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Operation Enduring Freedom



The frigate **Emden** leaves the naval port of Wilhelmshaven, northwest Germany, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002. Six German navy ships joined the U.S.-led war on terrorism Wednesday, setting off to patrol seas off the Horn of Africa in Germany's largest naval deployment since World War II. Two frigates and four support ships carrying 750 marines slipped out of the North Sea port of Wilhelmshaven on a mission to protect shipping and cut off any routes used by terror groups

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

Vluchtelingenschip in nood voor Griekse kust

ATHENE (ANP) - Een schip met naar schatting 230 à 260 illegale immigranten aan boord heeft voor de kust van het Griekse eiland Kasos een noodsignaal gegeven. De Griekse kustwacht is een grootscheepse reddingsactie begonnen.

Het schip lijkt echter niet in acuut gevaar te verkeren en vaart langzaam richting Italië. Dat meldden de Griekse autoriteiten dinsdag. De naam van het schip en de nationaliteit van de opvarenden zijn nog onbekend. Jaarlijks proberen duizenden mensen, meestal uit Azië of het Midden-Oosten, voet aan wal te zetten in Griekenland om zo de EU in te komen.

Japan whaling ship ordered from Australian waters

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A Japanese whaling ship, which reportedly entered Australian waters in the Antarctic was ordered out by an Australian research vessel, a government spokesman has said.

The **Aurora Australia** reportedly came across the Japanese whaler yesterday inside Australia's economic exclusion zone.

The Japanese vessel set sail in early November, planning to catch around 400 Minke whales in the Antarctic Ocean for research purposes before returning to Japan in April.

Monte Carlo casino barge sold

Carlo Corporation has sold the casino barge "Monte Carlo" to Gulfside Casino Partnership.

The barge was designed for gaming in US Mississippi waters and originally assembled in Tunica during 1993/4. She was later towed to Biloxi until sold.

The barge will be refitted by the new owners and resume service as a casino barge in Mississippi. Marcon acted as broker for the sale.

Tanker safety tug plan starts

A tug could have towed the tanker to sea



Almost six years on from the Sea Empress disaster, the coastline of south west Wales is to have an emergency salvage tug on permanent duty.

Eight years after such a scheme was first recommended, the Far Sky, is to be on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The tug, which is based in Falmouth, is looked upon as a floating insurance policy - should a crippled oil tanker or cargo ship once again threaten Welsh shores.

The development comes after moves to head off a repeat of the oil disaster, which devastated more than 100 miles of Welsh coastline, have been speeded up by the European Parliament.

MEPs have voted to accelerate the phasing out of single-hull oil tankers and to replace them with safer double-hull vessels.

The single-hulled Sea Empress spilled more than 72,000 tonnes of crude oil into the sea when it ran aground at the entrance to Milford Haven estuary in Pembrokeshire, west Wales.

A marine accident investigation report later concluded that oil pollution would have been avoided in the initial grounding if the vessel had been constructed to the double-hull design.

Critics also argued that having a powerful tug on hand to tow the vessel into open water would also have reduced the environmental destruction.

The deployment of the Far Sky should go some way to assuaging fears that a Sea Empress-like disaster could be repeated.

New Carnival ship cruises into Canaveral this month

Carnival Cruise Lines will show its Pride Jan. 7 when the company's newest ship arrives from Helsinki, Finland, to Port Canaveral.

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After a naming ceremony and a get-acquainted cruise for invited guests, the \$375 million, 2,124-passenger Pride will join Carnival's Fantasy as the second of that company's two Port Canaveral-based luxury liners.

Playing the "godmother" role (that's what you call someone who breaks the champagne and does the official launch honors) will be former astronaut Tammy Jernigan.

When the Pride sets sail for real on Jan. 12, it will follow a seven-day schedule that will alternate between eastern Caribbean (Virgin Islands and a private island) and western Caribbean (Belize, Mexico) routes.



Now that Carnival has built it, will paying customers come?

In time, says Carnival.

"We are still feeling the effects of Sept. 11," says spokeswoman Jennifer de la Cruz, "But attractive pricing and pent-up demand is helping bring back business."

De la Cruz says it is understandable that people have safety concerns, but adds that the entire cruise industry moved to level 3 security, the highest possible, immediately following the terrorist attacks.

Included in the heightened security measures: All items brought on board by passengers, vendors and staff are thoroughly examined.

De la Cruz says it is difficult to assure passengers that they are safe without giving away too many specifics, but a couple of safety measures involve photo IDs and divers checking underwater sections of the ship at various ports of call.

It's easier to market on the basis of the 88-ton "Fun Ship" features: 16 bars and lounges, a 14,000-square-foot spa, four swimming pools and a wedding chapel.

With the addition of the Pride, Port Canaveral's cruise ship fleet now includes the two Carnival ships, two Disney ships and one Royal Caribbean liner.

Small is beautiful. Sometimes smaller is better. At least that's what the sales and marketing people at one local hotel are saying.

With national and international travel still in the recovery mode, the 115-room Celebration Hotel is marketing itself to Central Floridians as "an oasis of relaxation."

"We are getting more and more local Orlando people escaping here," says General Manager Mark Ladd.

Following a strong start in 2001, the hotel found itself -- like many others in the area after Sept. 11 -- trying to recoup lost revenue by exploring potential new markets. Thus, its push for locals and an equally aggressive campaign to attract more group business.

Is it working?

"I'm going to be flat (this year)," Ladd says, although he adds that he is very optimistic about 2002.

And Ladd is confident that the resort will not be a tough sell. "Once we get people in here, they are hooked," he says.

The 2-year-old Celebration Hotel is part of the Kessler Grand Hotels Group.

Sydney ferry incident downplayed

AN incident involving a Sydney Harbour ferry striking a wharf at McMahon's Point yesterday evening has been downplayed by its owner. Early reports claimed at least eight people had been taken to hospital with a range of injuries. However, a spokesman for Sydney Ferries today told Fairplay that the ferry had simply "touched" the wharf with no damage to either and that only two people were taken to hospital, both of whom were later released. A spate of ferry accidents in 2001 led to the New South Wales state government ordering a detailed review of Sydney's ferry services, which revealed deficient management in a number of areas including safety, training and vessel maintenance and made 61

recommendations for improvements. It prompted the government to set up a task force to ensure the implementation of those recommendations within 12 months. No cause has been suggested for this latest incident, but the Waterway and State Transit Authorities will be investigating.

CASUALTY REPORTING

Cypriot tanker runs aground off UK



The UK's Brixham Coastguard are currently assisting the crew of a 3000 tonne Cypriot tanker, **Willy**, which ran aground at Cawsands on the west side of Plymouth yesterday evening. The vessel, which had twelve crew on board was in ballast and at anchor in Cawsands Bay. The Coastguard were alerted at 10.45 pm following several emergency calls from members of the public. The hull has been damaged and there is some water in the

engine room. There are southeasterly gale force winds on scene. Brixham Coastguard requested Tamar Coastguard Rescue Team to attend the scene along with the 'Far Sky' emergency towing vessel from Falmouth and the Plymouth Lifeboat.



Tamar Coastguard Rescue Team and all of the vessels other than the Far Sky are now on scene. The Coastguard Team assisted three of the non-essential crew off the ship to the shore. The other nine essential crewmembers, including the skipper remain on board.

Sailor dies in crane accident

A tragic accident occurred in the early hours of the afternoon on New Year's day onboard the cargo vessel Al Rajia whilst anchored approximately 2 nautical miles from the port of Limassol, Cyprus. Mohammed Ornis, a 29 year old Syrian sailor was killed whilst operating a crane onboard the vessel. Local media reports said Ornis had been driving the giant crane weighing over 4 tons to free the ship's anchor using a winch. During the operation the wires suddenly snapped and the base of the crane gave way. The crane collapsed and crushed Ornis who died instantly. The vessel has been detained and a full investigation is pending.

K-Jet ferry linking Kansai airport with Kobe takes on water



OSAKA, Japan - The K-Jet **Emerald Wing** high-speed ferry boat is towed to a port in the city of Kishiwada, Osaka Prefecture, on Jan. 3 after taking on water. Twenty-three passengers and crew members aboard the 165-ton ferry were safe. It was sailing from Kansai International Airport to Kobe.

SHIPYARD NEWS

Thailand plans mega shipyard

THAILAND has commissioned a feasibility study to develop the industrial estate area at Laem Chabang port as a major shipbuilding and repair yard. The contract for the feasibility study, which is due to be completed within 12 months, has been awarded to the C&C International Venture Co by the Office of Maritime Promotion Commission. Local maritime officials are convinced that the location of Laem Chabang is ideal for ships to dock for repair. Thai shipyards, however, have yet to script a success story, with both the Japanese-backed Unithai Shipyard and Asimar (Asian Marine) having performed poorly. Generally, Thai ship builders have concentrated on government contracts, especially for building small vessels for the military, police, customs and port authorities. Though in terms of returns, these high-value vessels have been good business, the reluctance to build larger ships such as tankers and bulk carriers has stunted the growth of the local industry.

ROUTE, PORTS & SERVICES

PSA faces delay in Belgian port venture

Environmental problems have caused delays in Singapore's PSA Corp's acquisition of the majority stake in Belgium's port operations.

The residents of Doel have been defending the imminent destruction of their homes to create two new terminals on Antwerp's left bank. Environmentalists have challenged the impact of the proposed development.

PSA is expected to acquire an 80 per cent stake in the \$1 billion equity company HNN, the merger formed between Hessenatie and Noord Natie and approved by Belgium's competition authorities last August. The agreement signed last March was expected to be complete before the end of 2001. A delay until the first quarter of 2002 is now expected.

The deal will see PSA taking control of 22 existing terminals and the right to operate a series of future developments. The controversial development of the left bank dock ended after local courts determined that environmental factors had not been adequately addressed. Legal action is pending.

MOL, NYK downgraded

CREDIT rating organisation Moody's Investors Service has downgraded its rating of Mitsui OSK Lines and Nippon Yusen Kaisha from "positive" to "stable".

The agency said it believed deteriorating shipping market conditions which were evident in 2001 would continue, which would manifest in a broader industry down cycle.

"Additional fleet tonnage being delivered (not matched by scrapping) and significant developments in the world economy beyond the industry's control are uncertainties facing MOL and NYK and the industry at large," the agency said. "The total amount of US and European imports is likely to be negatively impacted as the respective economies slow down," Moody's added.

NAVY NEWS

Marine neemt vluchtelingen aan boord



DEN HAAG (ANP) - Een bevoorradingsschip van de Koninklijke Marine is woensdag vluchtelingen te hulp gekomen die aan boord waren van een schip dat ten zuiden van het Griekse eiland Kreta in moeilijkheden is geraakt.

De **Hr Ms Amsterdam** heeft inmiddels tien kinderen, een zwangere vrouw en een oudere man aan boord genomen. Zij werden met behulp van drie Griekse helikopters van het in nood verkerende schip gehaald. Het schip dat in problemen verkeert, is afkomstig uit Turkije. Het heeft ongeveer tweehonderd vluchtelingen aan boord, afkomstig uit Irak, Sierra Leone, Pakistan en Turkije. Onder de opvarenden is geen bemanning aangetroffen, zo

heeft het ministerie van Defensie laten weten. De 'Amsterdam' voert de reddingsactie uit in samenwerking met de **Estremadura**, een schip van de Spaanse marine. In afwachting van betere weersomstandigheden brengen helikopters de opvarenden naar het Griekse vaste land.

AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS

Air France jet makes emergency landing

PARIS (December 31, 2001 9:50 p.m. EST) - An Air France jetliner flying from Paris to Washington with 240 passengers aboard made an emergency landing Monday after its crew found a suspicious object on board, a company official said.

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Flight AF028 landed late Monday in the western French city of Brest, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

He said the object turned out to be harmless but declined to describe it or provide further details. He said the plane was to resume its flight.

Earlier in the day, the plane's takeoff from Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris had been delayed up to three hours because of security concerns, the official said, but he would not elaborate on those concerns.

The incident came nine days after an American Airlines Paris to Miami flight was diverted to Boston when a passenger was subdued as he tried to set fire to his sneaker that carried explosives.

The man, Richard C. Reid, a 28-year-old British citizen of English and Jamaican descent, is being held without bail in Boston.

EMERGENCY LANDING ??????????????



Was this an emergency landing ??? or just a joke of this Dutch Navy Lynx 270 attached to the Hr Ms Rotterdam on a piece of rock.

RIJNMOND WEATHER

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donderdag 3 januari

9 uur 's ochtends

temperatuur: 1 graden vorst
kans op neerslag: 5%
wind: matig (21 km/u) uit OZO

5 uur 's middags

temperatuur: 1 graden
kans op neerslag: 0%
wind: matig (22 km/u) uit OZO

SHIPS EXPECTED IN ROTTERDAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>GT</u>	<u>Nationality</u>
Jan-03	HILDA KNUTSEN	11425	NOR
Jan-03	MELANIE Z	1291	CYP
Jan-03	APL MEXICO	34836	ABB
Jan-03	WARBER	1141	NTH
Jan-03	IKAR	171	POL
Jan-03	GERHEIN G	910	ABB
Jan-03	HENNING S	1307	ABB
Jan-03	AL-ABDALI	48154	KUW
Jan-03	PAUL	3003	CYP
Jan-03	WALSERTAL	5624	AUS
Jan-03	ELLA WONSILD	1716	DEN
Jan-03	ALOUETTE ARROW	12688	NOR
Jan-03	MARINUS GREEN	11894	NTH
Jan-03	AMER CHOAPA	13312	CYP
Jan-03	ROUSSE	11982	MTA
Jan-03	MOGAMI REEFER	7367	PAN
Jan-03	FLINTERZEE	4368	NTH
Jan-03	LT UNICORN	69246	PAN
Jan-03	FOSNA	52157	NOR
Jan-03	LIMAR	18055	LIB
Jan-03	RANA	1780	NTH
Jan-03	OPDR TENERIFE	9601	ABB
Jan-03	EUROPEAN FREEWAY	21162	GBI
Jan-03	ALTAIR	5077	ITL
Jan-03	CYMBELINE	11866	LUX
Jan-03	AMANDINE	14715	GBI
Jan-03	MOLDAVIA	1546	ABB
Jan-03	PRIDE OF ROTTERDAM	59925	NTH

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Jan-03	DONIZETTI	2335	LUX
Jan-03	STENA SEATRADER	17991	GBI
Jan-03	SONJA	1410	ABB
Jan-03	MOSTRAUM	5973	NOR
Jan-03	GEEST MERCHANT	2899	ABB
Jan-03	WILSON SAAR	1043	ABB
Jan-03	HANJIN HAMBURG	37193	GRC
Jan-03	HYUNDAI HIGHNESS	64054	KRS
Jan-03	NORQUEEN	17884	FIN
Jan-03	SORMOVSKIY-3058	3041	RUS
Jan-03	DUISBURG	1943	ABB
Jan-03	PIONEER	2735	NTH
Jan-03	TROUT	1997	NTH
Jan-03	RIJA	3999	GEU
Jan-03	GEEST TRADER	2899	ABB
Jan-03	BERGSTRAUM	6045	NOR
Jan-03	ORANGE WAVE	13444	LIB
Jan-03	CONSHIP ROMANCE	31730	GEU
Jan-03	CORAL MEANDRA	4054	NTH
Jan-03	SEALAND PRIDE	47667	USA
Jan-03	HANJIN WASHINGTON	65643	PAN
Jan-03	NEDGARD	2673	FIN
Jan-03	ATLANTIC SUN	1861	BAH
Jan-03	ELISIA	1547	ABB

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