, Oct 22 — Striking Alitalia workers forced more than 250 flights at Milan's airports to be cancelled today in a protest at the struggling carrier's cutback plans. Strikers blocked access to the main international airport, Malpensa, as part of the four-hour stoppage, Milan airport operator Sea said. The strike was the latest in a string of labour actions to hit Italy's national airline. At least 197 take-offs and arrivals were cancelled at Malpensa, and another 57 at the



smaller Linate airport, Sea said. Alitalia said in August it would cut its presence in Milan, as part of a survival plan as it looks for a buyer. Another 25 flights were cancelled at Rome's Fiumicino and Ciampino airports because air traffic controllers went on strike for four hours over a contract dispute, air traffic control company Enav said in a statement. A strike by Rome service crews also grounded or delayed some flights of low-cost carriers, the Rome airport operator said. — Reuters.

**NEW ZEALAND**

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated today, states: Auckland waterfront workers are again on strike as part of their pay dispute with the port company. The strike, which began this morning and is set to last about three hours and is the Maritime Union's fifth in its pay row with Ports of Auckland. Talks involving the Employment Relations Authority will begin tomorrow aimed at breaking the impasse. The 265 workers are seeking a pay rise of 4.9%.

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated today, states: Workers at the port of Auckland have gone on strike again. The three-hour strike was to mark Labour Day. Union spokesman Denis Carlisle says most terminals stopped and there were no cranes working during the strike. Mediation between the Ports of Auckland and the Maritime Union continues tomorrow.

**NIGERIA**

London, Oct 19 — Business activities and others ports operations across the country were grounded yesterday by Dockworkers branch of Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN) who commenced an indefinite strike over alleged anti-labour practices by Terminal Operators, especially absence of conditions of service, unbearable working environment, refusal to allow unions amongst others.

**PORTUGAL**

London, Oct 17 — A strike has shut down the port of Lisbon for a second day, a union official today. More than 350 workers, from crane operators to warehousemen, went on strike at midnight on Monday (Oct 15) after accusing management of failing to hire enough workers to handle the heavy workload. The five-day strike is expected to end on Oct 20.

London, Oct 19 — The Portuguese port of Lisbon was shut down this week with normal operations disrupted due to a five-day strike action. Reports say more than 350 workers across the board from crane operators to warehouse-men went on strike at midnight on Monday (Oct 15). Port management has been accused of failing to hire enough workers to

handle the increasing workload and the strike is expected to end on Oct 20. Reports say that congestion is a certainty once normal operations resume, and currently there are already scores of vessels stuck outside the port which handles calls mostly from north Africa and Europe.

London, oct 23 — A press report, dated today, states: Airline pilots in Portugal went on strike today affecting the country's biggest airline, TAP Air Portugal, and stranding thousands of passengers, a TAP spokesman said. About 500 pilots said they would strike today, Thursday (Oct 25) and Saturday to protest against government plans to increase their retirement age to 65 from 60. Strikes are also scheduled for Nov 5, 7 and 9. "There could be thousands of passengers affected by the strike," said TAP spokesman Antonio Monteiro. "We had been warning passengers to change their reservations since Friday." Monteiro said 12 flights had been grounded in Lisbon, three in Porto and two flights in Funchal. The strike today began at 0300, GMT, and will end at 1600, GMT. Transport minister Mario Lino called on the Civil Aviation Pilots' Union to call off the strike and said the government was open to negotiating. The Civil Aviation Pilots' Union is due to hold a news conference at 1000, EDT.



**CRASH, APARTMENT BUILDING, RICHMOND, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

London, Oct 20 — A press report, dated Oct 19, states: One person was killed and two people have been taken to hospital after a light aircraft crashed into an apartment building in suburban Richmond. Royal Canadian Mounted Police said the dead man was in the aircraft and the two injured were in the apartment building. The RCMP said crews were working to extricate the dead man from the aircraft. Meanwhile, ambulance service spokeswoman Christy Hillen says one person was transported to Vancouver General Hospital with what are likely insignificant and serious injuries and the other was taken to nearby Richmond General Hospital as a non-emergency transport. Fire crews evacuated the 15-storey apartment building and people reported smelling aviation fuel, but there was no fire after the crash. Police threw up a perimeter around the crash scene, near one of Richmond's busiest intersections at the height of rush hour. Airport officials say the aircraft had taken off from Vancouver International Airport on a flight to Pitt Meadows, just east of the city, when it crashed.

London, Oct 20 — A press report, dated today, states: A Piper Seneca twin-engined aircraft flying fast and low crashed into a ninth-floor unit in a downtown Richmond high-rise condominium about 1615 yesterday, killing the male pilot and injuring two residents. Police did not know what caused the aircraft to smash through a balcony window of the building, just south of Richmond Public Market. The fuselage of the aircraft was lodged inside the building, leaving a gaping five-metre-wide, floor-to-ceiling hole, while the back of the aircraft fell onto a parkade roof. Police evacuated the rest of the building for fear leaking aviation fuel would catch fire. The six-seater aircraft had taken off from the south runway at Vancouver International Airport on its way to Pitt Meadows just after 1600 hrs when it crashed, said Kate Donegani, a spokeswoman for the airport authority. The pilot was the only person on board.

**CRASH, BROWERVILLE AREA, MINNESOTA, UNITED STATES,**

London, Oct 25 — A press report, dated Oct 24, states: A Duluth student pilot and a flight instructor died when a University of North Dakota airplane crashed in a swampy area during a training flight from St. Paul to Grand Forks, N.D., the Todd County Sheriff's Department confirmed today. An air crew from the Minnesota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol found the wreckage of the Piper Seminole in Turtle Creek

**Railway Accidents**



**STEILACOOM, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES**

London, Oct 18 — A derailment early today halted train traffic on both sets of tracks on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe main line and blocked access to a ferry terminal south of Tacoma, a railroad spokesman said. Amtrak passengers were being bused between Seattle and Portland, Oreg, and railroad crews were working to reopen the road leading to the dock used by ferries between the mainland and McNeil, Anderson and Ketron islands, BNSF spokesman Gus Melonas said. State-operated ferry service between the island and Steilacoom provides 19 runs around the clock for supplies, staff, visitors and inmate transfers. Ferry service to Anderson and Ketron islands is operated by Pierce County with 12 Steilacoom-Anderson sailings on weekdays, including four that include stops at Ketron. There was no immediate word on the effect of disruptions from the derailment. The 95-car freight train with four locomotives was going less than 45 mph when 13 cars jumped the tracks about 0300 hrs at a concrete block crossing on the road leading to the ferry terminal. No one was injured and the cause of the derailment was under investigation.

Township northeast of Browerville, Minn., about 1610 hrs, the CAP said. Authorities confirmed they found wreckage of the plane Adam Ostapenko and his flight instructor were flying. The pilot, Annette Klosterman, 22, a UND flight instructor from Seattle, and Adam Ostapenko, 20, a junior aviation student from Duluth, were killed in the crash, authorities said. The crash site is about 20 miles northwest of Little Falls, Minn. The UND plane had left St. Paul shortly before 2130 hrs, yesterday. Air traffic officials in Minneapolis last spoke to Klosterman and Ostapenko in a routine conversation at 2215 hrs, in the St. Cloud area. The plane was due to arrive in Grand Forks at 2345 hrs, yesterday, Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory said. The FAA sent out a notice at 0146 hrs, today, alerting airports and law enforcement officials along the flight path when the pilot did not close out the flight plan that had been filed with the agency before takeoff, she said. A ground search of all airports from St. Cloud to Grand Forks was conducted early today, UND said, and the Civil Air Patrol sent five aircraft at daybreak to continue the search. Civil Air Patrol Capt. Al Pabon said more planes joined the search this afternoon, with volunteer pilots coming from several Minnesota cities.

#### **CRASH, DICKINSON AREA, NORTH DAKOTA, UNITED STATES**

London, Oct 19 — Bell 407 N51689 crashed near Dickinson, North Dakota, at 1710, Oct 18. The aircraft was destroyed. The one person on board was seriously injured.

#### **CRASH, FLORA AREA, MISSISSIPPI, UNITED STATES**

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated Oct 20, states: The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating a plane crash that occurred this afternoon in Madison County. A single-engine plane with two passengers on board crashed into a cornfield off Mississippi 22, west of Flora. The crash was reported about 1330 hrs. Madison County sheriff's deputies responded to the site but have turned the investigation over to NTSB. Deputy Chief Eddie Belvedresi said there were no reported injuries.

#### **CRASH, PHNOM PENH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AREA, CAMBODIA**

London, Oct 19 — Antonov An-12BP XU-365, operated by Imtrec Aviation, crash-landed in a flooded rice field 25 kilometres west of Phnom Penh-Pochentong Airport at 2100, Oct 17. One crew member suffered a broken leg. An Imtrec spokesman said that the aircraft had a problem and the pilots decided to return.

Phnom Penh, Oct 22 — Antonov An-12 XU-365, operated by the IMTREC charter flight company, crashed near Phnom Penh Airport at about 2130, Oct

17, following take-off from Phnom Penh for a flight to the United States, via Singapore. According to reports, engine problems following take-off forced the aircraft to turn back but it crashed in a rice field 20 km south of Phnom Penh. Five people on board the aircraft were injured, but there were no fatalities. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **CRASH, SIBERIA, RUSSIA**

London, Oct 21 — A press report, dated today, states: A privately owned helicopter crashed today in Siberia, killing all four people on board, emergency officials said. The MD-600 helicopter crashed near the village of Mundybash in the Kemerovo region in central Siberia, said Oksana Kosheleva, a spokeswoman for the regional branch of Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry. The reason for the crash was not immediately clear, she said. Kosheleva said that the helicopter had not been registered with the authorities and its owner lacked official permission for the flight. An official investigation has started.

#### **CRASH, STUART, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES**

London, Oct 25 — A press report, dated Oct 24, states: Police and Fire Rescue personnel responded this morning to a plane crash in the St. Lucie River near the Roosevelt Bridge, just behind Martin Memorial Medical Centre in Stuart, Florida. Rescue officials pulled two men — pilot Vincent "Mark" Molina, 54, of Fort Pierce, and 62-year-old passenger Gary Hirsch from Port St. Lucie — out of the water, said Sgt. Marty Jacobson, spokesman for the Stuart Police Department. Both men are alive. Their injuries are not life threatening. The 1946 Erco Coupe 415C plane crashed about 0922 hrs and because Stuart Police officers in squad cars and on a boat were already nearby, their response time was less than a minute, Jacobson said. The plane is completely submerged. Local law enforcement will be in contact with federal aviation officials and the coast guard about fuel containment. The water in the area is between three and eight feet deep, Jacobson said. Molina said the pair take the plane up from St. Lucie International Airport for sightseeing trips several times a week and despite the plane's age, they have not had any problems. They went for a trip yesterday without incident, but today they started having mechanical problems, Molina said. "We couldn't gain any altitude," Hirsch said. "Then I heard the engine pop. I said, 'We better get over to the airport.'" Molina gained clearance to land at Witham Field instead of St. Lucie International, but he realized the plane would not make it that far. So he decided to crash into the river to avoid hitting buildings and possibly injuring others, he said. Once the plane's landing gear hit the water, the craft flipped upside down, Molina said, but because the plane had an open cockpit both men were able to get out safely.

#### **CRASH, VANCOUVER, CANADA**

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated Oct 21, states: The pilot of a Piper Seneca aircraft died when his aircraft crashed into a ninth-floor suburban apartment in Vancouver Friday (Oct 19). The aircraft ploughed right into the apartment in a densely populated residential suburb of Vancouver just after taking off, injuring two people inside. Canada's national transportation authority would investigate the cause of the crash. Several witnesses told television reporters the aircraft's engine was making unusual sounds before it crashed.

#### **CRASH, WINDHOEK AREA, SOUTH AFRICA**

London, Oct 24 — A press report, dated Oct 23, states: Both occupants of an aircraft that took off from Windhoek's Eros Airport late yesterday afternoon were killed when their plane crashed almost immediately after take-off. The aircraft — a single-engined Beechcraft with the registration number V5-KLB — crashed after taking off from the airport shortly before 1800 hrs. According to aircraft accident investigator Ericsson Nengola both occupants of the plane were fatally injured. The plane came down amongst thorn bushes close to the Trade Centre shopping complex on the eastern side of the main road leading out of Windhoek to Rehoboth. Nengola told The Namibian that the plane had taken off from Eros Airport with Midgard Lodge as its intended destination. Midgard is about 70 kilometres north-east of the city. The occupants - according to first reports both were male - died at the scene. Nengola could not say if the plane had crashed because of a sudden loss of power after take-off. This is one of the possibilities that would be investigated as part of a probe by the Directorate of Aircraft Accident Investigations into the incident, he indicated. A Namibia Airports Company spokesperson, Sikongo Haihambo, said during a media briefing at the airport last night that the aircraft had taken off from Eros at 1748 hrs. At 1750 hrs, an emergency alert was radioed to the airport to report that the plane was experiencing difficulties, he said. A witness at the crash scene related earlier that he was sitting in his office near the airport when he heard the plane taking off and sounding as if its engine was having trouble running at power. He looked outside and saw the plane turning — as if heading back to the airport — before it nose-dived straight to the ground.

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#### **CRASH, YOGYAKARTA AIRPORT, INDONESIA**

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated today, states: The pilot's failure to follow a safety procedure was the cause of an aircraft crash that killed 23 people in the Indonesian town of Yogyakarta on Mar 7, a state investigator said today. "The pilot didn't pay attention to warning and landed the aircraft at an excessive speed under unstable conditions," National Committee for Transportation Safety (KNKT) chairman Tatang Kurniadi said at a press conference. "The pilot in command didn't follow company safety procedures stipulating that he must cancel the landing and circle around when the aircraft is unstable." The Boeing 737-400, owned by state carrier Garuda Indonesia, overshot the runway of Yogyakarta's Adi Sucipto Airport and burst into flames shortly afterwards. Pilot Marmoto Komar and co-pilot Gagam Rokhmana have been questioned by the police but are yet to be officially indicted.

#### **EMERGENCY LANDING, MIDWAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, CHICAGO, UNITED STATES**

London, Oct 23 — A press report, dated Oct 22, states: A Delta Airlines official said an aircraft had to turn back to Chicago's Midway International Airport shortly after takeoff when two

bags fell out a cargo door. Delta communications director Maria Schnabel said the cargo door had been improperly secured on the Atlanta-bound aircraft, which was operated by Atlantic Southeast Airlines, leading to the loss of two pieces of luggage, the Chicago Sun-Times reported today. Schnabel said the aircraft, which was carrying 63 passengers, executed an emergency landing after crew members detected a problem with the cabin pressure. Once the aircraft was on the ground, the crew discovered that one of the aircraft's two cargo doors had come open during the flight, spilling out the luggage. No injuries were reported from the incident and passengers were reassigned to other flights. The bags remained missing today.

#### **EMERGENCY LANDING, NEW DEHLI, INDIA**

London, Oct 24 — A press report, dated Oct 23, states: A Tokyo-bound Air India aircraft with about 100 people on board landed at New Dehli today in an emergency condition after it developed some hydraulic problems, but no one was injured. "All passengers are safe," Air India officials said. The flight from Mumbai developed some hydraulic problems following which the pilot made an emergency landing at the Indira Gandhi International Airport at around 1700 hrs, they said. The flight had a scheduled stop-over at Delhi, they said, adding the engineers will decide whether the same flight will continue its journey towards Tokyo after necessary maintenance.

#### **EMERGENCY LANDING, SELFRIDGE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, MICHIGAN, UNITED STATES**

London, Oct 22 — A press report, dated Oct 21, states: An aircraft, carrying 26 people on its way from London, Ontario, to Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus, made an emergency landing today at Selfridge Air National Guard Base after the crew saw a smoke indicator in the cockpit, officials said. The aircraft landed safely shortly before 1230 hrs at Selfridge, about 30 miles north-east of Detroit in Macomb County's Harrison Township, the base said in a statement. The crew did not smell or see evidence of smoke, and the aircraft was being inspected, said Jim Herlihy, a spokesman for Mesaba parent Northwest Airlines Corp. Since the flight originated in Canada, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials were called to screen the passengers

and crew. Northwest planned to take those on the plane to the Detroit airport by bus, Herlihy said.

#### **INCIDENT AT EDINBURGH AIRPORT, SCOTLAND**

London, Oct 19 — A press report, dated today, states: More than 130 passengers were taken off a plane bound for Poland after it accidentally struck a blast barrier at Edinburgh Airport. A Central Wings plane which was being pushed out to the runway was damaged at 0935, UTC, today. The flight was due to leave for Gdansk in Poland. An Edinburgh Airport spokesman said that a tug had pushed the plane into a barrier resulting in damage.

#### **UNSCHEDULED LANDING, STANSTED, ESSEX, UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Oct 19 — A press report, dated Oct 18, states: An aircraft made an unscheduled landing at Stansted Airport in Essex after the pilot reported technical problems. The 32-seat ScotAirways Dornier 328 aircraft was flying from Edinburgh to London City Airport, but touched down at Stansted earlier. A spokesman for Stansted Airport said nobody was hurt in the incident and that the plane landed safely causing no disruption to other flights. He said passengers on board the flight were taken by coach to City Airport.

### Port Conditions



#### **ITALY**

Genoa, Oct 22 — Port situation Oct 22: Genoa: No vessels awaiting berths. Savona: One vessel awaiting special berth, average berthing delay one day. La Spezia: No vessels awaiting berths. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **PAKISTAN**

London, Oct 19 — Port security and operations at Karachi are continuing as normal, despite the bomb blasts that shook the city last night. Transportation of cargo out of the port, however, is slow as transporters refrain from bringing vehicles on the road. Generally, the situation in Karachi is tense with some normal business activities suspended.

Port Delays

Information received from BIMCO, Denmark and the Indian Ports Association received Oct 9 -10

Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
<b>Australia</b>		
Abbott Point	29-Oct-2007	Coal: One vessel loading at berth; 12 vessels due by 28/11; 1-4 days delay expected.
Brisbane	29-Oct-2007	Coal: Fisherman Island coal berth: Nine vessels due by 26/12.
Darymple Bay	29-Oct-2007	Coal: One vessel loading at berth; 33 vessels arrived; 15 vessels due by 12/11; 1-30 days delay expected.
Dampier	29-Oct-2007	Iron ore: Parker Point: Two vessels loading at berth; 6 vessels arrived; 6 vessels due by 8/11; East Intercourse Island: 1 vessel loading at berth; 6 vessels arrived; 2 vessels due by 1/11; 1-4 days delay expected at Dampier.
Esperance	29-Oct-2007	Iron ore: Four vessels due 17/11.
Geraldton	29-Oct-2007	Iron ore: One vessel at berth; 2 vessels at anchor; 5 vessels due by 16/11; expected shutdowns 7-10/11 and 27/11-9/12.
Gladstone	29-Oct-2007	Coal: R.G. Tanna coal terminal: Sixty vessels due by 20/12; Barney Point: 1 vessel loading at berth; 4 vessels due by 5/12; 5-10 days delay expected at Gladstone.
Hay Point	29-Oct-2007	Coal: Two vessels loading at berth; 4 vessels arrived; 14 vessels due by 9/11; 1-30 days delay expected.
Newcastle	29-Oct-2007	Coal: Kooragang 4, 5 and 6: Two vessels loading at berth; 25 vessels arrived; 43 vessels due by 30/11; 13-18 days delay expected; Dykes 4+5: 1 vessel loading at berth; 13 vessels arrived; 24 vessels due by 12/11; 13-17 days delay expected.
Port Hedland	29-Oct-2007	Iron ore: Nelson Point: One vessel loading at berth; 3 vessels arrived; 14 vessels due by 13/11; BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Goldsworthy (Finucane Island "C" berth): 1 vessel arrived; 2 vessels due 4/11; (Finucane Island "D" berth): 1 vessel loading at berth; 6 vessels arrived; 4 vessels due by 6/11; Cockatoo Island: 1 vessel due 30/10; 2-5 days delay expected at Port Hedland.
Port Kembla	29-Oct-2007	Coal: One vessel at anchor; 17 vessels due by 25/11; up to 1 day's delay expected.
Port Walcott	29-Oct-2007	Iron ore: Two vessels loading at berth, 6 vessels arrived; 15 vessels due by 31/11; 5-9 days delay expected.
Whyalla	29-Oct-2007	Iron ore: Four vessels due by 28/12; 1 vessel due 4/11 to load by barge at anchorage.
<b>Bulgaria</b>		
Bourgas	29-Oct-2007	Five vessels in port of which 2 loading (1 coils, 1 zinc concentrate), 3 discharging (2 iron ore, 1 manganese ore); 1 vessel in roads to load coils; 7 vessels due of which 3 to load (2 coils, 1 steel sheets), 4 to discharge (1 copper concentrate, 1 coal, 1 generator, 1 copper zinc concentrate).
Varna	29-Oct-2007	Varna East, Varna West, Balchik: Eighteen vessels in port operating of which 10 loading (1 liquid urea, 1 STPP, 6 soda, 1 bulk clinker, 1 caustic soda solution), 2 discharging (1 coal anthracite, 1 bulk coal), 6 discharging/loading; no vessels waiting in roads.
<b>Egypt</b>		
Adabiya	29-Oct-2007	Two vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 2 general cargo.
Alexandria	29-Oct-2007	Fifty-two vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 48 general cargo, none bulk carriers, none passenger vessels, 3 tankers, 1 container vessel; 12 vessels at outer anchorage.
Damietta	29-Oct-2007	Twenty-nine vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 15 general cargo, 1 bulk carrier, none tankers, 6 container vessels; 2 vessel at inner anchorage, 5 at outer anchorage.
Dekheila	29-Oct-2007	Seven vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 2 general cargo, none bulk carriers, 4 tankers, 1 container vessel; no vessels at outer anchorage.
Port Said	29-Oct-2007	Six vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 2 general cargo, 4 container vessels.
Suez	29-Oct-2007	Eleven vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 4 general cargo, 3 passenger vessels; 2 tug boats; 3 vessels dry-docked.
Suez Canal	29-Oct-2007	Twenty-five vessels transiting Northbound, 30 Southbound.
<b>India</b>		
Kolkata	29-Oct-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading General Cargo, 6 vessels discharging ( Logs-3, Bitu, Containers-2), 2 vessels loading and discharging Containers, 1 vessel waiting to discharge Containers; 1 vessel working at midstream loading Iron Ore, 2 vessels discharging Pulse, 1 vessel waiting to discharge; 1 vessel waiting at anchorage for bunkering; 3 vessels under repair; 1 vessel under dry docked; 2 vessels waiting to sail; 5 vessels due (Containers-3, Edible Oil-2).

**Port Conditions**

Haldia	29-Oct-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading Iron Ore, 4 vessels discharging (Crude, Coking Coal, Palm Oil, Met Coke), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 9 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 1 to discharge, 8 to load), 6 vessels waiting at anchorage ( 4 to load, 2 to discharge); 3 vessels due ( POL-2, Containers) .
Paradip	29-Oct-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 7 vessels loading (Iron Ore-5, Chrome Ore, Thermal Coal), 3 vessels discharging (Coking Coal-2, A. Coal); 9 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 3 to discharge, 6 to load), 3 vessels waiting berth at anchorage to discharge; 21 vessels due.
Visakhapatnam	29-Oct-2007	18 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Iron Ore-3, Granite, Thermal Coal, Product), 12 vessels discharging (Coking Coal-3, Passenger, Urea-2, General Cargo, Alumina, MAP, A. Coal, Lime Stone, Product); 29 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage ( 18 to discharge, 10 to load); 35 vessels due ( Iron Ore-13, Soya, Product, Pig Iron, Granite, Alumina, Urea, P. Acid, S. Acid, Containers-2, Coking Coal-4, Timber, Steam Coal, Styrene & Methanol, CTP Bags, G. Cargo, Crude-2, Peas).
Chennai	29-Oct-2007	17 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (L. Oil, Project Cargo, Iron Ore), 6 vessels discharging (C.P. Oil, Project Cargo/ Bax-Bulk/Bax-Jbag/Steel, Steel Pipe/S. Coil/ Project, S. Coal-4, Thermal Coal, Furnace Oil, C. Oil, Log), 5 vessels loading and discharging (Project/Project, Steel Plate/Granite Block, Steel/St. Coil, Containers-3); 3 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 2 to discharge, 1 to load), 6 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage ( 5 to discharge, 1 to load); 1 vessel under arrest; 12 vessels due (C. Coal, Repair, Iron Ore-3, Bary, C. Oil, P. Coke, Containers-4).
Tuticorin	29-Oct-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading ( Construction Materials-3, Sugar, P. Acid), 4 vessels discharging (Coal, Copper Con, Urea, F. Oil); 2 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load, 4 vessels waiting berth at anchorage ( 1 to discharge, 3 bunkering ); 1 vessel under arrest; 2 vessels under crew change, bunkering.
Cochin	29-Oct-2007	4 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels discharging ( Crude, Soda Ash, Pipe), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 18 vessels due (Crude-3, Domestic Passenger, Container-9, Zinc, CBFS, Cruise, Chemical, Logs).
New Mangalore	29-Oct-2007	8 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading ( Iron Ore Fines-4, POL Product, Granite Stone), 2 vessels discharging (Fertiliser, LPG); 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to load, 7 vessels waiting berth at anchorage ( 1 to discharge, 6 to load); 24 vessels due ( Iron Ore Fines (P), Crude Palm Oil-2, POL Product-4, Iron Ore (F)-5, POL Crude-5, Containers, Coal-2, Cement, Pig Iron, LPG, Methanol).
Mormugao	29-Oct-2007	3 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading Iron Ore Fines, 2 vessels discharging (Furnace Oil, Met Coke); 10 vessels working at midstream loading Iron Ore; 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to load, 1 vessel waiting berth at anchorage to load; 3 vessel under dry docked; 12 vessels due (Met Coke, Containers,Coal-3, Steel Coils, MOP, Iron Ore-6).
Mumbai	29-Oct-2007	14 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Vehicles, Steel Cargo, POL-3), 7 vessels loading and discharging (Steel/Machinery-4, POL-3), 2 vessels loading and discharging (Steel /Containers/ General Cargo); 6 vessels awaiting order at anchorage to discharge; 14 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 11 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel under laid up (Berths not required for cargo operations); 29 vessels due ( Containers-3, Oil-2, General Cargo-24).
J.N.P.T.	29-Oct-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel discharging Cement, 8 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 6 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge, 2 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load and discharge; 6 Container vessels due.
Kandla	29-Oct-2007	15 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading (Block, Rice, Barley, Bentonite), 10 vessels discharging (Timber Logs-2, Fertilizer-2, Iron Ore, Project Cargo, Chemical-3, POL); 8 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 2 to discharge, 6 to load), 8 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage ( 6 to discharge, 2 to load ).
Ennore	29-Oct-2007	1 vessel working at berth discharging Coal; 1 vessel working at inner anchorage loading Iron Ore; 3 vessels due (MV Tamil Anna (Coal), MV Good Season (Coal), MV Felicia (Coal).
<b>Israel</b>		
Ashdod	28-Oct-2007	No labour problems; Two vessels loading general cargo at berth, 9 discharging at berth (6 general cargo, 3 bulk cargo), 5 loading/discharging at berth (4 containers, 1 tanker); 2 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge general cargo, 1 waiting at anchorage to load/ discharge containers; 21 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Eilat	28-Oct-2007	No labour problems; Three vessels discharging general cargo at berth, 2 loading/discharging at berth (1 bulk cargo, 1 car carrier); 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge general cargo; 1 vessel due, with no delays expected.

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Haifa	28-Oct-2007	No labour problems; Nine vessels discharging at berth (3 general cargo, 6 bulk cargo), 9 loading/discharging at berth (4 containers, 1 car carrier, 2 tankers, 2 passenger vessels); 2 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge general cargo, 10 waiting at anchorage to load/discharge (5 bulk cargo, 5 containers); 4 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 12 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
<b>Russia</b>		
Novorossiysk	29-Oct-2007	Fourteen vessels in port operating of which 8 loading (1 WRID, 1 H-beans, 4 wheat, 1 aluminium, 1 diesel oil), 5 discharging (2 bulk cement, 3 bulk sugar), 1 discharging/loading containers; 13 vessels in roads of which 8 to load (1 soda ash, 1 DRI, 3 wheat, 1 barley, 1 copper, 1 diesel oil), 5 to discharge ((3 bulk sugar, 1 bulk cement, 1 meat products); 75 vessels due of which 62 to load, 13 to discharge (2 vegetable oil, 4 bulk cement, 3 zinc concentrate, 2 bulk sugar, 2 equipment); Oil terminal: 3 tankers in roads, all to load crude; 7 tankers due, all to load (5 crude oil.1 fuel oil, 1 diesel oil).
<b>Spain</b>		
Bilbao	29-Oct-2007	Thirty-seven vessels in port operating (8 tankers, 29 others), of which 7 loading, 18 discharging, 12 loading/discharging.
<b>Ukraine</b>		
Ilechevsk	29-Oct-2007	Six vessels in port operating of which 3 loading steel products, 1 discharging ore, 2 discharging/loading containers; 4 vessels in roads of which 2 to load sunflower oil, 1 to discharge gasoline, 1 to discharge/load containers; 17 vessels due of which 12 to load (2 steel products, 4 pig iron, 1 sunflower oil, 1 project, 1 ferronickel, 3 sulphur), 2 to discharge nickel ore, 3 to discharge/load containers.
Mariupol	29-Oct-2007	Fifteen vessels in port operating, all loading (5 steel, 2 coal, 3 clay, 2 sunflower beans, 1 sunflower seeds, 2 wheat); 7 vessels in roads, all to load (4 steel, 2 coal, 1 slag); 45 vessels due of which 40 to load (29 steel, 5 coal, 2 clay, 1 urea, 1 sulphur, 1 wheat, 1 kaolin), 5 to discharge (1 clinker, 2 iron ore, 2 containers).
Odessa	29-Oct-2007	Seventeen vessels in port operating of which 8 loading, 6 discharging, 3 discharging/loading containers; 5 vessels in roads of which 3 to load, 2 to discharge/load containers; 82 vessels due of which 36 to load, 12 to discharge, 34 to load/discharge containers.

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