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Operation Enduring Freedom



An F/A 18C Hornet launches off the flight deck of the USS Theodore Roosevelt, December 31, 2001 in the Arabian Sea. U.S. officials said intelligence shows ousted Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar may be hiding near Baghran in Afghanistan's southern Helmand province. Warplanes from the Roosevelt continue to support Operation Enduring Freedom by maintaining an air presence over Afghanistan and being available for close air support

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

2 charged in US with issuing false Coast Guard licences

(SINGAPORE) Two men have been charged with conspiracy in the US for allegedly issuing false US Coast Guard licences and other papers to seafarers.

One of the men charged - Jaime Morales-Guadalupe - is a former US Coast Guard paralegal, who along with the second man - Luis Figueroa-Ramos - is accused of wrongfully taking US\$367,165 from the racket, news reports say.

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Both men are being held in Puerto Rico on charges including conspiracy, converting property to another, false identification documents and misuse of federal certificates, licences or documents. The scandal rivals allegations against the Panamanian authorities made earlier this year by the International Transport Workers' Federation that false documentation was easily obtainable from flag of convenience nations.

The pair allegedly worked together, charging tuition fees and conducting examinations before issuing certificates. The US Coast Guard reportedly recalled several years' worth of documents issued in San Juan after it was discovered 650 licence blanks and a document production machine had gone missing.

Sloman Traveller in Bremerhaven



DEN HELDER/BREMERHAVEN (ANP) - Het Duitse vrachtschip **Sloman Traveller**, dat op de Noordzee bij Vlieland in brand stond, is dinsdag voor reparatie in het Duitse Bremerhaven aangekomen.

Het schip was maandag op sleeptouw genomen nadat er vrijdag enkele explosies op de Sloman Traveller hadden plaatsgevonden.

De 16-koppige bemanning kon worden gered. Specialisten konden het vuur in het schip, dat allerlei chemicaliën als lading had, pas na enkele dagen blussen

ROUTE, PORTS & SERVICES

Cosco Pacific to invest 37.5m yuan in Dalian venture

It will hold 8 % stake in Dalian Port Container Co

(HONG KONG) Cosco Pacific Ltd, the port operation arm of China's biggest shipping company, said it will pay 37.5 million yuan (\$\$8.32 million) for an 8 per cent stake in a venture to expand container terminals in the north-east Chinese city of Dalian.

Cosco Pacific will subscribe for 25.6 million shares in Dalian Port Container Co, which is 90 per cent-controlled by the Port of Dalian Authority, the company said in an announcement.

The venture plans to invest 469 million yuan to build container storage, terminal operation facilities, as well as setting up transshipment and shipping agencies in the city. It has 320 million yuan of registered capital.

The acquisition may help Cosco to expand its sales after the company posted little growth in the first-half this year excluding an exceptional gain.

Cosco Pacific said first-half profit from operations rose to US\$69.8 million from US\$69.1 million in the year-earlier period. The company, like its Asian rivals, was forced to reduce container rates as slowing global demand hurt trade flows.

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China Dalian Ocean Shipping Agency, a unit of China Ocean Shipping (Group) Co, will also take a 0.5 per cent stake in the venture for 2.4 million yuan. China Ocean Shipping, or Cosco, controls 55 per cent of Cosco Pacific, which trades in Hong Kong.

The investing partners have agreed not to sell their stake in the venture within three years of its establishment. Shanghai Port Container Co, which provides port-related services in China's largest port, will own 1 per cent.

MOVEMENTS



STAR IKABANA (9186209) Masterbulk Singapore GT 30745 dwt 39495 Loa 185m Bm 31m
31-12-2001 : Van Bremerhaven naar de Alexanderhaven – Photo/tekst Jan van der Klooster

AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS



US Air Force Lockheed **C-5B Galaxy** at Frankfurt-main Airport December 22nd, 2001 Very short takeoff roll, perhaps a ferry flight to nearby Ramstein AFB.

RIJNMOND WEATHER

woensdag 2 januari

9 uur 's ochtends :

temperatuur: 1 graden vorst
kans op neerslag: 0%
wind: zwak (10 km/u) uit Z

5 uur 's middags

temperatuur: 2 graden
kans op neerslag: 0%
wind: matig (15 km/u) uit ZO

.... SHIP OF THE DAY

NAVION ODIN



De NAVION ODIN binnenkomend naar de Botlek uit het Spaanse Ferrol op 18 december 2001

De NAVION ODIN (9170078) is de nieuwste Multipurpose Shuttle Tanker en dit type schip heeft de afkorting MST in de wereld van de offshore tankers. Het schip is gebouwd, op de Spaanse werf Izar (de voormalige Astilleros Espanoles) in Puerto Real bij Cadiz, voor de Noorse redersgroep Navion AS te

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Stavanger. Het schip is uitgerust om een multipurpose rol te vervullen en kan aangepast worden, om voor de offshore industrie als shuttle tanker te fungeren om bij productieplatforms te laden of als FPSO (Floating Production Offshore and Storage) of als drillvessel dienst te doen. De afmetingen van dit vaartuig zijn GT 89600 dwt 96900 Loa 265.0 meter en breedte 42.0 meter. Het schip wordt diesel electrisch voortgestuwd (totaal vermogen 41.380 kW) en het heeft een DP installatie (DP3).

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