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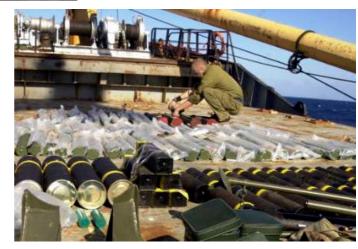


EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS



The **Karine-A** is shown in an Israeli Army handout photograph in Eilat port on January 5, 2002. The Palestinian Authority denied any link to the ship, said by Israel to contain 50 tons of mostly Iranian-supplied weapons for use by militants against Israelis.

Weapons are displayed on the deck January 4 of a raided vessel in the Red Sea in a photograph handed out by the Israeli Army January 5, 2002. The Palestinian Authority denied any link to the ship, said by Israel to contain 50 tonnes of mostly Iranian-supplied weapons for use by militants against Israelis



Greek police rescue ship carrying illegal immigrants

ATHENS: Greek authorities on Saturday intercepted a Turkish ship carrying 291 illegal immigrants that had run into a violent storm in bitterly cold weather off the island of Evvoia, northeast of Athens, the merchant navy ministry said.

The ministry said the **Hilmi Dede**, a vessel of around 40 metres (130 feet) was escorted to the port of Rafina, where the immigrants, mainly Iraqi Kurds, disembarked.

There were 26 women and eight children among them, authorities said.

The Turkish captain, who was arrested, said the ship, which had been battered by heavy seas and cold winds since Friday, had set out from the Turkish port of Izmir.

The passengers were being sheltered at a covered stadium in the town, where they were given first aid and food and blankets while authorities decided what should be done with them.

The latest incident comes after Greek authorities were called upon to rescue a Turkish ship carrying 246 illegal immigrants which got into difficulties off the south coast of Crete on Thursday.

After a rescue operation lasting nearly 48 hours, authorities arrested two suspected people traffickers believed to have been in charge of the mostly Iraqi Kurdish crew.

Greece is a favoured transit route for economic migrants and illegal immigrants, particularly from Africa and Asia, hoping to gain entry into economically prosperous Europe.

The country is one of signatories of the EU's Schengen "open borders" agreement countries, which means that once on Greek territory, immigrants can enjoy relatively easy access to other Schengen states.

Greece has recently been hit by an influx of immigrants, many of them coming via neighbouring Turkey.

UAE releases seized ship and crew

The prosecution yesterday suspended a case involving a ship loaded with prohibited medicines. The ship was travelling from Pakistan to Somalia via the UAE when it was seized her last month.

A senior official from the Public Prosecution said it will not pursue the case against the ship owner and its crew, based on the law which states that the authorities here do not have the right to pursue a case against people who are exporting or importing goods to countries other than the UAE.

The 15 crew, who were arrested, have been released and the ship returned to them. However, medicines which affect the mind are to be shipped to Somalia by UAE authorities. The ship's crew will bear the expense of the shipment.

The official said Article 10 of the UAE Anti-Narcotics Law for the year 1995 prohibits the export or import of medicines, which affect the mind, without obtaining permission from the UAE.

He stressed there were 300 packages, each containing 1,000 tablets. The crew showed UAE authorities official permission from Pakistani authorities allowing these medicines to be exported from Pakistan to Somalia.

CASUALTY REPORTING

Crewmen killed in lifeboat accident

TWO crewmen died and three others were injured in a freak accident at Davao, Philippines, yesterday, while checking a lifeboat on the Lithuanian-flagged ship **Lyra**. A police report said the boat tipped the men into the harbour as it was being lowered and then fell on top of them. The chief officer, Antanas Kuktorovas, and a rating, Valirij Maslov, died on their way to hospital.

Salvors assess Willy grounding

SALVAGE experts from Hull will today start inspecting the German-owned products tanker that caused 150 houses to be evacuated after running aground on rocks near Plymouth. The Lloyd's Open Form salvage contract for the **Willy** was awarded to United Salvage, a subsidiary of Adsteam (UK). Salvage manager Mark Hoddinott said it was not expected to be a quick job, and strong winds are likely to make it more difficult. The 1981-built 5,238 DWT vessel discharged its cargo of petrol at Plymouth and was anchored in Cawsand Bay awaiting instructions when it was blown onto rocks near the village of Kingsand. Seven of the ten cargo tanks and the engine room have been flooded. The tug Grey Test and the multipurpose vessel Grey Mammoth have been sent by Adsteam subsidiary Felixarc Marine and are due in Plymouth tomorrow

Vietnamese vessel capsizes in Singapore port

SINGAPORE: The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore said Sunday that a Vietnamese cargo vessel capsized in Singaporean waters and spilled steel pipes, an ambulance and 40 drums of bitumen into the sea.

Two patrol craft, one anti-pollution craft and a police coast guard vessel were deployed to help the capsized **Duyen Phat 01**, the port authority said in a statement. No one was injured and no oil pollution was reported, it said.

SEMCO Salvage has been engaged to salvage the vessel and the 40 drums of bitumen. Bitumen is a natural heavy hydrocarbon.

Vessel movement to several berths has been suspended until the channel is deemed safe for navigation, the statement said. The port authority is investigating, it said.

ROUTE, PORTS & SERVICES



The P & O Northsea ferry **NORBANK** departed Sunday morning for the last time from Rotterdam - Europort, the vessel will pick up service for the next 2 years on the route LIVERPOOL <> DUBLIN

Australia seeks towage inquiry

AUSTRALIA'S federal transport minister John Anderson has backed the shipping industry's calls for a public inquiry into harbour towage prices in Australia. A ministry spokesman told Fairplay a letter had been sent to federal treasurer Peter Costello stating his concerns about proposed pricing increases at ports around the country. Anderson had asked Costello to call on Australia's pricing and competition watchdog, the Australian Consumer Competition Commission (ACCC), to conduct an enquiry looking into cost and competition in the towage sector. It is understood that such an enquiry could delay Adsteam Marine's request to the ACCC for price increases at Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. Adsteam Marine MD David Ryan said his company provided towage at 35 Australian ports and was required to make submissions to the ACCC to increase rates for capital city ports. He added that it would be inappropriate to make further comment on the proposed inquiry or towage prices while Adsteam had a submission before the ACCC. Last November, Ryan said Adsteam would implement cost saving and pricing strategies in Australia to offset some continuing softness, especially in container ports.

Mega-lock proposal for Amsterdam gets thumbs down

PLANS to build a larger lock at IJmuiden, the North Sea channel entrance to Amsterdam's Ceres Paragon Terminal, may be scrapped as little interest has been expressed by larger ship owners to start using Amsterdam rather than Rotterdam as a port of call.

Only Cosco has so far expressed any interest to use the Amsterdam terminal for large ships, Cargoweb reported that even if the so-called mega-lock was built, vessels would still have to sail through a narrow channel to get to the terminal. Besides, Rotterdam is still much better equipped to handle larger ships and volumes of goods.

The Dutch Ministry of Transport said it is not willing to waste millions of dollars on a lock that is not going to be utilised, according to the news web site.

Hazardous bunkers worry Singapore

BUNKER fuel supplied in Singapore, the world's premier bunker port, could have been used as a means of illicitly disposing of toxic waste, according to a US-based laboratory. "There is a cost associated with the disposal and it should not be surprising if some of it finds its way into bunker fuel," R Visweswaran of Viswa Lab was quoted as saying by Singapore's Business Times today. Visweswaran was referring to the presence of tri- and tetrachloroethylene in bunker fuel supplied in Singapore, which he said not only damaged machinery but could also be "hazardous" to seafarers. The latest report follows the detection of potentially harmful compounds in local fuel samples by Singapore-based Det Norske Veritas Petroleum Services (DNVPS) last autumn. Some ships that had received the contaminated fuels experienced problems including filter clogging and sticking of high pressure fuel pumps. Singapore's Maritime and Ports Authority (MPA) warned Fairplay that as these components were not covered by the ISO 8217 fuel characteristics specification, they were not detected by standard fuel analysis.

Indian ports strike on January 22

AROUND 100,000 port and dock workers employed at India's 12 major ports will stage a token one-day strike on January 22, the All-India Port & Dock Workers' Federation has announced. The strike is part of a campaign against the 'indiscriminate privatisation' of terminals and the introduction of corporate-style management in the public sector. The government recently introduced a bill seeking parliament's approval for amendments to the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963, which would allow for reforms to the public sector. The key change would allow for the fixing of terms and conditions for the transfer of port trusts' assets and liabilities to successor companies. Labour unions want the bill withdrawn and have threatened indefinite industrial action if their demands are not met.

Subic to get two bulk terminals

SUBIC Freeport in the Philippines is expected to have two separate bulk terminals as part of its bid to become a transhipment hub for the region. Last month Mega Equipment International began work on its PhP250M (\$4.9M) facility that will complement a separate PhP500M investment project by the Tacoma Corp. Mega Equipment is to develop the Leyte wharf near the Subic Bay International Airport and Tacoma's terminal will be nearby. Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) chairman, Felicito Payumo, said the two operators chose Subic for their bulk terminals because of its central location and deep water harbour, adding that by making animal feeds and fertilisers available more cheaply, they would help local agriculture. The terminals are expected to benefit from a cut in travel time to Subic from Manila and Central Luzon with the completion of the Subic-Clark expressway.

Portishead revisited 20 years on

RAIL freight is to return to Royal Portbury Dock on the River Avon in England after an absence of 20 years. The reopening of the Portishead rail branch line at Avonmouth is aimed at removing a bottleneck at the terminal. Bristol Port Company, which operates the terminal, believes the return to rail could spearhead a new age of land-based container movements.

English Welsh and Scottish Railway (EWR) has taken several rail paths from Portbury, mainly for bulk shipments, although containers will also be transported.

Southern Africa Europe Container Service (SAECS) already has a weekly call at Royal Portbury, which currently handles 30,000 TEU. The port is reputed to have a handling capacity of 100,000 TEU. The six-mile refurbished rail connection will provide a direct link to Bristol Temple Meads depot and is part of a US\$35 million investment plan for the area.

NAVY NEWS



ST.PETERSBURG ,RUSSIA. January 4 File picture shows a 956E type destroyer built for the Chinese People's Republic while mooring at the Severnaya Verf Shipyard in St.Petersburg. Russia's state weaponry trading company Rosoboronexport plans to step up the exports of naval technologies this year. Russia made the first step in that direction January 3 as it signed an agreement with China to build two destroyers of the 956EM (Modernized) type. The works will exceed one billion U.S. dollars. The contractor will get the ships before the end of 2005

MOVEMENTS

ELBE



De Elbe een zusterschip van de Clyde, is op 24 februari 1959 in dienst gesteld bij L.Smit & Co internationale sleepdiensten. De Elbe ging in 1976 naar Baltimore en werd omgebouwd als loodsboot en herdoopt in Maryland en werd later aangekocht door Greenpeace alwaar ze heel even onder naam Gondwana heeft gevaren en daarna onder de naam Greenpeace in de vaart werd genomen.



Links : De loodsboot Maryland (Foto : coll Leen vd Meyden)

Rechts: De GREENPEACE op de Western Anchorage in Singapore – Foto: Piet Sinke



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blusboot welke onder de naam *ESPERANZA* (foto links) in de vaart genomen gaat worden en de *Greenpeace* was bestemd voor de slopershamer, Op 4 januari Is de Stichting Maritieme Collectie Rijnmond opgericht met als doel het bijeenbrengen van vaartuigen die hun oorsprong in deze regio hebben. De *ELBE* zal in deze stichting worden ondergebracht. En zal op termijn een

ligplaatst krijgen in de Leuvehaven . De eigendomsoverdracht heeft reeds plaatsgevonden. 11 januari a.s. zal de Elbe onder haar originele naam en schoorsteen kleuren naar Rotterdam komen en word die dag om 12:00 uur bij de Maascenter verwacht en zal naar de Wilton haven in Schiedam waar een ligplaats toegewezen is, Hierna zal begonnen worden met het werven van fondsen om de Elbe weer terug te bouwen in haar originele staat zoals ze voor L.Smit & Co heeft gevaren.



AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS Vliegtuigje boort zich in kantoorgebouw

WASHINGTON - Een klein vliegtuig heeft zich zaterdag in een kantoorgebouw in de Amerikaanse stad Tampa in de staat Florida geboord. Dat meldden de luchtvaartautoriteiten. Volgens de politie gaat het niet om een terroristische aanslag.

De piloot van de eenmotorige Cessna 172 was de vijftienjarige Charles Bishop uit Palm Harbor in Florida, aldus een politiewoordvoerder. Volgens een zegsman van de brandweer van Tampa raakte in het gebouw niemand gewond. Plaatselijke media meldden dat Bishop, de enige inzittende, het incident niet overleefd.

Het toestel, dat geen vlam vatte, raakte het gebouw ergens tussen de twintigste en 25e verdieping. Het hing gedeeltelijk uit het gebouw, waarin onder meer de Bank of America gevestigd is.

Achtervolging

Het vliegtuigje was zonder toestemming vertrokken van het nabijgelegen vliegveld van St. Petersburg-Clearwater. Volgens de politiewoordvoerder was Bishop voor een vliegles naar de luchthaven gekomen. Zijn instructeur had



hem gevraagd het toestel gereed voor de vlucht te maken, maar Bishop, die in maart met zijn lessen begon, steeg op zonder op zijn leraar te wachten. Direct na de start zette een helikopter van de kustwacht de achtervolging in.

Ontwijken

De piloot negeerde alle tekens om het toestel aan de grond te zetten, aldus een woordvoerder van de kustwacht. Een getuige zei dat de piloot op het laatste moment nog probeerde het veertig verdiepingen tellende gebouw te ontwijken.



An Ukrainian Antonov-225 airplane takes off at Munich's Franz-Josef-Strauss airport January 5, 2002. The world's largest cargo plane was chartered by the United States to transport 230 metric tons of goods and materials to U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan.

RIJNMOND WEATHER

maandag 7 januari

9 uur 's ochtends

temperatuur: 2 graden kans op neerslag: 5% wind: zwak (6 km/u) uit OZO

5 uur 's middags

temperatuur: 3 graden kans op neerslag: 10% wind: zwak (10 km/u) uit OZO

SHIPS EXPECTED IN ROTTERDAM

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Nationality

Jan-07	NORDIC SAVONITA	58959	NOR
Jan-07	LOVERVAL	10931	LUX
Jan-07	EUROPEAN FREEWAY	21162	GBI
Jan-07	DELLACH	1980	CYP
Jan-07	GODAFOSS	14664	ABB
Jan-07	STOLT KITTIWAKE	3204	CAY
Jan-07	MAERSK HONG KONG	21199	NEA

Date

Name

Jan-07	P+O NEDLLOYD CARIBBEAN	21054	LIB
Jan-07	WESER-IMPORTER	7580	ABB
Jan-07	GLOBAL HARVEST	8520	PAN
Jan-07	SALINE	1990	NTH
Jan-07	AMANDINE	14715	GBI
Jan-07	DIRHAMI	2658	ETN
Jan-07	PORTLINK CARAVEL	3821	ABB
Jan-07	HEEREPLEIN	2035	NTH
Jan-07	BRUARFOSS	7676	ABB
Jan-07	OPAL	4028	GEU
Jan-07	DENIKA	1495	ABB
Jan-07	ELSTAR	851	NTH
Jan-07	BUNGA MAS 10	9380	MAL
Jan-07	PRIDE OF ROTTERDAM	59925	NTH
Jan-07	LAPAD	2883	CRT
Jan-07	GASTRIKLAND	4090	IOM
Jan-07	SUN	18094	MAI
Jan-07	IIDA	828	CMB
Jan-07	GEEST EXTERNO	2926	NTH
Jan-07	STENA SEATRADER	17991	GBI
Jan-07	THOMAS DE GAUWDIEF	555	NTH
Jan-07	NAVION SCANDIA	72132	NOR
Jan-07	MATADOR 3	4014	NTH
Jan-07	GEEST TRADER	2899	ABB
Jan-07	LA ROCHELLE EXPRESS	2240	GEU
Jan-07	PARTNER	1395	SVC
Jan-07	CYMBELINE	11866	LUX
Jan-07	NORKING	17884	FIN
Jan-07	IRENE WONSILD	1782	DEN
Jan-07	SONANGOL GIRASSOL	81230	BAH
Jan-07	ARGYRO M.	3908	CYP
Jan-07	CONNEMARA	4107	IRP
Jan-07	MARGARETA	1850	NEA
Jan-07	SKAGICA	4070	NOR
Jan-07	SARAH GLORY	159397	PAN
Jan-07	NORDAMERIKA	23740	DEN
Jan-07	NORDIC MARITA	58117	CAY
Jan-07	KNOCK AN	79244	LIB
Jan-07	MARTHA A	7955	LIB

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http://www.scheepvaarthoek.nl