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**Operation
Enduring Freedom**

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Spain sends war vessels after island takeover



Top : The Spanish Frigate **ESTREMEDURA** on file photo (November 1999) – **Photo : Piet Sinke ©**

Spain has sent three war vessels to protect its possessions in North Africa as Morocco continued a military occupation of an uninhabited Spanish islet for a third day.

Defence Minister Federico Trillo says a frigate had arrived in Ceuta and two corvettes in Melilla, referring to Spain's two city enclaves.

The ships were sent after 12 Moroccan soldiers landed on Perejil island, a barren rock just off Morocco's coast which Spain says it has controlled since the 17th century.

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News reports said a further a corvette and a submarine were on their way to the zone.

Spain sent a letter of protest to the Moroccan embassy, but has yet to receive a formal response.

A government spokesman said Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar maintained permanent contact with Mr Trillo and his deputy, Mariano Rajoy, and Foreign Minister Ana Palacio to monitor the situation.

The incident worsened relations between the two countries since Morocco unexpectedly withdrew its ambassador to Madrid last October without any explanation.

Ms Palacio says she telephoned her Moroccan counterpart Mohamed Benaissa and hoped the latest problem could be resolved diplomatically.

She upheld the government's claim that the landing was an unfriendly act, but said it would be exaggerated to call it an invasion.

Stowaway dies on ship going home

No one knows who he is. He wanted very badly to leave Cartagena, Colombia, and come to Houston. So badly he stowed away on a ship, only to die on his forced return home.

The unidentified man was one of three stowaways reported by the captain of the Seaboard Eagle soon after it arrived at the Jacinto Port Terminal on Thursday.

Witnesses told officials that about 175 nautical miles into his return trip, courtesy of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the stowaway suddenly convulsed, began foaming at the mouth, and died.

The death has the earmarks of cardiac arrest brought on by the rupture of a balloon full of cocaine swallowed for smuggling purposes, officials said.

An autopsy will determine whether the suspicions are correct.

Two of the stowaways were from Ecuador, and were taken into custody by INS agents, said Houston Port Authority spokeswoman Argentina James.

The Seaboard Eagle regularly hauls cargo between Colombia and Houston, James said. Because the ship was on its way back to Cartagena, INS officials told the stowaway he had a ticket home.

After the captain contacted the U.S. Coast Guard to say his prisoner was dead, officials ordered the ship back to Houston, where it will remain until an investigation is complete, James said.

CASUALTY REPORTING

HMS NOTTINGHAM UPDATE

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A New Zealand navy sailor helping salvage a crippled British warship at Lord Howe Island says the ship was saved only by superb work by its crew.

Chief Petty Officer Dean Hannah, who is a crew member on Anzac frigate HMNZS Te Mana, said the damage to the guided missile destroyer HMS Nottingham, is extensive.

"By rights she should be at the bottom of the sea. Her crew did an amazing job to keep her afloat," he said in an e-mail to his family in Torbay on Auckland's North Shore.

The 3500-tonne frigate hit rocks at Lord Howe Island about 10pm last Sunday and immediately began sinking bow first.

Hundreds of tonnes of water poured in through several holes in the hull and flooded several compartments, including the forward engine room, the Sea Dart missile magazine and several sleeping areas.

Some ratings, who were asleep or resting when the ship hit, fled from their sleeping quarters as the water poured in.

The ship put out a distress call and within hours the Australian air force flew heavy duty pumps to Lord Howe Island to control the flooding.

The New Zealand navy ships Te Mana and the tanker HMNZS Endeavour were also deployed to Lord Howe Island with extra supplies of shoring timber and salvage equipment.

Some of the now-dry forward compartments are criss-crossed with heavy timber beams which hold patches in place on the hull.

Some of the larger holes may not be able to be repaired, even on a temporary basis, until the ship reaches a dry dock.

The Royal Navy said the ship would probably be towed stern first to a port for repairs, possibly Sydney, about 300 nautical miles away.

The Royal Navy is also looking for barges to unload the ship's Sea Dart missiles, some of which have been badly damaged by sea water.

The ship was fully munitioned and hundreds of rounds of 4.5-inch ammunition for the ship's main gun, torpedoes and thousands of rounds of smaller ammunition for the ship's close in defensive guns.

CPO Hannah, said three New Zealand navy teams of 10 sailors were giving some respite to the crew of the badly damaged warship as they worked to restore systems and keep the water at bay.

He said it was "quite disgraceful" for British papers to have called the crew a bunch of incompetents.

"Their damage control and quick response to the massive flooding was superb."

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Left :

HMNZS Te Mana which came to assist the **HMS Nottingham**.

Photo ;

Coll Piet Sinke

He said the reinforced bow section with all the heavy shoring timber "was like a little wooden village".

"It's an interesting feeling to experience, knowing that the compartment below and the section in front of you are totally open to the sea."

"It's a great feeling to be putting skills I have learnt to work for real and to know that our team has done a good job."

He said Te Mana may escort the crippled ship when it was towed to a port for repairs.

"In a way, after helping them out, I sort of feel we are obliged to do. Someone will have to be there to effect a rescue, if needed."

Salvage experts believe it will be another seven to 10 days before the ship is ready for a five or six day tow to the Australian mainland.

Te Mana had supplied as much electrical equipment as it could spare, CPO Hannah said.

A Royal Navy board of inquiry has convened to investigate the grounding, which is believed to have happened when a relatively junior officer was at the helm as the ship's helicopter landed after taking a sick seaman ashore.

The ship's skipper, Commander Richard Farrington, was on the helicopter and was believed to have been making his way to the bridge when the ship hit the rocks. The Royal Navy said it was too soon to say if Cdr Farrington or any other officers would be court-martialled.

Rescue tug on standby for crippled British warship

The **Pacific Chieftain**, New Zealand's toughest tug, has been placed on standby to head to the British guided missile destroyer Nottingham and tow it to an Australian port.

SHIPYARD NEWS HIGHLAND COURAGE



Top : The **HIGHLAND COURAGE** (yard number 139) under construction at the **Soviknes Shipyard**,
In the back the **NORMAND FLOWER** fitting out .

Photo : Oddgeir Refvik ©

NAVY NEWS

Zaterdag bijzonder druk op de Nationale Vlootdagen



Hoewel de weersverwachting voor zaterdag (13 juli) niet zo goed was, bleken toch weer vele duizenden bezoekers de weg naar het Helderse haventerrein te hebben gevonden. En zoals vaak, de zon liet zich toch zien. De enorme parkeerterreinen liepen in de loop van zaterdag een voor een vol en velen hadden dan ook de raad op de vlootdagen-internetsite opgevolgd en waren met openbaar vervoer gekomen. Gratis pendelbussen brengen de bezoekers vanaf station Den Helder tot op het haventerrein.

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Het tijdstip van arriveren blijkt van minder belang: het programma gaat, ook op zondag, van negen tot vijf uur continue door.



Boven : [Hr Ms De Zeven Provinciën](#) – Foto : [Piet Sinke](#) ©

Zo is er om tien uur al een landing van parachutisten van het Korps Mariniers, een half uur later een boarding-demonstratie zoals die plaatsvindt bij het opsporen en enteren van een verdacht schip, om vijf voor elf een landing van speciale mariniers-eenheden en om twaalf uur een lunchconcert door de Marinierskapel. Om 13.00 uur treedt de vermaarde Steelband op. Een uur later landen er weer parachutisten maar komen er ook VOC-piraten aan land. Tussen twee en vijf uur vinden er dan nog verschillende boarding-demonstraties en landingen plaats alsmede demonstratievluchten door een Orion maritiem patrouillevliegtuig. Op zondag spelen niet alleen de Steelband en de Marinierskapel maar treedt om 13.00 uur op steiger 19 ook de drumfanfare van de Koninklijke Luchtmacht op. Overigens zijn er op diverse plaatsen muzikale intermezzo's.

SWEDISH NAVY



Three Swedish navy vessels at Yrkhill Saturday morning

Photo : [Stuart Cameron](#) ©

BRITISH NAVY



The **HMS SOUTHAMPTON** moored Saturday morning at Yrkhill

Photo : Stuart Cameron ©

MOVEMENTS ZEUS / UR 161



The **ZEUS** departed Saturday evening with the loaded Ugland barge UR 161 from Rotterdam to Stavanger, the assisted by the tugs **TAKTOW 1** and the **EERLAND 4**, according to Capt. Peter Jansen

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onboard the Zeus the trip will take 4,5 days due to an assigned route along the British Coast first before crossing to the Norwegian coast.

Photo's : Piet Sinke ©

PENTOW SALVOR



The **PENTOW SALVOR** working off PORT GENTIL (West Africa)

The **PENTOW SALVOR** was build at the Pattje shipyard in Waterhuizen (Holland) under yard number 349 and started her life as the **ROCK FISH** under which name she sailed from 1982 until 1994 when she was purchased by Pentow and renamed her **PENTOW SALVOR**, the vessel is 53,6 mtrs long , a beam of 11.7 mtrs and a max draft of 4.6 mtrs. The engines are good for 4000 hp which give the vessel a bollard pull of 50 tons.

Photo : Gerrit Toes – Workships Contractors ©

ASTAN



The **ASTAN** moored in MALABO at BIOKO ISLAND – The **ASTAN** was as build as **ABEILLE No 2** in Holland at De Vries-Lentsch shipyard in Alphen a/d Rijn under yard number 398 during 1960, the ship is 25.5 mtrs long , a beam of 6.8 mtrs and max draft of 2.9 mtrs. she was renamed **ASTAN** during 1985 when she was sold to West Africa M and is now under Honduras flag.
Lloyds number 302404
Callsign HQU9

Photo : Gerrit Toes –
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SMITWIJS LONDON

By : Capt. Gerrit Verschoor – Master Smitwijs London



Top : **SMITWIJS LONDON** – Photo : Jan van der Klooster ©

The **SMITWIJS LONDON** delivered the GLAS DOWR June 25h at Cape Town , and started her next assignment and departed with the **OCEAN WHITTINGTON** from Namibia bound for a location off GHANA the ETA there is July 21st, at present the LONDON is making 5.5 knots speed with the tow.

After delivery the **SMITWIJS LONDON** takes the **OCEAN LIBERATOR** from DAKAR in tow bound for LISBON where the LONDON is expected to arrive early August.

In continuation of the tow the vessel will set sail for ALGECIRAS for her next assignment what is the tow of the new pier for Monaco from Algeciras, this trip is to be planned for 13 days.



Left :

One of the Vanguard class submarines departing Saturday from the Clyde area.

Photo : Robin Coles ©

TROLLFJORD



The new Norwegian coastal ferry **TROLLFJORD** arriving in Alesund Saturday evening during her Bergen > Kirkenes > Bergen roundtrip.

Trollfjord was built by Fosen Mek. Verksted, and was delivered to Troms Fylkes Damskipsselskap at 14 May 2002. She is 135 meter long and can carry maximal 822 passenger and a 74 strong crew.

She will be joined by a sister vessel, "Midnattsol", in March next year.

Photo : Oddgeir Refvik

AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS



A rocket carrying the next generation supersonic model aircraft explodes on impact after it crashes into the desert at the Woomera rocket range in the Australian outback, July 14, 2002. A test launch of what Japanese scientists hoped would be the next generation of supersonic jet failed spectacularly Sunday in the Australian desert. The superjet, a 1:10 scale model of a plane that would be able to fly twice as fast as the Concorde, plunged into the ground shortly after take-off.