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Action promised after ferry tragedy

By Marcus Hand

Malaysia's Prime Minister has promised to take action against the owners of an unlicensed ferry that caught fire and sank at the weekend, leaving four dead and three missing.

The Seagull Express 2 sank after catching fire on October 13, en route from Mersing to the resort island of Tioman, with 106 passengers and crew onboard. According to witnesses, flames quickly engulfed the vessel and passengers were forced to jump overboard, unable to reach life jackets stored at the aft of the vessel.

It has since been discovered that the passenger licence for the vessel, owned by Seagull Express and Accommodation, had expired at the end of last year.

"I am very unhappy over the incident," said Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi. "Action will be taken, as we cannot allow this to happen again."

"The owners decided to operate the boat despite it being an offence. Now an accident has happened and people have died. There is also no insurance."

He has asked for an explanation from Transport Minister Chan Kong on how the ferry was allowed to continue operating despite its licence having expired.

In the meantime, the authorities have launched a crackdown against unlicensed vessels.

"I hope that owners of unlicensed boats will cease operations immediately," Mr Badawi said. "I want the authorities to conduct a thorough inspection to ensure all boats are in good order."

Not surprisingly, one of the first targets has been the owner of Seagull Express 2, which has had two other vessels seized for lacking the required licences, effectively halting the company's operations.

Malaysia's southern region Marine Department director Hazman Hussein said the vessels, Seagull Express 3 and Jentayu, did not have domestic shipping licences or manning certificates.

However, unlike the Seagull Express 2, the vessels did have valid passenger licences.

Mr Hazman said that the ferry operator had failed to submit a passenger manifest or to get port clearance for the Seagull Express 2 when it left Mersing on September 13.

While passenger ferry casualties are a frequent occurrence in neighbouring Indonesia and the Philippines, Malaysia enjoys a relatively good safety record.

Piracy attacks are back on the rise, warns IMB

by Marcus Hand in Singapore

SOMALIA and Nigeria remained the top piracy blackspots in the third quarter of 2007, with attacks up 14% in the first nine months of the year, according to watchdog the International Maritime Bureau.

The first nine months of 2007 saw 198 attacks worldwide reported to the IMB's piracy reporting centre in Kuala Lumpur, compared with 174 with 2006.

"If this current trend continues, it would appear that the decline in piracy attacks since 2004 has bottomed out," the IMB warned.

While there has been a marked drop in the number of attacks in the Malacca Strait and Indonesian waters over the last two years after Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia, took concerted joint action, attacks have surged in Somalia and Nigeria.

In Somalia a total of 26 incidents have been reported this year, compared with eight in the same period last year. A total of nine vessels have been hijacked, with 85 crew members taken hostage.

"The level of violence in the high-risk areas remains unacceptable. Pirates in Somalia are operating with impunity, seizing vessels hundreds of miles off the coast and holding the vessel and crew to ransom and making no attempt to hide their activity," said IMB director Potengal Mukundan.

Nigeria has also seen a similar sharp rise in attacks with 26 incidents in the first nine months of the year, compared with nine in the same period of 2006.

"Despite having a strong naval and police force Nigeria has not been able to control the increase in attacks directed towards the vessels in the oil sector. Criminal groups claim to have political motives for theft and the abduction of crew members," the IMB said.

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

Vessel	Type	Flag	Class	GT	DWT	Bit	Casualty
<i>ALADDIN DREAM</i>	ro-ro	HKG	BV	16,075	17,565	1990	Had engine malfunction 27 km off Wenling, south-west Zhejiang, China, in bad weather from typhoon "Krosa" Oct 7. No danger of sinking. Crew still on board Oct 8. Escorted by tug. Arrived Wenzhou Oct 10.
<i>ALBANY SOUND</i>	bulker	HKG	NK	16,963	28,379	2002	Contacted by <i>Kowa Maru</i> while anchored off Ube Oct 8. Sustained holing damage to port stern.
<i>ASSO VENTI</i>	tug	ITA	RI	1,933	1,267	1981	Reported Oct 10 under tow of <i>Asso Sedici</i> between Mucuripe and Las Palmas, where repairs are to be effected.
<i>CAPITAL QUEEN</i>	general	CYP	KR	6,271	8,689	1995	In collision with <i>Spar Canis</i> in lat 02 38N, long 101 23E, Oct 10. Holed to starboard quarter and cannot operate due steering problems.
<i>CHANG FA YUN</i>	general	KNA	—	5,370	—	—	Reported flooding in lat 19 37N, long 93 05.45E, Oct 9. Assistance required. Tug contacted. Crew rescued.
<i>FEDERAL PATROLLER</i>	general/ container	CYP	GL	12,993	17,451	1999	Hit bottom while downbound on Lake St. Louis, Great Lakes, Oct 6. Listed to starboard, holed in engine-room, flooding it. Arrived emergency wharf at Kahnawake Mohawk reserve, St Lawrence Seaway, for repairs. Undergoing temporary repairs.
<i>HELENE</i>	general	NLD	LR	2,561	3,264	1991	Had engine blackout in lat 56 12N, long 16 46.2E, Oct 7. Arrived Kalmar Oct 8.
<i>IST</i>	bulker	HRV	CR	14,228	24,030	1981	Reported Sep 19 to have been in East London since Sep 5 with main engine turbo-charger breakdown. Still in port Oct 8.
<i>NIKO</i>	fishing	GEO	—	289	—	1984	Sank in southern Okhotsk sea in lat 50 25N, long 153 00E, Sep 27. All 17 crew rescued
<i>OLA</i>	reefer	RUS	LR	1,854	2,225	1980	Adrift with engine failure in lat 49 28.1N, long 155 29.3E, 20 miles east of Onekotan Island, Oct 9. Taken in tow Oct 10 bound Petropavlovsk-Kamchatka. ETA Oct 13.
<i>POLAR STAR</i>	passenger	BRB	NV	4,998	879	1969	Struck rock in lat 47 30N, long 57 30W, Oct 4. Fresh water tank holed. Subsequently arrived Halifax Oct 7. Sailed Oct 9.
<i>SINU-I-WASA III</i>	passenger/ ro-ro	FJI	—	1,721	500	1964	Destroyed by fire at Levuka Oct 8.
<i>SPAR CANIS</i>	bulker	NIS	NV	32,474	53,565	2006	In collision with <i>Capital Queen</i> in lat 02 38N, long 101 23E, Oct 10. Damage sustained.
<i>TERESA DEL MAR</i>	container	CNI	BV	16,250	23,465	1986	In collision with <i>MSC Sinfonia</i> at Valencia Oct 10. Some damage sustained.
<i>TOEI MARU</i>	tanker	JPN	—	699	2,102	1989	Became unnavigable due to breakage of fuel pump drive gear in lat 37 33.54N, long 141 05.54E, Oct 5. Towed into Shiogama Oct 6.

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ALADDIN DREAM (Hong Kong)

London, Oct 7 -- A press report, dated today, states: Rescuers in east China's Zhejiang province are making efforts to rescue Hong Kong-registered Roll On Roll Off *Aladdin Dream* (16075 gt, built 1990), 27 crew members aboard, caught in typhoon "Krosa". The vessel was 27.78 kilometres off Wenling, south-east Zhejiang this morning, with a motor malfunction. Rescue ships failed to approach the cargo vessel because of the winds triggered by the typhoon "Krosa". According to sources at the rescue headquarters, the cargo vessel has cast two anchors and is currently in no danger of sinking or capsizing. China's Ministry of Communications and Zhejiang Maritime Search and Rescue Centre are ready to put into use helicopters once the wind abates.

London, Oct 8 -- Following received from Hong Kong MRCC, timed 0740, UTC: At 0001, UTC, today Roll On Roll Off *Aladdin Dream* was in lat 28 04N, long 121 40E. As far as known the crew are still on board and vessel and crew are safe.

London, Oct 8 -- Following received from the Hong Kong owners of Roll On Roll Off *Aladdin Dream* timed 0805, UTC: *Aladdin Dream* is safe and will be underway shortly to a repair port escorted by a tug.

London, Oct 9 -- Following received from Hong Kong MRCC, timed 0135, UTC: Roll On Roll Off *Aladdin Dream* is anchored, position unknown, awaiting a tug to tow her to port.

London, Oct 10 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Rescuers in east China's Zhejiang province helped Roll On Roll Off *Aladdin Dream*, which had been trapped in the East China Sea by typhoon "Krosa" for more than 80 hours after an engine malfunction, back to port this afternoon. Towed by a tug vessel sent by the Salvation Centre of East China Sea, the vessel reached Wenzhou port at 1700 hrs. All 27 crew members from Russia, India and the Philippines were reported to be in a sound condition. The vessel, carrying 12,000 tons of steel, was trapped 28 nautical miles off Wenling on Saturday (Oct 6) morning by typhoon "Krosa" and was in danger of sinking and capsizing in the strong gales and rainstorms. Eight vessels and almost 200 rescuers were sent to the site, however, their efforts to rescue the ship were hindered by winds of more than 110 kilometres per hour. "The wind was so strong that we could barely get close to the ship and the dragline thrown from the tug boats kept falling into water," said Liu Qiaoming, captain of a rescue boat from the Wenzhou Centre. The rescue boats stayed overnight with the cargo vessel before the towline was fixed one more time this morning when the wind out weakened, said Li.

ALADIN I (Panama)

London, Oct 11 -- Following received from Corsen MRCC, timed 0845, UTC: General cargo *Aladin I* (1499 gt, built 1982), 3EHR2, Ceuta for Shoreham, cargo 1,615 tonnes of bauxite, reported with engine problem in lat 48 43N, long 05 48W, at 1500, UTC, Oct 10. Vessel is to be towed to Brest by salvage tug *Abeille Languedoc*, with arrival in port expected around 1500, UTC, today.

ALBANY SOUND (Hong Kong)

See *Kowa Maru*.

ALTAIR (U.S.A.)

London, Oct 9 -- Following received from Coast Guard Seattle, timed 1125, UTC: Tug *Altair* (197 gt, built 1981), towing a barge laden with 80,000 barrels of No.2 diesel, bound Portland, Oregon, reported No.2 turbo-charger failure in lat 42 47N, long 124 57W, at 2124, UTC, yesterday. Vessel was able to start engine but only able to proceed at five knots. Vessel is proceeding towards Portland but the Captain of the Port at Portland may require the tug to put into a port before reaching Portland to carry out repairs due to forecast of bad weather.

London, Oct 9 -- Following received from Coast Guard Seattle, timed 1748, UTC: Tug *Altair*, towing a barge, is proceeding towards Seattle. (See issue of Oct 10.)

London, Oct 10 -- Following received from Coast Guard Seattle, timed 0210, UTC: Tug *Altair*, towing barge *Leo* (5954 gt, built 2003), is proceeding at five knots, up the coast to an unknown port for repairs.

London, Oct 10 -- Following received from Coast Guard Seattle, timed 0725, UTC: Tug *Altair*, towing barge *Leo*, is now proceeding towards Port Angeles escorted by tug *Gene Dunlap*.

London, Oct 10 -- Following received from Coast Guard Seattle, timed 2020, UTC: Tug *Altair*, towing barge *Leo*, is still proceeding towards Port Angeles, where ETA later today. (See issue of Oct 11)

ALYONA (Malta)

Maassluis, Oct 9 -- Roll on roll off with container capacity *Alyona* is still under repair at Scheldepoort Shipyard. Repairs are now expected to be completed about Oct 18. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

AMADA (North Korea)

Piraeus, Oct 11 -- General cargo *Amada* is still under arrest at Kalamata. There are no further developments regarding its situation. -- Lloyd's Agents.

AMERICAN HERITAGE (U.S.A.)

London, Oct 6 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: River traffic was almost back to normal yesterday on the Mississippi River at Vicksburg, after 36 barges broke free from tug *American Heritage* (1415 gt, built 1976) Wednesday (Oct 3) afternoon and were scattered all over the river. The highway bridge on Interstate 20 had to be shut down until the bridge could be

examined for possible damage. No structural damage was found. Johnny Gerache, Marine Manager, for Ergon Marine in Vicksburg explained what happened that caused the accident. He said, "Because of low water, the channel was restricted, the width of the channel, the depth of the channel. He just happened to get a little too far out on the buoy line, and the current dropped him over on the sand bar, which caused his tow to break up." The 10,500 horsepower *American Heritage* was still trying to put its tow back together yesterday, for tomorrow's expected departure to continue its journey down the river.

ANG PANGULO (Philippines)

Manila, Oct 9 -- Yacht *Ang Pangulo* has been restored to full mission status in September following the completion of pending repair jobs. The Philippine Navy reported that repairs were completed on the vessel's central air conditioning system while a new gyro-compass system has also been installed. The *Ang Pangulo* is still moored at Pier No. 13 of Manila's South Harbour terminal awaiting assignment. The vessel has been undergoing on and off repairs since it was damaged by a fire at Keppel Batangas shipyard last year. -- Correspondent.

ARUNG SAMUDERA (Indonesia)

Brisbane Oct 10 -- Training *Arung Samudera* is still in port, awaiting repairs. It is expected to be here until at least the end of November. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ASIAN FRIENDSHIP (Indonesia)

London, Oct 5 -- Fully cellular containership *Asian Friendship* arrived Surabaya Sep 19 and sailed Sep 21 for Tarakan.

ASSO VENTI (Italy)

London, Oct 10 -- Following navigation warning issued today: Tow between port of Mucuripe and Las Palmas, Canary Islands: Anchor handling tug/supply *Asso Sedici* towing anchor handling fire fighting *Asso Venti* (1933 gt, built 1981), with 300 metre length tow, average speed six knots, departs 1100, UTC, today. Wide berth requested. (Note -- Understand *Asso Venti* is being towed to Las Palmas for engine repairs.)

ASTER (Belgium)

See *Verdi*.

AYFER KA (Turkey)

Karachi, Oct 10 -- Combined chemical and oil tanker *Ayfer KA* is still berthed at No.5 mooring, Karachi port. According to local handling agents the vessel's repair work has not yet commenced. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BALTIMAR ORION (Bahamas)

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

BALTIYSKIY 109 (Russia)

London, Oct 4 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 1610, UTC:

General cargo *Baltiyskiy 109* remains aground. A refloating attempt is due to take place at 1900, local time, today.

London, Oct 4 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 2000, UTC: General cargo *Baltiyskiy 109* was refloated at 1845 hrs and is now alongside in Fredericia, awaiting survey/inspection.

London, Oct 5 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 0925, UTC: General cargo *Baltiyskiy 109* remains at Fredericia for inspections, etc.

Aarhus, Oct 5 -- General cargo *Baltiyskiy 109* refloated at 1945 hrs, yesterday and is now berthed in Fredericia, pending diver and class inspection. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct 6 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 0755, UTC: General cargo *Baltiyskiy 109* remains at Fredericia. Divers are to inspect the vessel today and classification society are on scene for the assessment. If all goes well the vessel may be released by maritime authorities to sail later today.

London, Oct 8 -- Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 0835, UTC: General cargo *Baltiyskiy 109* is still at Fredericia with a 29-metre-hole in the hull. Following cargo discharge, repair options will be investigated.

BARGE AT GAS TERMINAL, MILFORD HAVEN

London, Oct 6 -- The BBC reported today: One person is missing after a barge collapsed beside a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal currently being built near Milford Haven. Two people were pulled from the water following the collapse, which happened at around 1500 BST, today, said Milford Haven Port Authority. Five other people were rescued from the barge by a work boat. A spokeswoman for the Health and Safety Executive said they would be launching an investigation. Milford Haven Port Authority closed the port to all traffic movements and declared a port emergency at 1540 BST. A number of vessels, including three tugs, were sent to the scene of the collapsed barge, which had been working alongside the South Hook LNG terminal. Later, the authority said the barge was listing heavily and could capsize. They have established an exclusion zone around it. Salvage experts were also coming to the port to assess the situation, it said. Milford Haven coastguard, which is leading the search and rescue effort, said they had established a command control centre for any salvage operations to be carried out. The police and ambulance services are also in attendance, and the air ambulance is on standby. A spokesperson for the authority said: "Clearly the main focus remains the search to recover the missing person, though fears for pollution are growing and the port authority has also mobilised its counter pollution vessels to attend the scene." Eyewitness Richard Owen had been returning from a short trip out in his boat when he heard a may day call go out on Saturday afternoon. He said what looked like a platform on the LNG terminal had collapsed and the

platform is over by about 45 degrees. Mr Owen said that a large pier-like structure was being built on the Milford Haven estuary and the platform which housed large cranes was on the end of the pier. "One of those platforms has actually gone over 45 degrees and it is partially in the water. "The life boat has been called out and there are currently three tugs, and I have seen helicopters overhead."

London, Oct 7 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: The jack up barge *JB-104* (30.5 metres), working alongside the South Hook LNG Terminal currently under construction, partially collapsed, at approximately 1500, today. Eight persons were reported aboard the barge at the time and at least two of them were thrown into the water. The two were rescued almost immediately and five others were subsequently recovered from the barge by the work vessel *Florence*, part of the flotilla assisting the barges. One person remains missing. A number of vessels were directed by Port Control to attend the scene including three Svitzer tugs, Port Authority vessels, *Skomer* and *Robert Hastie* as well as the *Florence* and other rescue boats. At 1540 hours a port emergency was declared and the port closed to all traffic movements. Divers were called in and are on scene though are unable to do anything more until the barge has been stabilised. The barge is listing heavily and a number of items on deck are believed to have been lost overboard. The barge is considered in immediate danger of capsizing, especially as the tide is now ebbing, and an exclusion zone has been placed around it. This is being enforced by Port Authority vessels. Salvage experts already within the Haven are en route to assess the situation. Milford Haven Port Authority's Harbourmaster is in overall command of the Haven. The Deputy Harbourmaster is in charge of the incident response. HM Coastguard are leading the search and rescue effort supported by the Port Authority. The police and ambulance services have also responded including the air ambulance which is on standby. Clearly the main focus remains the search to recover the missing person, though fears for pollution are growing and the Port Authority has also mobilised its counter pollution vessels to attend the scene.

London, Oct 7 -- A press report, dated today, states: A statement issued by Dyfed Powys Police, said: iAt about 1500 hrs, yesterday, a Mayday call was made from a platform working alongside the jetty at South Hook LNG. A multi-agency response was activated and it appears a jack up barge *JB-104* had become unstable. Two persons rescued from the water and five persons from the platform deck by a company safety vessel, which has been on hand throughout the incident. One person was unaccounted for and a search and rescue operation was instigated by the HM Coastguard. This included Lifeboat, Milford Haven Port Authority vessels, Dyfed-Powys police helicopter and marine unit and

supported by the Mid Wales and West fire service and the ambulance service. Shipping on the Haven was stopped in order to facilitate the search and rescue operation. Specialist divers were involved in the operation but due to safety reasons were unable to enter the water at that time. A remotely operated vessel was used and it located a body. Every effort is being made to recover the body, which is believed to be a 44-year-old Dutch national. One person remains in hospital in a stable condition. An investigation has been launched by Dyfed-Powys Police and the Health and Safety Executive. The HM Coroner has been informed. There is currently a 2,000 litre diesel tank in the water, the tank is currently intact and the Environment Agency and Milford Haven Port Authority are monitoring the situation and an anti-pollution vessel is at the scene. There has been no risk to the general public throughout this incident.

London, Oct 8 -- Rescue teams using a remote camera have located the body of a worker, who died at a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal site in Pembrokeshire. The sub-contractor was working on the floating jack-up barge/four-legged platform *JB-104*, alongside a jetty at Milford Haven port, when it collapsed at 1500, BST, Oct 6. He is believed to be a 44-year-old Dutchman. His family have been informed. Seven men were rescued and one man is "stable" in hospital. South Hook LNG said they have been unable to remove the man's body so far because of the jack-up barge's instability. A South Hook LNG spokesperson confirmed the death with "deep regret" and said next of kin had been informed. Five men were rescued by boat from the jack-up barge, and two were pulled from the water. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has launched an investigation at the terminal, which is being built at Milford Haven. Milford Haven Port Authority (MHPA) established an exclusion zone around the barge, which is listing heavily, amid fears it could capsize. But the port was able to reopen yesterday afternoon. There is a 2,000 litre diesel tank in the water, but this is currently intact, said a police spokesman. The Environment Agency and MHPA are monitoring the situation and an anti-pollution vessel is at the scene. There has been no risk to the general public throughout this incident, the spokesman added.

London, Oct 8 -- A press report, dated today, states: The focus of efforts on the South Hook LNG site is now shifting to the salvaging of the jack-up barge, said a spokesman for the company. Since its collapse the barge has become loose. This was anticipated and plans and safety measures in place to deal with this situation have now been activated. Two tugs have secured the barge and it is now being taken, with the minimum environmental impact, to a location which has been deemed safe. Once the barge arrives at this location the situation will be reassessed and if necessary an exclusion zone for shipping will be put in place. Dyfed-Powys police said they will continue to

investigate the incident alongside the Health and Safety Executive. "Internal investigations are underway and we are co-operating fully with the relevant authorities in their reviews," said the South Hook spokesman.

London, Oct 10 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Work will resume today at the gas terminal where a worker was killed when a maintenance barge suddenly collapsed. The man, named last night as 44-year-old Adrianus Van Ham, from the Netherlands, was one of eight workers thrown into the sea when one of the enormous jack-up barge's four legs seemingly gave way, causing the barge to topple into the sea. A minute's silence was held at the site yesterday, and the barge, which was being used to support a crane, was dislodged from the Haven floor and was being pulled by two tugs to a safe location.

BINH MINH 19 (Vietnam)

London, Oct 11 -- General cargo *Binh Minh 19* (1805 gt, built 2003) was detained at Christmas Island Aug 8 due to twenty-seven noted Port State Control deficiencies. It was also discovered that port holes on port side for WC with damaged frame and not able to be secured or closed. Temporary repairs were carried out on port hole frames. To be permanently repaired to Class satisfaction at next port. Class to attend vessel at next port to carry out external audit. Vessel was released Aug 14 and subsequently arrived Haiphong Sep 21.

BLACK PRINCE (Bahamas)

London, Oct 5 -- According to Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines passenger (cruise) *Black Prince* is still in a dry dock in Hamburg undergoing repairs. The scheduled cruise leaving Greenock tomorrow has been cancelled.

BOW STAR (Singapore)

London, Oct 9 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS chemical tanker *Bow Star* was in lat 01 13 23N, long 103 54 35E, at 0744, UTC, today, speed 8.1 knots, course 235 degrees. (See issue of Oct 4.)

London, Oct 10 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS chemical tanker *Bow Star* was moored in lat 01 04 44N, long 103 53 42E, at 0759, UTC, today.

BREMER FOREST (Gibraltar)

London, Oct 4 -- Following received from Coastguard Falmouth MRCC:

Timed 0723, UTC: General cargo *Bremer Forest*, ZDED7, (2528 gt, built 2000), Swansea for Fowey, in ballast, in lat 50 12.28N, long 05 53.77W, at 0700, UTC. Vessel is stopped at northern end of the Land's End traffic separation scheme with suspected cracked collar on No.6 piston main engine. Coastguard tug/supply *Anglian Princess* tasked to standby and making way from Falmouth Bay, eta five hours at economical speed. Weather: Light airs. Vessel estimates repairs to take approximately four hours.

Timed 1304, UTC: *Bremer Forest* has been taken in tow by general cargo *Sirius P*. It is currently transiting the Land's End Traffic Separation System,

southbound for Mount's Bay where it will continue with engine repairs. Coastguard Emergency Towing Vessel, tug/supply *Anglian Princess*, is in vicinity and will escort *Bremer Forest* to the anchorage.

London, Oct 4 -- Following received from Coastguard Falmouth MRCC, timed 1931, UTC: The destination of general cargo *Bremer Forest*, in tow of *Sirius P* has been amended to Fowey Bay, to continue with engine repairs. Coastguard tug/supply *Anglian Princess* is on scene and will escort the vessels to anchorage.

London, Oct 5 -- Following received from Coastguard Falmouth MRCC, timed 1135, UTC: General cargo *Bremer Forest* is currently in tow of its sistership *Sirius*, bound Fowey, where ETA in two to three hours. The tug/supply *Anglian Princess* is still escorting the vessels and will depart once they reach Fowey port limits.

London, Oct 5 -- Following received from Coastguard Falmouth MRCC, timed 1353, UTC: General cargo *Bremer Forest* is now attached to harbour tugs while tug/supply *Anglian Princess* has stood down.

Falmouth, Oct 9 -- General cargo *Bremer Forest* completed repairs at 1700, Oct 7, and is now waiting to load cargo. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BSLE PRESTIGE (Panama)

London, Oct 9 -- According to Tuticorn Port Trust bulk carrier with container capacity *BSLE Prestige* was still in port at 0600 today.

Kochi, Oct 11 -- Bulk carrier with container capacity *BSLE Prestige* remains at Tuticorn. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BUTUAN BAY 1 (Philippines)

Manila, Oct 11 -- Roll On Roll Off *Butuan Bay 1* failed to enter Keppel Cebu shipyard, yesterday as originally scheduled. Keppel Cebu officials said that the vessel will be entering the shipyard on either Oct 12 or Oct 13. -- Correspondent.

CAPITAL QUEEN (Cyprus)

London, Oct 11 -- Following received from Port Klang MRCC, timed 0210, UTC: General cargo *Capital Queen* (6271 gt, built 1995), Singapore for Port Klang, was in collision with bulk carrier *Spar Canis* (32474 gt, built 2006), Singapore for India, in lat 02 38.7N, long 101 23.8E at 1942, UTC, Oct 10. *Capital Queen* sustained a hole to its starboard quarter and can not operate due to steering problems. *Spar Canis* was also damaged.

CEC CARDIGAN (U.K.)

London, Oct 7 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: General cargo *CEC Cardigan* (6714 gt, built 1997) on leaving the Boudewijnsluis, experienced engine problems and unable to reach maximum speed. The tugs *Union 8* and *Union Ruby* held the vessel in place until repairs were effected in the evening. (Note -- *CEC Cardigan* sailed Antwerp Oct 6 and stopped 2.1 nautical miles from Kallo at 1344 hrs until 1808 hrs. Vessel subsequently continued voyage to Vassiliko Bay, same day.)

CEC CASTLE (Isle of Man)

London, Oct 6 -- Following received from Coastguard Falmouth MRCC, timed 0420, UTC: General cargo *CEC Castle* (6714 gt, built 2001) reported a fire on board in lat 08 21N, long 83 14W. Fire has been extinguished and vessel intends to anchor. No injuries, damage is not known.

London, Oct 8 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *CEC Castle* was located stationary at Balboa, in lat 08 53 47.28N, long 79 30 56.27W, at 1447, UTC, today.

CELTIC VOYAGER (Bahamas)

Avonmouth, Oct 9 -- General cargo *Celtic Voyager* is still waiting to enter dry dock at Sharpness. -- Lloyd's Agents.

CHANG FA YUN (St. Kitts-Nevis)

London, Oct 9 -- Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 1015, UTC: General cargo *Chang Fa Yun* (5370 gt, 3,007 nt, built 1978), V4KY, reported flooding in lat 19 37N, long 93 05.45E, as of 0800, UTC, today. Assistance required. Chennai MRCC coordinating.

London, Oct 9 -- Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 1405, UTC: Understand from the managers of general cargo *Chang Fa Yun* that the vessel has flooding in a cargo hold. A tug has been arranged to assist the vessel but the tug is currently in Chittagong and cannot leave the port as it is night time.

London, Oct 11 -- Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 0830, UTC: General cargo *Chang Fa Yun*: Understand the crew have been rescued.

COLLAPSE OF BRIDGE, MINNEAPOLIS, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 7 -- Coast Guard Captain of the Port Captain Sharon Richey, commanding officer of Coast Guard Sector Upper Mississippi River, issued an order yesterday lifting the restrictions on vessel traffic transit through the effected area of the Mississippi River at the Interstate 35 Bridge collapse site here. The bridge was closed at mile marker 853.2, due to salvage and debris removal operations. All mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution when transiting this area and to monitor marine channel 16 for future river updates.

DANA-1 (Belize)

Bremen, Oct 5 -- General cargo *Dana-1* (1494 gt, built 1973), bound Bremen, struck the embankment in the area of the "Vegeacker Bentl" on the River Weser. The vessel is fast on the embankment and tugs are trying to free the vessel. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Dana-1*, from Hundested, passed Brunsbützel 2108, Oct 4 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was stationary in lat 53 07 13N, long 08 43 25E, at 0936, UTC, today.)

London, Oct 6 -- Following received from Bremen MRCC, timed 1140, UTC: General cargo *Dana-1* was towed into Bremen around 1000, local time, yesterday and investigations are

currently under way to try to ascertain the cause of the grounding.

Kiel, Oct 6 -- In the morning of Oct 5, general cargo *Dana-1* ran aground on the west side of the Weser River, at km 17, due to rudder failure. The vessel, which was underway to Bremen, was unable to refloat under own power. Tug *Blumenthal* was called and refloated the vessel at 1000 hrs. The tug towed *Dana-1* to a berth in the industrial harbour at Viehbrücke. The vessel was not allowed to move further until given clearance by the Seeberufsgenossenschaft. -- Correspondent.

Bremen, Oct 8 -- According to press reports general cargo *Dana-1* grounded due to its rudder not functioning properly. The vessel was brought to Bremen, Industriehafen, under the assistance of tugs. The trade union of seafarers arrested the vessel until rudder repairs have been completed. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct 8 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Dana-1* stationary in lat 53 07 23.1N, long 08 43 51.36E, since 0623, UTC, Oct 5.

London, Oct 11 -- General cargo *Dana-1* sailed Bremen Oct 9 for Vordingborg.

DAYA 1 (Cyprus)

See "Belgium" under "Port State Control."

DENDEN (Eritrea)

Mumbai, Oct 8 -- After three months of confinement in a local hotel in Mangalore, all 21 sailors of the ill-fated general cargo *Denden* have left India for their home country, in batches over the last two weeks. The vessel had sunk off New Mangalore Port on India's west coast, on Jun 23. Out of the 24 sailors, 21 had survived the tragedy, which included 13 Eritrean, three Ghanaians, three Pakistanis, one Sudanese and a Sri Lankan. But the port trust had held them as guarantors until payment for the salvage operation is made. A senior port official said the delay in executing an indemnity bond by Eritrean government and the ship owner led to the crew's hardships. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct 11 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: The local residents today reported that black substance coupled with white foam engulfed the beach at Panambur which appears to have come from the sunken general cargo *Denden*. The first leak was experienced only at 1900, today. According to the local fishermen leader Lokesh Karkera the fishermen found the water of the shore completely turned black and on investigating the sand and the surf they found it was smelling like diesel. They have informed the local marine mechanics who have rushed to spot and have confirmed that it was fuel. They later have informed the New Mangalore Port Trust authorities and the police.

DILSBERG (Germany)

See *Estate*.

DIMITRIY KANTEMIR (Ukraine)

London, Oct 9 -- General cargo *Dimitriy Kantemir*, Jorf Lasfar for Kavkaz, passed Gibraltar Oct 7.

DK IRIS (South Korea)

Busan, Oct 5 -- General cargo *DK Iris* arrived Busan in tow at about 2100, local time, Sep 27. The vessel sailed from Busan at about 1400, local time, Oct 2, after completion of repairs and cargo operation, bound for Oita. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

DON PEDRO (Canary Islands)

London, Oct 5 -- A Svitzer Salvage report, dated Sep 17, states: Svitzer Salvage completed the oil removal operations from the sunken Roll On Roll Off *Don Pedro*, which had settled on its side in a 45 metre water depth off Ibiza. During the operations, which were executed under considerable pressure amongst others in view of the holiday season in order to prevent pollution of the beaches, special recovery equipment and techniques were used. In total about 400 tons of pollutants have been recovered.

DORIS (Norway (Int. Register))

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 9 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Doris* (9956 gt, built 1998) collided tonight with a small fishing vessel. One person is missing. -- Correspondent.

London, Oct 10 -- Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 0415, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Doris* was in collision with fishing (general) *Skarbak*, 40 foot, (built 2001) in lat 62 55.2N, long 06 48E at about 1730, UTC, Oct 9. *Skarbak* is partially sunk and its sole occupant is missing. *Doris* has proceeded on voyage and is safely alongside a port.

Trondheim, Oct 10 -- According to press reports Combined chemical and oil tanker *Doris*, south bound from Elnesvagen, loaded, was in collision with fishing (general) *Skarbak* outside Bud near Hustadvika, at 1925 yesterday. After the occurrence the fishing vessel did not sink, but was lying upside down in the water and could barely be seen. During the evening it was towed to Harøysund for survey. When lifting the vessel ashore at Harøysund the wheelhouse came loose. After the collision a life buoy and wreckage were found in the sea, but the person on board has not been found. About 10 vessels, helicopters and small boats are participating in the search for the missing person. The search was stopped last night until today due to bad light and foul waters and was resumed at 0800 today. None of the crew on board *Doris* were injured. *Skarbak* was en route to Bo, Vesteraalen, northern Norway its home port after completion of fishing for mackerel. -- Lloyd's Agents

ELWHA (U.S.A.)

London, Oct 7 -- Due to mechanical problems on the Roll On Roll Off *Elwha* (8275 gt, built 1968), the 1705 hrs departure from Anacortes to Lopez and Friday Harbor was cancelled yesterday. Vessel resumed normal service today.

ENERGY CHAMPION (Isle of Man)

Montreal, Oct 4 -- Due to no class approved divers available until Oct 6 product tanker *Energy Champion*

proceeded to Halifax where it will be arriving this morning. The underwater inspection will be carried out there today. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct 5 -- Product tanker *Energy Champion* arrived Halifax at 0848, Oct 4.

ESTATE (Netherlands)

London, Oct 9 -- General cargo *Estate* (3269 gt, built 1951) was in collision with general cargo *Dilsberg* (2728 gt) in dense fog, at KM 919, at Dreumel, River Waal, at 2000, local time, Oct 3. One container fell into the water, causing the river to be closed for traffic. On Oct 4 the traffic was reopened. Both vessels were damaged but in no danger of sinking.

EXPLORER (Antigua & Barbuda)

Belfast, Oct 5 -- General cargo *Explorer* sailed 1400, Oct 4, for Coleraine. -- Lloyd's Agents.

FAYSAL (Syria)

London, Oct 11 -- General cargo *Faysal*, which arrived Aliaga Sep 4, is to be broken up.

FEDERAL PATROLLER (Cyprus)

Troy, Michigan, Oct 9 -- General cargo with container c *Federal Patroller* (12993 gt, built 1999) remained at the emergency wharf in the St Lawrence Seaway at Kahnawake Mohawk reserve, above the Canadian Pacific Railway bridges yesterday. The vessel hit a high spot while downbound on Lake St Louis on Saturday (Oct 6). The vessel took a list to starboard, holed the engine-room, flooding it. The vessel remained at the dock yesterday and will be for two more days while repairs are being made. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

Troy, Michigan, Oct 9 -- General cargo with container *Federal Patroller* is said to have sustained a 21-ft long hole on her starboard side. The vessel, loaded with a cereal product at full Seaway draught, ran over a high spot, then hit an unknown object in the channel between Beauharnois and St. Nicholas Island. The vessel is being temporarily repaired at the emergency wharf in the St. Lawrence Seaway, located above the Canadian Pacific Railway bridges. She was due in Quebec City to load an additional 13,000 tonnes and proceed to her final destination, Kristiansand, Norway. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

London, Oct 9 -- General cargo with container *Federal Patroller*, downbound, made contact with the bottom in lat 45 22 43N, long 73 49 00W, at 1606, EDST, Oct 6. Vessel went to emergency berth to investigate subsequent ingress of water into No.3 double bottom tank starboard.

Troy, Michigan, Oct 10 -- General cargo with container *Federal Patroller* has called for two Ocean Group tugs at 0630, today. According to Group Ocean, the decision will be made as to where the vessel will go after it leaves the emergency wharf at Kahnawake. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

London, Oct 10 -- Understand the owners of general cargo with container capacity *Federal Patroller* have declared General Average in respect of touching bottom in the St. Lawrence Seaway Oct 6.

Troy, Michigan, Oct 11 -- General cargo with container capacity *Federal Patroller*, with tug *Ocean Jupiter* hooked on to the stern and tug *Ocean Hercule* leading the way up forward, but not secured, began its voyage to Montreal at 1000, yesterday. They are heading to Section 44, Port of Montreal. Further inspections and possibly more repairs are in store for *Federal Patroller*. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

FINGAL (Netherlands Antilles)

Grangemouth, Oct 5 -- General cargo *Fingal* remains under repair at Greenock. It is expected to complete repairs and leave the dry dock tomorrow. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Grangemouth, Oct 6 -- General cargo *Fingal*: Repairs were completed today and the vessel is presently undergoing testing and trials. These should be completed, and the vessel should be ready for re-entering service, on or around Oct 8. -- Lloyd's Agents.

FREE JUPITER (Marshall Islands)

Manila, Oct 8 -- Bulk carrier *Free Jupiter* was refloated at 0150 yesterday, salvors reported today. The vessel broke free from its grounded position with the onset of the high tide. At least 9,000 tons of nickel ore were offloaded from *Free Jupiter* into barges prior to the refloating. *Free Jupiter* is now undergoing an underwater survey to determine if the hull is seriously damaged. It is still not clear if the offloaded cargo of nickel ore will be reloaded into *Free Jupiter*. This will be decided on by a representative of the vessel's class surveyor, NK. -- Correspondent.

FREITIND (Norway)

Trondheim, Oct 9 -- According to Kvernhusvik Shipyard, Hitra, general cargo *Freitind* is still at the yard. The towing date to Fosen Gjenvinning, Aafjord, for scrapping has not been decided yet due to heavy workload. -- Lloyd's Agents.

GENERAL VILLA (Cyprus)

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

GEZA HOPE (Syria)

Alexandria, Oct 8 -- General cargo *Geza Hope* entered Alexandria Shipyard, Alexandria port, Oct 5 for repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct 9 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Geza Hope* stationary at Alexandria at 1327, UTC, Oct 9.

GRAND FREE (Cambodia)

London, Oct 5 -- Following navigation warning issued at 2300, JST, Oct 4: Motor vessel (general cargo *Grand Free*, 648 gt, built 1987) aground in lat 34 34.662N, long 138 56.739E. (Note -- *Grand Free* sailed Nagoya Oct 4 for Yantai.)

London, Oct 5 -- Following received from Coast Guard Japan, timed 1150, UTC: General cargo *Grand Free*, FUJF8, is still aground and believed holed.

London, Oct 10 -- Following navigation warning issued at 1540, JST, Oct 6: Sunken wreck of general cargo *Grand Free* exists in vicinity of lat 34 21.34N, long 133 45.06E, 245 deg, 2750 metres from Ushi-Shima light. There is a light buoy marking the sinking position.

GRANT (Russia)

Vladivostok, Oct 5 -- Fishing *Grant* was safely towed to Petropavlovsk on Sep 26. Repairs are in progress. -- Lloyd's Agents.

HANJIN GOTHENBURG (Germany)

London, Oct 8 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS fully cellular containership *Hanjin Gothenburg* was stationary in lat 35 03 36N, long 128 59 48E, Busan area, at 0723, UTC, today.

Busan, Oct 10 -- Fully cellular containership *Hanjin Gothenburg* sailed from Busan without repairs bound for Singapore via Gwangyang at about 0400, Oct 8. Understand that repairs will be carried out at Singapore. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

HARDINGEN (Norway)

Oslo, Oct 5 -- Roll On Roll Off *Hardingen* is still at the Wartsila workshop at Rubestrandneset, Bomlo. Removal and replacement of engine parts -- crankshaft, rudders, etc -- is currently in hand with completion expected Oct 19. -- Lloyd's Agents.

HELENE (Netherlands)

London, Oct 8 -- Following received from Gothenburg MRCC, timed 0820, UTC: General cargo *Helene* (2561 gt, built 1991) is currently 25 kms from Kalmar in tow of tug *Herbert* bound Kalmar following engine "blackout" in lat 56 12N, long 16 46.2E, at 1215, local time yesterday. (Note -- *Helene*, from Mantyluoto was reported due Ferrol Oct 12.)

London, Oct 8 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Helene* arrived Kalmar 1405, UTC, today, and stationary in lat 56 39 38.42N, long 16 22 10.51E, at 1312, UTC.

Helsingborg, Oct 9 -- General cargo *Helene* arrived Kalmar in tow of tug *Herbert* yesterday. The vessel remains alongside at Kalmar but there is no definite news yet regarding repairs. -- Damco Survey AB.

HUTUOHE (Panama)

Hanoi, Oct 8 -- Fully cellular containership *Hutuohu*, Saigon River to Nha Be, was in collision directly with barge *TG 6959* and subsequently barges *TG 6966*, *TG 6777*, and *SG 0585* at the Den Do intersection of the Saigon, Nha Be and Dong Nai Rivers, Sep 24. The barge *TG 6959* was holed heavily in the engine-room area and sank. A total of 725 tonnes of rice in bags entered the water and were damaged. More than three tonnes were spilt over from the barge. Barge *SG 0585* was holed at some position but

not sunk. The remaining barges were slightly damaged. As per Saigon Port Authority's information, the *Hutuhoe* departed Sep 27 after her P&I's guarantee. Barge *TG 6959* was refloated and is waiting for repairs. Barge *SG 0585* is also waiting for repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

HYUNDAI FORTUNE (Panama)

London, Oct 9 -- Leading Japanese shipping group NYK has lodged a massive compensation claim in the wake of the explosion and fire on the fully cellular containership *Hyundai Fortune*, Mar 21, 2006, as many of the leading names in the industry manoeuvre over the costly financial implications. Key cargo interests are unable so far to quantify their claims because the salvage issues have yet to be settled or arbitrated, but the sums could be huge. Half a dozen carriers are facing claims under the multiple bills of lading issued in relation to the containership, which has already sparked insurance claims expected to be in the region of \$300m. NYK is suing Hyundai Merchant Marine, the owner of the 5,551 teu ship, for damages for alleged breach of contract. The vessel was fully laden on a voyage from Asia to Europe when containers exploded off the coast of Yemen. A writ issued in the High Court in London on Sep 25 recalled that initially a cargo of fireworks, or a terrorist act, was blamed for the blast, but these theories were later discounted. The contract between NYK and HMM was made partly in writing, and partly by conduct, for the exchange and sharing of slots on major liner routes, according to the writ. NYK is a member of the Grand Alliance, while the owners of *Hyundai Fortune* are members of the New World Alliance. Germany's Hapag Lloyd, a member of the same consortium as NYK, has already lodged a similar claim for damages. The NYK writ said that, after the explosion, fire raged in the vessel for days and the stricken vessel had to be towed to safety at Salalah. Industry experts explained that at this stage, in what is bound to be one of the most complex affairs in marine insurance history, no one is willing to say for certain what caused the conflagration, and who or what was to blame. Cargo interests have for this reason been covering their bases: for instance, by tabling its writ, NYK is protecting its right, in the event it were proven a liable party, of recovery against the shipowner. A fire defence under the Hague Visby rules will allow a carrier to defend claims as long as the fire is not its fault. Most of the leading specialists in the field are involved in some aspect of the tussle. Philip Roose, a partner at law firm Clyde & Co, has instructions from more than 60 underwriters of cargo valued at more than \$100m. Cargo interests are especially sensitive because they have to put up guarantees whether or not their property is damaged. Hyundai Merchant Marine is among those which potentially face claims: others include MOL, Yang Ming, APL, OOCL and MISC. More than 500 containers were

destroyed in the blaze in the Gulf of Aden off Yemen, but salvage crews managed to save some of the containers. The ship was carrying seven containers of fireworks, as well as DVDs, tractorparts, furniture, chemical solvent, and a £250,000 (\$500,000) air barrier to be used in safety fences for Grand Prix racing.

ISAFOLD (Denmark)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 4 -- Fishing (general) *Isafold* (2499 gt, built 2006) ran aground in Steinesjoen at 0210, today. Rescue vessel *Knut Hoem* came to the vessel's assistance. -- Correspondent.

Bergen, Oct 5 -- Fishing (general) *Isafold* grounded yesterday. The vessel is (now) on its way to Karlsund for inspection. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Isafold* was in lat 60 28 08N, long 04 36 27E, at 1110, UTC, today, speed 12.4 knots, course 169.9 deg.)

Bergen, Oct 8 -- Fishing (general) *Isafold* arrived Karlsund Maritime, Kopervik, over the weekend (Oct 6-7). The vessel was inspected today and no bottom damage was found. The vessel will leave Karlsund, tomorrow/latest Wednesday morning, after some maintenance and small repairs have been carried out. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

ISCHIA EXPRESS (Italy)

Naples, Oct 9 -- According to the agents of passenger ro/ro *Ischia Express* it is still undergoing RINA surveys which still expected to last quite a long time. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ISLAND STAR (Bahamas)

London, Oct 8 -- Passenger (cruise) *Island Star* arrived Palma(Maj) 0700, Oct 6, and sailed 2100 same day. According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, vessel was located stationary at Messina, in lat 38 11 39N, long 15 33 28.8E, at 0927, UTC, today.

IST (Croatia)

East London, Sep 19 -- Bulk carrier *Ist* (14228 gt, built 1981) has been in East London since Sep 5 with main engine turbo-charger breakdown. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note -- *Ist* sailed Kakinada Aug 16, arrived Durban Sep 2, sailed Sep 3 and arrived East London Sep 5.)

East London, Oct 8 -- Bulk carrier *Ist* is still in port at East London. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

JANINA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Poznan, Oct 5 -- The repairs to general cargo *Janina* were completed today. The vessel will sail for Rotterdam next week. -- Lloyd's Agents.

JENTRADER (Panama)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 7 -- General cargo *Jentrader* (520 gt, built 1968), with a cargo of 300 tons of cement, ran aground on the east coast of Bonaire Island, Netherlands Antilles, today. It was removed from the sandbar by tugs *Smit Tahiti* and *Smit Lucaya* with the aid of a Netherlands Antilles Coast Guard cutter. -- Correspondent.

JERRY NEWBERRY (Canada)

London, Oct 9 -- Following received from Halifax RCC, timed 1430, UTC: Tug *Jerry Newberry* (244 gt, built 1956) lost its tow, a fuel barge with 10,000 gallons of fuel on board, in lat 59 12N, long 62 46W, at 1013, UTC, Oct 8. Efforts are under way to recover the barge, with a Coast Guard vessel proceeding to the scene.

London, Oct 9 -- Following received from Halifax RCC, timed 1905, UTC: Tug *Jerry Newberry*, which lost its tow, a fuel barge: Coast Guard vessel proceeding to the scene, where ETA 2200, UTC.

London, Oct 10 -- Following received from Halifax RCC, timed 2028, UTC: Tug *Jerry Newberry*, which lost its tow, a fuel barge: Coast Guard vessel on scene searching for barge.

JOKER (Antigua & Barbuda)

Poznan, Oct 4 -- General cargo *Joker* is still under repair, which are expected to be completed around Oct 15. -- Lloyd's Agents.

JORK (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Oct 5 -- A Svitzer Salvage report, dated Sep 11, states: The Dutch Coastguard intervened when a hatch cover was noticed drifting around in the southern North Sea, reportedly originating from the two months earlier sunken general cargo *Jork* off the UK east coast. The over 17 ton floating steel hatch cover clearly was a danger to shipping, for which the Svitzer Salvage owned and operated Coastguard tug *Waker* was tasked. The Dutch ETV took the hatch cover in tow on Sep 2. Svitzer Salvage was subsequently involved in the recovery and disposal as instructed by the Dutch authorities. During Sep 3 the hatch cover was towed by *Waker* towards Ymuiden, where the convoy arrived around noon Sep 4. In the meantime permissions had been arranged for moving it into the port of Ymuiden based on an operational plan developed by Svitzer Salvage. Around noon same day the hatch cover was taken over by a 'multicat'-type salvage vessel outside the breakwaters of Ymuiden with tug *Svitzer Marken* standing by in case required. Once secured onto the salvage vessel, the hatch cover was moved into the port and lifted out of the water for storage on property of the authorities.

KAPITONAS DOMEIKA (Lithuania)

London, Oct 9 -- Bulk carrier *Kapitonas Domeika* (9965 gt, built 1979) became not under command due engine problems while transiting Lake Erie in lat 42 28N, long 80 05W, at 0612, EDST, Oct 8.

London, Oct 11 -- Bulk carrier *Kapitonas Domeika* arrived Pointe aux Trembles at 2025, Oct 10, and, according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, was still there as of 1120, UTC, today.

KEMERLI (Turkey)

Istanbul, Oct 5 -- General cargo *Kemerli* (671 gt, built 1983), Aliaga for Gemlik, grounded near Yenikoy, about

three miles south of the entrance to Canakkale, at 0350, local time, Oct 5. -- TurkishStraits.com.

London, Oct 5 -- Understand general cargo *Kemerli* reported being aground in lat 39 54.722N, long 26 08.728E, in front of Yenikoy, at 0355, local time, today. Aground report was cancelled by master who advised that it has problems on its electricity system. Engine troubled *Kemerli* was in front of Yenikoy at 0530, local time. It is proceeding to Yenikoy anchorage area for survey controls.

KING HARRY FERRY (U.K.)

London, Oct 8 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passenger (cruise) *King Harry Ferry* (500 gt, built 2006), which takes cars and passengers across the River Fal between the village of Feock and Philleigh on the Roseland Peninsula, reported beached today. The ferry's departure was delayed and as a result became stuck in the falling tide this morning. A spokesman said the ferry was being refloated during the afternoon's high tide.

London, Oct 8 -- According to owners of *King Harry Ferry* and Falmouth Coastguard MRCC, vessel refloated and resumed service.

KOBEE V (Panama)

Busan, Oct 10 -- According to owner of the passenger (cruise) *Kobee V*, the lost hydrofoil was successfully recovered in July. The recovered hydrofoil was sent to Hong Kong for permanent repairs which are expected to return by the end of this year. The vessel is now at Busan waiting for the repaired hydrofoil. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

KOWA MARU (Japan)

Yokohama, Oct 10 -- Chemical tanker *Kowa Maru*, 342 gt, (built 1995), Sakaide for Sakito, was in contact with bulk carrier *Albany Sound* (16963 gt, built 2002), lying at anchor, off Ube at 0200, Oct 8. *Albany Sound* sustained holing damage to port stern. No water ingress, oil spill or injuries reported. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Albany Sound* was in lat 33 56 38N, long 131 03 25E, at 0824, UTC, today, course 309 degrees, speed 8.5 knots.)

KRIPA (India)

See *Pearl*.

KVARTS (Russia)

London, Oct 5 -- A press report, dated Oct 4, states: Mi-8 helicopter of the regional centre of the Emergency Situations Ministry flew from Nikolayevsk-on-Amur on Thursday morning (Oct 4) to the area of the wreck of the self-propelled barge *Kvarts*. The search party will try to land at the half-submerged vessel and examine it, the Far East emergencies centre said. Rescuers of the Sakhalin branch of the Far Eastern search and rescue detachment with local residents involved are searching the sea coast. A total of over 50 people and six machinery units have been engaged in the operation. The *Agat* rescue vessel cannot approach the *Kvarts* due to

shallow waters, so it has been decided to use small mobile floating craft. The fate of one of the five crew members remains unknown. The bodies of four dead crewmembers of the *Kvarts* were taken to the Nogliki settlement on Sakhalin for identification. The Far East Transport Prosecutor's Office said that according to a preliminary version the cargo displacement is the probable cause of the accident. A pre-investigation probe and examination of the accident area have been conducted. The Sakhalin transport police investigation department opened a criminal case over the fact of the vessel wreck under the Criminal Code article envisaging punishment for the violation of the rules of exploitation of water, railway and air transport.

LARA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Oct 9 -- General cargo *Lara* passed Kerchenskiy Strait Oct 8, with ETA Azov Oct 9, and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was reported 15 nautical miles from Taganrog, speed 7 knots, course 53 deg, at 0711, UTC, today.

LAVRAS (Brazil)

London, Oct 10 -- Following coastal notice to mariners is in force: Paranagua anchorage No.12: Existence of anchor in lat 25 39.23S, long 48 15.85W, lost from product tanker *Lavras* (19290 gt, built 1992) (date not known). Caution advised.

LENINSKIY KOMSOMOL (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 11 -- General cargo *Leninskiy Komsomol* (2827 gt, built 1978), Taganrog to Israel, cargo 3,458 tonnes of wheat, ran aground in the region of buoy No.455 near the port of Kavkaz at 0005, Oct 11. A tug is en route from Kavkaz to remove the vessel from the sandbar. -- Correspondent. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Leninskiy Komsomol* was stationary in lat 45 21.51N, long 36 42.4N, 2.3 nautical miles from Kavkaz, at 0847, UTC, today.)

LETTLAND (Isle of Man)

See under "Pollution".

LIGRUNN (Norway)

Kiel, Oct 8 -- Trawler (All types) *Ligrunn* (1050 gt, built 1979) ran aground under way to the port of Vaeroy yesterday. The ship refloated under own power. -- Correspondent. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Ligrunn* stopped at Bodo at 1147, UTC, today, proceeded at 1447, UTC, and in lat 66 56 43.8N, long 13 28 40.2E, Glomfjord 11.4 nautical miles, speed 1.2 knots, at 1702, UTC, today.)

MAERSK DIADEMA (Germany)

London, Oct 4 -- According to Maersk Line vessel schedules fully cellular containership *Maersk Diadema* was due to arrive Ningbo 0054 today and was scheduled to sail at 1400 today then arrive at a repair yard 0001, Oct 6 and scheduled to sail 2359, Oct 16. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU *Maersk Diadema* is due Kaohsiung Oct 5.)

London, Oct 10 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS fully cellular containership *Maersk Diadema* was moored in lat 22 32 58N, long 120 20 14E, (Kaohsiung area) at 2247, UTC, Oct 9.)

MAERSK NEUCHATEL (Cyprus)

London, Oct 5 -- A Svitzer Salvage report, dated Sep 7, states: After having successfully refloated fully cellular containership *Maersk Neuchatel* as planned on Aug 31 the vessel was stabilised and later brought alongside. It was subsequently re-delivered back to its owners by Svitzer Salvage on Sep 6. (Note -- Maersk Neuchatel arrived Gdansk 1700, Sep 24 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was still there at 0956, UTC, today.)

Poznan, Oct 8 -- Fully cellular containership *Maersk Neuchatel* is now at the Remontowa Shipyard, Gdansk, where the range of repairs is now being specified. The repairs should commence shortly and are roughly expected to be completed in December. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MANA ROSE (New Zealand)

Wellington, Oct 7 -- Repairs to fishing (general) *Mana Rose* have not been completed. The vessel is laid up in a boat yard in Opuia, and the Loss Adjuster has called for repair quotations. No repair instructions have yet been given. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MARIA S.MERIAN (Germany)

Kiel, Oct 6 -- Research *Maria S.Merian* will remain berthed in the East Harbour of Kiel for an uncertain time as the berth at the Lindenau Yard is now needed for other vessels. A meeting of the builders, Fr Lurssen, the owners and the producers Schottel is to be held on Oct 17. The two azipods are actually back with Schottel. There has been severe problems with water ingress and voltage transmission to the electric motors and these have not yet been solved as attempts to repair the damage have failed twice now. The openings of the azipods in the hull have now been made watertight so that the vessel can be moved by tugs as it does not have its own means of moving without the pods. -- Correspondent.

MEDWINA (Philippines)

Manila, Oct 5 -- The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) reported that it could not reinstate ferry *Medwina's* safety certificate despite it's having passed sea trials held Tuesday (Oct 2). MARINA officials said that the vessel has to address several safety deficiencies before it would be allowed to operate. The owner of the vessel has been ordered to update the *Medwina's* radio licence and equip the vessel with five fire extinguishers and lifejackets for it's 14 man crew. In addition, the owner has been instructed to employ a captain whose licence qualifies him to operate a vessel of the *Medwina's* capacity of 89.86 gt. The current captain of the *Medwina* holds a licence which only allows him to operate a vessel with a maximum capacity of 35 gt. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Oct 11 -- The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) issued a special permit on Oct 2 to navigate ferry *Medwina* for a single, no-cargo voyage, between Zamboanga and Mapun port in Tawi-Tawi island in southern Philippines. The vessel is now in Mapun port. MARINA officials said that the special permit was granted to allow the operator of the *Medwina* to return the vessel to its original owner-Suraya Hasan. The vessel is presently registered under its operator, Hadji Uhasan, who bought the vessel from Hasan. Both parties have agreed to reverse the sale. The transaction is now being finalised in Mapun port after which the vessel will return to Zamboanga where it will register its new ownership with the MARINA. MARINA officials said that the vessel upon its return to Zamboanga will be grounded until it corrects several safety deficiencies. -- Correspondent.

MENASHA (Canada)

London, Oct 9 -- Tug *Menasha* (132 gt, built 1949) lost its propeller shaft when a nut came loose while manoeuvring near the Sun Oil Dock, lat 42 56 10N, long 82 40 00W, at 0930, EDST, Oct 5. Bilge pumps were able to keep up with the ingress of water.

MERYEM (Turkey)

Bucharest, Oct 8 -- General cargo *Meryem* arrived Constantza Oct 7. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MSC SINFONIA (Panama)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 11 -- Passenger (cruise) *MSC Sinfonia* (58625 gt, built 2002) contacted fully cellular containership *Teresa del Mar* (16250 gt, built 1986) while mooring in a confined space at Valencia yesterday. Some damage was sustained. -- Correspondent. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Teresa del Mar* was in lat 39 56 33N, long 00 27 28E, at 2317, UTC, yesterday, course 48.9 degrees, speed 15.7 knots, bound Barcelona.)

Kiel, Oct 11 -- While entering the port of Valencia, passenger (cruise) *MSC Sinfonia* was in contact with fully cellular containership *Teresa del Mar* yesterday. Two decks of *MSC Sinfonia* where dented in the stern region on starboard side. The accident happened when the cruise ship was trying to turn, thereby contacting the berthed container vessel. -- Kiel.

MZB 287 (U.S.A.)

London, Oct 6 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Barge *MZB 287* (2898 gt, built 1998) that went aground near Unalaska has been refloated. Coast Guard officials say it grounded on rocks on the north-east side of Summer's Bay early today. It was refloated at 1455 hrs. The Coast Guard inspected the vessel from shore and found it has damage on the right side of its stern. The Coast Guard says the barge was not carrying fuel internally, and no pollution has been reported. The barge was under contract to Seattle-based Western Towboat, Inc. The company's port captain says the barge was on its last supply run of the season to

communities in the northeastern Bering Sea and Kuskokwim Delta area when it went aground.

London, Oct 8 -- Following received from Coast Guard Juneau, timed 1855, UTC: Barge *MZB 287* proceeded to Dutch Harbour after refloating.

Anchorage, Alaska, Oct 9 -- Barge *MZB 287* is currently on a mooring ball in Captains Bay on the backside of Dutch Harbor. It is listing on the starboard as six of the seven compartments are damaged and containing water. The full damage survey will be completed by divers within the next few days. The cargo is still on board and appears OK. It is hoped to either transfer the load to another barge or potentially off-load at the dock if dock space is available. -- Lloyd's Agents.

NEEBISH ISLANDER II (U.S.A.)

London, Oct 11 -- A press report, dated Michigan, states: Out of service for nearly a day due to transmission troubles, the passenger (cruise) *Neebish Islander II* (90 gt, built 1946) was scheduled to resume regular service late yesterday afternoon. The ferry sustained a transmission breakdown about 1830, Monday (Oct 8) and was sidelined through part of the day on Tuesday before repair crews replaced a faulty transmission part. Chuck Moser, Director of the Eastern UP Transportation Authority (EUPTA) said it took crews some while to diagnose the specific trouble with the ferry's transmission and more time yet to locate it in the ferry engine-room. He acknowledged the vessel was down about two weeks ago for an unrelated hydraulic problem.

NEVSKIY 28 (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 5 -- General cargo *Nevskiy 28* (2198 gt, built 1986), Seskar for St. Petersburg, cargo of 3,500 tons of sand, struck a submerged object when on the approach channel in the vicinity of Buoys 33 and 34 at 2215, Oct 4. There is a water inflow into the steering compartment and the ballast tanks of No 1 hold. Emergency tugs and general cargo *Nevskiy 30* are en route to offload cargo and remove the vessel from the obstacle. -- Correspondent. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Nevskiy 28* was stationary in lat 59 57 28N, long 30 15 14E, at 1345, UTC, today and *Nevskiy 30* was in lat 59 57 06E, long 30 09 06E, at 1425, UTC, today, speed 7.9 knots, course 281 deg.)

NEW FLAME (Panama)

London, Oct 5 -- A report in the Oct 4 issue of "Newsfront", states: Tsavliris Salvage will use the same 'cheese wire', cutting technique to split the stranded, 43,800 dwt bulk carrier *New Flame* that was used to dismantle the 49,800 gt car carrier *Tricolor* and Russian submarine *Kursk*. The Greek salvor is to use a cutting wire, to cut the hull of the 1994-built bulker in half as it lies grounded off Gibraltar after being in collision mid-August with the Torm-controlled, 46,000 dwt product tanker *Torm Gertrud*, which sustained minor damage. The cutting technique was last

used by Smit when it dismantled the *Tricolor*, which grounded in the English Channel four years ago. The cut in the hull of the *New Flame* will be made about one-third of the vessel's length in from the bow. The work is scheduled to begin in the first week of October and if the weather remains favourable is estimated to take "only a few days", contrary to earlier reports of up to a month. Tsavliris explained the cutting operation requires two stable platforms provided by anchor handling tug supply vessels in order to fit the winches (master and slave which are separately installed) control rooms and power packs. Only difference between the master and the slave winches is the master has a control desk and display panel for the purpose of determining settings like winch speed, back tension, pre-set points and the length of the cutting stroke. On Sep 12 Tsavliris completed the lightering of the 700 tonnes of fuel oil and lube oils on board a job which took 30 days. The tanks have been stripped and sealed with expanding foam and the oilspill-response units provided by the European Maritime Safety Agency (Emsa) were not required as no oil spilled. The stern section is to be towed to safe waters in the Bay of Gibraltar to remove the cargo before it is taken to the Cammel Laird Gibraltar dry dock. The vessel's bow and its cargo of steel products, however, will have to be dismantled further on site an operation expected to take six months to complete.

London, Oct 10 -- Cargo interests have tabled notice of major claims against the owners of the product tanker *Torm Gertrud* and of the bulk carrier *New Flame*, which were in collision off Gibraltar in an incident which left the latter the subject of a tricky salvage operation. Experts expect that the majority of the value of the *New Flame's* cargo of 44,200 tonnes of scrap will be lost, with initial estimates of a minimum \$10m. Dolphin Maritime, the London-based cargo recovery specialist, which has issued writs in New York against both owners, said that with operations still proceeding, it was difficult to quantify the loss, but it would be substantial. As the Torm group recently bought the US tanker company OMI, it will be responding on home ground. The *New Flame*, was on voyage from New York to Turkey with a cargo worth around \$13.5m, covered by two insurers, when the incident occurred. Representatives of the *Torm Gertrud* are separately reported to have issued a writ in Gibraltar against the *New Flame*. Gibraltar is subject to a 1976 limitation convention that entails much lower compensation than the 1996 limitation convention and is also lower than the limitation which is applied in the US and usually based on the value of the vessel. The *New Flame* hull may have been worth in the region of \$25m to \$30m, and is insured for protection and indemnity by the Swedish Club. The claim against both vessels seeks an indemnity for the reward that will have to be paid to the salvors and for cargo lost in hold

number two, which will be cut and become open to the sea, and an indemnity for any lost in number one hold, which is likely to remain on the seabed for some time. The salvage claim predicted of at least \$10m could outstrip the likely value of the salvaged ship and cargo.

NIKO (Georgia)

London, Oct 8 -- Fishing (general) *Niko* (289 gt, built 1984) sank in lat 50 25.00N, long 153.00E, southern Okhotsk sea, Sep 27. Coast Guard vessel *Dzerzhinskiy* rescued 17 crew and were taken to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy.

NORDLYS (Norway)

Trondheim, Oct 5 -- According to Honningsvaag port authorities temporary repairs to passenger ro/ro *Nordlys* were completed and the vessel sailed Honningsvaag at 1630, Oct 3, believed scheduled for Bergen. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Bergen, Oct 8 -- Passenger ro/ro *Nordlys* arrived at the BMV shipyard, Laksevaag, Bergen. They will repair/shift, the side doors (ramps), which were damaged after the vessel struck the quay at Honningsvaag on Sep 28. The vessel will depart Bergen around Nov 2. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

NORMAND FERKING (Norway)

Sandnes, Oct 7 -- Anchor handling tug/supply *Normand Ferking* (7540 gt, built 2007) grounded when passing the Skatestraumen, south of Maaloy, at 2030, local time, today. Vessel refloated, by own means, shortly after and arrived Maaloy at 2240, local time, for inspections. No injuries to the crew of 18. Vessel is now in lat 61 55.80N, long 05 07.40E. -- Correspondent.

NORMAND FLIPPER (Norway)

London, Oct 6 -- Following received from Coastguard Aberdeen MRCC, timed 2139, UTC, Oct 5: Anchor handling tug/supply *Normand Flipper* (3396 gt, built 2003), from Aberdeen, fifteen persons on board, reported an engine-room fire in lat 57 09.5N, long 01 38.2W. Vessel confirmed there was no fire on board and that smoke was caused by an overheated bearing. *Normand Flipper* now returning to Aberdeen, SAROPS terminated. (Note - *Normand Flipper* 1.8 nautical miles from Aberdeen, speed 5.4 knots, at 2358, Oct 5.)

London, Oct 7 -- Anchor handling tug/supply *Normand Flipper* arrived Aberdeen at 0011, Oct 6.

London, Oct 8 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, anchor handling tug/supply *Normand Flipper* stationary at Aberdeen at 1510, UTC, today.

OCEAN CROWN (Cyprus)

London, Oct 9 -- Bulk carrier *Ocean Crown* sailed Puerto Montt Oct 7 for Talcahuano, where ETA Oct 9.

London, Oct 10 -- Bulk carrier *Ocean Crown* arrived Talcahuano 1100, Oct 9.

London, Oct 11 -- Five Oceans Salvage Consultants has completed the salvage of bulk carrier *Ocean Crown* which grounded off Chile in August. The

vessel, which ran aground while carrying a cargo of copper concentrates for India, was refloated early in the operation but sustained substantial bottom damage. Five Oceans discharged the cargo to two handysize receiving vessels for dispatch to India, and undertook underwater patching to prepare the vessel for the voyage to Talcahuano for repairs. According to the salvor, the nine weeklong operation was completed with no pollution off the coast of southern Chile, sensitive for its salmon farming, among other activities.

OITA (Japan)

London, Oct 8 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passenger ro/ro *Oita* (2470 gt, built 2004) was in contact with a lighthouse yesterday as it sailed out of Beppu port in Oita Prefecture, but all 62 passengers and crew members were safe, the local coast guard said. The ferry for Yawatahama, Ehime Prefecture, operated by Uwajima Unyu Ferry, collided with the 6.4-metre lighthouse located at the port's breakwater at around 0550 hrs and the lighthouse collapsed. After hitting the lighthouse, the ferry then drifted out of the port. It returned to the port about three and a half hours later, towed by a tugboat. The ferry is believed to have had engine trouble and the crew had lost control of the vessel at the time of the accident.

Yokohama, Oct 11 -- Passenger ro/ro *Oita* completed repairs and resumed her voyage at 1535, Oct 8. -- Lloyd's Agents.

OLA (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 10 -- Reefer *Ola* (1884 gt, built 1980), 18 crew, while on passage to Busan to unload fish, had main engine failure and was adrift in lat 49 28.1N, long 155 29.3E, 20 nautical miles east of Onkotan island, Kurile Islands, at 0920, local time, Oct 9. The vessel is awaiting the arrival of salvage tug *Predanny* to be towed into Busan, ETA on scene 1200, local time, Oct 10. There are other vessels in the area. The weather in the area is favourable. -- Correspondent.

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 11 -- Reefer *Ola* was taken in tow by salvage tug *Predanny* at 1400, Oct 10. Tow is now en route to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatka at a speed of 5 knots, ETA Oct 13. -- Correspondent.

Vladivostok, Oct 11 -- Vladivostok Salvage Co-ordinating Centre advise that reefer *Ola*, proceeding to Busan with cargo of frozen fish on board, sustained main engine failure 30 miles from Onkotan island, Kurile Islands, yesterday (Oct 10). Salvage tug *Predanny* is proceeding. -- Lloyd's Agents.

OLAGORTA (Spain)

London, Oct 5 -- Following navigation warning dated Oct 4, states: Fishing (general) *Olagorta* adrift in lat 44 10S, long 59 03W, listing to port side, drifting 070 degrees.

London, Oct 7 -- Following navigation warning dated Oct 6, states:

Fishing (general) *Olagorta* adrift in lat 44 07.0S, long 58 39.0W, heeling 015, drifting to 90, speed 0.2 knots.

London, Oct 8 -- Following navigation warning, dated Oct 7, states: Fishing (general) *Calafate* towing fishing (general) *Olagorta* in lat 42 13S, long 56 40W, bound for Montevideo.

London, Oct 10 -- Following navigation warning, dated Oct 8, states: Fishing *Calafate* towing (general) *Olagorta* in 39 39S, long 53 39W, speed 5.9 knots, bound Montevideo.

OLVY-01 (Panama)

London, Oct 6 -- The Labuan Marine Department are in the process of monitoring salvaging works of the general cargo *Olvly-01* that has been stranded at Tanjung Taras beach, in Labuan, since December last year. Its Director Abdul Aziz Muhamud said the owners of the vessel had complied with the department's proposal to have the vessel refloated and taken to the nearest dockyard for repairs, rather than having it destroyed as scrap on the spot. According to him, a contractor had been assigned for the task after the owners had deposited a bond as security for the task. At the same time, the department would monitor the situation to ensure that the stipulated requirements are complied with, he said.

PANAMAX PEPPOU (Panama)

London, Oct 6 -- Bulk carrier *Panamax Peppou* (34446 gt, built 1983), with 40,000 tonnes soya beans, grounded at km15, Emilio Mitre Channel, Parana River, Argentina, at 1306, local time, Oct 5. Vessel refloated, between 0200 and 0400, local time, Oct 6, under own power. -- Note: According to Informa's AIS system, latest position of *Panamax Peppou*, at 0429, Oct 6, in lat 34 36 44.21S, long 59 14 6.51W, 8.6 nautical miles from Buenos Aires, speed 2.5 knots, course 87.9 degrees.

Buenos Aires, Oct 8 -- Bulk carrier *Panamax Peppou* grounded at km 12 of the Emilio Mitre Channel at 1305, local time, Oct 5, while proceeding downstream and its position obstructed navigation either way. It refloated at 0020, local time, Oct 6 and as from 0102, local time, the channel was open to navigation. -- Lloyd's Agents.

PAPER MOON (Antigua & Barbuda)

Szczecin, Oct 5 -- General cargo *Paper Moon* (2292 gt, built 1990) loaded steel products, account Mittal Steel, at Szczecin between Sep 26 and 28. Vessel then experienced engine problems and was docked, understand in loaded condition, in Szczecin Shipyard. The vessel left Szczecin in seaworthy condition Oct 2. -- Correspondent. (Note -- *Paper Moon* sailed Szczecin Oct 2 for Flixborough and subsequently passed Brunsbuttel 2006, Oct 4.)

London, Oct 9 -- General cargo *Paper Moon* arrived Goole Oct 6.

PEARL (North Korea)

Kochi, Oct 10 -- General cargo *Pearl* (9077 gt, built 1977), cargo sugar

loaded in Tuticorin, and roll on roll off with container capacity *Kripa* (10848 gt, built 1979) were in collision at Tuticorin anchorage Sep 29. *Pearl* was slightly dented. The vessel is detained by the Mercantile Marine Department, Tuticorin. *Kripa* sustained minor damage which was repaired and the vessel sailed Oct 6 for Colombo. -- Lloyd's Agents.

PERLAV (Panama)

London, Oct 10 -- Following coastal notice to mariners is in force: Paranagua anchorage No.12: Existence of anchor in lat 25 38.50S, long 48 12W, lost from general cargo *Perlav* (10320 gt, built 1979) (date not known). Caution advised.

POLAR STAR (Barbados)

London, Oct 5 -- Passenger (cruise) *Polar Star* (4998 gt, built 1969) reported striking a rock, at 1717, UTC, Oct 4, while enroute from Grey River to Francois, NL, in lat 47 30N, long 57 30W. The vessel holed a fresh water tank.

London, Oct 8 -- Passenger (cruise) *Polar Star* arrived Halifax 0159, Oct 7.

London, Oct 11 -- Passenger (cruise) *Polar Star* sailed Halifax Oct 9.

PRINCE MOUDI (Lebanon)

Beirut, Oct 8 -- General cargo *Prince Moudi* is still laid up at Tripoli, Lebanon. -- Lloyd's Agents.

RED FALCON (U.K.)

London, Oct 9 -- A press release from Red Funnel, dated today, states: Due to a technical problem on passenger ro/ro *Red Falcon* (3953 gt, built 1994) that occurred overnight, Red Funnel is operating a two-ship vehicle service for the next 24 hours which means the following sailings have been cancelled: From Southampton: The 1100, 1400, 1700 and 2000 today and the 0500 and 0800, Oct 10. From East Cowes: The 1230, 1530, 1830 and 2130 today and the 0630 and 0930, Oct 10. Note: Sailings at all other times will operate normally as per the timetable. Everything possible is being done to affect repairs and it is hoped the normal three-ship service will resume from 0900 tomorrow. Red Funnel would like to apologise for any inconvenience this will cause to customers. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Red Falcon* stationary at Southampton since 2027, UTC, Oct 8.)

London, Oct 10 -- A press release from Red Funnel, dated Oct 9, states: A technical problem (on passenger ro/ro *Red Falcon*) that led to cancellations on Oct 9 has been resolved and all services are now operating normally. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Red Falcon* proceeded from Southampton at 1916, UTC, Oct 9.)

REGGANE (Liberia)

London, Oct 5 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1250, UTC: Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Reggane* (47174 gt, built 1999) grounded at Mile 215, River Mississippi, just south of Baton Rouge, at 0900, UTC, Oct 4. Vessel refloated

under its own power at 1051, UTC, same day and anchored nearby. At present they are awaiting a classification society report. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Reggane* was located stationary in lat 30 20 28.2N, long 91 14 19.8W, at 1222, UTC, Oct 4.)

London, Oct 7 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1830, UTC: Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Reggane* cleared anchorage position at 2100, UTC, Oct 6, destination not given.

REPUBBLICA DI GENOVA (Italy)

London, Oct 8 -- A Svitzer Salvage report, dated Oct 6, states: After a month of further preparations following the successful uprighting of the passenger ro/ro *Repubblica di Genova* in Antwerp, actual operations to refloat the vessel were started by the Svitzer Salvage team Oct 5 as planned with testing the installed systems. These included pumping systems, some of them pre-installed prior to the parbuckling, and special pulling systems connected between the casualty and a barge alongside for stability support during critical phases of the refloating. The testing phase was completed without difficulty and thus the actual refloating was started. The Svitzer Salvage team has succeeded in refloating the vessel with the present condition being as follows: Vessel off the bottom and free floating. In total well over 55,000 tons of water had to be removed in a special developed sequence in order to maintain the maximum stability possible throughout. The list now is 5.5 to 6 degrees. The plan now is to continue the pumping operations step by step in order to get the vessel in a condition that the rest of the cargo can be discharged. One of the compartments that still needs to be dewatered is the engine-room, which purposely has been kept underwater in order to not allow oxygen to reach engine parts now underwater and thus to prevent corrosion. Pumping of this compartment will be started only when crews can immediately start with engineroom preservation to prevent corrosion.

Zeebrugge, Oct 9 -- Passenger ro/ro *Repubblica di Genova*: The salvage operation succeeded and the vessel is alongside the quay. Experts have to determine now whether the vessel needs to be towed towards a dry dock in Antwerp or any other port in the region for repairs. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

RIG DELIVERER (Panama)

See "Seawave Maritime SA" under "Seizures & Arrests."

ROSANNA

Flushing, Oct 8 -- Hydrofoil *Rosanna*, built 2002, length 27.4 metres, owned by Rederij Naco BV, Velsen, and in service with Connexion, was in collision with military police patrol boat *RV 162*, in the Australiëhaven, Amsterdam at 0815, local time today. *Rosanna* was in a regularly service from Velsen to Amsterdam with 33 passengers on

board. In the accident there were seven injured people of which three on board of *Rosanna* were badly injured, with broken limbs and back injuries. Four others were slightly injured, among which is the master of the patrol boat. Two of the passengers had heart problems when they came ashore. The hydrofoil has a large hole in its stern and was making water. It has been pushed ashore by patrol boat *HD 6*, of the port authorities. A pump was installed to pump out the ingress of water. After being moored, the passengers went ashore and the injured were transported to the hospital. *RV 162* sustained bow damage. An investigation will be made by the authorities to the cause of this accident. -- Correspondent.

SAMMARINA M. (Romania)

Bucharest, Oct 5 -- Ro/ro *Sammarina M.* is currently laid-up at Constantza. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Sammarina M* arrived at Constantza in January 2006 and was subsequently arrested.)

SAMUBARA PACIFIC (Indonesia)

Taipei, Oct 9 -- According to local press reports Indonesian fishing (general) *Samubara Pacific* (also reported as *Samubara Pacific*) lost propulsion when encountering the stormy weather nearby Liu-Chiu Yu islet Oct 6. Subsequently, total 11 crew members including master were safely rescued by Taiwan Coast Guard. Finally the vessel drifted aground on the coast of Checheng (lat 22 05N, long 120 42E), Pingtung, south-east of Taiwan. Because the coastlines of Checheng is mostly composed of cliffs, it is difficult to arrange the salvage/towing process by a tug. Therefore, the vessel is now proposing to refloat at high tide and then to conduct temporary repairs in port of Kaohsiung. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct 9 -- Following received from Taipei MRCC, timed 0840, UTC: Fishing *Samubara Pacific* is approximately 400 tons. Vessel is still aground.

SAMUR 10 (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 9 -- General cargo *Samur 10* was taken by tugs to mooring at Noushekhr to complete loading at 0800, Oct 4. -- Correspondent.

SAN MATIAS (Argentina)

London, Oct 5 -- Following navigation warning issued today: Fishing *Cabo Tres Puntas* towing fishing (general) *San Matias* (? 223 gt) in lat 42 09S, long 60 53 W, line length 450 metres, speed seven knots, course 330 degrees.

SAUNIÈRE (Canada)

London, Oct 5 -- Bulk carrier *Sauniere* arrived Corner Brook Oct 1 and sailed Oct 2 for St. John's, Canada.

SEA BULKER (Hong Kong)

Dakar, Oct 6 -- Bulk carrier *Sea Bulker* was released from arrest Oct 4. -- Correspondent.

London, Oct 9 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulk carrier *Sea Bulker* in lat

06 26 54.6N, long 11 15 57.6W, Monrovia 27.8 nautical miles, speed 11.9 knots, ETA Setubal 0700, Oct 15, at 1809, UTC, Oct 9.)

SEA DIAMOND (Greece)

London, Oct 8 -- A press report, dated Oct 7, states: A diver was killed while examining the hull of the sunken passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* off the island of Santorini, authorities said today. The 44-year-old man, who died yesterday, was part of a diving team gathering video and other evidence for a judicial investigation into what caused the ship to sink, the Merchant Marine Ministry said.

SEA ENDEAVOUR I (Panama)

Turku, Oct 9 -- Repairs to tug *Sea Endeavour I* have been completed. Vessel's agents today informed that it sailed Mantyluoto Oct 6 for Gefle. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SEA EXPRESS 1 (U.K.)

Liverpool, Oct 10 -- Passenger ro/ro *Sea Express 1* is still under repair at Birkenhead, no date for completion is known at present. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SEA SPARKLE (Panama)

London, Oct 6 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: More than 50 seamen have been exposed to asbestos on deregulated bulk carrier *Sea Sparkle* (23207 gt, built 1984) docked in north Queensland, the Maritime Union of Australia says. The material was found in the cabin of the cranes on the vessel, which is docked in Townsville. International Transport Workers Federation national coordinator Dean Summers said tests yesterday confirmed the material was asbestos. He said the federation had concerns for the health of 27 Chinese crew on board the Panamanian registered bulk carrier. "We have information that the asbestos material may be present in the engine-room, crew's cabins, gallery and mess room, so we are very concerned for their health and safety," he said. A Maritime Union of Australia spokesman said deregulated ships visiting Australia sometimes posed a threat for all workers. "We know that these unregulated ships don't comply to the same high safety standards of Australian ships, but if it's unsafe for Australian workers then it's unsafe for Chinese seamen," the spokesman said. (Note -- *Sea Sparkle* arrived Townsville Oct 2.)

London, Oct 7 -- The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) says waterside workers have found more asbestos on bulk carrier *Sea Sparkle* in the port of Townsville. The hazardous product was found late yesterday in four crane cabins on the Panamanian-registered bulk carrier *Sea Sparkle*. Townsville dock workers first discovered asbestos on the vessel while unloading cargo on Thursday (Oct 4). Federation spokesman Dean Summers says it is time for a full asbestos audit of the ship by a qualified expert. "The wharfies have found even more asbestos inside the crane cabins that they are expected to work in, and

so they have taken themselves out of the way of danger and walked off the ship," he said. "We continue to press for a full audit of the ship. That means to get proper highly qualified and trained people to go through all areas of that ship, including the areas that crews live in."

Sydney, Oct 9 -- The 27 seafarers aboard the bulk carrier *Sea Sparkle* have been x-rayed in Townsville and placed on an asbestos register after the substance was found on the bulker last week. International Transport Workers Federation (ITWF) coordinator Dean Summers said the Chinese seafarers were examined and a record was made of their current state of health. The master of the Panama-flagged vessel was issued with a deficiency notice after an Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) investigation found asbestos in the cabin of the ship's crane on Oct 4. Further inspection of the vessel revealed asbestos in the crew's cabins, galley and mess room, and six bags of the material in the ship's engine-room. The ITWF and the Maritime Union of Australia have requested a full audit of the *Sea Sparkle*. They want the vessel air tested and an asbestos safety management system developed. The 38,380 dwt vessel, operated by Cosco Bulk Carrier, is due to arrive in Eden on Friday (Oct 12) before returning to China. -- Lloyd's List Daily Commercial News.

SERENITY (Bermuda)

Hamilton, Bermuda, Oct 5 -- Ferry *Serenity* is still out of service and is currently undergoing a service on the engines. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SETTU MARU (Japan)

London, Oct 6 -- Following navigation warning dated today, states: Sunken wreck (general cargo *Settu Maru*) exists in vicinity of lat 34 21.2N, long 133 45.0E.

SHELLY (Slovakia)

London, Oct 11 -- A press report, dated Oct 9, states: On Aug 31 the shores of Kiryat Haim near Haifa were contaminated by oil following the collision and subsequent sinking of general cargo *Shelly*. In the wake of the contamination of the coast, the Environmental Protection Ministry's Marine and Coastal Environment Division called on the representatives of the vessel responsible for the collision to implement bioremediation of the oil which was washed ashore. In the beginning of October initial preparations for remediation in the contaminated sand area began, with the aim of reducing the hydrocarbon (fuel) content in the sand from some 7000 milligrams per litre of total petroleum hydrocarbons to background levels within a few weeks. The remediation is being carried out by Easytop Ltd, under the guidance of the Marine and Coastal Environment Division.

SIBIRSKIY 2133 (Russia)

London, Oct 6 -- General cargo *Sibirskiy 2133* arrived Azov Sep 14.

SILVIA ANA L. (Bahamas)

Kiel, Oct 11 -- Roll On Roll Off *Silvia Ana L.* (7895 gt, built 1996) was pushed against the stern of passenger ro/ro *Stena Danica* (28727 gt, built 1982) in the port of Frederikshavn during the morning of Oct 10. The accident happened in spite of assistance of the tug *Garm*. *Stena Danica* sustained dents on starboard side beneath the car ramp at the stern. *Silvia Ana L.* had a gash on port side some metres above the waterline at the stern. After the collision the *Silvia Ana L.* entered drydock three at Orskovs Yard in Frederikshavn. Workers of the yard started repairs to the damaged ducktail of *Stena Danica* while the vessel remained berthed at its quay. -- Correspondent.

SINU-I-WASA III (Fiji)

London, Oct 8 -- A press report, dated today, states: Police are investigating the cause of the fire which destroyed the Inter-Island passenger ro/ro passenger ro/ro *Sinu-I-Wasa III* (1721 gt, built 1964) a little after 1300 this afternoon. Divisional Police Commander Eastern, SSP Emosi Baleinuku, has confirmed that a team has been assigned to investigate the fire which destroyed the vessel which was formerly known as the *Adi Savusavu* while it was berthed at the Levuka Wharf. The cost of damage is unknown at this moment. No reports of casualties have been received. A team of six highly qualified fire officers are on their way to Levuka to investigate the fire. Chief Fire Officer, Mark Reid has confirmed that his officers in Levuka went to the scene after receiving a call. He has directed a team to fully investigate the cause of the fire.

London, Oct 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: The fire that engulfed passenger ro/ro *Sinu-I-Wasa III* at Levuka this week had been caused accidentally, said the National Fire Authority. NFA Chief Fire Officer Mark Reid said it appeared that the fire was started by a worker with blow torch conducting rust prevention works. "There is no evidence to suggest any other cause of fire," said Mr. Reid who heaped praise on the Levuka community in helping extinguish the blaze. "I believe this has been a very successful operation and I would like to thank all NFA staff and volunteers who worked very hard over long hours to achieve this result," he said. "I would also like to thank all of the supporting agencies and authorities and businesses in Levuka for supporting our fire-fighting effort." Mr. Reid is expected in Levuka to today to personally thank all parties who had assisted to controlling the blaze which occurred Monday (Oct 8) afternoon. Twelve firefighters from the Levuka fire station had initially responded to the fire on the vessel, which has been moored in Levuka for the last few months. The fire which started in the afternoon quickly spread through the upper accommodation areas of the ship producing large volumes of black toxic smoke forcing fire fighters to used

breathing apparatus. Mr. Reid said additional fire officers arrived in Levuka yesterday morning to help determine remove the water that had accumulated in the hull during fire-fighting operations. He said fire officers are expected to watch over the vessel for the next few days to ensure all hot spots have been extinguished.

Suva, Oct 11 -- Passenger ro/ro *Sinu-I-Wasa III* caught fire while berthed at Levuka wharf, Oct 7. The fire that engulfed the ferry was caused accidentally by a worker with a blow torch conducting rust prevention work. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SKARBAK (Norway)

See *Doris*.

SMIT BARRACUDA (Netherlands)

London, Oct 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: Two men have been taken to hospital after pusher tug *Smit Barracuda* (230 gt, built 2006) struck a number of safety boats close to the scene of an earlier fatal accident. They were thrown into the sea near a liquefied natural gas jetty at Milford Haven. Milford Haven Port Authority said it launched an investigation following the accident at about 0630, UTC. "Two people were thrown into the water as a result of the incident, but both were rescued and taken to hospital," it said. "The port authority has ordered all marine activity in the vicinity of the jetty to cease while the investigation is carried out. The rest of the Haven remains open as normal."

SPAR CANIS (NIS)

See *Capital Queen*.

STAR PROVIDENCE (Panama)

London, Oct 10 -- Bulk carrier with container capacity *Star Providence* sailed Singapore Oct 1 for Bata.

STARLING (Singapore)

London, Oct 9 -- According to Tuticorin Port Trust combined chemical and oil tank *Starling*, in ballast, was still in port for repair at 0600, local time, today.

London, Oct 10 -- According to Tuticorin Port Trust today combined chemical and oil tanker *Starling*, "cargo 8350 tons palm oil," sailed late yesterday.

STENA DANICA (Sweden)

See *Silvia Ana L.*

SUN FLOWER KOGANE (Japan)

Yokohama, Oct 10 -- Roll On Roll Off *Sun Flower Kogane* (9684 gt, built 1992), while berthing, was in contact with the mooring facilities at Matsuyama-Kanko port, at 2215, Oct 7 and as a result sustained damage to port stern. The ferry resumed its voyage at 2350 hrs. No water ingress or injuries reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SUN LIGHT (Bahamas)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 9 -- Reefer *Sun Light* during unloading of bananas on the moorage No.2 of Baltic ship-repair plant (St. Petersburg) a fire broke out in the vessel's No.4 lower hold at 1815,

Oct 8. At 0120 today the fire was completely extinguished by the forces of MCHS (Emergency and Disaster Relief Ministry) and the crew. -- Correspondent. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Sun Light* was moored in lat 59 55 10N, long 30 15 12E, at 0756, UTC, today.)

St. Petersburg, Oct 10 -- According to website of St.Petersburg Sea Port Authorities, reefer *Sun Light* is under discharging operations at Baltic shiprepairyard. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TEAM ANEMONIA (Cyprus)

London, Oct 5 -- Chemical tanker *Team Anemonia* arrived Gibraltar 0257, Oct 3, and sailed 1941 same day for Rotterdam.

TERESA DEL MAR (Canary Islands)

See *MSC Sinfonia*.

THOR AMALIE (Panama)

London, Oct 5 -- Understand general cargo *Thor Amalie* has been towed into Wakkanai by a tug.

Yokohama, Oct 9 -- General cargo *Thor Amalie* had engine trouble in lat 45 32N, long 140 04E, at 0200, Oct 3 and as a result was towed to Wakkanai port at 1400, Oct 5. Vessel is now under repairs which are reportedly to be completed on Oct 11. -- Lloyd's Agents.

THOR HAWK (DIS)

Kochi, Oct 10 -- Fully cellular containership *Thor Hawk* is still under repair (at Tuticorin). -- Lloyd's Agents.

TIANJIN (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Oct 6 -- Following navigation warning issued today: Engine troubled general cargo *Tianjin* (23239 gt, built 1979), adrift in lat 24 30.3N, long 123 28.7E at 1746, UTC, Oct 5.

London, Oct 8 -- Following received from Japan Coast Guard, timed 2345, UTC, Oct 7: General cargo *Tianjin* is drifting due to problems with its battery. Taipei RCC are coordinating the incident.

London, Oct 8 -- Following received from Taipei MRCC, timed 1000, UTC: General cargo *Tianjin* is being towed to Hualien by tug *Dong Hai Jiu 199*.

London, Oct 9 -- Following received from Taipei MRCC, timed 0105, UTC: General cargo *Tianjin* has been towed to Hualien port. (See issue of Oct 9.)

Taipei, Oct 9 -- According to the local agents of general cargo *Tianjin* it is being towed to Hualien, with ETA 1200 tomorrow. It was also reported by the local agent that the vessel will be berthed at Hualien port for discharging the cargo, granite, and also to repair the machinery damage. It is uncertain at this stage when repairs will be completed. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TIGER SPIRIT (Cyprus)

Singapore, Oct 10 -- According to yesterday's Daily Shipping List general cargo *Tiger Spirit* is at Western Jurong Anchorage. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TOEI MARU (Japan)

Yokohama, Oct 10 -- Tanker *Tbei Maru* (699 gt, built 1989), Shiogama for

Onahama, became unnavigable due to breakage of fuel pump drive gear in lat 37 33.9N, long 141 05.9E, at 2120, Oct 5. The vessel was towed by a tug to Northeastern dock, Shiogama, at 1310, Oct 6. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TORM ALEXANDRA (Malta)

London, Oct 5 -- A press report, dated Oct 4, states: General cargo *Torm Alexandra*, which sank at the harbor of the Freeport of Monrovia on Jul 25, 2001, is gradually running into trouble with its local and international contractors grumbling over wages. The contractors recently staged a 'go-slow' in protest for their wages. The workers were seen sitting on the pier, where the wrecked vessel is lying. It is reported that the vessel has been abandoned by both local and international divers including the head contractors. It was also observed that the vessel which was lying on one side of the harbor following the incident has been repositioned to its normal balance. What remains is to pump out water from the vessel before taking it out of the port. The vessel regained its balance after the contractors placed some heavy plastic material in the form of a balloon around the vessel and pumped high air pressure from a giant compressor. The head contractor for Delta Impex Talal Labban said that in a short time the vessel will be afloat and later removed from the proximity of the port. One employee of the NPA said that the reason why Delta were not around is that they lost one of their divers.

TORM GERTRUD (DIS)

See *New Flame*.

TRAFALGAR (U.K.)

Buenos Aires, Oct 10 -- Bulk carrier *Trafalgar* (40008 gt, built 2001) grounded at Km 464.6, River Coronda, due alleged navigation error Oct 6. Refloating manoeuvres are currently being carried out by one tug. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TRINE CHARLOTTE (Norway)

Trondheim, Oct 9 -- According to Kvernhusvik Shipyard, Hitra, general cargo *Trine Charlotte* is scheduled to leave the yard today or tomorrow after completion of repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Trondheim, Oct 10 -- Kvernhusvik Shipyard inform general cargo *Trine Charlotte's* departure from the yard has been delayed. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TRUST DUBAI (Singapore)

London, Oct 6 -- Roll On Roll Off *Trust Dubai* arrived Nakhodka Oct 2 and sailed Oct 4.

VALUR IS-18 (Iceland)

Reykjavik, Oct 5 -- Fishing (general) *Valur IS-18* has been transferred (towed) to Bolungarvik, where she is presently lying alongside. Repairs to the gears are being carried out and they are now waiting for spare parts which were not available in Iceland, but are being ordered from abroad. -- Lloyd's Agents.

VERDI (Belgium)

Maassluis, Oct 11 -- Belgian minehunter *Aster* was in collision with inland tank barge *Verdi* (? 1268 dwt, built 1962) on upper side of the North Sea Terminal at 1008, local time, today in dense fog. *Aster* reportedly had a fire on board and was losing fuel oil. Both vessels are heading to the Schaar Ouden Doel. Tug assistance is underway. Later it appears there was no fire on board of *Aster* also there was no loss of fuel. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note -- *Aster* sailed Antwerp river berth S.28 at 0858, local time, today.)

Flushing, Oct 11 -- Tank barge *Verdi* and minehunter *Aster* were in collision in fog near the Noordzee terminal on the River Scheldt at approximately 1000, local time. Understand there was no oil spill and no fire. The damage to both vessels is above the waterline. -- Correspondent.

VIEN DONG 2 (Vietnam)

London, Oct 5 -- Following received from Port Blair MRCC, timed 1135, UTC: General cargo *Vien Dong 2* is still aground. The salvage team is on scene trying to work out a solution.

London, Oct 7 -- Following received from Port Blair MRCC, timed 0705, UTC: General cargo *Vien Dong 2* is still aground, with no change in situation.

London, Oct 8 -- Understand salvage services are being rendered to general cargo *Vien Dong 2* under Lloyd's Open Form by SMIT Singapore.

London, Oct 9 -- Following received from Port Blair MRCC, timed 0920, UTC: General cargo *Vien Dong 2* is still aground, situation unchanged.

WEESAM EXPRESS 1 (Philippines)

Manila, Oct 5 -- The Maritime Industry Authority(MARINA) reported that ferry *Weesam Express 1* resumed normal operations on Thursday (Oct 4) after repairs were completed on its propellers and tail shafts. The vessel was drydocked at Locsin Marine Consultancy Services slipway in Iloilo city on Oct 3. Bottom hull survey indicated that while its hull was undamaged, its starboard and portside tailshafts had been deflected and two propellers damaged. The two propellers were replaced and tailshaft repaired. Sea trials were conducted on Oct 4 under the supervision of a MARINA engineer. This involved a full speed ahead run through it's regular route between Iloilo and Bacolod. The vessel successfully completed it's sea trials and MARINA restored its safety certificate. The vessel resumed regular operations between Iloilo and Bacolod in the afternoon of Oct 4. -- Correspondent.

WHITE MIST (Panama)

London, Oct 11 -- Bulk carrier *White Mist* arrived Shanghai Sep 28.

WILLASSEN SENIOR (Norway)

Kiel, Oct 8 -- Fishing (general) *Willassen Senior*: It is still unclear whether the repair costs will exceed the insured value, Norwegian crowns 19.7 million, of the vessel. A decision about the ship's fate will be made towards the end of the week. -- Correspondent.

WILSON SKAW (Bahamas)

London, Oct 5 -- Bulk carrier *Wilson Skaw* sailed Halifax at 2202, Oct 3.

WINDFIELD (Bahamas)

London, Oct 10 -- On Sep 19 general cargo *Windfield*, Rotterdam for Cape Town and Durban laden with fertiliser, second-hand cars and other general goods reported fire on the bridge while in the south Atlantic. The vessel was able to extinguish the fire itself and limped into Cape Town anchorage unaided, but with much of its communications equipment not functioning. The shipowners declared general average. It is owners' intention to discharge the Cape Town cargo and thereafter to assess whether the vessel can proceed to Durban to complete the contractual voyage. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Windfield* was in lat 33 55 26S, long 18 16 12E, at 0731, UTC, today, course 214 degrees, speed 11.2 knots, bound Durban where ETA Oct 13.)

WINDLAND (Antigua & Barbuda)

Tallinn, Oct 5 -- General cargo *Windland* has discharged all cargo of sawn timber at Vene-Balti Harbour, Tallinn, and is currently awaiting docking. Earliest prospects in week 42 (Oct 15 - 21). -- Lloyd's Agents.

ZHEN HUA 8 (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

See "Belgium" under "Port State Control."

ZHOU YU LENG 7 (China)

London, Oct 10 -- Following received from Japan Coast Guard, timed 0050, UTC: Reefer *Zhou Yu Leng 7* (943 gt, built 1995) adrift in lat 42 10.1N, long 143 46.7E at 1500, UTC, Oct 9. No tug assistance required.

London, Oct 10 -- Following navigation warning issued today, states: Drifted engine troubled vessel (reefer *Zhou Yu Leng 7*) removed from Hokkaido south coast, east of Erimo Misaki.



SIERRA LEONE

London, Oct 7 -- Sierra Leone naval officers say they interrupted and arrested eight Guinean pirates trying to steal a Chinese fishing vessel 18 nautical miles off Freetown. The pirates in two speedboats were armed with AK-47 rifles. One speedboat escaped.



BELGIUM

London, Oct 9 -- Semi-sub HL vessel *Zhen Hua 8* sailed Zeebrugge 1836, Oct 5, for Montevideo.

Zeebrugge, Oct 9 -- General cargo *Daya 1* (906 gt, built 1978), at Antwerp, had its departure suspended at 1312, Oct 2, due deficiencies. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note -- *Daya 1* arrived Antwerp Oct 1.)

UNITED STATES

London, Oct 11 -- Bulk carrier *General Villa* (19510 gt, built 1985) was detained in Stockton, California, Aug 9 on suspicion of illegally discharging oily waste. Inspectors found 30.5 cubic meters of bilge unaccounted, an oily-water separator (OWS) not functioning properly, oil inside the discharge well valve and excessive oil in the bilges. Other deficiencies included wastage and a insignificant safety hazard in the engine-room caused by the condition of smoke and heat detectors. (Note -- *General Villa* arrived Stockton Aug 8 and sailed Aug 23, subsequently arrived Vancouver (USA) Aug 28.)

London, Oct 11 -- General cargo *Baltimar Orion* (2854 gt, built 1990) was detained at Houston by USCG for oil found in the OWS discharge line and inconsistencies in the oil record book, Sep 1. (Note -- *Baltimar Orion* according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, reported stationary off Houston from Aug 29 to Sep 4.)



ANNA (Lebanon)

Beirut, Oct 8 -- General cargo *Anna* is still under arrest at Tripoli, Lebanon. -- Lloyd's Agents.

B.ATLANTIC (Cayman Islands)

See "Drugs Found on Vessels, Venezuela."

BOA VISTA (Panama)

Gdynia, Sep 30 -- Roll On Roll Off *Boa Vista* (8104 gt, built 1973) is currently under arrest at Gdynia. -- Correspondent. (Note -- *Boa Vista* arrived Gdynia Jul 13.)

DRUGS FOUND ON VESSELS, VENEZUELA

London, Oct 4 -- Information received states: Lake Maracaibo has become an increasingly dangerous area to operate the numerous vessels that call there daily to load oil and coal, due to the increased frequency of incidents where drug traffickers are attaching contraband to the hulls of the vessels, resulting in the detention of the vessel and crews by local authorities. In the last few months a number of vessels have run into serious problems with local authorities as a result of drug seizures found during underwater inspections. These have resulted in lengthy detentions and judicial proceedings, creating great concern about the lack of security and surveillance provided by local authorities. The most recent reported

case involves Cayman Islands bulk carrier *B.Atlantic* (22073 gt, built 1983), registered Owners are B Navios Navegacao Lda, Madeira and managers B Navi S.p.A. from Italy. This vessel was to commence loading a cargo of coal at Palmarejo anchorage in Lake Maracaibo, when on arrival at the beginning of August the vessel was subject to an underwater inspection carried out by the local National Guard, who first found an empty bag secured to the hull and then on a second inspection on completion of loading operations on Aug 12 August found several bags containing more than 100 kg of cocaine. Despite the fact that numerous investigations showed no responsibility whatever on the part of the master, crew, agents or stevedores, in mid August the master and the second officer (both Ukrainian) were formally charged by the prosecutors who are also seeking the confiscation of the vessel. The law firm of Clyde and Co. of Caracas have been appointed to represent owners and the detained crew and are currently preparing the defense for the pre-trial hearing to take place next week. It is hoped that the court holding this hearing will agree to dismiss the case, though there is a danger the court could order a public trial seeking the conviction of the master and second officer, as well as the confiscation of the vessel and its cargo. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *B.Atlantic* was at anchor in lat 10 36 44N, long 71 35 01W, at 1330, UTC, today.)

JAVA BASSET

Karachi, Oct 5 -- Anchor handling tugs *Java Basset* and *Java Beagle* are both still under court arrest and both are presently moored at the Karachi shipyard channel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

KAVO MALEAS (Malta)

Bucharest, Oct 5 -- Bulk carrier *Kavo Maleas* is still at Constantza and her status is officially listed by the Port Authority as "other purposes". -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Kavo Maleas* arrived at Constantza in May 2003, and was due to carry out repairs in view of Class re-admission to Germanischer Lloyd, but the repairs were not carried out due to the reported dispute between former owners and present owners.)

KHERSONES (Ukraine)

Bahrain, Oct 5 -- Dredger *Kheriones* (5625 gt, built 1976) is currently under arrest, as a result of a reported dispute between ASRY and her owners. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Kheriones* arrived in Bahrain, in April 2006, for repairs.)

MERCAN A. (Turkey)

Bahrain, Oct 5 -- Bulk carrier *Mercan A.* is under the ownership of Kanika Marine Services and is in the process of refurbishment. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Mercan A.* arrived Bahrain Jan 2, 2002, and was reported under arrest there.)

MIGHTY DELIVERER (Panama)

See "Seawave Maritime SA."

OCT CHALLENGER

London, Oct 11 -- General cargo *OCT Challenger* sailed Almeria Oct 10. (Note -- *OCT Challenger* was intercepted off the south coast of Spain on Feb 13 and docked at Almeria where 3.5 tonnes of cocaine were found in vessel's water tanks.)

ROMAIN DELMAS (Gibraltar)

Zeebrugge, Oct 9 -- Roll On Roll Off *Romain Delmas* (31007 gt, built 1981), at Antwerp, had an embargo placed on it and was arrested at 1408, Oct 8. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note -- *Romain Delmas* arrived Antwerp Oct 7.)

SEAWAVE MARITIME S.A.

Cape Town, Oct 9 -- Tug *Mighty Deliverer* is currently in Cape Town and still under arrest. We have been advised by the local sheriff that involved parties are trying to obtain an order to conduct a sale through private treaty as they have a private buyer lined up. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SEAWAVE MARITIME SA

Durban, Oct 8 -- Anchor handling tug/supply *Rig Deliverer*: We were advised by the local agents that the vessel was sold on Sep 11. It is currently at Maydon Wharf in Durban Harbour. Estimated time of departure is anything between two weeks and a month. -- Lloyd's Agents.

THERMOPYLAE SIERRA (Cyprus)

London, Oct 11 -- General cargo *Thermopylae Sierra* remains under arrest at Colombo. The crew is still on board and there appear to have been no substantial developments lately.

TYULEN (Russia)

Trondheim, Oct 5 -- Fish factory *Tyulen* (3981 gt, built 1990) was arrested by Norwegian Coast Guard at Lopphavet, northern Norway, on Sep 26. It was taken to Hammerfest where it arrived at 0230, Sep 27, and is now at anchor. According to newspaper reports, the crew had been fishing without a licence and the owners have been charged with providing misleading reports. The vessel has been fined NOK 25,000 while the owners have been fined NOK 75,000. The trawler's catch, valued about one million NOK, has been confiscated by Norwegian authorities. The vessel will not be allowed to leave Hammerfest unless the owners are able to present a bank guarantee. The case will be tried in court on Nov 7. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Trondheim, Oct 8 -- Fish factory *Tyulen* sailed Hammerfest 2200, Oct 5. -- Lloyd's Agents.

VERA (Panama)

London, Oct 11 -- Bulk carrier *Vera* (23353 gt, built 1977), which arrived Ravenna Oct 9, is presently under repair there.



Pipeline Accidents

ALAMO TEMAPACHE, VERACRUZ, MEXICO

London, Oct 11-- Three workers from the Mexican oil monopoly Pemex were killed by inhaling toxic fumes when the gas pipeline they were working on sustained a leak Oct 8. The workers were repairing the Potrero del Llano-Naranjos pipeline in Alamo Temapache, Veracruz, which had ruptured Sep 26. Pemex said there was "no risk to the population."

DERA BUGTI, PAKISTAN

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



Pollution

GULF OF MEXICO

London, Oct 10 -- A press report, dated Oct 9, states: Rowan Cos. and nine current and former employees with the Houston offshore driller pleaded guilty to federal environmental crimes in the Gulf of Mexico that occurred between 2002 and 2004, the Justice Department said late today. Under the deal, Rowan agreed to pay a \$7 million criminal fine to settle three felony charges for what the government called a "routine discharge of pollutants and garbage" into the Gulf. The company will pay another \$2 million to support a variety of state and community environmental programs. In addition, the nine employees who had supervisory roles on the vessel face maximum fines between \$2,500 and \$250,000, the Justice Department said. Government prosecutors hailed the plea agreement as a victory in its fight to enforce federal environmental laws in the Gulf. In response to the case, Rowan said it will create an environmental division within the company and take the lead in developing new industry standards for sandblasting. "Rowan is committed to strict environmental compliance and to raising industry standards for environmental policies and procedures," Danny McNease, chairman and CEO of Rowan Cos., said in a filing today with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In the filing, Rowan said it expects to include the charge for the penalties in its fourth-quarter earnings. Jonathan Munier, a lawyer for one of the employees, said his client's misdemeanor charge and the \$2,500 fine that comes with it is "appropriate." Five other defendants agreed to pay a \$2,500 fine each, and two more will pay \$5,000 each. A final defendant faces a maximum \$250,000 fine after pleading guilty to a felony

violation of the Clean Water Act for knowingly discharging waste oil into U.S. waters.

LETTLAND (Isle of Man)

London, Oct 7 -- A press report, dated Sep 28, states: Police in Turku will today be questioning the captain and the chief engineer of general cargo *Lettland* (3978 gt, built 2001) in connection with a suspected spill of up to 4,000 litres of oil from the vessel. The oil slick was noticed on Wednesday (Sep 26) about 32 kilometres southwest of the island of K'kar, one of the southernmost of the Åland Islands. Based on the hearing, the police will then decide whether the men will be allowed to continue their journey or if they will have to remain in Finland. The possible trial would be held in the semi-autonomous Åland Islands, in the territorial waters of which the leak was spotted. The Åland Islands legislation does not yet oblige the master of the vessel or the shipping company that owns it to compensate for the caused oil spill based on its extent. Had the incident happened elsewhere in Finnish waters, the amount of indemnity would be in several thousands of euros, the Turku police points out. According to reports in the Turku daily *Turun Sanomat*, the Coast Guard vessel *Tekla* took samples from the vessel and from the sea. The results of analysis of the samples at the laboratory of the National Bureau of Investigation, Finland's central criminal police arm, will be available in a couple of weeks. On Wednesday, a Coast Guard helicopter on a routine surveillance flight observed a sheet of oily water, so-called bilge water, apparently emanating from the British merchant vessel. The slick extended for around nine kilometres in length and had spread out to around 200 metres across. (Note -- *Lettland* arrived Kemi Sep 27 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS in lat 61 50 51.6N, long 19 43 37.8E, speed 11.4 knots, at 0130, today.)

Turku, Oct 9 -- The Estonian master, Russian chief engineer and Ukrainian first mate of general cargo *Lettland* have been detained by police in Turku, and are not allowed to travel outside the city of Turku. Travel restriction are in force until the end of this month, and can be prolonged subject to ruling of prosecutor. Documents from Turku police are to be forwarded to the prosecutor on Oct 11. Beginning of next week the prosecutor will decide which steps to follow. If the case is taken to court, the court will have its seat in Mariehamn, Åland as Kokar is a part of Åland where the incident happened. -- Lloyd's Agents.

POINT GALEOTA, TRINIDAD

London, Oct 2 -- Interim president of the Trinidad and Tobago Unified Fisher-folk (TTUF), Terrence Beddoe, is calling on the team which visited an alleged oil spill off Galeota Point to make public its findings. Representatives of the National Energy Company (NEC), Ministry of Energy and REPSOL YPF visited the Teak

Alpha Platform last week, where the TTUF had reported fishermen as having seen what appeared to be an oil spill. The platform is operated by REPSOL YPF, partially owned by the National Gas Company (NGC), and is located 15 miles east from Point Radix/Point Galeota. REPSOL, following an internal investigation, has denied there is any oil leak is emanating from the offshore facility. The TTUF initially reported the incident to the Coast Guard and subsequently wrote to Prime Minister Patrick Manning, Environment Minister Penelope Beckles and the Environmental Management Authority (EMA) about the incident, with photos showing alleged spill and the area it covered.



BANGLADESH

London, Oct 8 -- Southern coastal districts including Barisal, Patuakhali, Khulna and Bagerhat experienced downpour and squally winds yesterday under the influence of a depression in the Bay. Meteorological offices in the district headquarters issued cautionary signals and advised fishermen to move to safety, according to reports by our correspondents. Cargo handling at Mongla port was suspended from 1500, yesterday due to inclement weather and did not resume till 2000 hrs. Three foreign vessels were moved to safety as strong winds started blowing over the part at about 1600 hrs. Two of the ships carried imported clinker and exportable jute goods while the other was waiting for loading frozen shrimps, said Member (operation) of Mongla Port Authority Lutfor Rahman. There has been downpour accompanied by squally winds in Khulna and Bagerhat districts since 1600, yesterday. All fishing boats and trawlers were asked to move to safer places and not to venture into the deep sea. Khulna district administration has opened a control room to monitor the situation, sources said. In Patuakhali, several hundred fishing trawlers have moved to safety in Kuakata and Pathorghata coasts due to downpour and squally winds in the coasts since Oct 6.

CANADA

London, Oct 9 -- St. Andrews Lock and Dam will be closed to navigation at midnight, Oct 14, at which time navigation through the lock will be discontinued for the season. The raising of the dam will commence at 0800, Oct 15 and water levels in the Red and Assiniboine Rivers in the vicinity of the City of Winnipeg to Lockport will be lowered slowly, weather permitting. Should winter conditions set in, the dam will be removed as and when required. Owners of vessels, barges and all property on these rivers and tributaries are hereby notified to protect their property.

PARAGUAY

London, Oct 9 -- Paraguay's ports and shipping companies are in a 'crisis' as the river connecting the landlocked country to the Atlantic Ocean continues to fall. According to the local press the river, which runs next to Paraguay's capital and main port of Asuncion, is already 1.5 metres below its normal levels. Local news reports say that shipping companies are carrying much less cargo on the river, which connects Asuncion and exporters as far upstream as Brazil to the River Plate shipping corridor. The *La Nacion* daily highlighted soy and corn shipments as cargo that have been adversely affected. One report said that maritime stakeholders such as shipping officials have been meeting with importers, exporters and the government to find solutions to resolve the 'crisis'. The Paraguay River carries 70% of the country's cargo trade and is heavily used everyday by barges transporting petroleum upstream and dry bulk cargoes downstream. Juan Carlos Munoz, director of the country's Centre for River and Maritime Shipowners has called for a public-private partnership for more efficient dredging of the river's navigational channels. Local media have quoted Government Hydrology and Navigation Department manager Emilio Cassanello predicting that the recent rains upstream would do little to raise the water levels for at least another two months.

Asuncion, Oct 9 -- Due to lack of rains and an unusually prolonged dry season, the River Paraguay and the upper River Parana have seen their levels drop by an average of approximately seven meters, causing navigation difficulties. This situation is expected to continue until late November when heavy rains are predicted in the Brazilian Matto Grosso area where the rivers are born. Deep-drafted river vessels are unable to reach the Asuncion ports zone and upstream the situation is worse; four dredgers are working there but many more will be required. However, navigation is still being carried out by shallow-drafted barges and small tugs, sailing with about half of their deadweight capacity, and increased freight rates. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TYPHOON "KROSA"

London, Oct 5 -- A press report, dated Oct 4, states: Weathermen in Taiwan today urged vessels and residents to take precautions against typhoon "Krosa" which was gaining momentum and heading towards the island. "Typhoon 'Krosa' is gaining strength and expanding its radius while approaching Taiwan," the official Central Weather Bureau said in its first warning of the typhoon at 1730 hrs (0930, UTC). It called on vessels sailing off Taiwan to heighten vigilance while shuttle ferry services between Taiwan and several offshore islets were suspended. With a radius of 250 km, "Krosa" was 690 km east-south-east off Oluanpi, the southernmost tip of the island, at 1730 hrs. Packing winds gusting up to 173 kph, it was moving north-west at a speed of 15 kph.

London, Oct 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: Typhoon "Krosa" is forecast to strike Taiwan at about 1200, UTC, Oct 6. Data supplied by the US Navy and Air Force Joint Typhoon Warning Centre suggest that the point of landfall will be near lat 24.1N, long 121.6E. "Krosa" is expected to bring 1-minute maximum sustained winds to the region of around 203 km/h (126 mph). Wind gusts in the area may be considerably higher.

London, Oct 5 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today, states: Typhoon "Krosa" near lat 21.0N, long 125.0E at 0600, UTC, today. Movement for the past six hours 345 degrees at six knots. Maximum sustained winds 130 knots with gusts to 160 knots. Forecast position lat 23.4N, long 122.6E at 0600, UTC, Oct 6. Maximum sustained winds 120 knots with gusts to 145 knots.

London, Oct 6 -- China Airlines and EVA Airways Corp., Taiwan's two largest carriers and Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. were among companies that have cancelled or delayed flights as typhoon "Krosa" approaches the north of the island with wind speeds of as high as 227 kilometres per hour. More than 30 flights, mostly between Taiwan and Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Macau, are affected. The storm prompted the weather bureau to issue a land alert early yesterday. Such an alert, which warns of landslides, falling rocks and floods, is issued when a typhoon with projected winds of at least 52 kilometres per hour is expected to hit land within 18 hours.

London, Oct 6 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office: Typhoon "Krosa" located near lat 24.5N, long 122.3E, at 0600, UTC. Movement past six hours 305 deg at 12 knots. Position accurate to within 40 nautical miles, based on centre located by satellite. Present wind distribution: Maximum sustained winds 125 knots with gusts to 150 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 85 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 70 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 65 nautical miles south-west quadrant and 80 nautical miles north-west quadrant. Radius of 50-knot winds 120 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 110 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 105 nautical miles south-west quadrant and 110 nautical miles north-west quadrant. Radius of 34-knot winds 225 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 200 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 180 nautical miles south-west quadrant and 200 nautical miles north-west quadrant. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Oct 7: Position lat 27N, long 121E. Maximum sustained winds 100 knots with gusts to 125 knots.

London, Oct 6 -- A press report, dated today, states: Chinese authorities have evacuated 730,000 people from eastern Zhejiang and Fujian provinces as Typhoon "Krosa" churns towards the coast. Chinese media said tourists and residents of the coastal provinces were evacuated by Saturday evening as the storm approached with winds up to 180 kilometres-per-hour. In Taiwan, where the storm passed over the north of the main island, authorities said 17 people

were injured. Typhoon "Krosa" lashed Taiwan with strong winds and heavy rain Saturday, cutting power to thousands of homes and disrupting air and sea traffic. Rescuers pulled six people from the ruins of a house. Two others are still missing after the mudslide swept away the house in Taipei, where streets were flooded. Chinese media said the storm was expected to hit the coast early Sunday.

London, Oct 7 -- Typhoon "Krosa" struck Taiwan at about 1800, GMT, yesterday. Data supplied by the US Navy and Air Force Joint Typhoon Warning Center suggest that the point of landfall was near lat 25.6N, long 121.2E. "Krosa" brought 1-minute maximum sustained winds to the region of around 166 km/h. -- Reuters.

London, Oct 7 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical storm "Krosa" located near lat 26.7N, long 120.4E, at 0600, UTC. Movement past six hours 345 deg at eight knots. Position accurate to within 60 nautical miles, based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 50 knots with gusts to 65 knots. Radius of 34-knot winds 175 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 160 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 165 nautical miles south-west quadrant and 100 nautical miles north-west quadrant. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Oct 8: Position lat 28.8N, long 121.3E. Maximum sustained winds 40 knots with gusts to 50 knots.

London, Oct 7 -- A press report, dated today, states: Typhoon "Krosa" came ashore as a typhoon in China's Zhejiang and Fujian provinces, but weakened and was soon downgraded to a tropical storm, the official Xinhua News Agency said. It said no deaths or injuries were reported, but the storm wrecked houses and knocked out power in the port city of Wenzhou as torrential rains swept the region. More than 1.4 million people were evacuated from coastal areas, including more than 500,000 tourists who were at beach resorts for the National Day holiday week, Xinhua said. Some 75,000 fishing vessels in the two provinces were ordered back to port and trips by ferries and sightseeing boats were canceled, the agency said. Early Sunday, China's coast guard rescued 27 sailors from a Hong Kong freighter (roll on roll off *Aladdin Dream*) that suffered mechanical failure after it was hit by the storm off Wenzhou, Xinhua said.

London, Oct 8 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical storm "Krosa" located near lat 27.8N, long 120.2E, at 0600, UTC, today. Movement past six hours 060 deg at two knots. Position accurate to within 40 nautical miles, based on centre located by satellite. Present wind distribution: Maximum sustained winds 35 knots with gusts to 45 knots. Dissipating as a significant tropical cyclone over land. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Oct 9: Position lat 28.5N, long 122E. Maximum sustained winds 25 knots with gusts to 35 knots. Dissipated as a significant tropical cyclone over water.

London, Oct 8 -- A press report, daeted Beijing, Oct 9, states: Typhoon "Krosa" crashed into the Chinese coast on Sunday (Oct 7), forcing the evacuation of 1.4 million people after killing five in Taiwan. The typhoon made landfall on the mainland near the borders of the densely populated Zhejiang and Fujian provinces in south-east China about 1730, AEST, packing winds of up to 126 km/h. No casualties were reported and the local flood prevention authorities downgraded "Krosa" to a tropical storm about 90 minutes later as it moved north, slowing to 20 km/h. However, authorities took no chances with "Krosa." Schools, airports and motorways were closed, and 75,000 vessels were recalled to harbour. Power was restored to most homes on Sunday but many flights were cancelled.

London, Oct 9 -- The Chinese ports of Shanghai and Ningbo have been closed after Typhoon "Krosa" reached the country's east coast. Ningbo port was closed on Oct 6 and Shanghai port ceased operation late evening on Oct 7. Both ports have remained closed over the weekend. Ningbo was expected to reopen yesterday afternoon while Shanghai operations remained suspended until further notice.

London, Oct 10 -- Typhoon "Krosa", the 16th this year, made landfall between Zhejiang and Fujian provinces on Sunday (Oct 7) afternoon, but it quickly weakened to a tropical storm. It re-entered the East China Sea at 1730 hrs from Sanmen County in Zhejiang without causing casualties on the mainland. "Krosa" has caused 460 million yuan in damage in Fujian, while Zhejiang reported losses of 7.5 billion yuan with more than 700 million people affected. As "Krosa" leaves, the provinces affected have begun reconstruction work and more than 1.4 million evacuees have returned home.

TYPHOON "LEKIMA"

Vinh, Vietnam, Oct 5 -- Ten people died and six were missing after a typhoon blew strong winds and heavy rains into central Vietnam, triggering floods, blocking traffic and threatening the lives of thousands, officials said on Friday (Oct 5). More than 80,000 people had been evacuated before typhoon "Lekima" hit on Wednesday night, damaging nearly 77,000 houses, sinking fishing vessels and knocking down electricity poles, the government said. In Nghe An province, rising floodwaters and landslides cut all roads and telecoms links with the mountainous district of Que Phong, where at least one teenager was killed and two other people were swept away, officials said. On Thursday 1,100 police and soldiers helped move 21,630 people away from a dam in Thanh Hoa province, north of Nghe An, as waters threatened the collapse of the structure. Typhoon "Lekima" has destroyed nearly 7,000 hectares of rice, 29,000 hectares of other crops and left damages in the irrigation system, telecoms and power networks, the government said in a disaster report. It put preliminary damages at 659 billion dong (\$41 million). -- Reuters.

London, Oct 7 -- Severe flooding in Vietnam after a typhoon hit has killed at least 20 people and left eight missing, according to figures compiled by Agence France-Presse from national and regional disaster relief sources. Typhoon "Lekima", which packed maximum sustained winds of 117km/h on Wednesday (Oct 3) night, triggered rains that led to flash floods in central and northern Vietnam. "Lekima", named after a popular local tropical fruit, caused an estimated \$46.23 million damage. Tens of thousands of houses and buildings were damaged, the national flood and storms control committee said.

London, Oct 8 -- The death toll in Vietnam hit 44 yesterday with 25 people still missing after some of the worst flooding in a decade in the aftermath of Typhoon "Lekima", authorities said. The storm killed seven people when it pounded the country on Wednesday (Oct 3) night but the death toll has continued to rise due to the floods, which has seen some river levels at all-time highs. In the Thanh Hoa region, two rivers -- the Ma and Buoi -- were at all-time recorded highs, 41 and 26 centimetres above their previous record levels.

Natural Disasters



INDONESIA

Jakarta, Oct 4 -- Two undersea earthquakes over miles 2,500 km apart and measuring up to 6.3 on the Richter scale struck Indonesia today, but no tsunami warnings were triggered, seismologists said. The first quake in northern Aceh province was rated by the national meteorological agency at a magnitude 6.3 on the Richter scale although the US Geological Survey (USGS) reported it at 6.0. There were no immediate reports of any damage or casualties after the quake, the epicentre of which lay at a depth of 10 km around 367 km southwest of Sinabang. Hours later, another earthquake measuring between 5.6 and 5.8 on the Richter scale struck Indonesia's Lombok island, 190 km miles east of Bali and close to the eastern end of the sprawling archipelago. The USGS said the epicentre was 152 km northeast of Mataram and was very shallow at 13.5 km deep. There were no reports of damage after the tremors, which were also felt in Denpasar, the capital of Bali, a meteorological agency official said. -- Reuters.

MOUNT BULUSAN, PHILIPPINES

London, Oct 5 -- A press report, dated Oct 4, states: A volcano spewed huge clouds of ash that fell over villages in the eastern Philippines today, forcing authorities to shut schools for the day and issue an alert to residents. The 1,559-metre Mount Bulusan, on the south-eastern tip of the main island of

Luzon, twice blew out ash before dawn followed by a series of earthquakes, the state vulcanology department said. Ash fell in some five villages, and more eruptions will "continue to occur in the coming days and weeks," it added. Residents were advised to be on alert for potentially deadly mudflows. Education Secretary Jesli Lapus ordered schools in the town of Bulusan to close for the day. Chief vulcanologist Renato Solidum said as many as 20 quakes were recorded around the volcano. "Residents in the area should be wary," he added.

Political & Civil Unrest



NIGERIA

Port Harcourt, Oct 5 -- Nigerian troops freed a British hostage today after he had been held in "sub-human conditions" in the Niger Delta for almost two months, a military spokesman said. Soldiers acted on a tip-off and raided the Abaara-Etche community close to the southern oil city of Port Harcourt before dawn. They exchanged gunfire with the kidnapers before freeing the Briton, David Ward, a manager at an oil services company. "We found Mr David Ward in a fortified room in sub-human conditions," spokesman Sagir Musa told journalists, adding that the room was poorly lit and insalubrious. During his imprisonment Ward's captors did not harm him but threatened his life and moved him from one village to another at night. He also fell sick with malaria, Musa said. Ward was abducted by gunmen on Aug 10 on his way to work in Port Harcourt, where he was employed by local oil services company Hydrodive. His captors had been seeking ransom of 200 million naira (\$1.59 million). A spokeswoman for the British Foreign Office confirmed that the oil worker had been freed but said she was unable to comment on the circumstances of his release. -- Reuters.

PAKISTAN

London, Oct 8 -- A press report, dated Oct 6, states: Gas supply was disrupted to the main PPL gas purification plant in Sui from Pir Koh and Loti gas fields after a pipeline in the Mat area of Dera Bugti was blown up last night. The pipeline caught fire after the explosion which was brought under control by stopping gas supply from Pir Koh and Loti gas plants. Four to five feet long portion of the 18-inch pipeline was damaged, Dera Bugti district police officer Najam Tareen said. Gas supply to other areas of the country was not affected. Staff of the Oil and Gas Development Corporation will replace the damaged portion of the pipeline tomorrow morning after security clearance.

SRI LANKA

London, Oct 3 -- A press report, dated today, states: Sri Lanka's army sank a

Tamil rebel boat today in a three-hour artillery and mortar attack on an insurgent flotilla off the east coast, the military said. There was no independent confirmation of the battle and it was not immediately clear whether there were any casualties. Rebel spokesman Rasiah Ilanthirayan denied a boat was sunk, saying that a routine patrol by their naval wing encountered a Sri Lankan naval patrol and both sides left the scene without a fight. However, Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara, a military spokesman, said the fighting began about midnight when 15 to 20 rebel boats tried to land near Pulmoddai village in north-east Sri Lanka. Soldiers on the shore destroyed one boat with artillery and mortar barrages, and eventually forced the other boats to turn back, Nanayakkara said.

London, Oct 7 -- SL Navy destroyed another LTTE arms carrying vessel, today, in the high seas south off Dondra Head. Defence sources said, the attack took place in the Indian Ocean, at the high seas off Dondra Head, of the southern coastal tip of Sri Lanka. According to available information, SL Naval task group comprising Off Shore Patrol vessels *SLNS Sayura*, *SLNS Sagara*, Fast Attack Vessel *SLNS Suranimila* and Rendezvous vessel 521 were engaged in the Naval elite operation.

London, Oct 7 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Sri Lankan Navy today destroyed another Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) arms-carrying vessel in the high seas 1,700 km off Dondra Head, the southern extremity of Sri Lanka. An LTTE vessel identified as mv *Matshusima* was intercepted and destroyed by naval task units after a long pursuit, security sources said. The vessel was 70 metres in length and had a displacement of 3,000 tons. There were 12 to 15 LTTE cadres on board the vessel at the time it was destroyed. This is the eighth vessel of the LTTE's arms smuggling fleet destroyed in recent months by the Sri Lanka Navy. Reports said the vessel, part of the LTTE floating arms warehouse, was believed to be transferring long-range artillery rounds, high-speed water scooters, sophisticated diving apparatus, outboard motors, radar and global positioning (GPS) equipment, high power transmission equipment and communications interception equipment for the proscribed terror outfit. After one and a half day's surveillance of the vessel, the naval task unit approached it around 0530 today. The Navy gunships had rounded up the suspicious vessel, which had no ensign or name on it, and ordered it to identify itself, using international challenging procedures. Instead of providing the information to the Navy, the vessel opened medium-range calibre gunfire towards the Navy vessels, which retaliated, causing the vessel to be destroyed around 0930 hrs. Naval spokesperson Commander D.K.P Dassanayake said, the attack took place in the Indian Ocean, at the high

seas off Dondra Head. The Sri Lankan naval task group comprised offshore patrol vessels *Sayura*, *Sagara* fast attack vessel *Suranimila* and rendezvous vessels 520 and 521, the Commander added.

Labour Disputes



INDIA

London, Oct 9 -- A power tussle between two warring seamen's unions threatens to leave several cargo vessels stranded at Indian ports this week. The National Union of Seafarers of India and the Forward Seamen's Union of India have been at loggerheads with each other over which would negotiate with shipowners on matters related to wages and salaries. NUSI, the larger of the two unions with 50,000 members, had initially instructed seamen to go on a work-to-rule agitation from Oct 1 but subsequently withdrawn the call after shipowners had promised to convene a meeting to solve wage-related issues. However, FUSI has announced an indefinite strike from Oct 12 if it is not invited by shipping companies to the confabulations. "Our 25,000 members had actually launched a strike from midnight of Saturday (Oct 5), but called it off within an hour after representatives of Great Eastern Shipping and Essar Shipping assured us that they would hold a meeting with us on Friday, October 12," said FUSI secretary Naresh Birwadkar. NUSI general secretary Abdulgani Y Serang accuses shipowners, including the country's top three firms Shipping Corp of India, Great Eastern Shipping and Essar Shipping, of delaying finalisation of the new wage pact on one pretext or another. But NUSI has not yet finalised a date on which it will sit across a table with the shipping companies. The chances of any negotiations taking place on the forthcoming Friday appear slight, since the Indian National Shipowners' Association has already announced the postponement to an indefinite date of the meeting that would finalise wages with retrospective effect from April 1, 2006.

NEW ZEALAND

London, Oct 6 -- Ports of Auckland, which was disabled this week by a 48-hour strike by waterside workers, discovered late yesterday that it faces three more "rolling" stoppages. The port company said last night it had received notification from the Maritime Union of a strike for three hours and 15 minutes on Oct 22. This came on top of earlier advice of intended stoppages of the same duration by 265 workers on Tuesday (Oct 9), and eight days after that. Although the company would say only that it was working to ensure the strikes had "minimal impact on operations", managing director Jens Madsen has previously described such rolling action as unacceptable for the

impact it will have on port customers and New Zealand's international trade.

London, Oct 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: Dock workers at the Ports of Auckland stopped work again today in support of their 4.9% pay claim. Staff down tools from 1000 hrs to 1315 hrs. The stoppage follows a 48 hour strike last week which stranded two container ships in port and forced several others to bypass Auckland. Further strikes are scheduled for October 17 and Labour Day, Oct 22.

PERU

London, Oct 4 -- A press report, dated today, states: Copper rose to its highest level in almost five months yesterday on speculation that a strike at Southern Copper, one of the world's largest producers of the metal, would reduce supplies. Workers at Southern Copper's Ilo smelter and Toquepala and Cuajone mines in Peru staged their third strike this year after rejecting an 11.5 percent wage increase, union officials said Tuesday (Oct 2). Before yesterday, copper had gained 29 percent this year as labour disputes cut mine output. "Any labour dispute that actually cuts into production levels is going to be significant," said Eric Wittenauer, an industrial-metals analyst at A.G. Edwards & Sons in St. Louis, Missouri. Copper futures for December delivery climbed 5.4 cents to \$3.765 a pound on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange. Earlier, the price reached \$3.77, the highest point since May 7. The strike at Southern Copper may cut 2007 production by 10 percent, said Oscar Gonzalez Rocha, the chief executive.

London, Oct 4 -- A press report, dated today, states: A strike at Southern Copper Corp, the world's fifth-largest copper producer, reduced its daily output in Peru by 10 percent, Chief Executive Officer Oscar Gonzalez Rocha said. About 60% of the Phoenix-based company's Peruvian workers remained on strike for a third day at the Ilo smelter and Cuajone and Toquepala mines, Gonzalez said today. "Our work stoppage remains in force," Toquepala union general secretary Jorge Chavez said, adding, "the company brought in some sub-contracted workers, but production has clearly been affected." The Labour Ministry plans to meet with unions in Lima at 1900 hrs, Chavez said.

London, Oct 8 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Southern Copper Corp. expects workers in Peru to extend a strike tomorrow into a seventh day as the company awaits a union decision on whether to allow the government to take a greater role in negotiating a resolution. The strike, which began Oct 2 at the Ilo smelter and Toquepala and Cuajone mines, may continue at least until Oct 10, due to holidays that may delay government action to help resolve the conflict, said Alberto Giles, a spokesman for Southern Copper, in a telephone interview today from Lima.

Lima, Oct 9 -- A strike at Southern Copper in Peru was called off today after union leaders and company

officials signed a settlement pact pushed for by the government. The walkout started eight days ago at the mines and smelter of Southern, a major global copper producer. Under the agreement, workers will return to their jobs tomorrow morning and the government will set a higher wage rate for laborers in about a week. -- Reuters.

Fires & Explosions



DOCK, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 10 -- A press report, dated Oct 8, states: A vessel fire at the Turner Cut Resort near Stockton was contained early this morning. At 0130, today, the Coast Guard received a report of a boat fire at the docks of the resort that damaged at least six vessels, including several that sank at the dock. The Stockton Fire Department was called on scene to extinguish the fire. Coast Guard pollution investigators have been on scene since 0400 hrs and have observed approximately 500 gallons of oil in the water. The Coast Guard is working with Parker Diving, an environmental clean-up company, to mitigate the impact of the spill. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

OIL RIG UNDER CONSTRUCTION, TUAS, SINGAPORE

London, Oct 7 -- Fire broke out on an oil rig under construction in Tuas, Sep 24. The Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) said the fire was contained in the cold room on the rig's second deck. The fire, which took place at 5 Gul Road, involved insulation and construction materials. No one was hurt in the incident and no evacuation was ordered. It took SCDF officers 30 minutes to control the fire. Keppel Offshore Marine is the owner of the rig. The cause of the fire is being investigated.

POINT ROBERTS MARINA, WASHINGTON

London, Oct 8 -- A press report, dated Oct 6, states: A boat fire at Point Roberts Marina, Washington, damaged five vessels and caused an estimated half million dollars in damage yesterday. No one was injured in the blaze, which began before noon when a boater started his craft, igniting gasoline vapors that had gathered in the bilge, Whatcom County Fire Inspector Bill Hewett said. The boater was able to escape the fire, which quickly spread downwind to neighboring boats and the dock. Most of the boats were between 21 feet and 24 feet long. Crews from Whatcom County Fire District No. 5 and Delta, B.C., responded to the incident. Hewett said the fire was an accident and that ignited gas vapors are a common cause of boat fires. No criminal charges will be filed.

REFINERY, CONCON, CHILE

Santiago, Oct 9 -- A fire that broke out at an oil refinery, owned by state-owned oil company ENAP, at the Aconcagua plant in Concon, about 90 miles from the capital Santiago, today. A spokeswoman for the plant said the blaze was under control and output was unaffected. The government said one worker was killed and three people were injured in the fire, triggered by an explosion. -- Reuters.

REFINERY, KENTUCKY, UNITED STATES

New York, Oct 5 -- A fire broke out in a gasoline-making reformer at Somerset Refinery Inc's 5,500 barrel-per-day refinery in Somerset, Kentucky, today but was quickly extinguished, a top company official said. No casualties or serious damage was reported in the fire, which broke out in the morning and was put out within 25 minutes, said Bill Spears, the chief executive of privately-held Somerset Refinery. "The cause is under investigation. We're not really sure but most likely a feed line caught fire," Spears told Reuters. "No one was hurt. The fire was in one section of the refinery, our feed lines were cut and we isolated it quickly." -- Reuters.



ACCIDENT, CHICAGO, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 11 -- Airbus 320A, N431UA, 127 persons on board, landed hard, blew a right main tyre, went off the runway, at Chicago, yesterday. Aircraft re-entered the runway and taxied to the gate, two persons on board sustained unknown injuries. Damage to the aircraft is substantial.

AIRCRAFT MISSING ON A FLIGHT FROM VILLAVICENCIO LA VANGUARDIA AIRPORT, COLOMBIA TO URIBE AIRPORT, COLOMBIA

London, Oct 10 -- Let 410UVP-E10A, operated by Nacional de Aviacion, HK-4055, 18 occupants, departed Villavicencio at 1519, Oct 8, on a domestic flight to Uribe where it was scheduled to arrive at 1550 hrs. The aircraft never arrived and was declared missing.

London, Oct 11 -- Despite a three-day intensive search, there has still been no sign of the Colombian aircraft carrying 15 soldiers and three civilians which has been missing since Monday (Oct 8). "Lamentably, an accident occurred," the commander of Colombia's armed forces, General Freddy Padilla said on Wednesday. "The aircraft sent an alarm in a humid, mountainous area, and we have had no success in the rescue," he said. Colombia's armed forces said on Monday that National Air Company flight number HK 4055, carrying Number 10 Mobile Brigade soldiers,

has been missing since Monday in the central Colombian province Meta. Jorge Diaz, Commander of Colombia's Civil Defense Organization, said that three Colombian Air Force aircraft, military units and land rescue units are doing all they can to reach the area where the accident is thought to have taken place. "There is an emergency signal and we are searching alongside Red Cross staff and mountain rescue-trained volunteers. They have material for five days' worth of searching," he said. Rescuers said that a resident had seen the aircraft fly over his home and then disappear. "A man has said he saw an aircraft and then could no longer hear it, shortly after it flew over his home," said Diaz's colleague Manuel Mantilla.

AIRCRAFT PUT BACK TO COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

London, Oct 11 -- A Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) Dash 8-400 en route for Poland, was forced to turn back mid-way today due to a fault, only weeks after the airline grounded its entire fleet of the aircraft. "The pilot noticed a warning light in the cockpit indicating that the landing gear doors had not closed properly. He closed it again but it opened once more," said Mikkel Loendahl, an SAS spokesman. The pilot then decided to return to Copenhagen 'as a routine safety procedure in order to examine the problem,' Loendahl said, adding that the landing had been normal. The aircraft was one of 27 operated by SAS which were grounded on Sep 12 after the landing gear on two aircrafts' collapsed within one week.

AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO COPENHAGEN AIRPORT

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London, Oct 10 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Scandinavian Airlines System Dash 8-400 aircraft en route to Gdansk was forced to turn back mid-way today due to a fault. The pilot decided to return to Copenhagen. There were 47 passengers on board the aircraft and they were later transferred to an MD-80 aircraft.

AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO VIENNA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AUSTRIA

London, Oct 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: An Austrian Airlines A319 aircraft headed for Athens, Greece, returned to Vienna International Airport today after a bird got caught in one of its engines, a spokeswoman said. No one was injured

in the midmorning incident and the aircraft was currently being checked for damage, Austrian Airlines spokeswoman Patricia Strampfer said. The passengers and crew were transferred to another aircraft back at the Vienna International Airport and resumed their journey shortly thereafter, Strampfer said. No one was in danger and the pilot decided to turn back as a security precaution, Strampfer said.

CRASH, ALAMOSA AREA, COLORADO, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 6 -- A medical aircraft crashed into a mountainside, leaving three people presumed dead yesterday amid the wreckage, authorities said. Archuleta County administrator Bob Campbell could not provide additional details, but said a helicopter crew was trying to locate the victims. The twin-engine aircraft disappeared Thursday (Oct 4) night during a flight from Chinle, Ariz., to Alamosa, about 160 miles south-west of Denver. A pilot, a flight nurse and a paramedic were on the Beech King Air C-90A, said Mike Fergus, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman. The wreckage was found in mountainous terrain just west of the Continental Divide near 11,677-foot high Charleys Peak, which is about 35 miles southwest of Alamosa. High winds and fog prevented an air search yesterday morning, but the weather cleared enough around noon for the search to begin, Archuleta Undersheriff John Weiss said. The aircraft was spotted about 1345 hrs. The aircraft is registered to Scenic Aviation Inc. out of Blanding, Utah, which operates an air ambulance service called Eagle Air Med Inc.

London, Oct 10 -- Raytheon C90A, N590GM, owned by Scenic Aviation Inc, crashed under unknown circumstances, Oct 5. The three persons on board presumed fatally injured, the wreckage located 32 miles from Alamosa, CO.

CRASH, CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 4 -- A press report, dated Oct 3, states: The pilot of a light aircraft that crashed on Route 17 in Chesapeake this afternoon was found dead in the plane's wreckage. The plane was thought to have hit a passing vehicle and ended up in a corn field. It was unclear if there was anyone besides the pilot in the aircraft or if anyone else was injured. The crash occurred just after 1730 hrs, near the Route 165 intersection in Chesapeake. The plane ended up in a corn field about 50 yards from Route 17 at mile marker 7 near the Cornland Road intersection. The Associated Press reported that there was a brief radio call from the pilot that indicated he was having problems, but it was unclear if he was attempting to land on the highway. The plane took off from the Chesapeake Regional Airport a short time before the crash, according to reports. Sgt. D.S. Carr, a state police

spokesman, said troopers are investigating, and the Federal Aviation Authority has been notified.

London, Oct 5 -- Varieze N8VE crashed near Chesapeake, Virginia, at 2318, Oct 3. The one person on board was killed.

CRASH, DAMASCUS, SYRIA

London, Oct 8 -- A press report, dated today, states: A small aircraft used by the Syrian military crashed yesterday near Damascus killing three people, witnesses and the official news agency said. A technical fault caused the crash of the Navajo aircraft, which belonged to a department linked to the Syrian military, the agency said. "The accident killed the crew of three," the agency said. Three people wearing military uniforms were pulled out of the wreckage in the Muadamiet al-Sham district, 7 km west of Damascus. "The aircraft was swaying violently before it hit the ground," said a resident of the area. Another witness saw a truck carrying the wreckage to the Mezzeh military airport. He said he saw no military markings on the aircraft.

CRASH, HINESVILLE AREA, GEORGIA, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 5 -- A press report, dated Oct 4, states: A Marion, Indiana, doctor and his wife were killed when their single-engine aircraft crashed in a wooded area in Georgia this week, his office said today. Dr Om Prakash Rehil, a vascular and general surgeon, was piloting the aircraft when it crashed yesterday near Hinesville, GA, about 50 miles from Savannah, hours after it took off from Marion, his office said. Georgia authorities said the aircraft was found late this morning. They did not publicly identify the two bodies found at the site, but Rehil's office and colleagues said the bodies were those of Rehil and his wife. Rehil and his wife, Raji, took off from Marion Municipal Airport at about 1400 yesterday, said the airport's manager, Andrew Darlington. The couple was headed to Savannah. According to acquaintances, the Rehils stopped in South Carolina to refuel, and Rehil called his son at about 1800 hrs to say the weather was becoming a problem and he was going to try to land the aircraft. The aircraft was owned by a flight club, of which Rehil was a member. The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the wreck. Storms were in the area at the time of the crash, but why the aircraft went down still was not clear today.

CRASH, KINSHASA AREA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

London, Oct 4 -- A press report, dated today, states: Officials have confirmed that all 17 people on board a Russian-made cargo plane which crashed and exploded in a crowded neighbourhood of Democratic Republic of Congo's capital Kinshasa have died. At least two people on the ground also died, although it is feared the final figure could be much higher. Major Gabriel De Broses from the UN mission in the

country said: "There are casualties, many dead, but I don't have any specifics." He said the United Nations had sent a rescue team and firefighters to the crash site. The Antonov 26 belonging to Congolese airline Africa 1 came down in the market area of Kingasani neighbourhood, about three miles from Ndili international airport.

London, Oct 5 -- A press report, dated Oct 4, states: An Antonov An-26 cargo aircraft, operated by the Congolese company Africa One, crashed into an impoverished residential neighbourhood in Kinshasa seconds after take-off today, leaving at least 25 people dead. Citing police reports, UN peacekeeping spokesman Michel Bonnardeaux said 25 people were killed and two on board the aircraft survived -- a mechanic and a flight attendant who was in critical condition. Police said that amid the wreckage, it was difficult to determine how many of the dead had been on board the aircraft and how many were on the ground. Transport Minister Remy Kuseyo said at least three people on the ground died. The Russian Foreign Ministry said three Russians were among the dead: the pilot, the co-pilot and a flight engineer. At least 22 people were injured, according to the Congolese Red Cross. It was not immediately known what caused the aircraft to go down, but the Russian Foreign Ministry said one of the its propellers somehow broke off during take-off, and one of its wings was sheared off as it hit a bank of trees. That account was echoed by several witnesses at the scene, who said the aircraft appeared to be missing a propeller before it crashed. UN-funded Radio Okapi said the aircraft was headed to Tshikapa in the central province of Kasai Occidental. Civil aviation chief Alphonse Ilunga said the aircraft's flight manifest indicated 16 people were on board, but an unknown number of others boarded before take-off.

London, Oct 5 -- An Antonov-26, registration 9Q-COS, operating for Malift Air and leased from El Sam Airlift, crashed shortly after take-off. It came down in the Kingasani neighbourhood of Kinshasa, near the N'Djili Airport at about 1045, Oct 4. The Transport Minister said that there were five crew and thirteen passengers on board. All persons on board were killed. The Russian Foreign Ministry reported that three crew members were Russian and that the aircraft operated on a mixed passenger/cargo service from Kinshasa to Tshikapa and Kananga Airport and was chartered by Malila Airlift. The number two engine reportedly failed shortly after take-off. The aircraft lost height, contacted trees and crashed onto Mayulu Avenue, striking a residence. There were 12 fatalities on the ground. The aircraft was destroyed.

London, Oct 6 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Red Cross in the Democratic Republic of Congo said today it had given up searching for victims of an aircraft crash which killed at least 50 people, although it remains on hand to treat the injured.

"We have scoured the area and we don't think we will find any new bodies," spokesman Alphonse Mulowayi said. "All the burned bodies that were in the wreckage have been removed. We have also evacuated bodies of the residents buried under the rubble of the walls (of houses hit by the aircraft)." The Red Cross has also evacuated more than 30 injured people from the crash site in Kinshasa since the crash on Thursday (Oct 4). "We remain alert. We have kept a team of about 10 volunteers on the crash site, who can inform us about other injuries or newly discovered bodies in areas that we have not visited," Mulowayi said. The Antonov 26 aircraft came down three minutes after take off Thursday and ploughed through several homes before exploding in flames. By yesterday afternoon the known death toll was 22 on the aircraft, including two crew, and 28 residents of the heavily-populated district near the airport where it crashed.

CRASH, LAKE DURUSU, TURKEY

London, Oct 6 -- Canadair CL-215-1A10, operated for SOREM/Protezione Civile, opf. Istanbul, I-SRME, on a fire-fighting task, collecting water from Lake Durusu, north-west of Istanbul, crashed and broke up at 1844, Oct 4.

CRASH, OREGON, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 5 -- Piper PA-18-150 (Super Cub) N91254 crashed 50 miles from Burns, Oregon, at 2110, Oct 3. The aircraft sustained substantial damage. The one person on board was killed.

CRASH, PHUKET, THAILAND

London, Oct 8 -- A press report, dated today, states: The information decoded so far from the black box flight recorder of the ill-fated One-Two-Go airliner is said to match the findings of an investigating team which carried out the initial aircraft crash inquiry in Phuket on Sep 16. Wuthichai Singhamanee, director of the Aviation Department's Flight Safety Standards Bureau and member of the crash investigation committee, said data from the aircraft's black box in a lot of ways matched the initial findings of his panel's probe, including communication between the pilot and the control tower, the weather and aircraft conditions. He declined to elaborate on the details, saying that his panel would meet on Oct 12 to thoroughly analyse the results of the decoded information, which covers more than 30 areas. Each area still needs to be carefully analysed before the release of the final results, he said. The initial investigation at the crash site indicated that the One-Two-Go flight's pilot had ignored a wind shear warning from an air traffic controller, which was passed on by the pilot of another flight which landed at the airport minutes ahead of the One-Two-Go flight which crashed in flames after an unusually hard landing. The flight recorder's information has also ended speculation that the pilot and the aircraft were not in good condition. Mr Wuthichai also defended the safety

standards of the One-Two-Go airline, saying it had met all the safety standard requirements in line with what is laid down by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). In addition, he said, planes registered in Thailand cannot take to the air before receiving airworthiness certificates.

CRASH, RIMROCK LAKE AREA, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 9 -- Cessna 208 Caravan I, operated by Kapowsin Air Sports, departed Boise at around 1900, Oct 7 on a flight back to the aircraft's base at Shelton. The passengers had gone to Boise for a skydiving meet and were returning home. About one hour after takeoff a hunter saw the aircraft and heard a crash. Officials said eight to 10 people were believed to be on board.

London, Oct 9 -- A press report, dated today, states: Ground searchers found the wreckage of a Cessna 208 Caravan I aircraft, carrying nine skydivers and a pilot, last night that crashed in the rugged central Washington Cascades. A search official said no survivors were found. Seven of the 10 on board "have been found deceased," Yakima County Sheriff Ken Irwin said in a statement released by Yakima Valley Emergency Management. That statement, issued shortly after 2300 hrs, said recovery efforts had been suspended for the night but would resume today. A National Transportation Safety Board investigation was expected to begin early today. The wreckage was found about 1940 hrs, and searchers were able to verify by serial number that it was the missing aircraft. The aircraft left Star, Idaho, near Boise, on Sunday evening en route to Shelton, Wash., north-west of Olympia, but did not arrive. The aircraft was returning from a skydiving meet in Idaho when it disappeared. The tail section was separated from the rest of the aircraft and was not immediately located, said Tina Wilson of Emergency Management. Elaine Harvey, co-owner of the skydiving company Skydive Snohomish, told The Seattle Times that nine of the 10 aboard were either employees of her business or else licensed skydivers who considered Snohomish their "home drop zone." Skydive Snohomish operates a training school and offers skydiving flights at Harvey Field in Snohomish County, about 20 miles north of Seattle. Skydive Snohomish had nothing to do with the flight to Idaho or the event held there, Harvey said.

London, Oct 10 -- Cessna 208B, N430A, crashed under unknown circumstances while transporting parachute jumping team, near White Pass, WA, Oct 7. The 10 persons on board were fatally injured.

CRASH, SAN BERNADINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: A pilot flying alone from Long Beach to Henderson, Nev., was killed early today after his small plane broke-up after crash-landing into the median divider at the Cajon Pass on Interstate 15 near Oak Hills Road in San Bernardino. Air traffic controllers

lost radar and radio contact with the single-engine Piper PA28 at 1242 hrs, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor.

CRASH, SANTO DOMINGO AREA, VENEZUELA

London, Oct 9 -- Gulfstream Aerospace G-1159 Gulfstream II, XB-KKU, on approach to Santo Domingo, contacted a tree and crashed at 2140, Oct 7. Two persons on board were killed.

CRASH, SOUTHERN LAKE MICHIGAN, MICHIGAN, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 8 -- A press report, dated Oct 6, states: A pilot is said to be OK after his small aircraft crashed into southern Lake Michigan about 1430 today. Berrien County sheriff's deputies say the aircraft went down about 1430 this afternoon. The South Bend Tribune says a boater witnessed the crash, rescued the pilot and took him ashore, where he was being checked over. The U.S. Coast Guard says the aircraft was submerged this evening in calm waters with waves no more than a foot high.

EMERGENCY LANDING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 5 -- At 1645 hrs, Oct 4, United Airlines Flight UAL851, a Boeing 747-400, on a polar flight from Chicago to Beijing, requested a return to Chicago due to the loss of AC bus 1. The aircraft was approximately three hours out of Chicago and 200 nautical miles northwest of Coral Harbor when the request was made. Maintenance personnel traced the problem to a fault in the No.1 engine IDG (integrated drive generator) which was replaced.

EMERGENCY LANDING, NAIROBI AIRPORT, KENYA

London, Oct 8 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Lufthansa cargo aircraft flying from South African made an emergency landing at Nairobi airport today due to technical difficulties, a police official said. The pilot reported a problem with the aircraft's hydraulic system, and airport authorities cleared the way the emergency landing, said officer Joseph Mumira, who works at the airport. The aircraft landed safely and no one was hurt, Mumira said, giving no further details about the problems with the aircraft. He said the pilot had requested earlier that emergency services stand by.

Port Conditions



AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Oct 8 -- The current berthing/delay situation at Newcastle, NSW, is: four vessels are currently alongside, with 42 vessels at anchor, waiting to berth. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving today is predicted at 11-15 days. For vessels arriving in one

week, a delay of 13-14 days in berthing is predicted. A 12-14 day delay in berthing is predicted for vessels arriving in two weeks time. The current berthing/delay situation for vessels arriving at Abbot Point within the next two weeks is one to three days. The current berthing/delay situation for vessels arriving at Hay Point and Dalrymple Bay today is between seven and 25 days. For vessels arriving in one week, a delay of seven to 25 days in berthing is predicted. A five to 20 day delay in berthing is predicted for vessels arriving in two weeks time. The current berthing/delay situation at Gladstone is: four vessels currently alongside, with 13 vessels at anchor, waiting to berth. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving at Gladstone today is predicted at seven to 10 days. For vessels arriving in one week, a delay of five to ten days in berthing is predicted. A six to ten day delay in berthing is predicted for vessels arriving in two weeks time. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving at Dampier within the next two weeks is predicted at one to five days. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving at Port Walcott within the next two weeks is predicted at between two to six days. The current berthing/delay situation at Port Hedland, is: three vessels currently alongside, with two vessels at anchor. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving today is predicted at between two and five days. For vessels arriving in one week, a delay of two to three days in berthing is predicted. A two to three day delay in berthing is predicted for vessels arriving within the next two weeks. -- Oceania Maritime Services Pty. Ltd.

London, Oct 11 -- Coal and iron ore freight rates may extend gains as the line of ships lengthened at Newcastle, the world's largest coal-export harbour and on concern grain exports from Australia will be reduced by drought. The Baltic Dry Index, an overall measure of commodity- shipping costs on different routes and ship sizes, rose 0.23 percent to 9,535 on Oct 5, after two days of declines, according to the Baltic Exchange's data. It last rose to a record on Oct 2 at 9,566. The number of ships waiting at Newcastle rose to 45 this morning from 38 a week earlier, Newcastle Port Corp. said on its Web Site. The coal carriers waited an average of 17.2 days to load, compared with 6.7 hours for general cargo. Wheat output in Australia, Asia's biggest exporter, may miss government forecasts after hot, dry weather damaged New South Wales' crops. "On the demand side of the equation, one of the main concerns has been the speculation about further grain export reductions from Australia," London-based Galbraith's Ltd. said in its weekly report. The reduced availability "means that other countries will have to try and obtain their supplies from elsewhere, usually further afield," which means vessels travel longer distances, the shipbroker said. The longer the vessels are tied up, the fewer ships are available for hire, putting pressure on rates. China is the world's biggest grain consumer.

INDIA

Karachi, Oct 9 -- In view of the acute congestion and burgeoning turnaround time at Kolkata and Haldia ports of India, the Calcutta Feeder Operators (Calfo), a body registered in Singapore, seven feeder operators active across the Bay of Bengal on the trade route between Kolkata /Haldia and Singapore/Malaysia, have decided to slap trade surcharge on shipments on the route. According to local media, the surcharge will be \$150 per TEU on all full containers loaded at Singapore/Malaysia for Kolkata/Haldia from Oct 22 and on all full containers loaded at Kolkata/Haldia for Singapore/Malaysia from Nov 1. In other words, imports to Kolkata/Haldia from Singapore/Malaysia will attract surcharge of \$150 per TEU from Oct 22 and exports from Kolkata/Haldia to Singapore/Malaysia from Nov 1. The drop in the draft in the Hooghly river from the next month will compound the problem as it will reduce the loadability of each vessel entailing substantial loss in revenue CALFO pointed out and added this is in addition to other problems already being faced by the feeder operators such as insufficient ground slots, falling productivity and rising operating costs due to higher charter hire and bunker rates. The proposed surcharge, it is felt, will recover part of the increased costs being incurred by the feeder operators. The Calfo members include Advance Container Line (Pte) Ltd., Bengal Tiger Line, Megastar Shipping Pte Ltd., Orient Express Line, PACC Container Line Pte Ltd., Samudera Shipping Line Ltd and Sea Consortium Pte Ltd. -- Correspondent.

ITALY

Genoa, Oct 8 -- Current berthing delays: Genoa: No vessels waiting for berths. La Spezia: No vessels waiting for berths. Savona: Two vessels waiting for normal berths, average berthing delay two days. No vessels waiting for special berths. -- Lloyd's Agents.

KENYA

London, Oct 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: Following high-level negotiations, the port of Mombasa has earned a two month extension before shipping lines begin imposing a vessel delay surcharge. A vessel delay surcharge (VDS) of \$200 per TEU for southbound and \$100 per TEU for

northbound containers handled at the port was announced by member lines of the East African Conference (EACL) and was due to be implemented yesterday. Kenya Ports Authority has in the meantime been seeking ways to relieve the pressure of container overstays at the port and thus avoid the VDS. The two-month extension follows a series of meetings between officials of the Kenya Ports Authority, Kenya's Ministry of Transport and various port stakeholders and conference line members. This included a visit to Geneva to the headquarters of Mediterranean Shipping Company as well as a meeting with Maersk Shipping Line. The port and government delegation, led by Transport Permanent Secretary Dr Gerishon Ikiara, KPA Managing Director Abdalla Mwaruwa and Harbour Master Capt Twalib Khamis sought and gained an extension until December this year. During this period they hope that measures taken to relieve the pressure on the port terminal will take effect. These include creating several bonded container depots outside the port to which containers are being transferred as well as incentives to cargo owners to clear their boxes. Dr Ikiara said that most of the security problems raised by the Kenya Revenue Authority regarding the bonded depots and road transport have been resolved, which should see cargo beginning to be cleared from the depots and also moving out by road in addition to rail.

London, Oct 10 - Kenya-Uganda Railway concessionaire Rift Valley Railways has moved to clarify reports blaming it on congestion at the port of Mombasa. In a statement, RVR explained that the reports advanced last week in the local media and attributed to officials at the Kenya Ports Authority had failed to present the reality at the Kilindini port. According to RVR Managing Director Roy Puffett, the firm's statistics confirm that the railway solutions provider has managed to significantly grow its rail cargo movement from Mombasa to Nairobi, Malaba and Kampala on a month on month basis. Puffett pointed out that the total container volume at Kilindini stood at 10,727 containers. Of this, only 9% of the containers are properly documented for rail haulage. A staggering 5,302 containers are marked as undocumented and thus unallocated to either rail or road haulage sheds. Properly documented containers marked

for rail haulage are 1,019 while those documented for road are 1,562 containers. Other containers at the port are 1,936 containers marked as exports and 908 marked as empties. "With such numbers, RVR takes great exception to claims that we are contributing to congestion at the port," Puffett affirmed.

PANAMA CANAL

Balboa, Oct 1 -- Delays to vessels passing through the Panama Canal are now running less than 48 hours. The booking system is operating under condition 1, with total 24 slots being offered for reservation. Today, there is a backlog of 34 vessels; 49 vessels are due and 40 are scheduled. Tomorrow, a backlog of 43 vessels is predicted, with 37 vessels due and 35 scheduled. -- Lloyd's Agents.

PERU

London, Oct 3 -- Chilean shipping line Compania Chilena de Navegacion Interocceanica S.A. CCNI has announced a \$110 per forty-foot equivalent unit (FEU) congestion surcharge for shippers who choose to use the the Peruvian gateway port of Callao, said news reports. Callao might be the largest port on the South American west coast, but shipping lines have been reporting frequent delays there in the last few months. The fact that Callao does not have a single ship-to-shore gantry crane has been cited as one of the main factors contributing to the port's congestion problems. Although port officials said that the recent earthquake had done little damage to the port's facilities, rapid trade growth and calls from larger vessels have exacerbated the port's inability to cope with increasing cargo volumes. Reports say that modern mega-sized ships in particular are most affected by the congestion because there are not enough berths that can handle those vessels. Callao's Berth Five area is the only one where vessels with draft of up to 12 metres can call. According to CCNI managing director Carlos Allimant, in Peru it is normal to wait a day for only one berth. When a ship comes with a depth of 12 metres, berth five is the only place (it can go). If that berth is occupied it has to wait. This perhaps happens two times a week, said Enapu general manager Atilio Rojas. Enapu is Peru's state-owned port operator.

Port Delays

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

Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
Australia		
Abbot Point	15-Oct-2007	Coal: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 waiting; 16 vessels due by 9/11.
Brisbane	15-Oct-2007	Coal: Fisherman Island coal berth: 5 vessels due by 10/12.
Dalrymple Bay	15-Oct-2007	Coal: while berth 4 is under construction, Capesize vessels can only load at berths 1 and 2 until approximately end-October. DBCT berth 1: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 6 waiting; DBCT berth 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 7 waiting; DBCT berth 3: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 10 waiting; other vessels not scheduled: 22 vessels waiting; 8 vessels due by 25/10.
Dampier	15-Oct-2007	Iron ore: Parker Point berth 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 waiting; 7 vessels due by 31/10; Parker Point berth 3: no shipping operations at present due to drilling and blasting; Parker Point berth 4: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting; 7 vessels due by 1/11; Parker Point berth 5: no shipping operations at present due to drilling and blasting; East Intercourse Island: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 waiting; 9 vessels due by 26/10.
Geraldton	15-Oct-2007	Iron ore: 1 vessel berthed; 5 vessels due by 28/10; regular maintenance shutdowns are expected at berth No. 4 during construction of new iron ore berth 5; at present, these are scheduled for 23/10, 27-30/11.
Gladstone	15-Oct-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: 3 vessels berthed and loading; 58 vessels due by 1/1; Barney Point: 10 vessels due by 5/12.
Hay Point	15-Oct-2007	Coal: Berth 1: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 waiting; 5 vessels due by 18/10; Berth 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 waiting; 4 vessels due by 18/10; other vessels not yet scheduled: 4 vessels due by 23/10.
Newcastle	15-Oct-2007	Coal: Kooragang 4, 5 and 6: 2 vessels berthed and loading, 27 waiting; 43 vessels due by 12/11; 13-18 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; approx. 28 vessels off port awaiting berths; Dykes 4+5: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 14 waiting; 19 vessels due by 13/11; 13-17 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; 15 vessels off port awaiting coal.
Port Adelaide	15-Oct-2007	Grain: No. 27 berth: 2 vessels due by 24/10, 1 to load wheat, 1 barley.
Port Hedland	15-Oct-2007	Iron ore: BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Mt. Newman (Nelson Point), "A" berth: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 waiting; 5 vessels due by 24/10; 24 hour shiploader maintenance from ca. 18/9; "B" berth: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 waiting; 4 vessels due by 23/10; 6 other vessels due by 26/10, no e.t.a. received; BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Goldsworthy (Finucane Island) "C" berth: berth undergoing refurbishment and closed until further notice; 1 vessel due 24/10; Goldsworthy (Finucane Island) "D" berth: 3 vessels waiting; 6 vessels due by 25/9; Cockatoo Island: 2 vessels due by 21/10.
Port Kembla	15-Oct-2007	Coal: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting; 13 vessels due by 20/11.
Port Walcott	15-Oct-2007	Iron ore: berth 2 closed for maintenance until 16/10 afternoon; 4 vessels waiting; 20 vessels due by 12/11.
Whyalla	15-Oct-2007	Iron ore: 3 vessels due by 23/11; 1 vessel due 12/10 for transhipping.
Bulgaria		
Bourgas	15-Oct-2007	Five vessels in port operating, of which 1 loading coils, 4 discharging (1 equipment, 2 copper concentrate, 1 iron ore); 2 vessels in roads, of which 1 to load coke, 1 to discharge iron ore; 9 vessels due, of which 1 to load containers, 8 to discharge (1 iron ore, 1 coils, 1 cranes, 1 manganese ore, 1 equipment, 1 zinc/lead concentrate, 1 zinc concentrate, 1 generators).
Varna	15-Oct-2007	Varna East, Varna West, Electrical Power Station, Balchik: Conditions 8-14 October: Twenty-five vessels in port operating of which 11 loading (1 sunflower seeds, 2 bulk sulphuric acid, 1 bulk kaolin, 1 bulk STTP, 4 soda, 1 silica sand, 1 bulk clinker), 8 discharging (2 bulk wheat, 2 iron bars, 1 raw phosphate, 1 clay, 1 bulk coal, 1 containers), 6 discharging/loading containers; no vessels waiting in roads.
Egypt		
Adabiya	16-Oct-2007	Two vessels berthed (loading/discharging), both general cargo.
Alexandria	16-Oct-2007	Fifty-two vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 48 general cargo, 3 tankers, 1 container vessel; 12 vessels at outer anchorage.
Damietta	16-Oct-2007	Twenty-two 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	16-Oct-2007	Seven vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 2 general cargo, 4 tankers, 1 container vessel; no vessels at outer anchorage.

Port Conditions

Port Said	16-Oct-2007	Six vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 2 general cargo, 4 containers.
Suez	16-Oct-2007	Seven vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 4 general cargo, 3 passenger vessels; 2 tugs, 3 vessels dry-docked.
Suez Canal	16-Oct-2007	Twenty-five vessels transiting Northbound, 30 Southbound.
Estonia		
Tallinn	15-Oct-2007	Paljassaare (formerly Kopli): One corn vessel discharging at berth; no vessels anchored; 1 vessel due, with no berthing delays expected.
Israel		
Ashdod	14-Oct-2007	No labour problems. One general cargo vessel loading at berth, 12 vessels discharging at berth (8 general cargo, 5 bulkers), 3 container vessels loading/discharging at berth; 3 general cargo vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge, 3 vessels waiting at anchorage to load/discharge (2 containers, 1 passenger vessel); 24 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Eilat	14-Oct-2007	No labour problems. One general cargo vessel discharging at berth; no vessels waiting at anchorage; 2 vessels due, with no delays expected.
Haifa	14-Oct-2007	No labour problems. Four vessels discharging at berth (2 general cargo, 2 bulkers), 4 container vessels loading/discharging at berth; 1 general cargo vessel waiting at anchor to discharge, 7 vessels waiting at anchor to load/discharge (3 bulkers, 4 containers); 4 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 10 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Russia		
Novorossiysk	15-Oct-2007	Seventeen vessels in port operating, of which 12 loading, (2 UAN solution, 1 bulk NPK, 3 wheat, 1 copper WRIC, 1 coils, 2 steel billets, 1 barley, 1 diesel oil), 4 discharging (2 bulk sugar, 2 bulk cement), 1 discharging/loading containers; 15 vessels waiting in roads, of which 10 to load (6 wheat, 1 slabs, 1 bulk NPK, 1 debars, 1 coils), 5 to discharge (2 bulk cement, 3 bulk sugar); 71 vessels due, of which 61 to load (1 zinc concentrate, 2 WRIC, 9 copper, 4 coils, 5 slabs, 4 UAN solution, 1 copper WRIC, 1 vegetable oil, 2 steel sheets/steel billets, 1 HBI, 5 steel billets, 1 steel sheets, 1 steel billets/WRIC, 2 soda ash, 4 wheat, 1 pipes, 5 aluminium, 1 DRI, 1 pipes/H-beams/vehicles/spares, 1 steel billets/H-beams, 1 bulk NPK, 1 coke, 1 steel blooms, 1 steel billets/slabs, 1 copper/copper WRIC, 2 cellulose, 1 sodium sulphate/soda ash, 1 diesel oil), 9 to discharge (1 vegetable oil, 5 bulk cement, 2 bananas, 1 bulk sugar), 1 to discharge/load containers. Oil terminal: 2 tankers berthed, both loading, of which 1 crude oil, 1 diesel oil; 1 tanker in roads to load crude oil; 7 tankers due, all to load, of which 6 crude oil, 1 diesel oil.
Slovenia		
Koper	15-Oct-2007	Port working normally. Eight vessels berthed of which 1 discharging/loading containers, 3 loading sawn timber/general cargo, 1 loading bulk cargo, 1 discharging bulk cargo, 2 tankers discharging liquid cargo; 2 vessels waiting at anchorage, of which 1 to load sawn timber, 1 to discharge/load containers; 24 vessels due over the next 2 days of which 4 to discharge/load containers, 5 to load general cargo/sawn timber, 4 to load bulk cargo, 5 to discharge bulk cargo, 2 tankers to discharge liquid cargo, 4 car carriers to discharge/load vehicles.
Spain		
Bilbao	15-Oct-2007	Forty-two vessels operating (7 tankers, 35 other vessels), of which 4 loading, 23 discharging, 15 loading/discharging.
Ukraine		
Ilichevsk	15-Oct-2007	Eight vessels in port operating, of which 5 loading (1 containers, 1 sunflower seed oil, 1 sulphur, 2 steel products), 1 discharging boric acid, 2 loading/discharging containers; 3 vessels in roads, of which 2 to load (1 sulphur, 1 sunflower oil), 1 to discharge/load containers; 19 vessels due, of which 7 to load (5 steel products, 1 pig-iron, 1 wheat), 4 to discharge nickel ore, 8 to load/discharge containers.
Mariupol	15-Oct-2007	Nine vessels in port operating, all loading, of which 5 steel, 1 coal, 1 sulphur, 1 clay, 1 bran; 10 vessels in roads, of which 9 to load (8 steel, 1 slag), 1 to discharge containers; 40 vessels due, of which 39 to load (25 steel, 4 coal, 7 fire-clay, 1 coke, 1 slag, 1 ammonium nitrate), 1 to discharge clinker.
Odessa	15-Oct-2007	Seventeen vessels in port operating, of which 9 loading (7 metal, 1 wheat, 1 oil), 3 discharging (2 luggage, 1 bananas/auto parts), 4 loading/discharging containers, 1 passenger vessel; 7 vessels in roads, of which 2 to load (1 metal, 1 general cargo), 2 to discharge (1 sugar, 1 bananas), 3 to load/discharge containers; 73 vessels due, of which 38 to load (31 metal, 1 scrap, 2 grain, 1 coal, 3 wheat), 9 to discharge (1 metal, 1 ore, 1 sugar, 1 bananas, 2 oil, 1 citrus, 1 fish, 1 general cargo), 26 to discharge/load containers.

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Port Conditions

United States

Beaumont	16-Oct-2007	Louis Dreyfus terminal: 4-5 days delay.
Galveston	16-Oct-2007	ADM-Farmland terminal: 2-3 days delay.
Houston	16-Oct-2007	Cargill terminal - berth 1: 2-3 days delay, berth 2: 2-3 days delay; LDC Dreyfus terminal: no delays.
Kalama, WA	16-Oct-2007	Kalama export terminal: 2 days delay; United Harvest terminal: no delays.
New Orleans	16-Oct-2007	Mississippi River terminal berthing delays: Cenex-Harstates/Myrtle Grove: 1-2 days delay expected; Cargill-Westwego: 2 days delay expected; ADM/Ama: 3 days delay expected; Bunge/Destrehan: 4 days delay expected; ADM/Destrehan: 2 days delay expected; ADM/Reserve: 2 days delay expected; Cargill/Reserve: 2 days delay expected; ADM/Paulina: no delays expected; Zen-Noh/Convent: 3 days delay expected; Cargill/Baton Rouge: no delays expected; Mississippi River mid-stream buoys - estimated berthing delays based on new vessel presented as load-ready and weather permitting: Mile 121.5 ADM (Gemini) - Destrehan: no delays expected; Mile 158.0 Myrtle Grove midstream terminal: 4 days delay expected; Mile 180.0 Cooper (America) - Darrow: 3 days delay expected.
Portland, Oreg	16-Oct-2007	Columbia Grain terminal: 3 days delay; CLD Irving terminal: 2 days delay expected; CLD, O Dock terminals: 3 days delay.
Seattle	16-Oct-2007	Louis Dreyfus (Pier 86) terminal: 2 days delay.
Vancouver, WA	16-Oct-2007	United Harvest terminal: 1 day's delay.

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