

Maersk Curlew gas leak reignites safety concerns

By Martyn Wingrove

NORTH Sea safety is again in the spotlight, and Maersk is back under investigation for hydrocarbon releases on floating production systems.

The British Health and Safety Executive is highly concerned about the recent spate of gas and oil releases, and wants North Sea operators to re-double their efforts to prevent these incidents and tackle the remaining backlog of maintenance.

Safety concerns are focusing on gas releases on ships and semi-submersible rigs after two workers were injured through a gas release on a Maersk Contractors managed vessel this week.

"The continued failure to reduce hydrocarbon releases, which are potential precursors to major incidents, is a real concern," said HSE's offshore division head Ian Whewell.

The HSE is preparing to investigate Tuesday's gas leak on the Maersk Curlew floating production storage and offloading vessel, which happened during a maintenance shut-down on the ship.

The HSE is already investigating a gas release and an oil leak last month on the Janice Alpha production semi-submersible, managed by another Maersk subsidiary.

"In recent weeks there have been a number of incidents offshore and a number of major hydrocarbon releases. Recent events reinforce the message that the industry must make more of an effort to ensure that everything which happens offshore has safety at its heart," said Mr Whewell.

The North Sea industry is also worried about the number of hydrocarbon releases and is striving to improve general safety

performance. "Whilst it is true that there has been an increase of one leak in the combined major and significant category from 72 to 73 in 2006-2007, since 1994 the number of major releases has been reduced by 75% and the number of significant ones by 50%," said Chris Allen, health, safety, social and environment director with industry group Oil and Gas UK.

"The reduction of hydrocarbon leaks has been a key industry priority for a number of years," he said. "The industry will continue to strive towards becoming a world class safety performer."

The industry is facing challenges to keep installations safe because of the age of facilities, and is tackling the backlog of maintenance that built up during the last period of low oil prices.

"Senior management must continue to invest in maintaining infrastructure to ensure a safe and sustainable future for the offshore industry," Mr Whewell said.

"Installation integrity is important and vital for long-term safety. Strenuous efforts are needed to manage installation integrity to prevent major incidents."

On Tuesday evening, two sub-contractors to Maersk Contractors were airlifted to Aberdeen with injured arms and fingers. One was released and another had an operation yesterday, said Bob Elder, production services manager for Maersk Contractors.

"The incident happened in the turret of the FPSO during a shut down when we were replacing two risers, Mr Elder said. "We have kicked off our own investigation and are in discussions with the HSE. We normally have a good safety record and it is a major focus on our FPSOs and rigs."

The risers being replaced should have been filled with nitrogen and depressurised before spool pieces were removed, but there was some energy in the risers instead.

Maersk Contractors also operates the North Sea Producer FPSO, while Maersk Oil operates the Janice Alpha, Global Producer III and Gryphon FPSOs in the UK.

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

Vessel	Type	Flag	Class	GT	DWT	Bit	Casualty
ALGOPORT	bulker	CAN	LR	20,222	31,970	1979	Sustained a hole in the lower forepeak tank while berthing at Clarkson Harbour Sep 8. Ingress of water forward of the bow thruster. Arrived Hamilton (CAN) Sep 9.
AMUL	bulker	COM	—	11,751	19,711	1971	Reported taking water between Port Elizabeth and Durban Sep 7. Reported Sep 8 drifting in lat 32 12S, long 29 09E. All crew abandoned. Being held by tug Smit Amanda. Destination under negotiation.
ASIA ACE	passenger/	PAN	KR	13,493	4,678	1988	In contact with <i>Jumbo River</i> due dragging anchor outside Tokyo port Sep 7. Sustained cracking to port stern shell plating over three metres, above the waterline. Sailed Tokyo Sep 10.
CHANG LE MEN	general	VCT	LR	10,929	17,240	1982	Thirty-five degree list to starboard off New Mangalore Sep 6. Cargo is unstable. Vessel aground 1 km from Thannirbavi Beach. Understand SMIT International have been engaged for salvage operations. To be refloated Sep 14.
CHARTSMAN	product tanker	LBR	LR	4,842	6,417	1993	In collision with <i>Hooge</i> on the River Elbe Sep 8. Sustained bow damage. Proceeded and entered Brunsbuttel locks. Discharged at Hamburg and proceeded to Rotterdam, where arrived Sep 11, for repairs.
FINGAL	general	ANT	GL	1,409	1,544	1984	Grounded at Sanda, south of Mull of Kintyre, Sep 7. Listing. Non essential crew evacuated. Tug en route. Refloated by tug Sep 8 and towed to Troon same day. Bow thruster and a hold damaged To proceed to Greenock for repairs.
HOoge	container	GIB	GL	15,633	16,987	2006	In collision with <i>Chartsman</i> on the River Elbe Sep 8. Proceeded. Discharging at St. Petersburg Sep 12.
JIN HUA 98	general	BLZ	CS	2,983	5,275	2005	Grounded near No.6 buoy, Kanmon Strait Sep 7. Arrived Moji Sep 9.
KWK ESTEEM	crude oil tanker	SGP	AB	56,943	105,342	2000	Reported Sep 10 aground on a coral reef, 200 miles east of Brisbane. Still aground Sep 11. Hull breached and large oil spill reported.
MARINE BULKER	bulker	PAN	NK	17,542	28,322	1996	Had engine problems while transiting the River Hudson Sep 9. Anchored near Saugerties, New York, but swung in the tide and touched ground softly. Refloated by tugs and towed to another anchorage for inspection. Sailed Sep 10.
PRIDE OF TELEMAR	passenger/ro-ro	NOR	LR	28,559	3,810	1983	Contacted the bottom at Hirtshals Sep 11 and sustained a leak. Towed to berth, where being kept afloat by pumps. Reported stable same day.
SKY STAR	chem/oil tanker	PAN	LR	4,269	7,177	1985	Fire in turbo-charger in lat 59 16N, long 22 15E, Sep 7. Fire was brought under control but drifting without engine power. Towed to Muuga Sep 10. Owners representative due in a few days.
TRIUMPH	container	BMU	NV	16,680	18,606	1978	Sustained rudder problems when upbound for Montreal Sep 7. Escorted to Montreal Sep 9.

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AKTI N. (Liberia)

London, Sep 11 -- Understand some contamination was discovered in the cargo of product tanker *Akti N.* (25654 gt, built 1982), Antwerp for Cotonou, on arrival at Cotonou. Solicitors have been instructed on behalf of cargo interests. (Note -- *Akti N.* had sailed Antwerp Jul 12, and was last reported to have arrived Abidjan Aug 29 from Cotonou.)

AKVARESURS (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Sep 7 -- Fishing (general) *Akvaresurs* is still adrift. Rescue vessel *Radischev* was in lat 09 13S, long 44 34E at 1000, yesterday, speed 8.2 knots, with ETA on scene Sep 9. -- Correspondent.

Portsmouth, UK, Sep 9 -- Fishing (general) *Akvaresurs* is still adrift in lat 03 28S, long 58.45E. Rescue vessel *Radischev* enroute to the casualty, was in position lat 04 30S, long 49 40E at 1130, Sep 8, ETA today. -- Correspondent.

Portsmouth, UK, Sep 10 -- At 0000, Sep 9, fishing (general) *Akvaresurs* was drifting in position lat 01 56N, long 52 33E. Rescue vessel *Radischev* was in position lat 03 14N, long 59 13E. Revised ETA on scene: Sep 12. -- Correspondent.

ALGOPORT (Canada)

London, Sep 10 -- Bulk carrier *Algoport* (20222 gt, built 1979) sustained a hole in the lower forepeak tank while berthing at Clarkson Harbour, Lafarge Cement, in lat 43 28.30N, long 79 36W, at 0200, Sep 8. Damage is .72m x 1.01m, with ingress of water, forward of the bow thruster. Lloyd's inspected the vessel.

London, Sep 12 -- Bulk carrier *Algoport* arrived at Hamilton (CAN) on Sep 9 from Clarkson.

ALIAKMON (Liberia)

London, Sep 12 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, product tanker *Aliakmon* was in port at Colon at 0933, UTC, today.

ALVAREZ ENTRENA I (Argentina)

Buenos Aires, Sep 11 -- Fishing (general) *Alvarez Entrena I* was towed to Comodoro Rivadavia Aug 9 due to a fire that was originated in one of its cabins. The fire was put out and it did not reach vessel's bridge. Temporary minimum repairs were performed at Comodoro Rivadavia and a few days later it proceeded to Caleta Paula, where permanent repairs are being carried out. -- Lloyd's Agents.

AMBAR (Honduras)

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

AMERICAN INTEGRITY (U.S.A.)

Troy, Michigan, Sep 11-- Bulk carrier *American Integrity* (35652 gt, built

1978) grounded on a sand bar at the entrance to Muskegon Harbour yesterday evening. *American Integrity* was able to work free by swinging her boom and backing off the sand bar. She got loose and lay off, allowing tug *Samuel de Champlain* and barge *Innovation* to enter. As darkness fell *American Integrity* anchored off the entrance. -- "Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping News."

Troy, Mich, Sep 11 -- Overnight Monday (Sep 10), bulk carrier *American Integrity* off-loaded 7,200 tons of coal into bulk carrier *Wilfred Sykes* in an effort to lighten its load enough to pass over the sandbar blocking the Muskegon Harbour entry. *American Integrity* grounded at 1700 Monday as it attempted to enter port and deliver the coal to Consumers Energy's BC Cobb electrical generating plant. It freed itself about an hour later, backed away from the harbour mouth and moved offshore. *Wilfred Sykes* was expected to deliver that coal to the Cobb plan at 1000 today, followed by *American Integrity* with its lightened load of 54,800 tons at noon. *Wilfred Sykes* was in the vicinity because of a shipment of asphalt sand it was carrying to the Verplank Dock, also at the east end of Muskegon Lake. Consumers Energy spokesman Dennis McKee said the Cobb facility had a 170-day inventory of coal on hand but is continuing to stockpile coal for the winter months. "One ship being delayed doesn't really affect our operations whatsoever," he said this morning. Low water levels have affected harbours around the Great Lakes, according to the Lake Carriers' Association. That and lack of adequate dredging are among the largest issues facing shippers today, forcing them to lighten loads and increase costs, according to Glen Nekvasil, vice president of corporate communications for the association. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping News.

AMUL (Comoros)

London, Sep 8 -- A press report, dated Sep 7, states: The crew of a bulk carrier were forced to abandon ship this evening when the vessel began sinking off the coast of South Africa's Eastern Cape province. The 154-metre bulk carrier *Amul* (11751 gt, built 1971) was en route from Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape to Durban in KwaZulu-Natal province, when it began taking water and issued a distress signal, SAPA news agency reported. Eight crew members who had taken to a life-raft were picked up by a vessel that answered the Mayday signal. Another eight were rescued from on board the ship by a fishing trawler. Two crew members were reportedly still on board trying to pump out water, with Air Force helicopters and National Sea Rescue Institute swimmers waiting on standby. The carrier's cargo was not immediately known. Nor was it clear why it had begun taking in water.

London, Sep 8 -- Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 0033, UTC: Bulk carrier *Amul* is currently in

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lat 32 12S, long 29 09E and drifting at two-three knots, in a south-easterly direction. All eighteen crew have left the vessel and are on their way to Durban. Salvage tug *Smit Amandla* is proceeding and is due on scene at 0200, UTC. *Amul*, on passage from Port Elizabeth to Durban, is carrying cargo, although the nature of the cargo is not yet known. The crew reported that the vessel began taking water in the engine-room and although they managed to successfully pump out around 200 tons of water, the vessel became unstable after the cargo shifted and the decision to abandon was then taken. (Note -- *Amul* ex *Lamo* arrived at Port Elizabeth on Aug 22 and sailed on Sep 2. Previously the vessel had been arrested at Walvis Bay, after the master and crew allegedly hijacked the vessel, which was laden with scrap metal. It is understood the vessel was sold to breakers in India. She was cleared to leave Walvis Bay on a single voyage to India, departing on Jul 29.)

London, Sep 8 -- Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 0544, UTC: Bulk carrier *Amul* is still afloat and drifting in lat 31 57S, long 29 22E. Tug *Smit Amandla* is on scene.

London, Sep 9 -- Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 0530, UTC: Salvage tug *Smit Amandla* has taken bulk carrier *Amul* in tow. The vessels are currently in lat 34 07.4S, long 27 21.7E. Negotiations between the owners of the *Amul* and the salvors as to what will now happen to the vessel, are in progress.

London, Sep 9 -- Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 1815, UTC: Bulk carrier *Amul* is still being held by tug *Smit Amandla* 20 miles offshore, in lat 34 07S, long 27 21E, waiting for instructions.

London, Sep 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: The 18 crew of bulk carrier *Amul* abandoned the ship when it began taking large amounts of water, as the ship battled its way from Port Elizabeth towards Durban. The vessel was about 20 miles off the coast opposite Port St. Johns when the decision to abandon was made. The crew were subsequently rescued by trawler *Irtych* and chemical tanker *Rosa Tomasos* while Air Force helicopters from Port Elizabeth also assisted and plucked two men from the sea. The vessel was en route to India for the breakers torches. While in Port Elizabeth harbour officials and the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) became aware of certain shortcomings and repairs were ordered, with the ship being detained until these were carried out. Apparently this was not enough for the conditions the ship was shortly to encounter, stiff winds and moderate swells of four to five metres and according to reports water began to ingress at a disturbing rate while at the same time the cargo of scrap metal began shifting dangerously in the hold, in particular the hold immediately in front of the engine-room.

London, Sep 10 -- Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 0750, UTC: Bulk carrier *Amul* is still being

held by tug *Smit Amandla* 20 miles offshore. There has been no increase in vessel's list or trim. The vessel cannot be boarded at the moment due to a damaged pilot ladder and current weather conditions. Once the weather improves the vessel will be boarded.

London, Sep 10 -- Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 2020, UTC: Bulk carrier *Amul*: Tug *Smit Amandla* remains on scene, holding the casualty in position, No.4 hold is flooded. Salvors are attempting to return the crew back to the vessel but bad weather is continuing.

London, Sep 11 -- Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 0924, UTC: Bulk carrier *Amul* is still in the same position and is being held in place by tug *Smit Amandla*. Bad weather is still preventing any crew from re-boarding the vessel.

London, Sep 12 -- Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 1040, UTC: Bulk carrier *Amul* is still in the same position and is being held in place by tug *Smit Amandla*. Crew remain on board another vessel anchored close to the casualty.

London, Sep 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: Swells measuring between four and six metres are still preventing surveyors from boarding the abandoned bulk carrier *Amul*. It is under tow and being held at a position about 70km off Cape Recife by the salvage tug *Smit Amandla*. Smit Marine spokesman Claire Gomes said they were awaiting a break in the weather to allow marine surveyors on board *Amul* for a close inspection of its condition. Its No.4 hold is reportedly flooded. Gomes said *Amul* was under tow, but no instructions had been received from its owners on its immediate future.

ANJASMORO (Singapore)

London, Sep 12 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Anjasmoro* arrived Buenos Aires on Sep 5.

ANTONIA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Batumi, Sep 7 -- Understand that roll off *Antonia* is berthed at pier No.12 and that no repairs have been effected so far. The owner of the vessel informs that all spare parts would be sent from Greece and the repair job would be done by the vessel's crew, not the repair yard. The vessel will be at Poti for approximately three weeks. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ARUNG SAMUDERA (Indonesia)

London, Sep 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: Training *Arung Samudera* is still awaiting repairs in Brisbane. All but five of the crew members from vessel flew home last week, but their 35 metre schooner remains moored on the Brisbane River at the Bulimba naval barracks, in the city's east. The three-masted vessel was scheduled to take part in a tall ships ceremony in Sydney Harbour for the beginning of the APEC leaders' summit on Sep 2. A defence spokesman said the Indonesian government was still seeking quotes from private

contractors for repairs to the vessel, which has a damaged keel and broken rudder. The schooner is likely to remain in Brisbane for several weeks.

ASIA ACE (Panama)

Yokohama, Sep 11 -- Passenger ro/ro *Asia Ace* (13493 gt, built 1988) and general cargo *Jumbo River* (1488 gt, built 1986) were in contact, due to dragging anchor outside Tokyo port Sep 7. *Asia Ace* sustained cracking to port stern shell plating over about three metres above the waterline, while *Jumbo River* lost an anchor. No oil spill, water ingress or injuries reported. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Asia Ace* arrived Tokyo Aug 19 and sailed Sep 10 for Moji. *Jumbo River* arrived Tokyo Sep 3.)

ASIA HONGKONG (Philippines)

Manila, Sep 7 -- Philippine maritime regulatory authorities have suspended the operations passenger ro/ro *Asia Hongkong* by withdrawing its safety certificate. The vessel's safety certificate will remain suspended until the hull damage it sustained in a recent collision is repaired, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) reported Friday (Sep 7). *Asia Hongkong* collided with landing craft I Sarah on the evening of Sep 4. The ferry sustained a crack in its stem as a result of the collision. MARINA also suspended the safety certificate of *Sarah* and ordered the owners to have the vessel drydocked. The vessel sustained a hole in its port side after the collision. MARINA inspectors have assessed the vessel as unseaworthy and withdrawn its safety permits until the necessary repairs are carried out. The vessel is at Cagayan de Oro Port awaiting instructions from its owners. The vessel is owned and operated by Asian Shipping Corp. -- Correspondent.

ATHENA (French Southern Territories)

London, Sep 10 -- Understand supply *Athena* is still lying in the same position.

ATHINA (Barbados)

London, Sep 9 -- Following received from Ankara MSRCC timed 1150, UTC: Product tanker *Athina* (7613 gt, built 1975) stopped at Fil Point, Istanbul Straits at 1330, today, to effect engine repairs. Traffic suspended from north to south.

London, Sep 9 -- Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 1725, UTC: Product tanker *Athina* is still anchored in the same position with engine problems. An investigation is required.

B 2002 (U.S.A.)

See *Buchanan 12*.

BANGLAR SHOURABH (Bangladesh)

Karachi, Sep 12 -- Crude oil tanker *Banglar Shourabh* (8672 gt, built 1987) of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC), caught fire at Karnaphuli Shipbuilders' dockyard in Chittagong, yesterday. Fire Brigade sources said

that the fire apparently originated from the oil tanker while its renovation work was going on at about 1630 hrs. The fire was under control after an hour. The extent of damage is being ascertained. -- Correspondent.

BBC ELBE (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Sep 10 -- General cargo with containers *BBC Elbe* (12936 gt, built 2006) struck the approach wall while proceeding downbound at Lock 3, Welland Canal, Sep 9, causing some concrete damage to the wall. The vessel sustained slight damage to the port bow.

BELUGA RECOGNITION (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Sep 13 -- General cargo *Beluga Recognition* arrived Sfax Sep 8.

BLEXEN (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Sep 7 -- General cargo *Blexen* arrived Rotterdam at 1225, Sep 6.

BOTHNIA CARRIER (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Sep 6 -- General cargo with container capacity *Bothnia Carrier* is now under way. According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, the vessel was located 10.5 nautical miles from Casquets, in lat 49 54 20.4N, long 02 24 51.6W, at 1454, UTC, course 72 deg, speed 13 knots.

BUCHANAN 12 (U.S.A.)

London, Sep 12 -- A press report, dated Sep 11, states: Two barges dumped an estimated 21,000 tons of crushed stone into the Hudson River near Stony Point this morning, police said. The two barges, part of a 13-barge caravan, broke loose from the tug (tug *Buchanan 12*, 238 gt, built 1972) about 0400 hrs, local and federal authorities said. The barges were being towed south toward New York City or possibly the Tilcon quarry on the river in Haverstraw, Rockland Sheriff's Department Lt. William Barbera said. One barge floated further south before filling with water and flipping over near Iona Island just off Stony Point, dumping 12,000 tons of cargo into the river, Barbera said. The other barge sank with 973 tons just north of the Bear Mountain Bridge in Fort Montgomery, Barbera said. The Rockland Sheriff's Department Marine Unit was called out at 0400 and started the investigation, Barbera said. The unit was called by the U.S. Coast Guard in New York City. The barges and the tug are owned by Buchanan Marine, which is based in New Haven, Conn. Buchanan is working on a plan to salvage both barges with the U.S. Coast Guard, said Petty Officer Seth Johnson, a spokesman for the agency. Johnson said the incident was being investigated. He said there were no injuries and no environmental damage. (Note -- According to LloydsMIU AIS, *Buchanan 12* in lat 40 39 56.12N, long 74 03 25.76W, New York 3.7 nautical miles, speed eight knots, at 0922, UTC, Sep 12.)

London, Sep 12 -- Following received from Coastguard Boston, timed 0940, UTC: Two barges broke away from tug

Buchanan 12 yesterday in the Hudson River, ran aground and sank, dumping thousands of tons of crushed stone into the Hudson River. Both barges struck ground, one submerged completely and the other partially. *Buchanan 12* moored in Haverstraw Bay last night after the incident. The incident is under investigation.

London, Sep 13 -- A Coast Guard New York press release, dated Sep 12, states: The Coast Guard continues today to investigate the grounding and sinking of two barges on the Hudson River near the Bear Mountain Bridge in Bear Mountain, NY, after the two barges broke free of tug *Buchanan 12* at 0400 yesterday. *Buchanan 12* was pushing 13 scow barges when two broke free. The tug's master immediately notified the Coast Guard Sector New York Command Center on Staten Island, NY. The Coast Guard issued a broadcast notice to mariners, dispatched an inspector and an investigating officer, and notified the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The tug master reported that the barge B 2002 (556 gt, built 1999) lost most of its cargo of crushed stone after breaking free of the tug. It drifted, took on water and then overturned 1.5 miles down river, and remains partially submerged on the west bank of the Hudson northwest of Iona Island, NY. The other barge, C 546 (545 gt, built 1964), remains partially submerged with its entire cargo one-half mile north of the bridge in the vicinity of buoy 33. There is no report of pollution and no reported injuries. Buchanan Marine dispatched contracted divers from the RandDive and Donjon Marine Companies to determine the condition of the two barges. Once the dive survey is complete, Buchanan will submit a salvage plan to the Coast Guard Captain of the Port to refloat and move the two barges. The Coast Guard and the Army Corps of Engineers determined that the two submerged barges pose no threat to incoming traffic on the waterways. Buchanan Marine set markers in the water near the submerged vessels to alert passing mariners. "Though these barges and their cargo pose no immediate threat to transiting mariners on the river, boaters should still take caution and keep a keen eye on the water when transiting the vicinity of Bear Mountain Bridge," said Lt. j.g. Kathryn Campagnini, Coast Guard Sector New York command duty watch officer. Coast Guard Sector New York personnel, working with the owner of *Buchanan 12*, ensured that the remaining 11 scow barges and the tug were safe to finish the voyage to New York harbour. As a precaution, Sector New York required an additional tug to escort *Buchanan 12* and the 11 barges in case another break away occurred. *Buchanan 12* and the remaining barges transited down the Hudson River with the tug escort and arrived safely at New York harbour. The Coast Guard is investigating the cause of the incident.

C 546 (U.S.A.)

See *Buchanan 12*.

CAPE FULMAR (Marshall Islands)

London, Sep 11 -- Fully cellular containership *Cape Fulmar* (15995 gt, built 2007) entered the port of Hamburg with dents to the port side of the stern and tug assistance on Aug 28. Welding work was being carried out in the damaged region. (Note -- *Cape Fulmar* sailed Hamburg Aug 30 and arrived Gdynia Aug 31. Vessel subsequently sailed Sep 1.)

CARIBBEAN JADE (Antigua & Barbuda)

Martinique, Sep 12 -- Fully cellular containership *Caribbean Jade* (4028 gt, built 1997) sustained turbo charger problems at Philipsburg, St Maarten, on Sep 5. The incident apparently occurred shortly after the vessel had departed St Maarten with cargo. Understand that the vessel was towed back into port, where repairs have been carried out, replacement of turbo charger cartridge, and the vessel sailed on Sep 7/8. -- Lloyd's Agents. (According to Lloyds MIU AIS, *Caribbean Jade*, at 0310, UTC, Sep 10, in lat 18 45 8.35N, long 66 9 19.49W, 17.3 nautical miles from San Juan, PR. Speed 12.9 knots, course 285 Deg.)

CELTIC VOYAGER (Bahamas)

Falmouth, Sep 6 -- General cargo *Celtic Voyager* sailed from Falmouth, in tow of tug *Kingston*, at 1330, BST, today, bound for Newport. ETA is 2100, BST, tomorrow. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Sep 9 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Celtic Voyager* was located stationary at Newport as of 2203, UTC, Sep 8. (See issue of Sep 10.)

Avonmouth, Sep 11 -- General cargo *Celtic Voyager* is currently undergoing an inspection of gearbox trouble at Newport. The vessel is expected to be towed to Sharpness tomorrow for repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

CELTIC VOYAGER (Republic of Ireland)

London, Sep 11 -- A press report, dated Sep 10, states: The Republic of Ireland's Marine Institute's fishery protection *Celtic Voyager* (340 gt, built 1997) was towed to Berehaven harbour this morning after losing power off the West Cork coast. At around 0900 hrs, the 31-metre vessel and its 30-strong crew got into difficulty off Bantry Bayas. Power went down on the vessel. The Castletownbere lifeboat arrived on scene at 0945 hrs. *Celtic Voyager* was in calm waters and in no danger. The RNLi vessel towed the *Celtic Voyager* to Berehaven harbour, where it managed to restart its engines and sail to Castletownbere Pier for refuelling.

CENTAURO 2000 (Argentina)

London, Sep 10 -- Following navigation warning issues Sep 9: Fishing *Desafio* towing trawler (All types) *Centauro 2000* (820 gt, built 1995) in lat 42 13S, long 60 10W, line length 500 metres, speed six knots, course 027 degrees bound Mar del Plata.

London, Sep 11 -- Following navigation warning issued Sep 10: Fishing *Desafio* towing trawler (All

types) *Centauro 2000* in lat 41 26S, long 59 40W, line length 500 metres, speed 5.5 knots, course 027 degrees bound Mar del Plata.

CG K79 (U.S.A.)

Bilbao, Sep 12 -- Local agents of barge *CG K79* report she is still ashore in port of Bilbao and status has not changed. No news from any of the involved parties regarding the future of the barge. -- Lloyd's Agents.

CHANG LE MEN (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Sep 6 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1710, UTC: General cargo *Chang Le Men* (10929 gt, built 1982), New Mangalore for China, cargo fine iron ore dust, is currently off New Mangalore with cargo unstable, and with a 12 degree list to starboard.

London, Sep 6 -- A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Chang Le Men* is caught in the shallow water and is dangerously listing in the rough seas just a few hundreds metres away from Tanneerbavi sea coast near Mangalore. The ship's 21 crew members of various nationalities are still on board. According to the deputy conservator of the New Mangalore Port Capt V.K. Vasvani the ship was carrying 16,100 tonnes of iron ore from New Mangalore port to China and left the NMP berth at 0900 hrs. But at 1100 hrs there was a call from the ship that their engines had stalled and they were drifting closer towards the coast of Tanneerbavi. The coast guard immediately swung into action and got in touch with the vessel's master sailors and offered to help in evacuating the sailors to safety. The marine engineers are closely observing the situation and the new Mangalore Port has also mobilised help.

London, Sep 6 -- A press report, dated today, states: Despite almost heroic efforts by the New Mangalore Port tugs to keep general cargo *Chang Le Men* afloat the odds appear to be against the freighter. It has further listed to 30 degrees in last two hours of its battle in the troubled waters. Fortunately the ship's engines are still working were still which helps the ship in getting some mobility now and then. But according to the New Mangalore port officials that was not enough. The vessel has to be towed to deeper waters. But at this point of time when the sea was getting rougher if the tugs give any more thrust the tugs could also be struck in the mud and the NMP will have one more job in hand. The NMP has made arrangements for keeping the vigil in the night also and has all the life saving equipments ready for action. The crew members headed by its master have sent word that they cannot abandon the ship at this juncture and would like to stay in the ship until there is no more hope of reviving it.

London, Sep 6 -- A press report, dated today, states: At 2350 hrs *Chang Le Men* was dangerously listing at 35 degrees and the engines had been shut down as the fuel pumps of the main engine had been out of the reach of the

fuel due to the impossible angle the ship had been maintaining since 2230 hrs. Though the tugs belonging to the NMP were hovering near the ship for any possible rescue operations the vessel stubbornly denied them any opportunity to come near. One of the tug pilot's who was heard saying on the radio to the control room at the NMP that it was risky to go any near to the dangerously listing vessel in the rough seas. The ship still had its generator working. The lone tug from the NMP was the only support that *Chang Le Men* had as at 2350 hrs.

London, Sep 7 -- A press report, Sep 6, states: Despite great efforts by the NMP tugs along with Coastal Guards and local fishermen to keep the St Vincent Island registered Chinese general cargo *Chang Le Men* afloat the odds appear to be against the vessel. Almost 60 per cent of the vessel is underwater right now. However, NMPT officials have not yet given up efforts as some experts say that it is common for vessels to tilt almost 30 degrees such condition. Marine engineers also expressed hopes that there are chances of reviving it but only if it could be towed to deeper waters. Meanwhile 28 crew members who are caught inside the vessel along with the captain have already sent the message that they cannot leave the vessel right now. They have been instructed by the owners not to abandon ship until all hopes of reviving it are lost.

Mumbai, Sep 7 -- Exactly 75 days after the sinking of general cargo *Denden* near Tannir Bavi beach off Mangalore coast, general cargo *Chang Le Men*, bound for China, carrying 16000 tonnes of iron ore fines, listed (tilted) seven nautical miles away from the New Mangalore Port. When the report last came in, two of the tugs of New Mangalore Port were trying to bring back the vessel to safety. Mr. P. Tamilvannan, Chairman of New Mangalore Port Trust (NMPT), said that the vessel *Cheng Le Men* sailed from the port at 1130 hrs on Sep 6 with 16000 tonnes of iron ore. After going out seven nautical miles, it developed some list. The vessel, which sailed back, was around two kilometres away from the coast when this report was filed. As many as 28 crew members are in the vessel, which was proceeding to China via Singapore. Mr. Tamilvanan said that the port has put two tugs into operation. They (tugs) are trying to bring the vessel back to normal position, he said. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Kochi, Sep 7 -- General cargo *Chang Le Men* arrived New Mangalore on Aug 29 to load about 16,100 tonnes of iron ore fines for a main port in China, and sailed at 1215, Sep 6. After the pilot had disembarked, the vessel developed a list of about 12 degrees to starboard. The master tried to bring the vessel back to port, but the vessel drifted towards the shore and grounded about one km from Thannirbavi Beach. Port authorities tried to straighten the vessel with the help of port tugs, but were unsuccessful. The vessel is presently listing about 16 degrees and all 28 crew members are on board. Port

tugs are standing by near the vessel. Understand from the vessel's agents that SMIT International, Singapore have been engaged for salvage operations and are now en route to New Mangalore. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Sep 7 -- A press report, dated today, states: Briefing the situation of general cargo *Chang Le Men* at the meeting of the top New Mangalore Port Trust (NMPT) officials and the Mangalore old port officials at Tanneerbavi convened by the district in-charge minister and fisheries minister B Nagaraja Shetty to review the situation, Capt. K V Vasvani, Deputy Conservator of the Port said that he was in constant touch with the master of the vessel and two tugs have been kept ready for a rescue operation. The master of the vessel had said that he was in touch with the owner of the vessel, he added. Capt. Vasvani said that an eight member expert team from Svitzer Salvage, four from Holland and four from Mumbai, are expected to arrive Mangalore this afternoon to survey and study the situation before deciding future course of action. He said that there were two-three option for rescue operation of vessel which included unloading the cargo at the anchorage, taking water from the hatch through pumping and towing the ship once it is back to its normal floating position. The expert team would study all these option or any other alternative before taking any decision. He said that two tugs have been rushed to the spot after getting message from the ship seeking help. The tugs were trying to pull the vessel which was listing at 12 degree. Due to the weather, the vessel which was on the move to stabilise by the efforts of the tugs, started once again listing towards starboard. The master of the vessel who was handling the situation carefully beached the vessel this morning maintaining its listing at 16 degree. Capt. Vasvani also felt that before taking any future operation, it was essential for the vessel to stabilise. The vessel was now about 1,400 metres away from the shore off the Tanneerbavi coast. The master of the vessel with whom Capt. Vasvani contacted through wireless during the meeting, said from the ship the ship is safe. out of danger now. I am improving the stability of the ship. I am in touch with the owner of the ship and he is expected here at 1500 today. All are safe. The vessel had 370 tonnes of furnace oil, 60 tonnes of diesel and 120 tonnes of fresh water and captained by Yang Jing Mu, he said. He said that the port also might require a floating crane from Cochin in case of unloading the cargo from the ship. The tug might also require steel wire rope which should be brought by the salvage experts. He said that the master of the vessel had informed that the owner of the ship was in touch with the protection and indemnity club. Both the Chairman of NMPT P Tamilvanan and Capt Vasvani assured that though the ship was beached in the jurisdiction of old Mangalore port coming under state port department,

the NMPT was ready to provide the required assistance in rescuing the ship and its crew.

Singapore, Sep 8 -- SMIT Salvage has been contracted by the owners and underwriters of general cargo *Chang Le Men* to render salvage services to the vessel, which grounded off Mangalore, under the terms of the LOF 2000 salvage contract. A salvage team is currently assessing the situation and preparing a salvage plan. -- SMIT Singapore Pte Ltd.

London, Sep 8 -- A press report, dated Sep 7, states: The salvage, marine dynamics and engineering team from the Netherlands and Mumbai has arrived at the site where general cargo *Chang Le Men* is stranded in shallow waters off the Taneerbavi coast near Mangalore. The team has undertaken a survey of the vessel and have reported that the vessel is presently not in danger of capsizing. Basing their conclusion on the position of the vessel for the last 24 hours, the volume of cargo in the hold and the condition of the engines and the hull, they have reported that the vessel is in a stable condition. However, as a major portion of the keel is struck in the sand it might not be able to move out into the high seas under its own power. However, if there was an extraordinary high tide and the vessel was able to break free from the sand it would be still possible for the ship to sail they have said. They have also suggested that the present exercise, having a tug have a line on the vessel to try to maintain the centre of gravity, should still be maintained. The salvage team has also met the chairman of the New Mangalore Port and the Conservator of the Port, Capt. V.K. Vasvani and briefed them on the situation.

Mumbai, Sep 8 -- The China bound general cargo *Chang Le Men* has beached near the shore at Tannir Bavi. Representatives from the Holland-based salvage group Svitzer, who came to Mangalore yesterday evening, visited Tannir Bavi area. The team members are likely to visit the vessel today. The Dakshina Kannada district in-charge Minister, Mr. B. Nagaraja Shetty, reviewed the situation with the officials of the port yesterday. Participating in the meeting, the Deputy Conservator of New Mangalore Port Trust (NMPT), Mr. K. V. Vasvani, said that the ship has beached 1400 metres away from the shore near Tannir Bavi. Explaining the events that took place from Thursday (Sep 6), he said, the vessel, with 28 crew members on board had left New Mangalore Port on Thursday morning. After two hours, the captain of the vessel, Mr. Yang Jing Mo, called back the port to say that he is returning as it is developing a steady list. It was then noted the cargo hatchet of the vessel was not closed in time. The watery effect of the cargo adversely affected the centre of stability of the ship, leading to it listing. The vessel had diesel oil of 60 tonnes, furnace oil of 372 tonnes and fresh water of 100 tonnes when it sailed from the port. Mr. Vasvani said that the tugs from New

Mangalore Port tried to pull it back to safety on Thursday evening. Stating that the ship has beached now, he said the worst is over for the ship. The captain of the ship does not have any intention to abandon it, he told the Minister. The P&I Club of the ship have already activated the salvage group, Svitzer. Later, the Minister told the media that the vessel is in the limits of Old Mangalore Port now and not in the New Mangalore port. He said there are proposals either to unload the cargo from the ship at anchorage or to pump the water out from cargo hatchet. However, the salvage team would decide on the future plans of action, he said. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Sep 9 -- A press report, dated Sep 8, states: General cargo *Chang Le Men* remained stranded in the sea for the third successive day as no decision has emerged on salvage operations. An eight-member team of salvage experts from Holland who inspected the ship yesterday were yet to decide on their future plans, Coast Guard Commandant Manoj Baadkar said. The Coast Guard, however, kept its machinery in full preparedness to meet any eventuality. Port sources had said yesterday that the vessel, which lay tilted at a 15 degrees angle, was not drifting further and there was no danger to the lives of 28 crew members on board.

London, Sep 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: An eight-member expert team from Smit International, Singapore, which arrived Mangalore from Singapore on Friday (Sep 7), today succeeded in opening the hatch of the stranded general cargo *Chang Le Men*, which had been beached about 1,400 metres from Tannirbavi beach. A top official of the Old Mangalore Port said that the team was now engaged in efforts to pump out water from the vessel. The team was also awaiting a fully equipped tug from Mumbai, which was expected at the port today. The vessel is now in a stable condition and all 28 crew members are safe. The salvage team, led by Master Tan Geedee, had held discussions with the officials of the Old Mangalore Port, Mercantile Marine Department and the Coast Guards at the Old Port yesterday and submitted its plan to shift the iron ore fines from the vessel to a barge, without polluting the sea. The cargo would be later reloaded into the vessel at the New Mangalore Port. One more salvage expert team from Singapore was expected here today.

London, Sep 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: Salvors SMIT Salvage have achieved some success today in stabilising general cargo *Chang Le Men*. They have pumped out rainwater from the hold of the vessel. Another group of six experts have joined rescue team, this takes the number on the experts working on the ship to 14. The New Mangalore Port has summoned another tug from Mumbai which is likely to arrive today and this will give a boost to the rescue work it is stated. The tug from Mumbai is a large one and will be able to take up several other tasks according to the

port's conservator K.V. Vasvani. Capt. Vasvani said that after pumping out slurry the rescue team will shift some quantity of cargo inside the ship from one side to another to balance the vessel. The ship authorities were confident that they would be able to move out in a week. The list of the ship had remained more or less the same. There was no considerable improvement in it, he said. As there has been no rain in the past two days, salvage experts have been able to start operations.

London, Sep 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: Two excavators have been put on board general cargo *Chang Le Men*, for shifting the iron ore in the vessel to stabilise it, Manoj Baadkar, Commandant, Coast Guard, Karnataka said. The experts, who had a meeting with Coast Guard officials today, said they had fixed a target of Sep 14 for refloating the ship, he added.

London, Sep 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: Operations to salvage general cargo *Chang Le Men* were progressing on schedule, Manoj Baadkar, Commandant of the Coast Guard at Karnataka said yesterday. Salvage experts, who had a meeting with Coast Guard officials today, said they had fixed a target of Sep 14 for refloating the vessel, according to Baadkar.

CHARTSMAN (Liberia)

Kiel, Sep 10 -- Product tanker *Chartsman* (4842 gt, built 1993) and fully cellular containership *Hooge* (15633 gt, built 2006) were in collision on the River Elbe Sep 8. As a result the bow of *Chartsman* was damaged. The ship later proceeded to the Kiel Canal and entered the Brunsbuttel locks. -- Correspondent. (Note -- *Chartsman* passed Brunsbuttel east-bound at 0315, Sep 8 and passed Brunsbuttel west-bound at 1756, Sep 9 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was in lat 53 29 29N, long 04 44 35E, at 0932, UTC, today, course 243 degrees, speed 8.6 knots, bound Rotterdam. *Hooge* sailed Hamburg 2010, Sep 7, passed Brunsbuttel 0410, Sep 8 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was in lat 59 51 49N, long 25 38 42E, at 0727, UTC, today, course 75 degrees, speed 16.8 knots.)

Avonmouth, Sep 12 -- Product tanker *Chartsman* discharged at Hamburg and proceeded Rotterdam, where bow damage is to be repaired. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Sep 13 -- Product tanker *Chartsman* arrived at Rotterdam on Sep 11 from Brunsbuttel.

St. Petersburg, Sep 12 -- Fully cellular containership *Hooge* is in port of St. Petersburg under discharging operations. -- Lloyd's Agents.

DENDEN (Eritrea)

London, Sep 12 -- A statement released by InterCoastal, dated Rotterdam, today, states: Owners and insurers of general cargo *Denden* confirm that they are now awaiting the end of the monsoon season to commence final removal of any oil on

board and subsequent wreck removal. An agreement has been reached which enables the owner, supported by the vessel's liability insurer, to commence negotiations with local and regional ship breakers for the job of wreck removal. Prior to any wreck removal, owners and insurers are totally committed to removal of any and all polluting substances remaining on the vessel. It is confirmed that the maximum amount of oil on *Denden* when she foundered was 100 tons of bunker fuel oil plus 30 tons of diesel oil. The cargo consists of 7,600 tonnes of furnace slag - not oil as has been reported. Furnace slag, which has the consistency of sand, has mostly been washed out of the cargo-holds of *Denden* by the storms and waves that have pounded the vessel since June. Furnace slag is not a noxious or polluting substance, but a by-product of the production of iron, iron ore and iron scrap and used mainly in the production of aggregates and cement products. Removal of the 130 tons of fuel oil and diesel on board will commence immediately the monsoon weather abates, estimated at Oct 15, or sooner if the weather allows and it is safe to reboard the vessel and start work, with no risk to personnel or of pollution. Regular samples of the water surrounding *Denden* have been taken and stored. These have enabled the owner and insurer to verify that there was and is, no pollution coming from the vessel. *Denden's* liability insurer, Intercoastal Shipowners P&I, BV, has already contracted leading expert Alan Bloor of BMT Murray Fenton as consultant to the P&I Club on salvage and anti-pollution matters; also leading salvage company Svitzer has equipment on standby, should they be required to participate in the salvaging operation. The Liability Insurers, in addition, continue to keep contact with a local "Pollution Watch and Control Team" who patrol the beaches in the vicinity of the *Denden* to identify if there is any pollution and if required, provide the necessary clean-up. Of great importance to owners and insurers of *Denden* is the fact that, having reached agreement for the removal of the wreck, that the 21 surviving seafarers who were on board the *Denden* and have been detained in the Mangalore area since June, will now be allowed to leave the country and return to their homes and loved ones, without delay. Owners and their liability insurers wish to thank the authorities and the local population for their patience and support in the salvage of *Denden* and its cargo, during the monsoon season.

EDINBURGH (Belize)

London, Sep 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Edinburgh* (1085 gt, built 1970) finally departed Cape Town Aug 20 after being prevented from sailing on Aug 14 and 18, due to mechanical problems. This was not the only problem, bad weather and the chief engineer's decision not to drive the vessel, in case of damaging the newly installed engine parts, at

times only doing five to seven knots, made the trip to Tristan da Cunha last nine days instead of the usual seven. Arriving at Tristan later meant that the vessel just missed good weather and had to head for inaccessible for shelter for the night. The following day the weather had moderated and allowed the passengers to disembark late in the afternoon. The following day there was a short opening in the weather and the islanders managed to get some of the cargo off the vessel, but not all. The vessel then departed for fishing at inaccessible island until the weather became suitable, this only happened on Sep 3 when the vessel completed the unloading of cargo and continued its fishing trip. *Edinburgh* will be departing for Cape Town again around Oct 18.

EMELIE (Georgia)

London, Sep 13 -- General cargo *Emelie* arrived at Split on Sep 10 from Sousaki.

ENDEAVOUR (Liberia)

Martinique, Sep 11 -- Fully cellular containership *Endeavour*, bound for Pointe a Pitre then Rio Haina, arrived under tow at the port of Pointe a Pitre Sep 3, after it experienced engine trouble. The vessel was adrift outside Grenada and was towed in by tug *Massaçô*. Vessel is still in the port of Pointe a Pitre, where all her cargo is being currently discharged. Owners have not yet decided where to effect repairs, which could either be at Pointe a Pitre or at Freeport (Bahamas), where it will have to be towed to. The vessel is currently detained by the Port State who expect towage approval from the vessel's Classification society (GL). -- Lloyd's Agents.

ENDURANCE (Republic of Ireland)

Dublin, Sep 11 -- Fishing (general) *Endurance* sailed from Rosslare yesterday. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ENGLISH RIVER (Canada)

London, Sep 10 -- Following received from Coast Guard Cleveland, timed 1028, UTC: Bulk cement carrier *English River* is now underway.

FINGAL (Netherlands Antilles)

London, Sep 8 -- Following received from the Maritime & Coastguard Agency, dated today: General cargo *Fingal* (1409 gt, built 1984), Campbelltown for Londonderry, with six crew on board, ran aground at Sanda, south of The Mull of Kintyre late yesterday evening. A routine call was taken by Clyde Coastguard at 2240 hrs from the vessel informing them of their situation and that the vessel was listing, but there was no ingress of water. Clyde Coastguard put out a mayday relay broadcast to shipping in the area for assistance and scrambled a Royal Navy Rescue helicopter from Prestwick to the scene as well as sending the Southend Coastguard Rescue team and also requesting the launch of the Campbelltown RNLI all weather and inshore lifeboat. John Griffiths, Duty Area Officer, says: "We

are concerned with the increasing list of the vessel as the tide falls (low water 04:58am), the evacuation of all non essential crew has now taken place, leaving only the master and the engineer aboard. A tug from Greenock has been tasked and is due on scene about 0900/1000, this morning. It is the intention to try to refloat the vessel on the next high tide at 1105, this morning. The ship's master is confident there has been no ingress of water and the double hull is intact."

London, Sep 8 -- A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Fingal* has been refloated after running aground overnight on the island of Sanda, south of the Mull of Kintyre. One of the six crewmen had to be airlifted to safety and three others were taken ashore by lifeboat. The master and engineer remained on board and the vessel was refloated with the aid of a tug this morning. The vessel was carrying timber from Campbelltown to Londonderry.

London, Sep 10 -- A tug from Greenock was despatched to assist general cargo *Fingal*, aground on Sanda Island. *Fingal* was refloated and towed into Troon on Saturday morning (Sep 8). (According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Fingal* was still in Troon at 0427, UTC, Sep 10.)

Grangemouth, Sep 11 -- General cargo *Fingal* sustained damage in the vicinity of the bow-thruster and fractures in No. 1 hold. The vessel experienced some oil leakage from the bow-thruster space and has been detained at Troon. It is expected to proceed to Greenock tomorrow for dry dock repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Grangemouth, Sep 13 -- General cargo *Fingal* is still at Troon. The vessel is expected to proceed to Greenock today for repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

FREDERIKE OLDENDORFF (Liberia)

London, Sep 10 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS bulk carrier *Frederike Oldendorff* was in lat 01 10 28N, long 103 26 36E, at 1438, UTC, Sep 10, speed 10.6 knots, course 120 degrees.

FREITIND (Norway)

Trondheim, Sep 12 -- Kvernhusvik Shipyard, Hitra, inform that general cargo *Freitind* will be scrapped at Fosen Gjenvinning, Aafjord. ETS Kvernhusvik next week. -- Lloyd's Agents.

FRONT FORCE (Cyprus)

London, Sep 9 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1805, UTC: Crude oil tanker *Front Force* (156873 gt, built 2004) and crude oil tanker *Theo T.* (40037 gt, built 2003) rubbed together during lightering operations at Galveston outer anchorage at 1450, UTC, Sep 8. Slight dent in the hull of the *Front Force*. Both vessels have been released to sail following classification society reports. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Front Force* was located stationary 40.5 nautical miles from Galveston, in lat 28 42 52.8N, long 94 27 53.16W, at 0612, UTC, today.)

GENEI MARU NO.88 (Japan)

See *Ming Fa*.

GOLDEN SKY (Cyprus)

Riga, Sep 11 -- Bulk carrier *Golden Sky* is still under arrest (at Ventspils). The claimant is reported to be avoiding negotiations and has not accepted a guarantee and/or offer for settlement. The port authorities have claimed that port dues are not being paid. -- Lloyd's Agents.

HAVI (Panama)

Jakarta, Sep 10 -- Bulk carrier *Havi* arrived at Cigading Port, West Java, Indonesia, at 0700, local time, Sep 4. As at 1145, local time, today, the cargo of pig iron is still being discharged. -- Lloyd's Agents.

HD1 (Bahamas)

London, Sep 12 -- Passenger ro/ro *HD1* (2357 gt, built 1998) has had to cancel all its sailings for the rest of the week. The HD Ferries vessel has had to return to St Malo after harbour officials said they had found deficiencies after boarding the ferry yesterday. HD Ferries' CEO Chris Howe Davies has travelled to the French port with company representatives to try to resolve the problems. In the meantime all sailings have been cancelled up to and including Friday (Sep 14). When inspectors from the Affaires Maritimes boarded the vessel in St Malo they inspected the car deck, other areas around the vessel and the paperwork. They then said they had found "further deficiencies" and allowed the vessel to do one trip to Jersey to drop off passengers, but not to collect any more from Jersey or Guernsey.

HEBRON SEA (Canada)

London, Sep 11 -- Anchor handling tug/supply *Hebron Sea* (1963 gt, built 1975), with 13 persons on board, reported that it struck the Thebaud Production Platform while manoeuvring alongside in lat 43 53.36N, long 60 12.00W, at 2155, Aug 8. Damage to vessel's main mast reported.

HOOGE (Gibraltar)

See *Chartsman*.

ILOVATKA (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Sep 12 -- General cargo *Ilovatka* (1652 gt, built 1961), with a cargo of 2,120 tonnes of metal products, ran aground at the 2,647 km mark of the River Volga at 2200, Sep 10. There is no fuel leakage. The vessel's owners are discussing the method of removing the vessel from the sandbar. -- Correspondent.

INDIANA HARBOR (U.S.A.)

London, Sep 11 -- Bulk carrier *Indiana Harbor* sailed from Essexville on Aug 31.

ISCHIA EXPRESS (Italy)

Naples, Sep 7 -- RINA surveys still in course to passenger ro/ro *Ischia Express*. -- Lloyd's Agents.

JAMES NORRIS (Canada)

London, Sep 10 -- Bulk carrier *James Norris* (12962 gt, built 1952) ran aground while approaching Clarkson Dock, Lake Ontario at 2126, Sep 9. Vessel became free under own power, no apparent damage.

JAN-WILLEM (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Sep 8 -- General cargo *Jan-Willem* sailed Mantyluoto Sep 7 bound Ipswich.

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

Poznan, Sep 7 -- General cargo *Janina* is expected to enter Naval Shipyard Gdynia SA on Sep 10-11. Repairs are expected to take two to three weeks. -- Lloyd's Agents.

JIN HUA 98 (Belize)

Yokohama, Sep 11 -- General cargo *Jin Hua 98* (2983 gt, built 2005) proceeded on a wrong course and ran aground in shallow waters around No.6 buoy in the Kanmon Strait at 1945, Sep 7. No oil spill, water ingress or injuries reported. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Jin Hua 98* subsequently arrived Moji Sep 9.)

JUMBO RIVER (Cambodia)

See *Asia Ace*.

KAPITAN TIMOPHEEV (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Sep 12 -- Product tanker *Kapitan Timopheev* (3474 gt, built 1973), loaded with 3661 tons of petroleum, ran aground at the 2,708 km mark of the River Volga, at 1715 yesterday in the Tsimlyansk reservoir. Work on the removal of the vessel is currently ongoing. -- Correspondent.

KARELIA II (Russia)

Trondheim, Sep 12 -- Trawler (All types) *Karelia II*: Repairs expected complete mid-October. -- Lloyd's Agents.

KENNICOTT (U.S.A.)

Juneau, Sep 5 -- Roll On Roll Off *Kennicott* is currently in the shipyard at Ketchikan for repairs to its rudder. -- Marine Exchange of Alaska.

KISO (Japan)

Yokohama, Sep 11 -- Passenger ro/ro *Kiso*, 15795 gt, (built 2004), Nagoya for Tomakomai, via Sendai, anchored in lat 41 05.9N, long 141 10E, to seek sanctuary from a typhoon. After the typhoon the vessel was unnavigable due to a tangling of its anchors, at 2100 hrs, Sep 7. It will resume its voyage to Tomakomai at 0800 hrs, tomorrow, after completing repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

KRITON (Bahamas)

See under "Seizures & Arrests."

LA FAMILLE EXPRESS (Panama)

London, Sep 9 -- General cargo *La Famille Express* (626 gt, built 1952) is lying abandoned at Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands, after it ran aground during Hurricane "Frances", Sep 1 2004.

LEGEND II (Comoros)

London, Sep 11 -- General cargo *Legend II* sailed from Piraeus on Sep 11.

MAERSK BUFFALO (U.K.)

London, Sep 6 -- A press report, dated today, states: Thirteen men and women on board fully cellular containership *Maersk Buffalo* (48800 gt, built 2007) tied up at the APM container ship terminal at the Port of Oakland became ill and were taken to local hospitals this morning. Another 25 that included crew from the container vessel and members of Local 10, ILWU were treated at the pier of Berth 22 at the APM Terminal, 1425 Maritime St., Oakland Fire Department Capt. Melinda Drayton said. Drayton said the investigation about the cause continues, but it appears to be exposure to bunker fuel fumes. The fumes highly caustic and have been known to cause severe illness. Frank Gaskin of ILWU Local 10 said Longshoremen on the ship said a gas hit them suddenly. "People started vomiting and got dizzy," he said. Gordon Dorsey, of A.P. Moller, the company that owns the terminal, said the exact cause was still under investigation. The first call came in at 0937 hrs from the ship. Captain Drayton said one man came off the ship with severe stomach cramps and diarrhea. Eventually the number of people being treated rose to 25 by 1030 hrs, Drayton said. Victims treated and taken to the hospital were both men and women, Drayton said.

London, Sep 11 -- Fully cellular containership *Maersk Buffalo* sailed from Oakland on Sep 7 bound for Shanghai.

MAERSK DELFT (U.K.)

London, Sep 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: Cross channel freight operator Norfolkline has moved swiftly to reassure hauliers that there are no problems over its vessels' safety after it locked the bow doors on passenger ro/ro *Maersk Delft* (36636 gt, built 2006). The Dunkirk to Dover ferry, is only allowing the entry and exit of all LGVs via its stern doors after experiencing problems with the hinges on the bow doors. Norfolkline's head of operations, Russell Challenor, says: "The bow doors are working. There's a problem with one of the hinges. If we keep using them they will break. There's nothing wrong with them, they are locked shut. It will be repaired very shortly."

MAERSK DIADEMA (Germany)

Newhaven, Sep 6 -- Fully cellular containership *Maersk Diadema* was refloated with the aid of five tugs at 1900, local time, yesterday. Inspections underway but no major damage apparent at this stage. -- Titan Salvage.

MAERSK NEUCHATEL (Cyprus)

Tema, Sep 6 -- According to Port Authority Signal Department, fully cellular containership *Maersk Neuchatel* berthed at No.8 berth, Tema

port, Sep 3. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Maersk Neuchatel* was at anchor in lat 05 35 22N, long 00 02 44E, at 1631, UTC, today.)

MARINE BULKER (Panama)

London, Sep 10 -- Following received from Coast Guard Boston, timed 1330, UTC: Bulk carrier *Marine Bulker* (17542 gt, built 1996) had engine problems while transiting the River Hudson Sep 9. Vessel dropped anchor near Saugerties, New York, but swung round with the tide and touched ground softly. Vessel was refloated and towed by tugs to another anchorage for inspection including bottom inspection. (Note -- *Marine Bulker* had arrived New York Sep 5, and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was at anchor in lat 40 38 30N, long 74 03 50W, at 1327, UTC, today, with destination given as Cadiz.)

London, Sep 13 -- Bulk carrier *Marine Bulker* sailed from New York on Sep 10.

MARINE PRIME (Panama)

London, Sep 8 -- Chemical tanker *Marine Prime* sailed Mizushima Sep 6 for Ulsan.

Yokohama, Sep 12 -- Chemical tanker *Marine Prime* (741 gt, built 1987), on voyage from Sakai to Busan, ran aground in shallows at the north side of Nogutsu Island, Ehime Prefecture, at 0550, Sep 11, causing water ingress to her forepeak tank. Vessel was refloated by its own means at 0855 hrs and arrived at quarantine anchorage, in Matsuyama port, at 1050 hrs. No personal injury has been reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MEDWINA (Philippines)

Manila, Sep 9 -- A Philippine Navy vessel rescued 65 passengers and 17 crewmen from the Philippine-registered ferry *Medwina*, which stalled yesterday off Pangutaran island in Sulu Province in the southern Philippines. Navy patrol vessel *Artemio Ricarte* came to the rescue of the *Medwina* at 2145 yesterday shortly after it sent out a distress signal. The ferry's 65 passengers were transferred to the *Artemio Ricarte* while the crewmen remained on board to pump out seawater from their vessel as the Navy ship towed it towards Zamboanga City. The *Medwina* was on its way to Zamboanga from Mapun Island in Tawi-Tawi when its engine malfunctioned and the vessel began to take on seawater. The Philippine Navy in its report said that engine trouble caused the propeller shaft at the rear portion of the vessel to suck in water each time the propeller turned. -- Correspondent.

London, Sep 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: Ferry *Medina* (also reported as *Medwina*) arrived Zamboanga City, in tow, at 1530, yesterday.

Manila, Sep 12 -- Ferry *Medwina*, 89.86 gt, 61.10 net, developed engine problems due to a burnt connecting rod bearing. It is reported that the vessel is presently on "hold departure order" after the Philippine Coast Guard found

out that the crew members had no valid seaman's book. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MING FA (China)

Yokohama, Sep 13 -- Reefer *Ming Fa* (2028 gt, built 1996), fishing grounds for Zhoushan, and fishing (general) *Genei Maru No.88* (160 gt, built 1980), Hachinohe for fishing grounds, were in collision in lat 41 37.5N, long 145 58.6E, at 2205, Sep 10. *Ming Fa* was holed in port stern, but was able to resume voyage at 1637, next day. No water ingress or injuries reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MISHIMA (Japan)

Yokohama, Sep 11 -- Passenger ro/ro *Mishima*, 1196 gt, (built 2001) drifted into shallows shortly after departure from Takeshima port, Kagoshima Prefecture, due westerly wind and starboard propeller damage, about 7.5 miles east-north-east of Iou Island lighthouse at 1105, Sep 7. Vessel subsequently arrived Kagoshima port. No oil spill, water ingress or injuries reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MSC NAPOLI (U.K.)

London, Sep 11 -- Fully cellular containership *MSC Napoli*, situation update Sep 6: While lead agencies continue planning the removal of the stern of *MSC Napoli* from Lyme Bay, contractors DRS, employed by the ship's owners to clean up the East Devon beaches are still recovering debris. Divers are working in four key areas close to shore where sonar has identified concentrations of debris, between Littlecombe and Sherbourne Rocks near Beer Head. Last week divers, with the vessel *Terramare*, recovered engines, container parts, car panels and other car parts washed overboard within containers when the incident first occurred. *Terramare* is bringing the material into the DRS compound on Branscombe beach for recycling and onward removal. Nine containers, of the original 2,300 on the vessel, remain unaccounted for, although using the ship's manifest, the authorities know that their contents are non-hazardous. Meanwhile, Zodiac, the ship's owners, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and the salvage contractors SMIT are working towards removal of the stern, weather depending and with all the preparations done, hopefully in November. Devon County Council's Executive Member for the Environment, and resident of Branscombe, Cllr Margaret Rogers, said: "We've had our worries about oil coming ashore, in however little quantity, but I'm pleased that that seems to be largely behind us now. I'm also pleased with the ongoing work to bring back to shore submerged materials. Last week DRS filled three 40 foot skips with material to remove and the operation is going well while the weather remains fine."

MUNIE CHANDRA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

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

NEW FLAME (Panama)

London, Sep 6 -- A press report, dated Sep 5, states: Sea marker buoys demarcating the spot at which bulk carrier *New Flame* is situated will be arriving in Gibraltar on Tuesday (? Sep 11) according to well informed sources. The same sources have revealed that the markers have been contracted out by the Government of Gibraltar from a Leicester based supplier for a period of a year. According to the same sources the markers will be used to pinpoint the area where parts of *New Flame* are expected to remain after the salvage operations. In the meantime fuel extraction from the vessel resumed today during the morning. The continued extraction comes at a time when reports suggest that the vessel has already extensive damage, with the vessel described as broken up into three by some sources. While the authorities have dismissed claims of fuel leaks, local sources, operating within the maritime industry, claim that clean up operations are known to have taken place at night as igasoili leak is believed to be taking place. As reports emerged of the arrival of oil spill response ship *Mistral Bay* to the area to assist in clean up operations if necessary the Gibraltar Government has issued an unusual statement giving other reasons for its arrival. In a statement by Number Six Convent Place a spokesman said, "The Government of Gibraltar has noted press reports attributing to an official of the European Maritime Safety Agency the statement that it has despatched its vessel *Mistra Bay* to Gibraltar at the request of Spain to stand by in the event of oil spill from *New Flame*. "Since *New Flame* lies in Gibraltar waters it would be the Gibraltar Government, in the context of the Member State UK, that would have to request the deployment of resources from EMSA in case of need. The Gibraltar Government has not made any such request because sufficient resources are already available to deal with any conceivable oil spill from *New Flame*, however unlikely that may be. Should the Government be advised that there is any change in these circumstances, the Gibraltar Government would then request the assistance of EMSA under Article 2(c) of European Maritime Safety Agency Regulations. "The Spanish Government has presumably therefore requested EMSA's intervention on the Spanish side of the Bay of Gibraltar either to stand by while the cargo of oil is unloaded from the other ship involved in the collision, *Torm Gertrud* (which is in Algeciras), or to help protect the Spanish coastline in the event of an oil leak from either vessel. *Mistra Bay* is therefore sailing to Spain, not to Gibraltar. "A Gibraltar Government spokesman said that it had not received any contact from EMSA before the issue of their statement and that EMSA was not involved in the Gibraltar operations."

London, Sep 7 -- Gibraltar has reacted with annoyance to a Spanish call to Brussels for a European Maritime

Safety Agency oil spill response vessel to stand by, in case the stricken bulk carrier *New Flame* causes pollution. In a statement, the Gibraltar government said the vessel is lying in Gibraltar waters and that local authorities already had sufficient capacity on site to cope with any spill. Since the *New Flame* lies in Gibraltar waters it would be the Gibraltar government, in the context of the Member State UK, that would have to request the deployment of resources from EMSA in case of need, the statement said. The Gibraltar government has not made any such request because sufficient resources are already available to deal with any conceivable oil spill from *New Flame*, however unlikely that may be. The Spanish government has presumably therefore requested EMSA's intervention on the Spanish side of the Bay of Gibraltar either to stand by while the cargo of oil is unloaded from the other vessel involved in the collision, the product tanker *Torm Gertrud*, which is in Algeciras, or to help protect the Spanish coastline in the event of an oil leak from either vessel. *Mistra Bay* is therefore sailing to Spain, not to Gibraltar. A Gibraltar government spokesman said that it had not received any contact from EMSA before the issue of its statement and that EMSA was not involved in the Gibraltar operations. The *Mistra Bay* was due to arrive in the area yesterday. Relations between the Spanish authorities and the British overseas territory on maritime issues are said to be almost non-existent. Longstanding Spanish claims of sovereignty over the territory make all relations highly sensitive.

Gibraltar, Sep 11 -- Bulk carrier *New Flame* is still in the same position and salvage operations are in progress. At present salvors Tslaviris are removing bunker fuel and will decide how to proceed once this is completed. -- Lloyd's Agents.

NORWAY (Bahamas)

London, Sep 7 -- A press report, dated today, states: With the Supreme Court verdict pending over issues of dismantling the retired Norwegian passenger (cruise) *Norway*, now renamed *Blue Lady*, Alang is in a dilemma: What if the apex court asks the vessel to be returned? From the day the vessel anchored on Aug 15, 2006, until now, *Blue Lady* has moved out towards the sea, nearly 1,500 feet from the shore, making it almost impossible to move it from there "It will be a huge predicament for us if the apex court rules against dismantling the ship. If it does so, the ship stays here since it is now almost impossible to float it again," lamented Vishnu Gupta, president of Ship Recycling Industries Association (India). According to Gupta, on Wednesday (Sep 5) the apex court reserved its verdict on granting permission for dismantling the vessel estimated to be a mass of 46,000 tonnes, mostly asbestos and steel materials. *Blue Lady* has been synonymous with "controversy" for over a year now, with several NGOs

opposing its anchoring at Indian shores due to the toxic materials it was carrying.

London, Sep 12 -- A press report, dated Sep 11, states: India's Supreme Court gave permission today for shipbreakers to dismantle passenger (cruise) *Blue Lady*, ex *Norway*. The ruling follows a year of controversy over the fate of the vessel, that environmental groups said contained some 1,200 tonnes of cancer-causing materials. Justices Arijit Pasayat and S.H. Kapadia gave permission to dismantle the vessel at the western Alang shipyard on the basis of a technical report submitted by an expert committee appointed by it, a court official said. Details of the judgement were not immediately known but environmental activists said today's order overlooked a 2004 court ruling. "The court had then ordered that the ship be decontaminated before it was dismantled," said Ingrid Jenssen of the Indian Platform on Shipbreaking -- an umbrella group including Green Peace and the Ban Asbestos Network. "Even today, there is no full inventory of what is on board," Jenssen said, adding that the vessel contained heavy metals and radioactive elements besides 1,200 tonnes of asbestos and carcinogenic polychlorinated biphenyls.

OCEAN CROWN (Cyprus)

London, Sep 13 -- Understand over 18,000 tonnes of cargo have been transhipped from bulk carrier *Ocean Crown*, at Puerto Montt, to bulk carrier *Ken Sho* for onward carriage to India. The balance of cargo is to be on carried to India by another vessel in the near future. (Note -- *Ken Sho* arrived Puerto Montt 1330, Sep 2.)

OCEAN JASPER (Kribati)

See *Sokalique*.

PASHA BULKER (Panama)

See "Australia" under "Weather & Navigation."

PHILIPPOS K. (Greece)

London, Sep 11 -- General cargo *Philippos K.* arrived at Aliaga on Aug 20 to be broken up.

PRIDE OF TELEMAR (Norway)

Copenhagen, Sep 11 -- Passenger ro/ro *Pride of Telemark* (28559 gt, built 1983) during approach to the port of Hirtshals at approximately 0100 hrs, today, made contact with the bottom with its port side and it sustained a leak. It was towed to the Colorline berth and is now being kept afloat by means of pumps on shore from the local emergency force, pumping between 25,000 and 30,000 litres per minute. The intention is to lower a wooden plate to stop the leak and keep the car deck above the water surface. When the intake of water is stabilised the vessel will be towed to its own berth and the trucks and cars will be discharged. The vessel was carrying 150 passengers, 64 crew members, 50 to 60 trucks and a number of cars. No one was injured and all passengers are being accommodated at a hotel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Sep 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passenger ro/ro *Pride of Telemark* touched ground in strong winds on entering the port of Hirtshals, just after midnight. The ferry was holed and took in water. Divers are currently assessing the damage. Kystlink managing director Jarle Dragsten, has said that all the water has now been pumped out and the vessel is stabilised alongside in Hirtshals. No one was hurt in the accident. The ferry had 150 passengers and a crew of 64 onboard and will be taken out of service for an unspecified number of days. *Pride of Telemark* was en route from Langesund, when the accident happened.

PUKJANI (Albania)

Piraeus, Sep 7 -- The dispute between the tug owner and owner of general cargo *Pukjani* has been settled. *Pukjani* left the port of Argostoli on Aug 27 for Turkey. -- Lloyd's Agents.

QUEEN ELIZABETH 2 (U.K.)

London, Sep 8 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passenger (cruise) *Queen Elizabeth 2* (70327 gt, built 1968) has broken down after sustaining a mechanical fault off Croatia during a Mediterranean cruise. Shipping company Cunard said there were about 1,750 passengers on board liner. Company spokesman Eric Flounders said the vessel, which left Southampton last Friday (Aug 31), had been due to set sail from the port of Dubrovnik. An engineer had been sent to fix the fault but it was not known how long the repairs would take, he added.

London, Sep 8 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passenger (cruise) *Queen Elizabeth 2* was due to set sail again after breaking down off Croatia during a Mediterranean cruise. The liner's 1,750 passengers were delayed 24 hours after the vessel sustained a mechanical fault in the Croatian port of Dubrovnik yesterday. A Cunard spokesman said that after repairs the vessel would be leaving for Trieste this afternoon.

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QUEEN OF OAK BAY (Canada)

London, Sep 7 -- A press report, dated Sep 6, states: The Transportation Safety Board says a missing pin on an engine-control system caused a B.C. ferry (Roll On Roll Off *Queen of Oak Bay*) to plow into a Vancouver-area marina two years ago, endangering crew and passengers. In a report issued Thursday (Sep 6), the board says the absence of a split pin on the securing nut on the main engine caused an overspeed shutdown. "When one of the main engines oversped, the increase in speed was immediately reflected in a matching speed increase of the other

main engine, resulting in the activation of the overspeed protection devices that shut down both main engines," the report said. That meant the vessel had limited ability to steer. The TSB found four other vessels in the B.C. Ferries fleet have similar propulsion systems. The ferry slammed into Sewell's Marina in West Vancouver, damaging 26 pleasure boats but causing no serious injuries in the Jun 30, 2005, incident. The vessel had just come out of a \$35-million upgrade aimed at extending its life 20 years.

QUEEN OF THE NORTH (Canada)

London, Sep 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: When passenger ro/ro *Queen of the North* went to the bottom after hitting an island on the north coast last year, crucial data logged in an onboard navigation system went down with the ship. Now that information - which traces all the course alterations made on the vessel's final voyage - is at the heart of a legal battle between B.C. Ferry Services and the Canadian Transportation Accident Investigation and Safety Board. B.C. Ferries was in the Supreme Court of British Columbia yesterday arguing that it should be allowed to publish the data immediately - while the TSB is trying to withhold the information until it has time to release a detailed accident report in about a month. The information belongs to B.C. Ferries, but TSB recovered it with a deep-diving submersible that found its way into the pilot house of the wrecked ferry and removed the hard drive from an electronic charting computer. The ferry sank in more than 300 metres of water shortly after midnight on Mar 22, 2006, midway between Prince Rupert and the north end of Vancouver Island. TSB shared the data with B.C. Ferries, but an agreement binds the corporation to confidentiality until the TSB's final report is released. A clause in that agreement says the data can be released under a court order. TSB lawyer Avon Mersey urged the court not to grant B.C. Ferries such an order, saying the government does not want the information released until a detailed report has placed it in context. He said the TSB is close to completing a 47-page final report that will trace the journey of *Queen of the North*, explain what went wrong and "what the crew did and didn't do." The case was adjourned when arguments ran over the expected time allotment. Judge Hinkson said he wanted the matter back before him as soon as possible and said he would try to clear his calendar to resume the hearing tomorrow.

RED EAGLE (U.K.)

London, Sep 7 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passenger ro/ro *Red Eagle* (3953 gt, built 1996) crossings were cancelled this morning. A three-ship service resumed today between Southampton and East Cowes, but Red Funnel were forced to cancel the 0800 hrs crossing because of a rare failure of a main engine turbocharger yesterday. Parts had to be flown in overnight from

Switzerland so the vessel could be repaired as soon as possible. As a result of the cancellation, delays of an hour were to be expected until 1800, this evening.

SARAH (Philippines)

See *Asia Hong Kong*.

SEA BULKER (Hong Kong)

Dakar, Sep 10 -- Bulk carrier *Sea Bulker* is still under arrest at Cotonou. -- Correspondent.

SHAH BADAR 2 (Bangladesh)

London, Sep 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Shah Badar 2* (762 gt, built 1969), carrying 1,400 tonnes of wheat, sank yesterday as it hit a protection dam at the port channel in Karnaphuli River. The vessel set out for Chittagong port from the outer anchorage last night, after loading wheat from mother vessel *Oriente-2*, which arrived from the U.S.A. on Sunday (Sep 9), said port radio control sources. The vessel entered the port channel near the Naval Academy at about 0050 hrs. It suddenly hit the protection dam and sank, the source said. "The master of the ship might have lost control over it due to strong tide," said Parvez Ahmed, managing director of Mutual Shipping Lines Ltd which was given the responsibility to transport the cargo. He said wheat worth Tk 3.70 crore went under water.

Chittagong, Sep 13 -- Reportedly general cargo *Shah Badar 2*, after taking load of approximately 800 tonnes of wheat from bulk carrier *Oriente 2*, at Chittagong outer anchorage, and while proceeding towards inner harbour, sank at 0500, Sep 12, near the Naval Academy, Chittagong. Salvage operation has not yet commenced. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SHAH BADAR-1

Chittagong, Sep 9 -- The owner's agents of lighter vessel *Shah Badar-1* report the vessel is expected to be scrapped next week. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SHEKSNA (Russia)

Liverpool, Sep 12 -- General cargo *Sheksna* (2052 gt, built 1994), bound Londonderry, reported engine problems off Liverpool and arrived Mersey Bar today, for repairs. ETC not known. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SHELLY (Slovakia)

Haifa, Sep 11 -- General cargo *Shelly* is still lying in its position of sinking. The Haifa Port Company have stated that the wreck has to be removed from the anchorage area and various contractors are bidding for the job. It is very unlikely that the vessel will be repaired. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SICHEM AMETHYST (Panama)

London, Sep 6 -- Following received from Madrid MRCC, timed 1525, UTC: Chemical tanker *Sichem Amethyst* was towed into Cartagena by tug *Remolcanosa Cinco* and is in port there at present.

SKY STAR (Panama)

London, Sep 7 -- Following received from Turku MRCC, timed 0920, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Sky Star* (4269 gt, built 1985) had fire on board in lat 59 16N, long 22 15E, at 0051, UTC, today. The fire has been brought under control. Vessel is drifting without engine power and will need to anchor. (Note -- *Sky Star* sailed Aarhus Sep 4.)

London, Sep 7 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Sky Star* is currently at Paldiski. Vessel will be escorted to Muuga under its own power by Estonian custome launch. Understand fire was minor and is now completely out with no sign of smoke.

London, Sep 7 -- Following received from Tallinn MRCC, timed 1131, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Sky Star* sent a distress in lat 59 16N, long 22 15E, at 0052, UTC, due to a fire in the engine-room. At 0123, UTC, the *Sky Star* notified that they did not need any assistance as they were able to extinguish the fire themselves. We also sent our patrol vessel to the site. They identified that there was no contamination. We decided that our vessel would escort the *Sky Star* to Muuga harbour. The vessel is drifting while the crew clean the engine-room. Once they have finished the vessel will continue on its way to Muuga harbour.

London, Sep 8 -- A press report, dated Sep 7, states: A fire broke out on combined chemical and oil tank *Sky Star* in the Baltic Sea early this morning, Baltic News Agency (BNS) reported. Bound for Tallinn, the tanker sent a distress signal at 0352 hrs, to the Estonian Maritime Surveillance Centre after the fire broke out in the vessel's engine-room, a spokesman for the border guard authority told BNS. The vessel's crew extinguished the fire on their own, near the island of Hiiumaa in the Baltic Sea. The tanker was empty at the time of the fire. The Estonian border patrol found no visible damage on the vessel this morning. The incident posed no major threat to the environment, the spokesman told BNS.

London, Sep 9 -- Following received from Tallinn MRCC, timed 1610, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Sky Star* is currently anchored in lat 59 13N, long 22 48.5E. A tug is proceeding to the scene and will tow the vessel to Tallinn.

Tallinn, Sep 11 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Sky Star* was towed to Muuga on Sep 10. The fire was in the vessel's turbo-charger which will need to be dismantled for further investigation. A representative of the vessel's owners is expected to attend on board the vessel in the next few days. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SLAVYANIN

(St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Sep 11 -- Understand Roll On Roll Off *Slavyanin*, Ukraine for Umm Qasr, had a crankshaft failure, was drifting and was towed into Limassol by tug *Pileas* on a daily rate. The vessel owners declared General Average. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Slavyanin* was still moored at Limassol at 1118, UTC, today.)

SOKALIQUE (France)

Brest, Sep 12 -- Fishing (general) *Sokalique* and general cargo *Ocean Jasper*. As per last information obtained, *Ocean Jasper* is still moored in the military port and inquiries are still on going. Reportedly further to the excessive weight which should be discharged, the vessel's hull was damaged on its starboard bow, probably as a result of the collision. No information obtained yet as to when discharging and repairs will take place. -- Lloyd's Agents.

STELLAR FOREST (Panama)

Buenos Aires, Sep 12 -- Wood-chip carrier *Stellar Forest* resumed her navigation on Jul 19 bound for Gibraltar, after completing the after-grounding inspection by the Argentine Coast Guard while anchored at Ramallo Roads. -- Lloyd's Agents.

STOLT CORMORANT (Cayman Islands)

London, Sep 9 -- Chemical tanker *Stolt Cormorant* sailed Antwerp Sep 7 for Wilhelmshaven.

STOROE (Cyprus)

Kiel, Sep 11 -- General cargo *Storoe* (3183 gt, built 2004) lost several hundred logs in the North Sea off Juist in rough seas on Sep 9. The deck cargo of 300 cubic metres was washed over board, which means about 600 logs. Support *Neuwerk* meanwhile pulled about 150 logs and took them to Cuxhaven. Buoy layer *Norden* will support the recovering work from today onwards, joined by buoy ship *Gustav Meyer* tomorrow. -- Correspondent.

London, Sep 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Storoe*, Papenburg for Finland, lost 300 cubic metres of logs overboard about five kilometres northwest from Juist on Sunday (Sep 9). Support *Neuwerk* recovered 150 logs and brought them to Cuxhaven. It will take still several days to recover the remaining logs. The salvage costs will be charged to the shipowner and the owner of the logs. (Note -- *Storoe* sailed Rotterdam 0425, Sep 7 for Papenburg, and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was in lat 54 34 57N, long 10 56 48E, at 0613, UTC, today, speed 11.5 knots, course 8.5 degrees.)

Kiel, Sep 12 -- Most of the logs lost by general cargo *Storoe* on Sep 10 were washed on the beaches of the East Frisian coast. On Juist and Borkum, 800 of the 2700 logs, each of them with a length of three metres, were washed ashore. The *Neuwerk*, the buoy layer *Norden* and the *Gustav Meyer* salvaged several hundred logs from the North Sea. Warnings for ship traffic are being issued regularly. The vessel after the incident had berthed in the Elbe harbour, Brunsbuttel, where investigations were started by the police and sea authorities. Damage caused to the vessel have been repaired. The remaining cargo was secured. *Storoe* was allowed to resume its voyage to Finland by the Port State Control. -- Correspondent.

Kiel, Sep 13 -- General cargo *Storoe* has reached its original destination

Sunila (Kotka), in Finland, with the remaining logs which had been loaded in Papenburg on Sep 9. More drifting logs have been collected and landed in Norderney and the police vessel *Buergermeister Weichmann* has also recovered some logs which were drifting off the port of Cuxhaven. -- Correspondent.

SUNNY VENUS (Panama)

Yokohama, Sep 12 -- General cargo *Sunny Venus* (2921 gt, built 1996), on voyage from Tokuyama to Taiwan, collided with fishing *Koutoku Maru* (4.88 gt) in position 217 deg, 5.8 miles from Toimisaki Lighthouse, Miyazaki Prefecture, at 0830, Sep 10. No water ingress, oil spill or personal injury reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TAMAR F.I. (Falkland Islands)

London, Sep 7 -- A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Tamar F.I.* (591 gt, built 1979) is temporarily out of action. While departing from Stanley on Aug 30 it had a mechanical breakdown as it crossed the harbour but managed to return to the East Jetty. Replacement parts and an engineer are due to arrive in the Islands tomorrow and it is hoped the repairs will be completed by early next week. The vessel will then carry out some urgent deliveries before heading to Chile for routine dry dock. Meanwhile the Ministry of Defence-chartered *St. Brandon* is helping with the delivery of fuel.

Stanley, Sep 11 -- General cargo *Tamar F.I.* has been repaired and it is due to sail to Punta Arenas. *Tamar F.I.* is due on the dry dock at Punta Arenas Sep 19. -- Lloyd's Agents.

THEO T. (Bahamas)

See *Front Force*.

THUNDER (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Sep 11 -- Following received from Coastguard Falmouth, timed 1016, UTC: At 0745, UTC, general cargo *Thunder* (1559 gt, built 1984) was drifting in lat 49 56N, long 04 48W, with an engine problem, believed to be with the exhaust valves. Emergency towing vessel (ETV) standing by. At 1058, UTC, ETV was released as *Thunder* had effected temporary repairs. The vessel is now proceeding, at a reduced speed of six knots, for Le Havre. ETA not known.

TIAN DAO (Hong Kong)

Yokohama, Sep 7 -- While bulk carrier *African Oryx* (15888 gt, built 1998) was anchoring off Yokohama at 0215, local time, today, she dragged her anchor and collided with bulk carrier *Tian Dao* (1995 gt, built 2006) in lat 35 26.2N, long 139 43.2E. Neither water ingress, oil spill, nor personal injury was reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TIGER SPIRIT (Cyprus)

London, Sep 11 -- Understand general cargo *Tiger Spirit*, Kolkata and Haldia for Singapore with containerised cargo, had rudder problems Aug 11. The vessel was drifting towards land and an oil platform and its owners engaged

a tug on a daily hire basis for towage of the vessel to Singapore. As a result owners have declared General Average. (Note -- As of yesterday *Tiger Spirit* was at Singapore Technologies Marine floating dock No.2.)

TIRAN (Bangladesh)

Chittagong, Sep 13 -- General cargo *Tiran* is still lying under water at Sandwip Channel. Owners yet to decide about salvage of the vessel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TIRTA NIAGA I (Indonesia)

Penang, Sep 11 -- Product tanker *Tirta Niaga I* has been repaired and is still in port. The date of departure has yet to be confirmed. -- Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Aug 17.)

TORM GERTRUD (DIS)

London, Sep 7 -- Product tanker *Torm Gertrud* arrived Setubal Sep 2.

TORM GERTRUD (DIS)

See *New Flame*.

TRINE CHARLOTTE (Norway)

Trondheim, Sep 12 -- General cargo *Trine Charlotte* (1114 gt, built 1977), on voyage from Beliam to Namsos with a cargo of 600 tonnes of timber, grounded in lat 66 32.1N, long 12 59.7E, at 0001, Sep 1. Vessel refloated by own power. Leakage in forepeak and No 1 port double bottom ballast tank was observed. Vessel sailed to Rorvik by own power, where divers carried out an examination. Norwegian ship authorities and vessel classification society gave permission to sail to Kvernhusvik Shipyard, Hitra, for repairs. Vessel arrived at shipyard at 0820, Sep 3, and was placed on slipway on the same date. The yard estimate about one month for repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TRIUMPH (Bermuda)

Portsmouth, UK, Sep 9 -- Fully cellular containership *Triumph* (16680 gt, built 1978) is on its way upbound to Montreal and the tug *Ocean K. Rusby* is assisting it.-- Correspondent.

London, Sep 9 -- Following received from Quebec MRSC, timed 0855, UTC: Fully cellular containership *Triumph*, Portugal for Montreal, had rudder problems while proceeding at higher speeds, Sep 7. Vessel was escorted to Montreal. (Note -- *Triumph*, according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, in lat 45 46 32.7N, long 73 22 10.92W at 0953, today, speed 8.1 knots.)

TS SINGAPORE (Antigua & Barbuda)

Yokohama, Sep 7 -- While anchoring off Yokohama Port at 0200, local time, on Sep 7, fully cellular containership *TS Singapore* (9931 gt, built 2005) dragged her anchor and collided with Daikoku Breakwater East lighthouse. Denting damage sustained to hull. Neither water ingress nor oil spill reported. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 0756, UTC, today, *TS Singapore* was in lat 35 26.41N, long 139 41.27E. Speed eight knots. Course 301.6 degrees.)

TURGUT KOCABAS (Turkey)

London, Sep 6 -- General cargo *Turgut Kocabas*, Bourgas for Diliskelesi, cargo 2,735 tons of pig iron, was in collision with fully cellular containership *Zinnet Mete* laden with 11,500 tons of coil iron, in front of Yerlenkaya-Izmit at approximately 2158, Sep 3. Patrol vessel *Kiyi Emniyeti 4* and tug *Kurtarma 4* were sent immediately to the place of incident. As a result of collision *Turgut Kocabas* sank in 60 metres of water. Fifteen crew members on board have been rescued and search operations for one missing crew member have been continuing. *Zinnet Mete* has sustained damaged from the forward part and anchored. There is no risk of the vessel sinking and it is being monitored by the Ministry of Transport.

London, Sep 13 -- Fully cellular containership *Zinnet Mete*, Izmit for Rotterdam, passed Dardanelles 2110, Aug 18 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was in lat 37 23 34N, long 23 58 15E, at 0845, UTC, Sep 12, speed 11.6 knots, course 212 degrees.

VAGABOND (Panama)

Tortola, Sep 10 -- Roll On Roll Off *Vagabond* is still aground in the same position. There are no salvage operations in progress. -- Lloyd's Agents.

VOPAK GALILEO (Netherlands)

London, Sep 9 -- Chemical tanker *Vopak Galileo*, 3,548 dwt, built 1999, had a fire in the machine chamber at Rotterdam port, Sep 7.

WHATCOM CHIEF (U.S.A.)

London, Sep 8 -- A press report from Bellingham, Wa, dated yesterday, states: Passenger (cruise) *Whatcom Chief* (69 gt, built 1962) sustained iserious mechanical failure off Lummi Is, just after 1500, today and will not be back up at least until 2100 hrs, officials said. The issue appears to be with the throttle system of one of the ferryis engines, said Whatcom County Public Works Director Frank Abart.

WILLASSEN SENIOR (Norway)

London, Sep 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: Norwegian fishing (general) *Willassen Senior* that sank last month may have been sabotaged, police said today, two days after an Internet posting by anonymous activists claiming to be behind the sinking. *Willassen Senior*, used in Norway's hotly protested commercial whale hunts, sank at a wharf in the Lofoten Islands in the early hours of Aug 31. Divers entered the sunken hull of *Willassen Senior* for the first time today, and reported finds that suggest sabotage, although there were no immediate suspects. "The boat is being raised and the indications so far in the process are that valves were intentionally opened so that sea water flooded into the boat," said Kjetil Voldset of the district police. "The police will investigate more closely what happened, and who was behind it." An anonymous posting on the Web site of American activist periodical Bite

Back, dated Sep 11, claimed a group calling itself Agenda 21 was behind the attack and sank the vessel by opening the sea water intake valve and removing a large section of engine cooling pipe. "On the night of Aug 30, we decided to celebrate the end of commercial whaling in Iceland by removing a large section of cooling pipe in the engine-room of *Willassen Senior*," the posting said. The state radio network NRK said if the activist group's description of the sabotage proves accurate, it would make the claim more credible since it was posted before police announced their suspicions.

WILSON MUUGA (Cyprus)

Beirut, Sep 11 -- Bulker *Karim* ex *Wilson Muuga* is still undergoing repairs at Tripoli, Lebanon. -- Lloyd's Agents.

WILSON SKAW (Bahamas)

London, Sep 6 -- Following received from Halifax RCC, timed 1440, UTC: Bulk carrier *Wilson Skaw* was located in lat 44 27N, long 62 54W, at 1200, UTC, today, course 270 deg, speed eight knots.

London, Sep 7 -- Bulk carrier *Wilson Skaw* arrived Halifax Sep 6.

London, Sep 7 -- Following received from Halifax RCC, timed 1235, UTC: Bulk carrier *Wilson Skaw* arrived Halifax around 1700, UTC, Sep 6.

Halifax, Sep 11 -- Bulk carrier *Wilson Skaw* is currently under repair at Halifax shipyard, ETC 25 days. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ZIM HAIFA (Israel)

London, Sep 11 -- Legal action has commenced in the New York courts against the Chinese shippers and forwarding agents of a dangerous cargo that was vouchsafed before shipment to be harmless, but which in fact caused a serious on board fire. The incident has led to hundreds of cargo insurance claims running into millions of dollars. New York maritime law firm DeOrchis Wiener has filed a declaratory judgment action against the Chinese, following the disastrous fire in June on fully cellular containership *Zim Haifa*, when cargo described by Sinochem in the bill of lading as calcium chloride, a harmless cargo, turned out to be calcium hypochlorite. This is an extremely dangerous cargo and is listed in the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code. It can explode and ignite at a relatively low temperature and Zim Integrated Shipping Services has refused to carry it since 2002. More than 100 containers on *Zim Haifa* were damaged by heat and fire after one 20ft box exploded in number five hold, when the vessel was in the Pacific, two days after transiting the Panama Canal. It took several days to get the fire under control and the ship had to sail to Balboa for shore assistance. The Chinese shippers gave Zim a laboratory certificate stating that the cargo was calcium chloride and was not flammable. In the declaratory judgment filed in the US District Court, Southern District of New York,

DeOrchis Wiener has asked the court to declare that the Chinese shippers are responsible for the fire and the \$3.1m worth of damages and expenses involved, plus interest and costs. According to estimates presented by Zim, container damage amounted to \$580,800 and vessel damage to \$770,000. The firm has also filed a declaratory judgment against the shippers and receivers of all the cargoes damaged in the hold, asking the same judge to hold that Zim is not liable for the losses but that the Chinese shippers are. The intention is to have, as far as possible, all claims resolved in one court before one judge. Senior partner Vincent DeOrchis explained: iWe want to avoid multiple laws, expensive multiple litigations, and are seeking a consistent determination for all claims.i To obtain jurisdiction over the Chinese shippers, the firm has initiated a Rule B proceeding, in which any wire transfers to or from the Chinese shippers going through New York can be seized.

ZINNET METE (Turkey)

See *Turgut Kocabas*.

Port State Control



UNITED KINGDOM

See "HD1" under "Marine".

Seizures & Arrests



ARCTIC WOLF (Russia)

London, Sep 12 -- Fish factory *Arctic Wolf* remains under arrest in Kirkenes. None of its cargo has been discharged. The terminal where the vessel was to discharge said that there is no opening for *Arctic Wolf* today or tomorrow, but the vessel can be discharged on Friday (Sep 14), if required. No discharging of fishing vessels will be done there at weekends.

GRANAT (Dominica)

Manila, Sep 7 -- Indonesian authorities arrested fishing (general) *Granat* (769 gt, built 1990) and detained it at Tantui fish port in Sirimau, Ambon for illegal entry into Indonesian territory. Officials said that the vessel did not have a permit to enter or catch fish in Indonesian waters. Ecuator Co. Ltd. of Russia, owner and operator of the *Granat*, is reported to have entered into a joint venture with East Jakarta-based PT Recordian Jaya Tama to engage in fishing activities in Indonesia. Immigration authorities maintained, however, that the *Granat* would not be released until the owners of the vessel

produce the necessary permits allowing them to operate in Indonesia. -- Correspondent.

HOSHIN MARU NO.88

London, Sep 11 -- A press report, dated Sep 10, states: A court in Russia's Far East fined the Japanese captain of fishing *Hoshin Maru No.88* 300,000 roubles (\$11,700) for poaching, an aide to the local prosecutor said today. The trawler was stopped on July 1, by Russian coast guards on suspicion of poaching, and was found to have illegally caught and processed over 15 metric tons of red salmon instead of the cheaper Keta salmon. The court also ordered the vessel's owner pay 7.9 million roubles (\$309,000) compensation to local authorities. The Law of the Sea tribunal in Germany ruled on Aug 6, that Russia should return the trawler, and reduced a fine from 22 to 13 million roubles (around \$500,000). On Aug 16, *Hoshin Maru No.88* returned to Japan.

KRITON (Bahamas)

London, Sep 10 -- Ionia Management was convicted last week, in the US, for dumping waste oil from product tanker *Kriton*, in international waters, and could face a maximum \$9m fine. The Greece-based company was convicted on 13 counts of breaching the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships, three counts of falsifying records in a federal investigation, one count of obstruction of justice and one count of conspiracy. The maximum fine for each count is \$500,000. According to the US Department of Justice, the company is already on probation in the Eastern District of New York, and was convicted of falsifying records to conceal discharge of oil contaminated waste and presenting the records in a number of US ports. It has also been convicted of conspiracy and obstruction of justice in a *emagic pipei* incident. Sentencing is due to take place in November.

MEDIA V (Cyprus)

Piraeus, Sep 12 -- Passenger ro/ro *Media V* not sold at auction on Sep 5. Vessel is still in port at Perama and a new auction is scheduled between Oct 17 and 18. -- Lloyd's Agents.

PLAVA (Albania)

Bari, Sep 10 -- General cargo *Plava* is still under arrest at Bari. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TIBER (Albania)

Bari, Sep 10 -- General cargo *Tiber* is still under arrest at Bari. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Pipeline Accidents



BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 10 -- Crews worked yesterday to clean up gasoline that

spilled from an Exxon Mobil pipeline ruptured by a construction worker removing dirt for a nearby highway widening project. Friday's (Sep 7) accident prompted the evacuation of about a half-dozen homes and the closing of Texas 6 in southern Brazos County for about seven hours. Brian Dunphy, public affairs adviser for Exxon Mobil, said yesterday a temporary clamp was placed on the pipeline and it was back in service. A permanent repair will be made soon. The rupture occurred when an independent contractor hit the line while using a "scraper" to gather dirt a few hundred yards from the construction site.

CHITTAGONG, BANGLADESH

London, Sep 11 -- A gas pipeline in Bangladesh's south-eastern Chittagong district exploded in a massive blaze tonight, threatening people living nearby and industries. The pipeline of the Expanded Bakhrabad Gas line located in Chittagong on the middle of Kalurghat bridge over the Karnaphuli river broke out at about 2030 hrs. 'It was raging towards the southern side where 25 industrial units and two residential areas are facing threat,' a private news agency UNB was quoted as saying. Firefighters rushed to the spot and tried to douse the blaze, but to little effect. The cause of the fire was unknown.

Dhaka, Sep 12 -- An underwater pipeline carrying 250 million cubic feet per day of gas to Bangladesh's port city Chittagong exploded and sparked a huge fire late yesterday, causing millions of dollars in losses to industries, officials said. Initial estimates put the volume of gas lost at between 15 million and 20 million cubic feet and it might take up to two days to resume supply to the city, as firefighters are still struggling to douse the fire, one official said today. The outage at the pipeline run by state-owned Bakhrabad Gas Company Limited has forced at least 200 industries to shut down, triggering initial losses of 1.5 billion taka (\$22 million), the official said. The fire did not seriously affect shipping operations as the fire took place about 32 km south of the port. However, authorities have stopped vehicle movements on the Kalurghat Bridge on the Karnaphuli, while nearby ships and boats have been shifted to safe areas. -- Reuters.

DOGUBEYAZIT AREA, AGRI PRIVINCE, TURKEY

London, Sep 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: An explosion last night rocked a gas pipeline in the northeast of Turkey that supplies the country with gas from Iran, the Anatolia news agency reported. The explosion took place near the town of Dogubeyazit in the province of Agri, which borders Iran. It caused a fire that burned itself out, some 20 minutes later, Atay Uslu, an assistant to the deputy police chief of Dogubeyazit, told the news agency. "An inquiry is underway. We think it could emerge the explosion was caused by a technical

fault," said Uslu, adding repair work to the pipeline had started. He was unable to specify when deliveries of gas would resume.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MISSOURI, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 8 -- A press report, dated Sep 7, states: Crews are working to clean up an oil spill after a pipeline burst in Montgomery County, Missouri. The burst caused more than 3,200 barrels worth of oil to spill. The pipeline carries oil from Wyoming to the refinery in Wood River, Illinois. The rupture is not far from Lincoln School Road, and is in a wooded area near a pond. The rupture was reported by residents who smelled the oil and by officials who monitor pipeline pressure. It ruptured at about 1615 hrs, yesterday. Officials say it shouldn't take long to fix the pipeline, but it will take much longer to clean up the oil.

Pollution



COTTON PATCH BAYOU, HOUSTON, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 9 -- A press report, dated Sep 7, states: The Coast Guard is responding to a chemical spill in Cotton Patch Bayou near the Houston Ship Channel. Water in the bayou has been contaminated with phosphoric acid. The Agrifos Fertilizer Company said there had been a breach in a containment wall caused by heavy rains, and they were forced to pump 10 million gallons of contaminated water into the bayou. The company said they had notified state environmental officials in mid-August, but the Coast Guard didn't become aware until two days ago.

Weather & Navigation



AUSTRALIA

London, Sep 10 -- 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.

BANGLADESH

Dhaka, Sep 9 -- Large swathes of Bangladesh were underwater again today after heavy rains, adding to the misery of millions hit by flooding that has killed more than 830 people since late July. Weather officials said that nearly 20 of the country's 64 districts were flooded after three days of rain swelled major rivers flowing through India into Bangladesh. The rains have also triggered fresh floods in the Indian states of West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh, the officials said.

The floods covered vast areas in the country's northeast and southern areas, disrupting communications and, with rains continuing today, more areas were expected to be engulfed. The fresh floods inundated newly planted rice and other crops on more than a million hectares. The meteorological department forecast heavy to very heavy rain in various parts of the country over the next 24-48 hours. -- Reuters.

HURRICANE "DEAN"

Martinique, Sep 12 -- General cargo *Munie Chandra* grounded at Le Robert (Martinique) during hurricane "Dean". Vessel was refloated Aug 28, after lightering of her cargo. No damages reported to the cargo nor to the hull, except to the propeller. Vessel departed under her own power after class inspection and lifting of detention, due to deficiencies noted by port state control. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Martinique, Sep 12 -- General cargo *Master Endeavor* arrived at Fort de France Mar 18, 2006, under arrest, due cocaine trafficking, and was still under arrest at the Fort de France anchorage when she got hit by Hurricane "Dean". Vessel is still grounded on soft/sticky mud and no decision has been yet taken by the authorities. Although there is no doubt that the vessel will be removed from its current grounded position, it is obvious that she will be either sunk or sold for demolition. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Martinique, Sep 12 -- Damaged crafts in Martinique, sunk or grounded, after hurricane "Dean": It is estimated that approximately 140 small crafts have suffered during the hurricane. Most of them have been lifted back. A few total losses, estimated about 15, usually without insurance cover. The biggest single unit which has run aground is a motor yacht *El Aldria*, a Venezuelan private motor yacht of 25 metres approximately. She had been refloated on Aug 28, with a crane barge and small tug. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Sep 13 -- A press report, dated Sep 12, states: Carnival Corp. has no plans to return to the Mexican cruise port at Majahual until at least the spring of 2009 due to extensive damage from Hurricane "Dean", the company said yesterday. Carnival, the world's largest cruise operator, is modifying itineraries away from the port at Majahual, known as Puerto Costa Maya, through its reservation period, which is open until spring 2009, company spokeswoman Jennifer de la Cruz said. Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. said yesterday it is adjusting its itineraries to avoid Costa Maya through to April. Royal Caribbean, second to Carnival in the cruise industry, is re-routing six ships that normally would stop at Costa Maya, company spokesman Raul Duany said. Both Miami-based companies said they hoped to return to Costa Maya, but it would be up to port authorities there to determine when vessels can return.

HURRICANE "FELIX"

London, Sep 7 -- A press report, dated Sep 6, states: US, Honduran and

Nicaraguan soldiers searched remote jungle beaches and the open sea Thursday (Sep 6) for survivors and cadavers after Hurricane "Felix" claimed at least 98 lives, many of them Miskito Indians who died fleeing the Category 5 storm. Abelino Cox, the spokesman for the Regional Emergency Committee in Puerto Cabezas, said the death toll from "Felix" had risen to 98 as authorities search the Miskito coastline that stretches across the Nicaragua-Honduras border for people missing two days after the hurricane hit. The previous toll was at least 65 dead, but Cox did not say where the other 33 deaths occurred.

Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, Sep 7 -- The number of people killed when Hurricane "Felix" tore into the border area of Nicaragua and Honduras this week, has increased to at least 130, a Nicaraguan rescue official said today. "We have around 130 corpses listed," civil defense official Fabio Benedic said. The dead were mainly Nicaraguan Miskito Indians, including some fishermen whose bodies washed up in Honduras. Benedic said about 70 people were believed missing after high waves drowned fishermen, battered coastal villages and devastated islets known as the Miskito Keys. A Nicaraguan newspaper said the death toll was 168. Hundreds of people did not evacuate before the storm and had only their flimsy wooden shacks for shelter. Some tied themselves to trees or boats in a bid to withstand "Felix"'s 160-mph winds, local fisherman said. In Puerto Cabezas, some power poles that had been knocked over were set upright and electricity returned to parts of the port. -- Reuters.

London, Sep 13 -- A press report, dated Sep 12, states: The Nicaraguan army said today that at least 101 people were killed by Hurricane "Felix", after more bodies were pulled from the sea or retrieved from the country's northern jungle. However, authorities have not kept a tally of the missing, making it nearly impossible to determine how many people were killed by the hurricane in remote, roadless communities in Nicaragua. Officials say some of the victims were buried by relatives without informing the government. Yesterday, the army said in a news release that the bodies of 21 Nicaraguans, 17 women and four men, were found floating along Honduras' coast yesterday, a week after the hurricane hit. They were immediately buried in the town of Raya, Honduras. Authorities in Raya, just across Nicaragua's northern border, informed the Nicaraguan army about the discovery of the bodies, and soldiers verified the location of the impromptu grave. Another 13 bodies were found near a lagoon in Nicaragua's northern jungle and turned over to relatives for burial, the army said.

HURRICANE "HUMBERTO"

London, Sep 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: Tropical storm "Humberto" strengthened into a hurricane early today as it edged toward the Texas coast, packing 80

mph winds and forecasters predicting heavy rain and possible flooding. At 0115 hrs, (0515, UTC), the centre of the hurricane was about 20 miles east of Galveston and about 15 miles south of High Island. It was moving toward the north-northeast near eight mph. Forecasters warned residents along a 220-mile stretch of coastline extending into southwestern Louisiana to brace for the storm, which was expected to come ashore south of Houston overnight. The storm's centre was expected to come ashore between High Island and Sabine Pass early today, the National Weather Service said. A hurricane warning was issued from east of High Island, Texas, to Cameron, Louisiana. The storm's rain bands were spreading over the coast and between five and 10 inches of rain was expected, with some locations possibly getting as much as 15 inches. However authorities said evacuations were not necessary. The area expected to be hit the hardest is in the far southeast corner of Texas from Galveston Island eastward. It includes the Beaumont and Port Arthur areas. Texas has already experienced one of the wettest summers on record. With the ground already saturated, flooding was likely. In Austin, Governor Rick Perry activated 50 military vehicles with 200 soldiers, plus six helicopters and two swift-water rescue teams. Other crews from the U.S. Coast Guard were on standby. In Louisiana, Governor Kathleen Blanco declared a state of emergency. Shelters were on standby in some areas, and sandbags and sand were being made available, officials said. "Humberto" is the eighth named storm this year and formed from a depression that developed yesterday morning. "Humberto"'s approach resulted in the Houston Ship Channel being closed to ship traffic yesterday. The Houston Pilots Association stopped boarding deep-draft ships in the Ship Channel this afternoon, Coast Guard reported. A total of seven ships were waiting to come in to port and 11 were waiting to leave when the action was taken, the agency said. Members of the Texas City/Galveston Pilots are still moving vessels from the inner anchorage area to the docks to protect them from the storm, the Coast Guard added.

London, Sep 12 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: At 0530, UTC, today, the centre of hurricane "Humberto" was located near lat 29.4N, long 94.4W, approximately 37 nautical miles south-east of Houston, Tx, with 12 foot seas. Movement over the past six hours: 30 degs at five knots. The position is accurate to within 60 nautical miles and is based on the centre being located by satellite. The present wind distribution: maximum sustained winds: 70 knots, with gusts to 85 knots. Radius of 64 knot winds: 15 nautical miles in the north-east quadrant, zero nautical miles in the remaining three quadrants. Radius of 34 knot winds: 50 nautical miles in the north-east and south-east quadrants and zero nautical miles in the south-west and north-west

quadrants. At 0000, UTC, Sep 14, the centre is predicted to be near lat 31.6N, long 92.7W, with maximum sustained winds of 30 knots and gusts to 40 knots.

Political & Civil Unrest



ALBANIA

Bari, Sep 10 -- Product tanker *Ambar* is still under arrest at Bari. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MEXICO

London, Sep 11 -- A press report, dated Sep 10, states: A leftist guerrilla group claimed responsibility for a string of explosions that ripped apart at least six Mexican oil and gas pipelines today, affecting financial markets and causing hundreds of millions of dollars in lost production. The six explosions could be seen miles away, and set off fires that sent flames and black smoke shooting high above the Gulf coast state of Veracruz. At least a dozen pipelines, most carrying natural gas, were affected, said Jesus Reyes Heróles, the head of Mexico's oil monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos, without providing specifics. The explosions occurred in valve stations where different pipelines intersect. He said there would be hundreds of millions of dollars in lost production and about nine states and the capital, Mexico City, would be affected. "It is a big blow," he said. "You can't store natural gas or transport it by truck." The blasts caused brief jitters in international markets, with natural gas futures up as much as 20.2 cents on news of the explosions, although prices dropped in later trading. One oil pipeline was hit in yesterday's attack but Pemex said the damage wouldn't affect crude exports. There were no immediate reports of injuries directly caused by the explosions and fires, although Fernando Leon Yopez. It was the second time in three months that the so-called People's Revolutionary Army claimed responsibility for a pipeline attack as part of what it has labelled its "prolonged people's war" against "the anti-people government." At least one undetonated explosive device was later found beside a pipeline in a swampy area about 500 yards away from a highway toll booth just north of the port of Veracruz, said the Veracruz state civil defence co-ordinator, Ismael Reyes. That explosive device was accompanied by a note signed by the EPR, according to a Veracruz state police official who spoke on condition of anonymity. A federal police official, also requesting anonymity for the same reason, described the note to The Associated Press, saying it contained demands for the release of purported political prisoners in language similar to rebel communiques made public after earlier blasts. The EPR claimed responsibility for a July attack on a

major gas pipeline from Mexico City to Guadalajara in western Mexico that forced at least a dozen major companies, including Honda Motor Co., Kellogg Co. and The Hershey Co., to suspend or scale back operations. That attack resulted in the Mexican government increasing security at "strategic installations" across Mexico. It was not clear what security measures were in place at the pipelines that exploded today.

Mexico City, Sep 11 -- Mexican state oil monopoly Pemex will send engineers today to start repair work on four natural gas pipelines blown up in sabotage attacks yesterday, but fires still raged at two other fuel ducts. Pemex, which is set to lose hundreds of millions of dollars after six pipeline attacks in southeastern Mexico cut off a quarter of its natural gas flow, expects to take several days to restore supplies to businesses in the area. "I think immediate repair work will start today in four (locations)," said David Lartundo, a Pemex spokesman in Veracruz state, where most of the explosions occurred. "Already yesterday we had various points where the flames were out ... and this will allow the repair teams to go in today and start to take the necessary measures to reestablish the service as soon as possible," he told Reuters. German automaker Volkswagen suspended production at its Puebla plant, its sole North American factory, today. Mexican glass maker Vitro and industrial conglomerate Grupo Industrial Saltillo (Gissa) shut down several manufacturing plants yesterday. Pemex Chief Executive Jesus Reyes Heróles said on Monday it could be four to five days from Tuesday before the company can fully restore domestic natural gas supplies. Lartundo said Pemex may look at rerouting some natural gas via other pipeline networks to lessen the impact to industrial clients while engineers work to repair the ruptured ducts. "We have two points today which are still on fire," he said. "Both are confined areas. The fire has been left because it's burning the remnant of the fuel that was in the pipes. Once it's burned off the maintenance teams can go in." - Reuters.

Mexico City, Sept 11 -- A leftist rebel group claimed responsibility today for bomb attacks on Mexican oil and gas pipelines earlier this week, and threatened more assaults against the state-owned oil company. "Our political-military activities will not be stopped until our two abducted or disappeared companions are shown free and alive," the rebels said in a statement sent to a Mexican newspaper. They promised to avoid casualties. Around 750 Mexican engineers started repairs on four natural gas pipelines blown up in the attacks and were close to extinguishing a fire at one of the fuel ducts this evening, Pemex said. Pemex said in a statement it hoped domestic natural gas supplies would be back to normal by early on Monday, Sep 17. The bombings halted 60 percent of Mexico's

steel industry and affected more than 2,500 companies, causing daily losses of \$100 million while gas supplies are cut, business groups said. -- Reuters.

London, Sep 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: Mexican authorities are investigating a series of gas and oil pipeline explosions that forced the evacuation of thousands of people in eastern Veracruz state. The six explosions caused fires along the pipelines Monday (Sep 10) but there were no reports of casualties. The blasts caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage to state oil monopoly Pemex, which called the explosions an act of sabotage. The company immediately shut down the affected lines. Pemex also said that domestic supplies, not international exports, would be affected.

London, Sep 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: At least five major auto plants in Mexico shut down yesterday after explosions yesterday cut off natural gas supplies. A leftist group claimed responsibility for the blasts. The explosions in the eastern state of Veracruz severed supplies to companies in 11 of Mexico's 32 states, and more than 2,500 businesses may suffer severe harm, the National Manufacturing Industry Chamber said. Besides automakers, steel, glass, food and cement makers were most affected with the chamber estimating production losses at \$100 million a day. These auto plants were affected by the pipeline attacks: Chrysler LLC's plant in Toluca, outside Mexico City, was closed yesterday and could be idled for up to five days. "We have temporarily halted operations at our Toluca facility where we make the PT Cruiser for the U.S. market," said Michele Tinson, a spokeswoman for Chrysler. "The plant has about 2,400 employees who work two shifts." GM's Silao Assembly and Toluca Assembly plants were closed indefinitely. Silao, which builds the Chevy Silverado, Chevy Avalanche, Suburban, GMC Sierra and the Cadillac Escalade EXT for the Mexican and U.S. markets, produces about 20,000 vehicles a month. The plant is also the sole source for the Avalanche and the Escalade EXT. Toluca Assembly makes about 1,000 Silverado and Kodiak trucks a month. "We have no timetable for the restoration of production," said Tom Wickham, a spokesman for GM. "The information we're getting from the federal government in Mexico is that repairs have already started. The priority is they have to get service restored for hospitals and homes. And then they'll turn their attention to getting businesses up." Wickham added that he didn't expect to see much of an impact on the U.S. market as a result of the bombings. "We have ample supply in the pipeline, and we're optimistic that the federal government will get lines up quickly," he said. Ford halted operations at its Cuautitlan plant yesterday. "Right now, our Cuautitlan plant has been shut down due to the lack of natural gas," said Octavio Navarro, a

spokesman for Ford in Mexico. "We don't know when operations will come back online. It all depends on when the pipelines are restored." The Cuautitlan plant produces the Ford Ikon and F-Series trucks primarily for the Mexican market. Volkswagen AG will suspend production at its sprawling car factory outside the central city of Puebla. The Popular Revolutionary Army, or EPR, claimed responsibility for the Tuesday attacks on the pipelines. The group said it placed 12 explosive charges along gas ducts operated by government-owned Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, according to a statement posted to a web site that tracks rebel groups.

SRI LANKA

London, Sep 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: Sri Lanka Navy sank three suspected Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) gun-running vessels yesterday in the South East high seas about 600 nautical miles from the coast, the Media Centre for National Security (MCNS) said. Three vessels were destroyed, in an action following rules of engagement enshrined in International Law, Navy Commander Vice-Admiral Wasantha Karannagoda said at a media briefing today held at MCNS. This was the biggest victory in its history that Sri Lanka Navy achieved, he added. Navy Spokesman Commander DKP Dassanayake said these rogue vessels were believed to have transported three light aircraft, 120-mm and 130-mm artillery rounds, 120-mm weapons, a high-speed boat and a bullet-proof vehicle for the LTTE leader. No damages were caused to the Navy, the Navy Commander said.

Labour Disputes



SOUTH AFRICA

London, Sep 11 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Train drivers and members of the United Transport and Allied Trade Union (Utatu) today downed tools, severely disrupting Spoornet's freight operations in KwaZulu-Natal. Utatu secretary general Chris de Vos said Transnet Freight Utatu workers at three depots -- Wentworth and Umbilo in Durban and the Pietermaritzburg depot -- had downed tools at shortly after midnight on Sunday. He said he believed that at least 50% of the freight train operations at the three depots had been affected. Transnet Freight spokesperson Molotwane Likhetha could not be reached for comment. Most of those striking are train drivers. MetroRail in Durban has not been affected by the strike action. Transnet National Ports Authority spokesperson Jyothi Naidoo said she could not immediately say what effect the strike had on Durban's port operations.

Fires & Explosions



PRODUCTION FACILITY, NORTH SLOPE, ALASKA, UNITED STATES

Anchorage, Sep 11 -- Alaska officials said today they were investigating BP Plc's local unit due to a spate of fires at oil-field facilities, which come after two years of scrutiny over safety at BP's U.S. operations. A flaring event yesterday at the Lisburne field's production facility was the fourth BP fire on Alaska's North Slope in the past month, a troubling pattern that could result in some new rules, state officials said. "Four fires in a month, that's above and beyond anything that's acceptable," Gov. Sarah Palin told a news conference. The state has called the managers of BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc, including president Doug Suttles, into meetings to see if there are management, operations or structural problems at BP's oil fields, said Tom Irwin, commissioner of the state Department of Natural Resources. The incidents included a natural gas release at a gathering center at the Prudhoe Bay field, a generator fire at the Badami field and a turbine compressor fire at a Prudhoe Bay flow station, as well as yesterday's event at Lisburne, Irwin said. None of the fires caused injuries, and only an Aug 6 blaze at Prudhoe Bay's Gathering Center No. 1 hit production. BP has started bringing back the resulting 5,000 barrels per day of lost production, said Jonne Slemons, head of the state's new Petroleum Systems Integrity Office. -- Reuters.

Aviation



ACCIDENT, GOMA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Goma, Sep 7 -- A cargo aircraft overshot the runway and caught fire while landing in the eastern Congolese town of Goma today, U.N. officials said. "An Antonov overshot the runway at Goma airport and caught fire. It is on fire right now," an official from the U.N. mission in Democratic Republic of Congo said. There was no immediate word on casualties. -- Reuters.

London, Sep 8 -- A press report, dated Sep 7, states: A cargo plane crashed after landing at Goma airport in east Congo, killing all five people aboard, the regional governor reported. North Kivu Gov. Julien Mpaluku told The Associated Press that the plane burst into flames after hitting hardened lava on the airport runway that had been there since a volcano erupted in 2001. "The five crew members, who were Russian, were all killed on the spot,"

Mpaluku said. "We are trying to determine whether there were passengers aboard." Cargo planes were banned from carrying passengers after several accidents, but some continue to carry them clandestinely. Mpaluku said the plane had taken off from the capital, Kinshasa, carrying oil and beauty products. (See issue of Sep 10.)

London, Sep 9 -- The Antonov 12BP, operated by Transviaservice, Galaxy Incorporation, leased from Transviaservice, 4L-SAS, was transporting about 18 tons of cargo, amongst others palm oil, from Kisangi to Bukavu with a stopover at Goma. The aircraft crash-landed at Goma, slid into a petrified lava flow beyond the runway and caught fire at about 1200, Sep 7. The An-12's Certificate of Airworthiness had expired in March and had not been renewed. All eight persons on board were killed and the aircraft was destroyed.

ACCIDENT, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

London, Sep 10 -- Piper PA31-350, C-GVCD, operated by The National Aviation Ltd, was landing at Fond-du-Lac, SK, on a flight from Stony Rapids, when the left main landing gear collapsed during the landing roll at 1000, Sep 7. The aircraft had three green gear-down lights prior to the landing and a shudder was felt prior to the left wing settling down onto the runway. The aircraft came to rest approximately 10 feet off the edge of the runway. The aircraft was removed from the runway.

AIRCRAFT HIT BY TURBULENCE, HALIFAX, CANADA

London, Sep 11 -- WestJet says an aircraft that hit turbulence before landing in Halifax last week dropped a lot less than passengers thought. A spokeswoman for the airline said yesterday the Boeing 737 fell only 20 metres, a stark contrast to the 300 metres that passengers on the flight said it felt like. She said the information was recovered from the aircraft's data recorder late Friday night (Sep 7). Passengers received little warning before the aircraft dropped, tossing about those whose seatbelts were unbuckled or who were standing in the aisles. The rough patch began about 330 kilometres north of Sudbury, Ont, and lasted only a few seconds. Six of the injured passengers were treated by paramedics when the aircraft landed at Halifax Stanfield International Airport, while the other three were taken to hospital in Dartmouth and Lower Sackville and released later that night.

AIRCRAFT MISSING, SALEKHAARD AREA, RUSSIA

London, Sep 11 -- A Russian civilian helicopter has gone missing in a remote Arctic province, transport officials said yesterday and rescuers are searching for its six crew members. Radio contact with the Mi-8 helicopter was lost Sunday afternoon (Sep 9) as the craft flew near the oil-industry city of Salekhard, about 2,000 kilometres

north-east of Moscow, the Transport Ministry said in a statement. Three Emergency Situations Ministry helicopters searched the region where the craft disappeared on Sunday but poor weather forced searchers to call their flights off, the ministry said. Russian news agencies said poor weather conditions and bad visibility may have caused the helicopter to go down.

CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS BY JAPANESE AIRLINES

See "Emergency Landing, Vilnius Airport, Lithuania".

CRASH INTO GULF OF MEXICO, NEAR SARASOTA, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: A helicopter carrying three people shooting a video for a boating magazine crashed in the Gulf of Mexico near Sarasota today, killing two of the people on board. The helicopter went down in about 20 feet of water around 1000 hrs, Sarasota County Fire Department Assistant Chief Paul Dezzi said. He said preliminary accounts indicated the helicopter hit a boat that it was filming for Powerboat magazine. Two people were on the boat and escaped without injuries, he said. Several boats that rushed to the crash site were able to pull helicopter's occupants from the water. One was pronounced dead on shore, Dezzi said. Two others were taken to hospitals, where one later died, the sheriff's office reported. The condition of the third was not immediately released. The cause of the crash was under investigation.

London, Sep 12 -- Bell 206B JetRanger N261BH crashed into the sea near Nokimas Beach, Casey Key, Florida, at 1410, Sep 11. The aircraft was destroyed. Two of the three persons on board were killed and one was seriously injured.

CRASH, BANGALORE, INDIA

London, Sep 9 -- A press report, dated Sep 8, states: Four people on board a private small aircraft were killed when it crashed on the outskirts of Bangalore soon after taking off from the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) airport on way to Kottayam in Kerala this afternoon. The dead included the pilot of the Pilactus 68 aircraft. Deputy commissioner of police Alok Kumar said the four-seater aircraft belonged to Alukka Jewellers. The Kerala-based jewellers run a chain of jewellery shops in Bangalore and other places in southern states. Kumar said the four victims had been identified as K. Shamnugham of Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, Mohammed Basheer of Chennai, Sumil Joseph of Kottayam and Santosh Singh of Bihar. He said the aircraft took off from the HAL airport at 1514 hrs and crashed into a tank at Gowdanapalya, about 15 kms from the city. Airport sources said the pilot had told air traffic control that he was returning as the plane had developed a problem. There was no contact afterwards.

London, Sep 9 -- Four pilots travelling in a six-seater Italian Vulcanair aircraft (P68C) belonging to a well-known jeweller of Kerala, Joy Alukkas, died after the aircraft plunged into a lake in south Bangalore yesterday. The pilot lost communication with the ATC around 1525 hrs. The aircraft plunged into the Gowdanapalya Lake a minute later, killing all pilots on the spot. The flight, which took off from the HAL airport at 1514 hrs, was on its way to Kochi. The black box, which will reveal details like the conversation between the pilot and the ATC, was left untouched.

London, Sep 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: The six-seat Vulcanair Partenavia, P68C, that crashed shortly after take-off at Bangalore on Sep 8, appears to have had the wrong fuel in its tank. This discovery has led the investigating team from Chennai to shift its focus to the city's HAL Airport, where the aircraft was last refuelled before its disastrous journey to Kochi. The team found traces of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) from the wreckage, instead of the blue-dyed low-lead Avgas 100LL that should have gone into the tank. While ATF is used by turbine-powered aircraft, Avgas is the gasoline meant for reciprocating piston engine aircraft, said Civil Aviation Ministry sources. It was not immediately clear how the colourless ATF was mistaken for blue-dyed Avgas.

CRASH, BIG RIVER, ALASKA, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 12 -- Skylane 182, N94260, four occupants, crashed on takeoff at Big River, AK, at 0330, yesterday. Damage is substantial.

CRASH, CLIFFDELL AREA, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 7 -- Cessna 177B, N5180J, operated by Paholke Leasing Inc., crashed under unknown circumstances, alert notice issued 22 May, wreckage located near Cliffdell, Washington, on Sep 5. The one person on board was fatally injured, the aircraft was destroyed.

CRASH, CROSS CITY AIRPORT AREA, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 7 -- Cessna 208B Grand Caravan, operated by Paragon Air Express, N702PA, crashed landed following engine failure, five miles from Cross City Airport, FL, Sep 5.

CRASH, ENNERDALE, SOUTH AFRICA

London, Sep 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: A passenger in a two-seater Tiger Moth died and its pilot was critically injured when the aircraft crashed into a truck, a taxi and a car on the old Vereeniging Road, south of Johannesburg, this afternoon, said emergency workers. The taxi driver also died and 22 people were injured in the crash, in Ennerdale, at 1645 hrs, said Johannesburg emergency services spokesperson Malcolm Midgley. Police spokesperson Superintendent Lungelo Dlamini said the light aircraft was

thought to have taken off from a smallholding in Eikenhof. The cause of the crash is presently unknown. The aircraft has been totally destroyed. Civil Aviation Authority investigators were still on the scene at 2030 hrs. Most of the injured were believed to have been passengers in the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter taxi, said Dlamini. It was carrying 40 security guards to work at the time of the crash. Midgley said the driver of the truck was critically injured and had been airlifted by helicopter to the Union Hospital, in Alberton. A Mercedes-Benz sedan was also involved, but it was not known how many of the injured were from this vehicle, he said.

CRASH, FORK MOUNTAIN AREA, VIRGINIA, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 8 -- A press report, dated Sep 7, states: A small plane en route to Winchester crashed in the Fork Mountain area of Madison County yesterday night, killing at least two people, according to officials. Search crews found the plane around noon today after searching the area for about eight hours, according to Madison County Sheriff Erik Weaver. State authorities first called Madison County officials at 0245 hrs, today after receiving a beacon signal from the plane that indicated it might be in the area, according to Weaver. About 20 rescue workers on all-terrain vehicles and horses combed the mountainous area in search of the plane, Weaver said. Officials are awaiting representatives from the Virginia Emergency Operations Centre and the Federal Aviation Administration to investigate the scene. The victims' identities have yet to be released. It is unclear where the plane originated, but reports say it likely took off from Brunswick, Ga., then stopped to refuel in North Carolina. Weaver did not say how many people were on board, but rescue dispatch conversations mentioned that a third person might have been a passenger. The plane, described only as a two to four-seat Piper model, was scheduled to land at 2200 hrs, in Winchester, according to Todd Augustus, a flightline service technician.

London, Sep 11 -- A press report, dated Sep 9, states: A couple from Georgia and their teenage daughter died after their single-engine plane crashed just outside the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia on Thursday (Sep 6). Virginia Police identified the dead in Thursday's crash as 46-year-old pilot Lawrence Frederick Chapman the Third; his wife, 45-year-old Robin Dee Chapman; and 16-year-old daughter Katie M. Chapman. They were all from Brunswick, Georgia in Glynn County. The 1964 Piper fixed-wing plane departed from Georgia bound for Winchester and went down in a wooded area near Syria, about 15 miles west of Culpeper, Virginia. Virginia State Police Spokeswoman Corinne Geller said today that authorities were still removing the wreckage from the remote area. She said Federal Aviation Administration officials called state

police after they lost contact with the aircraft at 2100 hrs, Thursday. The Civil Air Patrol joined state police searching for the plane. Officials detected the aircraft's emergency location transmitter at 2200 hrs, yesterday and discovered the wreckage about two hours later. The National Transportation Safety Board and state police are still investigating the cause of the crash.

CRASH, INCHON, SOUTH KOREA

London, Sep 10 -- A press report, dated Sep 9, states: A light airplane crashed while taking off from a small airfield in Inchon, police said yesterday. The three-meter-long aircraft, weighing 250 kilogrammes, accidentally snagged a power cable as it was making its ascent, investigators said. Of the five onboard, only two, the 37-year-old pilot, identified only by his family name of Kwon, and another person identified as Park, were seriously hurt, and were rushed to a nearby hospital. Kwon's wife and two children sustained light injuries, while the plane's wing and front part of the fuselage were heavily damaged. The power cable was located near the runway, which was used by amateur pilots.

CRASH, MANSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 9 -- A press report, dated Sep 8, states: A single-engine plane registered in Maine crashed shortly after take off from Mansfield Airport, killing two people and leaving two others in critically condition, a Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman said today. The dead include pilot Lawrence Mann and passenger Cabott Squire, both from Maine. Those injured were Jared Lamey of Maine and Mathew Kramer of Mansfield, Mansfield Police said in a statement. The plane took off at about 1045 hrs., but issued a mayday call because it wasn't climbing at a sufficient rate, FAA spokeswoman Holly Baker said. When the plane turned back, it stalled and crashed at the airport, Baker said. The four-seat Cessna 172 is registered to Twin Cities Air Service of Auburn, Maine. The company offers charter air service, aviation services and flight instruction.

CRASH, SHORDDALE AREA, MANITOBA, CANADA

London, Sep 10 -- Grumman AA5 Traveller, C-GRRJ, was taking off from a private grass strip approximately five miles south of Shorrdale, Manitoba, Sep 8. The aircraft took off towards the west and became airborne in approximately 900 feet. As the aircraft approached the hydro lines the pilot aborted the takeoff and put the aircraft back on the ground. The aircraft overran the strip and struck a fence post separating the engine from its mounts and damaging both wings. The pilot and passenger were not injured.

CRASH, SKYLINE AREA, ALABAMA, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 12 -- A press report, dated Sep 11, states: A helicopter

crashed in a rural area in the vicinity of Skyline, Ala., with unconfirmed reports of fatalities tonight, according to news reports. A 16-year-old girl said she saw a helicopter and shortly afterwards heard an explosion. Jackson County sheriff's deputies and other officers were on the scene, according to news reports. The incident reportedly occurred off County Road 138, and parts of debris from what is believed to have been from a helicopter were found in a pasture near the scene. Reports were that high voltage power lines were involved. The crash occurred between 1800 to 1830 hrs. Authorities from Redstone Arsenal in adjoining Madison County, Ala., were reportedly arriving at the scene as the investigation was continuing at 2200 hrs.

CRASH, UTAH VALLEY STATE COLLEGE, UTAH, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 12 -- A press report, dated Sep 11, states: A aircraft owned by Utah Valley State College sustained \$50,000 in damage when it slammed into a deer during a landing. The Diamond DA42 Twin Star hit the deer at 0100, Aug. 22, said Mario Markides, UVSC flight operations manager. As part of training, pilots fly at night. The deer died. "The big problem is you can't swerve," Markides said of seeing deer on the runway at the Provo airport. The airport is near Utah Lake.

EMERGENCY LANDING, AALBORG, DENMARK

London, Sep 10 -- A press report, dated Sep 9, states: A Scandinavian Airlines System aircraft (LN-RDK) caught fire after making an emergency landing at Aalborg's airport today, police said. The pilot made the decision to make the emergency landing after dumping fuel, a standard safety precaution, and informing the Aalborg airport tower about the problems with one of the landing gears. All 73 passengers and four crew members were evacuated safely before one of the engines caught fire. Police constable Peter Bruun said 11 passengers were taken to a local hospital to be treated for minor injuries. "The right wheel broke when the plane landed," Bruun said. "The right engine caught fire but it was extinguished rapidly by the firemen." Moments after landing, the aircraft tipped over on one side. The wing and right engine hit the runway and the aircraft turned sharply before stopping. One propeller broke loose and entered the cabin. The aircraft was a Q400 turboprop that had taken off from Copenhagen's international airport for the short domestic flight to Aalborg in northern Jutland.

Copenhagen, Sep 10 -- Scandinavian Airlines System (De Havilland Canada DHC-8-402 Q400, LN-RDK,) flight No. SK 1209, with 69 passengers and four crew members, made an emergency landing at Aalborg yesterday. The flight departed Copenhagen Airport at 1415 hrs, with arrival at Aalborg 1500 hrs. Short before the landing the pilot reported about troubles with the landing gear and it was decided to

make an emergency landing. The plane was evacuated in less than five minutes. Eleven people were hospitalized with minor injuries. During the landing the landing gear collapsed on the starboard side of the plane and a fire broke out. The fire was extinguished in under five minutes. This morning all SAS arrivals and departures to/from Aalborg are cancelled until further. All other airlines are using the other runways of the airport and no delays are reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Sep 10 -- De Havilland Canada DHC-8-402 Q400, LN-RDK, operator: SAS Commuter, with four crew and 69 passengers on board, Flight 1209 from Copenhagen to Aalborg had a landing gear collapse right after touchdown at Aalborg Airport, at 1610 yesterday. The starboard main undercarriage leg collapsed and the starboard wing and No.2 propeller struck the runway surface. The plane swerved to the right and turned before coming to rest in the grass next to the runway.

London, Sep 10 -- SAS Group, the owner of Scandinavian Airlines, cancelled 17 flights after closing routes serving a northern Denmark airport where one of its aircrafts crash-landed yesterday. Eight domestic flights to and from the Aalborg, Denmark, airport were cancelled today. Nine other flights were dropped because of rescheduling difficulties, Anne Bove-Nielsen, a SAS spokeswoman, said by telephone. The Scandinavian Airlines Dash 8-400 landed in Aalborg and caught fire after its landing gear failed to work. Five of 69 passengers were injured. The wreck blocked the airport's main runway until 1300, today and flights resumed after that.

EMERGENCY LANDING, BLENHEIM AIRPORT, NEW ZEALAND

London, Sep 7 -- A press report, dated Sep 5, states: The Eagle Airways aircraft which belly-flopped on to the runway at Blenheim Airport after its landing gear failed will be back in the air by Sunday (Sep 9). The Beech 1900D, which flies for Air New Zealand, made an emergency landing on Jun 18 with 17 people on board. Everyone escaped unscathed. The aircraft has been under repair in a Safe Air hangar at Blenheim Airport ever since. Eagle Airways airline operations manager Jon Calder said most of the \$600,000 repair work was for damage sustained when it skidded over the runway.

EMERGENCY LANDING, VILNIUS AIRPORT, LITHUANIA

London, Sep 12 -- De Havilland Canada DHC-8-402 LN-RDS, operated by Scandinavian Airlines System, with 52 occupants, reported that the nose and right main gear could not be extended or could not be locked on approach to Palanga at 0136 today. The crew decided to divert to Vilnius where they carried out an emergency landing. The aircraft sustained substantial damage. Scandinavian Airlines and

Wideroe have decided to ground the entire fleet of Dash 8-400 aircraft until further notice.

Vilnius, Sep 12 -- A plane with 52 people on board crash-landed in Lithuania today but no one was hurt, the airport said, in the second such accident this week involving a turboprop of the Scandinavian SAS airline. The plane ploughed through the ground with its fuselage and right wing and slid off the runway at Vilnius airport when the crew decided to put down there after noticing in flight that landing gear had failed. Following a crash of the same type of SAS plane on Sunday (Sep 2) in Denmark, also due to landing gear problems, the airline said it was grounding the Canadian DHC-8-400 aircraft and cancelling 112 flights. None of the 48 passengers or four crew were injured in today's accident, SAS said in a statement. The accident happened at 0148 hrs (2248 UTC), it added. "The plane was en route from Copenhagen to the western Lithuanian town of Palanga when the crew noted the failure of the front and right landing gear," said Vilnius airport spokesman Arunas Marcinkevicius. The crew then decided to land in Vilnius, which has a longer and broader runway. -- Reuters.

London, Sep 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: SAS has confirmed that this morning's Vilnius Bombardier Q400 accident bore a strong resemblance to its Sep 9 Aalborg crash, with both aircraft sustaining a starboard landing gear collapse. This morning a Scandinavian Airlines Q400, which was operating between Copenhagen to Palanga in Lithuania, diverted to Vilnius in Lithuania where it sustained a gear collapse on landing. None of the 48 passengers and four crew on board were injured. A SAS Group spokeswoman says: "When they landed the right landing gear collapsed in a very similar way to what happened in Aalborg in Denmark. Those two accidents are unfortunately very similar. That's why Bombardier now has become more highly involved. They have recommended that this type of aircraft with more than 10,000 landing-gear cycles should be inspected and until that is done, they should be grounded." She says the timeframes of the two accidents - between landing and gear collapse - were very similar. But the spokeswoman was unable to give details of the weather at the time, the exact nature of the technical problem or the extent of the damage to the aircraft. The aircraft remains on the ground at Vilnius. "We don't really have any information [about the state of the aircraft], but you would assess that after having the landing gear break there would be substantial damage." SAS Group operates 27 Q400s. Of these, 23 are operated by Scandinavian Airlines - including the two damaged aircraft. The remainder are operated by Wideroe in Norway. Recent events have prompted Scandinavian Airlines and Wideroe to ground their Q400 fleets. The spokeswoman says this has caused a

huge challenge for the carriers, with 100 cancellations in Denmark today and around 20 across the remainder of its operation. Its Danish and Swedish domestic and European short-haul services are bearing the brunt of the operational disruption. The spokeswoman says it is unclear how long the aircraft will be grounded for. "It is going to be a bit bigger than a five minute check. That's not what we're talking about this time. It is definitely affecting traffic today and for the next couple of days. We don't know how long we will have to keep the fleet on the ground."

London, Sep 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: All Nippon Airways Co. and Japan Airlines Corp., Japan's largest carriers, cancelled 46 flights to check their Bombardier Inc. planes following two accidents in Europe. All Nippon, which has 14 Bombardier planes, cancelled 25 flights after Canada's air transport authorities recommended checks, said Yuichi Murakoshi, spokesman at All Nippon. Japan Air, with 10 Bombardier planes, cancelled 21 flights, said company spokesman Soichi Yatsugi. Montreal-based Bombardier, the world's third-biggest aircraft maker, yesterday urged airlines to ground 60 of its Q400 turboprops after a second landing-gear failure in a week.

FORCED LANDING NEAR SOURCES PUANTES, HAITI

London, Sep 13 -- Cessna 208B Grand Caravan, HH-CAW, operator Caribintair, made a forced landing 10 kms north of Port-au-Prince Airport, near Sources Puantes, at approximately 0710, Sep 11 and overturned. Initial press reports indicate that the engine failed. An official later indicated that an improperly closed door was the cause of the forced landing. There was a pilot and eight passengers on board. There were no fatalities.

INCIDENT AT AMRITSAR, INDIA

London, Sep 10 -- A Turkmenistan Airlines Boeing 757 flight was cancelled today after the aircraft damaged one of its wings by brushing against the airport terminal building at Amritsar, an official said. None of the plane's 200 passengers bound for the Turkmen capital, Ashgabat, were injured, said Ravi Sharma, an official of the Airports Authority of India. The accident occurred after the passengers boarded the flight and the plane was turning out of its boarding bay, he said. An inquiry has been ordered into the incident, Sharma said.

London, Sep 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: The left wing of a Turkmenistan Airlines aircraft bound for Birmingham in the United Kingdom hit a concrete pillar while taxiing at an airport in Amritsar today, airport authorities said. Arun Talwar, the director of Raja Sansi International Airport, said none of the 164 passengers and 20 crew were hurt. He said the wing of the Boeing 757 was damaged when it hit the pillar, part of a new signal tower under construction.

Airline officials said a replacement aircraft had been requested for the stranded passengers.

INCIDENT AT SALINA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: Three occupants of a Kansas State University at Salina were unhurt yesterday afternoon after the aircraft they were flying in landed after an electrical failure, Salina Airport Authority Executive Director Tim Rogers said. The aircraft landed at about 1606 hrs at Salina Municipal Airport, he said. K-State at Salina Dean Dennis Kuhlman said the Beechcraft Bonanza piloted by a student, with an instructor and a student on board, had been flying about an hour when the electrical failure occurred. They turned off electrical power and reported the problem to the control tower using a cell phone. Because the electrical power had been cut, the pilot had no way of knowing if the landing gear was down. So, the aircraft flew by the control tower, and controllers confirmed the gear was down. "And they landed," Kuhlman said. The aircraft was towed to a hangar, he said. The airport authority and its aircraft rescue firefighting crew were on "precautionary standby," Rogers said.

INCIDENT, DANBURY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, CONNECTICUT, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: A fire at Danbury Municipal Airport last night destroyed a hangar that housed a charter flight company and a restaurant, causing millions of dollars in damages, officials said. Firefighters from Danbury and nearby departments battled the blaze at the Reliant Air Building. The fire broke out about 2200 yesterday. There were aircraft in the building. "The property damage is significant and the aircraft that were in the hangar, already we're talking probably between 20 and 25 million dollars worth of damage," Chief Geoff Herald told WTNH-TV. Mayor Mark Boughton said the building appeared to be a total loss. It housed the charter flight company and other businesses, including McNally's Steak & Ale House. The fire marshal was on the scene Thursday morning but had not yet determined a cause.

Port Conditions



AUSTRALIA

Singapore, Sep 10 -- The average waiting time for ships to load at Australia's largest coal export terminal fell to 18 days, the lowest since December, raising hopes that congestions that have plagued the port all year could be over. Coal exports fell

by about 14 per cent to 1.55 million tonnes for the past one week, Newcastle Port Corporation data showed yesterday. Average waiting time for ships fell 1.66 days to 18.62 days, the lowest level since December 2006, offering good news to coal suppliers that have been hit hard by port congestions all year. Vessel queues held steady at 47 ships from week-ago levels, while four vessels were in the port due to commence loading, port data showed. Coal stocks on hand at the Carrington and Kooragang berths fell 768 tonnes to 661,170 tonnes from week-ago levels. -- Reuters.

ISRAEL

London, Sep 7 -- Israeli industrialists are urging government action at Ashdod, claiming that chronic congestion has brought one of the country's main ports close to collapse. According to the Manufacturers Association of Israel, the backlog of vessels has reached as much as 24 days, thanks to a shortage of labour and equipment, even though the summer is not a peak period of

demand. Up to 50% of equipment is inoperable and Ashdod is not able to carry out 24-hour working, leaving importers and exporters to foot a bill of millions of shekels in storage fees, fines and cancelled orders. MAI sea and air transport chairman Zvi Plada told the Jerusalem Post newspaper: "The situation at the Ashdod port is catastrophic. "Shipowners are threatening to abandon the port, while the transport ministry and the port's management are not acting swiftly to find a solution for the crisis." Ashdod countered that waiting times were not as high as the MAI contends, and could be as low as five days. It attributed the hold-ups to high volumes ahead of the Jewish festivities of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur later this month, and the diversion of vessels from Haifa on account of maintenance work at Haifa.

ITALY

Genoa, Sep 10 -- Current berthing delays: Genoa: No vessels waiting for berth. La Spezia: No vessels are waiting for berth. Savona: No vessels

waiting for normal berth. One vessel waiting for special berth. -- Lloyd's Agents.

NORWAY

Narvik, Sep 7 -- Iron ore loading at Narvik has been delayed lately due to shortage of cargo. There had been a complete stop in the supply of ore from the Swedish mines at Kiruna for about 48 hours due to a derailling accident on the Swedish side of the border on Sep 5. The daily transportation from the mines by rail to Narvik has now been resumed, but it will take some time to fill up the stockpile to normal levels. -- Lloyd's Agents.

PANAMA CANAL

London, Sep 11 -- Poor visibility has exacerbated delays in the Panama Canal. The projected queue for tomorrow is an estimated 111 vessels. Current average delays are as follows: Panamax: Northbound and Southbound: Four to five days. Regular/unrestricted vessels: Northbound and Southbound: Three to four days.

Port Delays

Information received from BIMCO, Denmark and the Indian Ports Association

Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
Australia		
Abbott Point	17-Sep-2007	Coal: 1 vessel berthed and loading; 12 vessels due by 5/10. Abbot Point annual outloading shutdown from 07.00 hrs. 3/9 to 07.00 hrs. 9/9; no vessels will be berthed/loaded during this period.
Brisbane	17-Sep-2007	Coal: Fisherman Island coal berth: 9 vessels due by 5/10.
Dalrymple Bay	17-Sep-2007	Coal: while berth 4 is under construction, Capesize vessels can only load at berths 1 and 2 until approx. end-October. DBCT berth 1: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting; DBCT berth 2: 3 vessels waiting; DBCT berth 3: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 8 waiting; other vessels not scheduled: 21 vessels waiting; 23 vessels due by 1/10.
Dampier	17-Sep-2007	Iron ore: Parker Point berth 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting; 11 vessels due by 3/10; there will be a ca. 48 hour shutdown from 21.00 19/9; Parker Point berth 3: no shipping operations at present due to drilling and blasting; Parker Point berth 4: 7 vessels due by 27/9; there will be a ca. 48 hour shutdown from 17/9; Parker Point berth 5: no shipping operations at present due to drilling and blasting; East Intercourse Island: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting; 9 vessels due by 26/9.
Esperance	17-Sep-2007	Iron ore: 4 vessels due by 26/10; berthing/sailing restricted to daylight hours.
Geraldton	17-Sep-2007	Iron ore: 1 vessel berthed; 2 vessels due by 5/10; regular maintenance shutdowns are expected at berth No. 4 during construction of new iron ore berth 5.
Gladstone	17-Sep-2007	Coal: Many vessels still experiencing delays due to cargo availability and cargo operators are scheduling vessels out of order of arrival to maximise port efficiency. R.G. Tanna (Clinton) coal terminal: 2 vessels berthed and loading; 42 vessels due by 20/12; Barney Point: 1 vessel waiting; 8 vessels due by 6/10.
Hay Point	17-Sep-2007	Coal: Berth 1: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 5 waiting; 3 vessels due by 21/9; Berth 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 waiting; 1 vessel due 19/9; other vessels not yet scheduled: 1 vessel waiting, 4 due by 26/9.
Newcastle	17-Sep-2007	Coal: Kooragang 4, 5 and 6: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 35 waiting; 35 vessels due by 16/10; 11-22 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; approx. 35 vessels off port awaiting berths; Dykes 4+5: 2 vessels berthed and loading, 17 waiting; 19 vessels due by 1/10; 13-23 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; 17 vessels off port awaiting coal.

Port Conditions

Port Hedland	17-Sep-2007	Iron ore: BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Mt. Newman (Nelson Point), "A" berth: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 waiting; 4 vessels due by 24/9; "B" berth: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 waiting; 4 vessels due by 24/9; 6 other vessels due by 5/10, no e.t.a. received; BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Goldsworthy (Finucane Island) "C" berth: berth undergoing refurbishment and closed until further notice; Goldsworthy (Finucane Island) "D" berth: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting; 6 vessels due by 26/9; Cockatoo Island: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting.
Port Kembla	17-Sep-2007	Coal: 13 vessels due by 20/10.
Port Latta	17-Sep-2007	Iron ore: 1 vessel waiting; 1 vessel due 26/9.
Port Walcott	17-Sep-2007	Iron ore: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting; 20 vessels due by 2/10.
Azerbaijan		
Apsheron	17-Sep-2007	Oil products: Dubendi terminal: 3 vessels berthed of which 1 discharging fuel oil, 1 crude oil, 1 HPGO.
Baku	17-Sep-2007	Oil products: Bay of Baku: no vessels; AzerTrans terminal: 1 empty vessel; Nobel avenue: no vessels; Sangachal district: no vessels.
Bulgaria		
Bourgas	17-Sep-2007	Five vessels in port operating, all discharging, of which 1 metals, 2 steel billets, 1 salt, 1 copper concentrate; no vessels in roads; 10 vessels due, of which 7 to load (1 coils, 1 containers, 1 sulphur, 3 metals, 1 baryte concentrate), 3 to discharge (1 kaolin, 1 coils, 1 copper concentrate).
Egypt		
Adabiya	17-Sep-2007	Two vessels berthed (loading/discharging), both general cargo.
Alexandria	17-Sep-2007	Fifty-two vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 48 general cargo, 3 tankers, 1 container vessel; 12 vessels at outer anchorage.
Damietta	17-Sep-2007	Twenty-nine vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 15 general cargo, 1 bulk carrier, 6 container vessels; 5 vessels at outer anchorage, 2 at inner anchorage.
Dekheila	17-Sep-2007	Seven vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 2 general cargo, 4 tankers, 1 container vessel; no vessels at outer anchorage.
Port Said	17-Sep-2007	Six vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 2 general cargo, 3 containers, 1 passenger vessel.
Suez	17-Sep-2007	Six vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 3 general cargo, 3 passenger vessels; 2 tugs, 4 vessels dry-docked.
Suez Canal	17-Sep-2007	Twenty-five vessels transiting Northbound, 21 Southbound.
India		
Kolkata	17-Sep-2007	5 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading Containers, 4 vessels loading and discharging (Containers-2, Edible Oil, General Cargo); 1 vessel working at midstream to loading Iron Ore; 1 vessel working at anchorage to discharge, 4 vessels under repair; 1 vessel under dry docked; 1 vessel under arrest; 1 vessel at shipyard quay; 1 vessels waiting for MHC berth; 2 Containers vessels due.
Haldia	17-Sep-2007	14 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Iron Ore-4, Steel), 7 vessels discharging (Crude, Coking Coal, Met Coke, Slag, Sulphur, Machinery, Containers), 1 vessel loading and discharging POL, 1 vessel waiting to load Iron Ore; 8 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (1 to discharge, 6 to load, 1 to load and discharge), 7 vessels (**) waiting at anchorage (3 to discharge, 4 to load, 1 to load and discharge); 4 vessels due (Crude, POL, Butan, Iron Ore).
Paradip	17-Sep-2007	11 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Iron Ore-4, Thermal Coal-2), 5 vessels discharging (SKO, Lime Coke, NC Coal, P. Cargo, S. Acid); 17 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (8 to discharge, 9 to load), 4 vessels working and waiting at anchorage (3 to discharge, 1 to load); 1 vessel under arrest ; 27 vessels due.
Vizag	17-Sep-2007	14 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Iron Ore-3, Tsunami Cargo), 9 vessels discharging (Coking Coal-4, Urea-3, General Cargo, Lime Stone); 7 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (3 to discharge, 4 to load); 53 vessels due (Iron Ore-22, Thermal Coal-2, Containers-3, Coke, Alumina, Urea, MOP, Ammonium Nitrate, Coking Coal-6, POL Proudct-4, Crude Oil-3, Alumina, Caustic Soda, Contianers-2, Peas, Pet Coke, General Cargo).

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Chennai	17-Sep-2007	16 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading (F Oil, Molas, IOL, Iron Ore), 9 vessels discharging (Project, Steel Coil/Steel Plate, Steam Coal-2, Thermal Coal, Vegetable Oil, Logs-2, Containers), 3 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 4 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (2 to discharge, 2 to load), 5 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (4 to load, 1 to discharge); 1 vessel under arrest; 7 vessels due (Containers-2, Thermal Coal-2, Loco/General Cargo, C. Oil, F. Oil).
Tuticorin	17-Sep-2007	11 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Construction Materials-2, Maize, S. Acid, CS Lye), 5 vessels discharging (MOP, Con. Con., Urea, DAP, Lime Stone), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 3 vessels under repair; 5 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 1 vessel not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load and discharge, 3 vessels waiting berth at anchorage to discharge.
Cochin	17-Sep-2007	4 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels discharging (Soda Ash, Rock Phosphate), 2 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 14 vessels due (Crude-3, Domestic Passenger, Containers-8, POL, Other Liquid).
New Mangalore	17-Sep-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Iron Ore Fines-3, Iron Ore (P), POL Product), 4 vessels discharging (Timber-2, LPG, POL Crude); 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (1 to discharge, 1 to load), 10 vessels waiting and working berth at anchorage (3 to discharge, 7 to load); 14 vessels due (Iron Ore Fines-5, POL Product, POL Crude-2, Fertiliser, Cement, Methanol, Phosphate Acid, Boxes, Iron Ore (P)).
Mormugao	17-Sep-2007	1 vessel operating at berth loading Iron Ore; 3 vessels working at midstream loading Iron Ore; 4 vessel under dry docked; 3 vessels due (Coking Coal, S. Coking Coal, Containers).
Mumbai	17-Sep-2007	17 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Bagged sugar/Rice-3, Machinery/Steel/Project-2, POL), 8 vessels discharging (Steel/Wire Rods/Machinery, POL-4), 3 vessels loading and discharging (Steel/Machinery/Containers/Mobile Cranes); 2 vessels working at midstream and discharging POL; 1 vessel not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load, 7 vessels awaiting order at anchorage to discharge, 2 vessels working and waiting at anchorage to discharge; 25 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 13 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel under laid up (Berths not required for cargo operations); 33 vessels due (Containers-3, Oil-5, Fertilizer Raw Material, General Cargo-24).
J.N.P.T.	17-Sep-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading MEG, 2 vessels discharging (Cement, Edible Oil), 7 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 4 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge; 4 Containers vessels due.
Kandla	17-Sep-2007	17 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Agriculture Product-2, Rice, Salt, Product Cargo), 12 vessels discharging (Timber Logs-2, Fertilizer-2, Ammonia Nitrate, Project Cargo, Chemical-4, POL, Steel Pipe); 2 vessels working at midstream discharging Timber Logs; 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 4 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load.
Ennore	17-Sep-2007	2 vessels operating at berth discharging Coal; 1 vessel working at inner anchorage and loading Iron Ore; 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to load; 5 vessels due (MT Sinar Agra (POL), MV Tamil Anna (Coal), MV Gem of Ennore (Coal), MV Apj Sri Devi (Coal), MV Good Season (Coal)).
Israel		
Ashdod	16-Sep-2007	No labour problems. Ten vessels discharging at berth (4 general cargo, 6 bulkers), 3 loading/discharging at berth (2 containers, 1 car carrier); 7 vessels waiting at anchorage to load/discharge (5 bulkers, 2 containers); 15 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Eilat	16-Sep-2007	No labour problems. Two general cargo vessels discharging at berth, 1 car carrier loading/discharging at berth; 2 general cargo vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge; 2 vessels due, with no delays expected.
Haifa	16-Sep-2007	No labour problems. Eight vessels discharging at berth (4 general cargo, 4 bulkers), 6 loading/discharging at berth (5 containers, 1 car carrier); 2 general cargo vessels waiting at anchor to discharge, 9 vessels waiting at anchor to load/discharge (3 bulkers, 6 containers); 4 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 11 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Kazakhstan		
Aktau	17-Sep-2007	Oil products: 3 vessels berthed, of which 2 completed loading crude oil, 1 loading crude oil; 2 vessels in roads, both to load unknown cargoes.

Russia

Novorrossisk	17-Sep-2007	Nineteen vessels in port operating, of which 12 loading, (1 DRI, 1 bulk ammonium nitrate, 5 wheat, 1 steel billets, 1 lead, 1 coils, 1 slabs, 1 aluminium), 5 discharging (1 zinc concentrate, 2 bulk cement, 2 bulk sugar), 2 discharging/loading (1 bulk cement/sodium sulphate, 1 containers); 15 vessels waiting in roads, of which 11 to load (1 soda ash, 1 bulk urea, 6 wheat, 1 steel billets, 1 UAN solution, 1 diesel oil), 4 to discharge (2 coils, 1 bulk cement, 1 bulk sugar); 65 vessels due, of which 56 to load (2 HBI, 5 slabs, 1 H-beams, 3 bulk NPK, 9 wheat, 3 coils, 6 copper WRIC, 1 barley, 1 pipes, 1 spare parts/vehicles, 1 zinc concentrate, 1 DRI, 1 steel sheets, 1 coils/pipes/steel billets/steel sheets, 6 steel billets, 3 copper, 4 aluminium, 1 bulk urea, 2 cellulose, 1 coke, 2 lead, 1 luggage), 7 to discharge (2 zinc concentrate, 2 vegetable oil, 1 bulk cement, 1 bulk sugar, 1 bananas), 2 to discharge/load containers. Oil terminal: 1 tanker berthed, loading crude oil; 4 tankers in roads, all to load, of which 3 crude oil, 1 fuel oil; 4 tankers due, all to load crude oil.
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Slovenia

Koper	17-Sep-2007	Port working normally. Seven vessels berthed of which 1 loading sawn timber, 2 discharging bulk cargo, 1 car carrier discharging/loading vehicles, 3 car carriers discharging vehicles; 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to load general cargo; 13 vessels due over the next 2 days of which 3 to discharge/load containers, 4 tankers to discharge liquid cargo, 1 car carrier to discharge/load vehicles, 1 to discharge vehicles, 2 vessels to load general cargo, 2 to load bulk cargo.
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Turkmenistan

Aladja	17-Sep-2007	Oil products: 1 vessel berthed, loading crude oil; 1 vessel in roads to load crude oil.
Turkmenbashi	17-Sep-2007	Oil products: 3 vessels berthed, 1 completed loading fuel oil, 2 loading (1 kerosene, 1 fuel oil); 13 vessels in roads, all to load, of which 10 fuel oil, 1 gasoline, 1 HPGO, 1 unknown cargo; 1 vessel due 17/9 to load HPGO.

Ukraine

Ilechevsk	17-Sep-2007	Ten vessels in port operating, of which 6 loading (1 steel products, 1 pig-iron, 2 wheat), 2 discharging (1 nickel ore, 1 billets), 2 loading/discharging containers; no vessels in roads; 9 vessels due, of which 3 to load (2 steel products, 1 project cargo), 6 to load/discharge containers.
Mariupol	17-Sep-2007	Seven vessels in port operating, of which 6 loading (4 steel, 1 coal, 1 sulphur), 1 discharging clinker; 4 vessels in roads, all to load, of which 1 steel, 2 fire-clay, 1 coal; 39 vessels due, of which 37 to load (29 steel, 2 coal, 3 fire-clay, 1 sulphur, 1 slag, 1 ammonium nitrate), 2 to discharge (1 equipment, 1 profiles).
Odessa	17-Sep-2007	Twenty-two vessels in port operating, of which 11 loading (2 oil, 7 metal, 1 timber/metal, 1 grain), 3 discharging (2 luggage, 1 general cargo), 4 loading/discharging containers, 4 passenger vessels; 10 vessels in roads, of which 4 to load (3 metal, 1 oil), 6 to load/discharge containers; 71 vessels due, of which 33 to load (2 pig-iron, 22 metal, 1 grain, 1 coal, 4 oil, 3 LPG), 7 to discharge (2 bananas, 1 metal, 1 general cargo, 1 citrus, 1 oil, 1 sugar), 31 to discharge/load containers.

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