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# Operation Enduring Freedom



USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) underway in the Central Command Area of Operation Jul. 16, 2002  
John F. Kennedy and her embarked Carrier Air Wing Seven (CVW-7) are conducting combat missions  
in support of **Operation Enduring Freedom**

## EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

### Crew safe, ships still in danger



Cape Town - A South African air force helicopter airlifted 16 crew members from the stricken tanker which ran aground off the Transkei coast early on Thursday.

Defence force spokesperson Lieutenant-Colonel Piet Paxton said the chopper, an Oryx from the Durban-based 15 Squadron, had dropped off the men in East London.



"The weather is not conducive to air-sea rescue, but I think the pilot did an excellent job," he said.

"It's raining ... high speed winds, up to eight-metre swells."

A skeleton crew of 11 had remained on board the 10 947-ton Maltese-registered **Nino**, which ran aground about 20 nautical miles south west of Coffee Bay shortly before 03:00, in high seas.

Paxton said the Oryx would take salvage equipment to the ship later on Thursday afternoon, on behalf of salvors **Smit Pentow Marine**.

Spokesperson for the national ports authority in East London Terry Taylor said the vessel, carrying 7 700 tons of fuel, was intact and had not broken up.

"No oil spills have been reported to us at this stage. But when any ship goes aground, there's always a potential danger of an oil spill.

"Obviously the salvage company will do everything to prevent one."



The **Wolraad Woltemade**, a tug from Smit Marine in Cape Town, left for the scene of the stricken tanker at 04:30.

#### Grain carrier

Taylor also confirmed that a 90-metre bulk carrier the **Sagittarius** had reported on Thursday morning that she was taking in water through her ballast tanks and is listing badly.

She was currently two miles off the entrance to East London harbour, waiting for sea conditions to improve so marine inspectors could assess her condition.

The harbour was currently closed because of wind gusting up to 36 knots and a five-metre swell at the harbour mouth.

The Portuguese-registered ship is carrying grain from Durban to Angola.

### Night rescue for ship crew

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The nine crew members of the cargo ship Sagitaris which has run aground off East London harbour are being airlifted to safety, the SA National Defence Force said last night.

Lieutenant-Colonel Piet Paxton said the Portuguese ship carrying a cargo of grain had wedged in rocks three kilometres west of the harbour, had no power to operate its pumps, was taking in water and was in imminent danger of sinking.

An Oryx helicopter from 15 Squadron, SA Air Force, based in Durban began the night rescue attempt after a request from the Port Captain in East London, Paxton said.

Earlier yesterday, 15 Squadron airlifted 16 crew members from the Maltese-registered Nino which ran aground south of Coffee Bay off the Transkei coast in the early hours of the morning.

The 16 were dropped off in East London, while a skeleton crew of 11 was left aboard the 10947-ton tanker.

East London harbour remains closed and weather conditions are treacherous with heavy seas and strong winds.

"The weather is not conducive to air-sea rescue, and I think the pilot did an excellent job," said Paxton.

Spokesman for the National Ports Authority in East London, Terry Taylor, said the Nino, carrying 7700 tonnes of fuel, was intact and had not broken up.

"No oil spills have been reported to us at this stage. But when any ship goes aground, there's always a potential danger of an oil spill.

"Obviously the salvage company will do everything to prevent one."

## Former navy chief held in ship scam

PAKISTAN'S former navy chief, Mansurul Haq is in the dock on charges of taking kickbacks on the purchase of three container vessels for Pakistan National Shipping Corp. He and Mirza Ashfaq Baig, a former PNSC director, were arrested and charged with corruption on July 16 by the National Accountability Bureau. A court later remanded them in custody until July 30. The case revolves around the role of the former navy chief in the \$47M purchase of three 1,200-TEU container vessels from a Nigerian operator in 1994. The vessels were purchased, despite being too small and gearless, for deployment on the main international trades into Europe, the Far East and US. By 2001, PNSC was on the verge of defaulting on a loan taken from the Bahrain branch of National Bank of Pakistan, before the new chairman Tauqeer Hussain Naqvi negotiated a rescheduling of debt. Currently, only one of these ships is in use on the Karachi-Colombo feeder route.

## Kustwacht Antillen & Aruba schiet tanker te hulp

De Kustwacht voor de Nederlandse Antillen en Aruba heeft gisteren (16 juli) hulp verleend aan een tanker die zo'n 13 kilometer van Aruba lag. Aan boord van de tanker, de onder Liberiaanse vlag varende [M/V Crude Ocean](#), had een explosie plaatsgevonden en was brand uitgebroken. Hierbij zijn twee opvarenden om het leven gekomen en één gewond. De Kustwacht assisteerde met twee patrouilleboten en een helikopter. De helikopter

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**bracht de gewonde opvarende naar het ziekenhuis op Aruba, terwijl de stoffelijke resten door een van beide patrouilleboten aan wal zijn gebracht.**

De eerste melding over het incident kwam rond twaalf uur binnen bij het Rescue and Coordination Centre van de Kustwacht op Curaçao. Afgezien van de patrouilleboten I-6014 en P-04 stuurde ook de civiele reddingsdienst van Aruba hulp naar de tanker. Rond half een ontving het Rescue and Coordination Centre melding dat de brand onder controle was en de gewonde opvarende weliswaar in shock toestand verkeerde, maar stabiel was. Hierop werd de helikopter van de Kustwacht naar het schip gestuurd om de gewonde op te halen. In totaal waren zeven opvarenden aan boord van het 58.000 ton metende schip. De Crude Ocean staat geregistreerd in de Liberiaanse stad Monrovia.

## Container ship refloated

A CONTAINER ship that ran aground on a sandbank in Brisbane's Moreton Bay has been refloated.

A Queensland Transport spokesman said the 240m vessel, which ran aground at Middle Bank, about two nautical miles (3.7km) west of Tangalooma Island at 5.30am (AEST), was on its way to the Port of Brisbane.

Tug boats positioned near the [ANL Excellence](#) pulled the vessel free about 3pm (AEST) with the aid of the outgoing tide.

The boat will now be inspected at the port for damage before a decision is made about its next destination, the spokesman said.

## SHIPYARD NEWS

### Ship repair boosts Philippine yard

PHILIPPINE shipbuilder and repairer Keppel Philippines Marine has been able to survive in difficult times thanks to repair work generated from foreign ships. KPM president Toh Ko Lin said foreign vessels contributed substantially to the company's turnover in 2001 thanks to the active trade in both dry cargo and liquid bulk. Turnover from KPM's three yards rose by 26 per cent to PhP920M (\$18.2M) and operating profit jumped 44 per cent to PhP106M. The Batangas yard in southern Luzon repaired 42 foreign vessels while all the 49 ships dry-docked at Subic yard in central Luzon were foreign vessels. The total number of ships repaired at the company's Cebu yard rose to 108 compared to 92 in the year 2000.

## ROUTE, PORTS & SERVICES

### Hanjin strengthens China-America Express

HANJIN Shipping's vessel, the Hanjin Osaka arrived in Ningbo on July 11 and Pusan on July 16, launching Hanjin's improved China-America Express (CAX) service that has added Ningbo and Portland to its port rotation.

In 1996, Hanjin Shipping established a direct China-America service, and today's China-America Express (CAX) route has a fleet of five 4,300-TEU vessels employed on the service. CAX's former port calling at Xingang has been replaced by Ningbo, and, by calling also at Shanghai, Hanjin said it will strengthen its service to China's economic centre at the mouth of the Yangtze River. Xingang to US cargo will now be continuously handled through various dedicated feeder services.

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In the northwest of the US, Portland has been added to the rotation in order to help reduce inland transportation costs to shippers of the northwest who presently use Seattle. The new calling port rotation for CAX is: Ningbo (Thur/Fri), Shanghai (Sat/Sun), Kwangyang (Mon/Tue), Pusan (Tue/Wed), Long Beach (Fri/Mon), Oakland (Tue/Tue), Portland (Thur/Thur), Tokyo (Sun/Sun), Kwangyang (Tue/Wed) and Ningbo (Thur/Fri).

## New box terminal to be built at Shekou

Strong China volume growth has prompted the expansion of container handling capacity at Shenzhen's Shekou Industrial Zone.

A new container terminal will be developed in a joint venture between P&O Ports, Modern Terminals, Swire Pacific Ltd and China Merchants Holdings International subsidiary Vactor Investments Ltd, adding 500,000-TEU capacity to their first phase facility.

The US\$200 million second phase development, adjacent to the first facility, will be operational by the end of 2003 and bring the potential combined capacity to 1.8 million TEUs.

Despite weak trade last year, the three Shenzhen ports enjoyed 20 per cent volume growth to 4.8 million TEUs. Shekou Phase I handled 751,000 TEUs in 2001 and will be operating at full capacity by the time Phase II is ready.

Vactor Investments is the majority shareholder with 51 per cent, P&O Ports has 20 per cent, Modern Terminals 19.4 per cent and Swire takes 9.6 per cent.

The project represents P&O Ports' first major expansion since newly named executive chairman Robert Woods recently declared that the group aimed to become the world's biggest port operator.

Given the growth of the area - particularly around the booming Pearl River Delta - terminal capacity is struggling to keep up with cargo.

Singapore's PSA Corporation recently signed a memorandum of understanding to develop a new project near Shenzhen, riding high on its existing mainland volume growth rate above 40 per cent.

PSA already has terminal interests in Dalian, Fuzhou, Guangzhou and recently Jiangyin, and is actively looking for further China expansion opportunities, particularly around Shanghai.

## Zwaartepunt activiteiten Oostendse haven verschuift van passagiers naar vracht

Tot voor kort was de haven van Oostende met lengtes voorsprong de belangrijkste passagiershaven van het land. Het opdoeken van de Regie voor Maritiem Transport heeft Oostende in dit marktsegment een uppercut toegebracht die het nooit volledig heeft verwerkt. De haven zocht ter vervanging haar heil in de ro-ro-vracht. Met succes



## NAVY NEWS



U.S. Marines from Battalion Landing Team 2/3, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Three, off load from Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC-47) as part of a beach assault exercise during the "Rim of the Pacific" (RIMPAC) 2002 multinational amphibious training exercise. LCAC-47 attached to Assault Craft Unit Five (ACU-5) from Camp Pendleton, CA, launched from the amphibious assault ship USS Tarawa (LHA 1). An H-3H "Sea King" helicopter from Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands hovers overhead and serves as a safety observer. Seven Pacific Rim nations and the United Kingdom, are participating in RIMPAC 2002

## Navy agrees to buy Chinese patrol boats

The navy has finally agreed to purchase two off-shore patrol vessels from China at a price of 3.5 billion baht, in line with a directive laid down by Defence Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh.

Gen Chavalit overruled the result of September's tendering process after allegations from unsuccessful suppliers.

The navy was reportedly pushed into buying the boats after the Defence Ministry struck a deal with Beijing.

``The defence minister wants the navy to give priority to foreign relations, so it's China again," said a

navy source.

The navy's decision was forwarded to Deputy Defence Minister Yutthasak Sasiprapa for submission to the cabinet on Tuesday. The procurement would go ahead under a trade agreement between the two governments.

## **MOVEMENTS**

### **PRINSES MARGRIET**

**Het motorschip Prinses Margriet is vertrokken uit de haven van Terschelling.**



**Foto boven : Jan Simons ©**

Onder belangstelling van diverse eilanders werd met hulp van de sleepboten **Noordgat** en **Typhoon** de tocht vanaf de ligplaats bij de werkhaven via de Rijkshaven naar de haveningang gemaakt. Daarvoor waren alle in de weg liggende schepen charterschepen van de bruine vloot en enkele Urker kotters van vakantie vierende Urkers buitengaats gevaren om ruimte te maken. De Pr. Margriet, opleidingsschip van het Maritiem Instituut Willem Barentsz, zal een inspectie ondergaan op de werf in Harlingen. Als deze positief uitvalt, zal het schip worden verkocht door de N HL, waarvan de Terschellinger zeevaartschool deel uitmaakt. Naar verluidt zal het schip worden ingezet als cruiseschip. Het zal daartoe intern geheel worden gerenoveerd.



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## JANTAR



The Polish tug **JANTAR** at the Westerschelde — Photo : Jos van Weele  
The **JANTAR** was build as **ABEILLE BRETAGNE** during 1979 under which name she sailed until November 1996 when she was renamed in **PACIFIC SALVOR** and during 2001 she was sold to Poland and renamed **JANTAR**.

Length	:	43.7 mtr
Beam	:	11.8 mtr
Draft	:	4.7 mtr



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Max Speed	:	14 knots
BHP	:	4800 HP
BP	:	65 ton
Builder	:	Manche — Dieppe
Yard number	:	1271
Gross tonnage	:	668 tons
Net	:	200 tons
DWT	:	1200 tons
Callsign	:	9HCL7
LLP No	:	117013

## SVITSER / WIJSMULLER



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In the UK the Svister / Wijsmuller tugs receiving a new colour which will be a ROYAL BLUE hull and Funnel as can be seen on the picture left.



## J.HENRY DUNANT



The **J. Henry Dunant** was in the Port of Maassluis Thursday — Photo : Jaap van de Meeberg ©

## AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS

## **S76 INCIDENT – 16 JULY 2002**



Bristow Helicopters regrets to confirm that five people have died and six are missing as a result of the incident yesterday involving a **Sikorsky S-76 helicopter** operating in the Leman Field, 75 km north of Lowestoft.

Our thoughts are very much with the families and friends of those involved.

The aircraft, with two crew and nine passengers on board was making a routine flight from the Clipper platform to the Santa Fe Monarch drilling rig, a distance of approximately 25 miles. As it approached the rig at 1945 hours, the aircraft inexplicably ditched into the sea.

The aircraft was operating for Shell U.K. Exploration and Production. We have immediately launched our own investigation and will be working closely with Shell to establish the cause of the accident and we will be giving the Air Accident Investigation Branch our fullest co-operation with their investigation.

The safety of our operations is and always will be our highest priority and we have full confidence in the robust safety regime applied to both our aircraft and our operations. We will not know the cause of this tragedy until a full investigation is completed and it would be entirely inappropriate to speculate on the possible causes at this stage.

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