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**Operation
Enduring Freedom**

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

More Singapore surveyors fined

SINGAPORE continued its crackdown on corrupt practices in its lucrative bunker business yesterday by slapping fines on 11 more marine surveyors for accepting bribes from local bunker supplier Navi Marine Services. The fines, ranging from S\$4,000 to S\$65,000, (\$2,200-\$36,000) were imposed with additional monetary penalties. Navi Marine's licence has been suspended. The accused admitted to the charges under Singapore's Prevention of Corruption Act. Last month the court fined five surveyors who also pleaded guilty to accepting money in return for falsely certifying the quantity and quality of bunkers supplied. The latest 11 are among 42 marine surveyors against whom the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau has mounted operations for allegedly taking bribes from Navi Marine. The remaining surveyors will be charged later. The bunker business is estimated to generate annual revenue of S\$5Bn.

Oil leak from refloated ship

THE Thai-flagged LPG tanker **Pak One**, which sank in the Gulf of Thailand in August 1996 with the loss of eight crew members and a 650-tonne cargo, has been refloated, but navy personnel have reported the leak of an unspecified amount of oil. Thai media reported Royal Thai Navy's Suphan Hemmala as saying yesterday that the area has been marked with lights and buoys to alert ships. The oil leak is not believed to be serious, but the incident once again brings to the fore problems caused when ship owners are not held accountable for such mishaps. Under Thai laws ship owners are not bound by the 'removal of wreck' clauses.

Foul weather delays Kodima salvage

WITH continuing bad weather hitting the UK's south Cornwall coast, it is unlikely that any serious salvage work can yet take place on the grounded Maltese-flag cargo vessel **Kodima**. The salvage team

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was unable to board the 7,850 DWT ship yesterday, and it is not expected that the weather will improve sufficiently until February 7 to allow the salvors from Wijsmuller to start refloating operations. So far they are considering two options: to refloat the vessel with the fuel on board or to remove the fuel first. Despite being pounded by heavy seas, the Kodima appears fixed in its current position and the hull is apparently intact. It is estimated that over half the timber cargo has been lost, much of which being retrieved by local residents. A growing amount of equipment is arriving at the scene to deal with any eventual pollution, and a tanker has been found to receive the Kodima's oil.

Lykes ship loses 60 boxes in storm



SIXTY containers were swept overboard from the containership **Lykes Liberator** off the Brittany coast during a severe storm (force 11) last weekend. The incident happened while the 3,010 TEU ship was on its way from Bremerhaven to Charleston. Operated by the CP Ships-owned Lykes

Lines, the 1987-built vessel continued its voyage to the US under its own steam and is due in Charleston in four days time, a CP Ships' spokesperson told Fairplay. Reports received from the French Coastguard suggest that the containers have sunk. The spokesperson said that it was still investigating the circumstances of the incident including whether any hazardous or noxious cargoes were involved.

CASUALTY REPORTING

Fire dampens Brilliance



DAMAGE estimated at about euro5M (\$4.35M) was caused yesterday by a fire on the stern section of the 90,090 GT passenger newbuilding **Brilliance of the Seas**. The vessel is currently at the fitting out stage at Meyer Werft. A yard spokesman dismissed the incident as "not a big story". Nobody was hurt, but 20 employees who were expecting to work in that part of the ship were sent home. The delivery of the newbuilding is scheduled for mid-2002 but will not be delayed by the damage. Arson has been ruled out, but a technical defect is regarded as a possible cause. Last October, damage of euro500,000 was caused by one of the workers.

Ship crashes in Table Bay

Cape Town - A small container ship, the 3 113-tonne **Blue Sky**, crashed into the tanker berth in the Table Bay harbour while being moved to the landing wall after loading cargo on Tuesday night. Port safety manager Captain Peter Stowe said the vessel's propulsion system jammed in full-ahead mode and the ship charged forward.

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The ship smashed into a concrete mooring dolphin on the basin side of the berth, damaging her starboard bow and her bulbous bow. She was later pulled off the quay by two Portnet tugs

SHIPYARD NEWS

Rogaland Trafikkselskap in Stavanger and Fjellstrand AS (Norway) execute a contract for the construction of a high-speed FerryCat™ 120 commuter ferry for delivery in April 2003. The contract is worth approx. NOK 200 million. The ferry has been developed by Fjellstrand over the last three years and represents a completely new concept. The new vessel is a high-speed aluminium catamaran and it incorporates various innovative solutions.

The ferry will have a capacity of 112 cars and 400 passengers, and will be capable of speeds of 22-24 knots, using a recently developed propulsion system consisting of four propeller units, one at each "corner" of the vessel. The ferry will be steered from a wheelhouse equipped with an operation bridge which can be rotated 180 degrees, depending on the direction of travel of the ferry. Emissions to the environment will be reduced significantly compared with existing technology. The new ferry will provide considerable improvements for passengers in the form of shorter travel times, a more comfortable journey and quicker embarkation and disembarkation.

NEW ELECTRIC-POWERED LNG VESSEL

Samsung Heavy Industries (SHI) built a 147,000 cbm electric-powered LNG vessel and thus became the first shipbuilder to build such a vessel. The vessel's propellers are powered by electric energy. Turbine engines use naturally gasified LNG, which is stored in the vessel's tanks. This development is a significant enhancement in the field of economical efficiency of propulsion systems in LNG vessels.

The electric propulsion system developed by SHI, according to the shipbuilder, shows 30% higher efficiency than the conventional steam turbine-type. This solution is expected to help client companies save more than \$1 million a year in fuel costs (an estimated total of \$25 million per vessel in its average life of 25 years). In addition, more flexible layout of the engine room, as a result of using the electric propulsion system, facilitates optimization the ship arrangement and results in increase of the LNG-loading capacity of the vessel by approximately 9,000 cbm over the standard design. This new propulsion system is environment-friendly and results in substantial reduction of carbon oxides in the exhaust fumes.

Hellenic sale to be debated

QUESTIONS regarding the transparency of the sale of Hellenic Shipyards to HDW-Ferrostaal are to be debated in the Greek parliament. The German shipbuilder and the Athens government signed a preliminary sale agreement early last October, but the final contract has yet to be signed. Protracted talks over a number of outstanding issues have made New Democracy, the main opposition party, suspicious that "the haggling might have violated the original terms of the sale". Concern has been reinforced by the fact that the government had been aware, while conducting the negotiations, that failure to sell the shipyard would hinder the privatisation of Hellenic's owner, state-bank ETVA, which is to be bought by Piraeus Bank on the condition it first rids itself of the loss-making yard. A week ago, the government announced it had reached agreement with the Germans and only the EU blessing was needed. However, it did not disclose any details of the deal. Local reports suggest that Hellenic will be delivered to the buyers encumbrance-free and with a generous endowment worth euro1.3Bn (\$1.13Bn) covering new naval contracts.

NAVY NEWS

Sea Trials Continue for USS John F. Kennedy

Injured Sailors Return to Work

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) -- The Mayport, Fla.-based aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) remains



at sea today following a steering control incident during an underway replenishment Feb. 3. The ship is conducting sea trials of its engineering plant and other operational equipment following a period of repairs.

Eight Kennedy crewmembers treated for minor injuries as a result of the incident have been examined by medical personnel aboard the carrier and have returned to their divisions for duty.

The incident occurred near the end of an underway replenishment with the Norfolk-based oiler USNS Leroy Grumman (T-AO 195). After Kennedy experienced a loss of steering control by the helmsman on the bridge, an emergency break-away procedure was

successfully implemented and steering was regained, allowing the ships to maintain a safe distance apart. Subsequent equipment checks revealed no problems with steering gear.

There were no injuries reported aboard Grumman and no equipment damage done to either

JDS SAGAMI – 421



The amphibious assault ship USS Essex and Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) ship JDS Sagami (AOE 421) participate in a Replenishment At Sea (RAS). This is the first time a RAS has been conducted between Essex and a JMSDF ship

(see [shipping news from yesterday](#))

Hr.Ms. Abraham van der Hulst onderschept drugstransport

Hr.Ms. Abraham van der Hulst, die momenteel voor de Amerikaanse 'Joint Inter Agency Task Force East' wordt ingezet voor counterdrugoperaties, is in haar eerste vaarweek gelijk al succesvol. Op 5 februari wist het fregat ten zuiden van Sint Croix (U.S. Virgin Islands) een drugstransport te voorkomen en een tweetal drugskoeriers over te dragen aan de Amerikaanse autoriteiten.

Een Amerikaans P-3C Orion maritiem patrouillevliegtuig ontdekte ten zuiden van Sint Croix een verdachte speedboot. Hierop werd Hr.Ms. Abraham van der Hulst naar het verdachte contact gedirigeerd. Bij nadering begon de speedboot balen overboord te zetten, terwijl zij met hoge vaart koers zette richting het eiland Sint Croix. Vlak onder de kust van Sint Croix wist de Hr.Ms. Abaraham van der der Hulst in samenwerking met een lokale politieboot de speedboot tot stoppen te dwingen. Hierop werden de twee opvarenden gearresteerd en overgedragen aan de Amerikaanse Kustwacht.

Aan boord van de speedboot werden restanten gevonden van een lading cocaïne, die tijdens de achtervolging overboord is gezet. Eenheden van de Amerikaanse Kustwacht zullen in samenwerking met de Abraham van der Hulst proberen de overboord gezette lading te achterhalen. Hr.Ms. Abraham van der Hulst wordt in het kader van de internationale strijd tegen het terrorisme momenteel ingezet om de Amerikaanse autoriteiten te ondersteunen in de strijd tegen illegale drugstransporten in de Caraibische Zee. De Operationele aansturing vindt plaats vanuit het hoofdkwartier van de Commandant der Zeemacht in het Caraïbisch Gebied te Curacao

Indian Navy to lease Russian nuclear-powered submarines



Indian navy will lease two Russian Nuclear-Powered Submarines (SSNs) to meet its expanding operational responsibilities and counter the increasing Chinese presence in the Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal.

The lease will continue till indigenously-built nuclear-powered submarine - the Advanced Technology Vessel (ATV) - enters service, Jane's Defence Weekly has reported quoting official sources.

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Indian navy will lease two Akula (Bars)- class type 971 SSNs for five years after financing their construction under an agreement currently being negotiated with Rosoboron export, Russia's state-owned arms exporting agency, the report said.

The SSN's are expected to enter service of the Indian navy during 2004, although the contract is still to be approved by the Indian government. Reports from Moscow say the type 971 programme has been frozen because of funding problems. Fourteen submarines have been built and the last one was commissioned last December.

Search For George Washington Sailor Suspended

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) -- The search for a Sailor missing from the aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) has been suspended and the ship has resumed normal operations.

MOVEMENTS

GIANT 2



The Giant 2 will return to Rotterdam Thursday morning after being on the move for some time,

A few months ago the Giant 2 was towed by the Chinese tug De-Da to Kalundborg and Rosyth where she was loaded with 27 reels for Angola, this reels bound for the Girassol project which was executed offshore Luanda were kept in storage onboard the Giant for about 60 days in the field, upon completion



of the job the Giant 2 proceeded behind the ITC tug SOLANO back to Kalundborg & Rosyth where the reels are offloaded and the **Solano and Giant 2 are arriving at the Maascenter buoy on Thursday 07-02-2002 around 08:00 hrs inward bound.** (**Photo's : Smit Transport & Heavy Lift**)



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RIJNMOND WEATHER

donderdag 7 februari

9 uur 's ochtends :
temperatuur: 5 graden
kans op neerslag: 5%
wind: matig (19 km/u) uit WZW

5 uur 's middags :
temperatuur: 9 graden
kans op neerslag: 35%
wind: vrij krachtig (32 km/u) uit ZW

SHIPS EXPECTED IN ROTTERDAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>GT</u>	<u>Nationality</u>
Feb-07	THORNBURY	56115	BAH
Feb-07	MOLDAVIA	1546	ABB
Feb-07	ZEPHYR	1621	NTH
Feb-07	GEORGETTE TRADER	1521	ABB
Feb-07	BALTIC SWAN	2615	IOM
Feb-07	HANJIN ATHENS	66278	LIB
Feb-07	KLAZINA C	1633	BBD
Feb-07	HEERESINGEL	2035	NTH
Feb-07	FAIRPLAY-22	496	ABB
Feb-07	FAIRPLAY-23	496	ABB
Feb-07	WALTER HAMMANN	1156	GEU
Feb-07	REGULUS	2375	NTH
Feb-07	CERVIN	4076	LIB
Feb-07	NAVION HISPANIA	72132	NOR
Feb-07	ATLANTIC COMET	1465	CYP
Feb-07	LADOGA-5	1511	BZE
Feb-07	STOLT CAPABILITY	24625	LIB
Feb-07	RMS LAGUNE	1059	ABB
Feb-07	HAVTANK	1083	MAI
Feb-07	MOGAMI REEFER	7367	PAN
Feb-07	PETROSKALD	23174	BAH
Feb-07	JO CURACAO	3335	LIB
Feb-07	MOL THAMES	50628	PAN
Feb-07	BUNGA MELATI SATU	22254	MAL
Feb-07	MONCHEGORSK	18627	CYP

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Feb-07	DOURO CHEMIST	2634	PTG
Feb-07	RIFGAT	2450	NTH
Feb-07	PECHENGA	3702	RUS
Feb-07	CCNI ATACAMA	28148	MAI
Feb-07	BONGO	1174	BAH
Feb-07	LYRA	12817	ABB
Feb-07	PRIDE OF HULL	59925	GBI
Feb-07	CUPRIA	10279	SWD
Feb-07	RHEIN PARTNER	3992	ABB
Feb-07	TOR GOTHIA	12259	NOR
Feb-07	SOLANO	978	PAN
Feb-07	GIANT 2	12175	NTH
Feb-07	STENA SEARIDER	20914	GBI
Feb-07	CONTAINERSHIPS V	7550	GEU
Feb-07	BUGSIER 15	239	GEU
Feb-07	TAKLIFT 7	3343	NTH
Feb-07	FAIRPLAY-25	497	ABB
Feb-07	EWL SURINAME	9600	LIB
Feb-07	SONJA	1410	ABB
Feb-07	CRYSTALWATER	1655	NTH
Feb-07	HEEREDWINGER	2035	NTH
Feb-07	LINDA BUCK	2295	CYP
Feb-07	NORKING	17884	FIN
Feb-07	MSC SABRINA	35598	PAN
Feb-07	EBERHARD	3075	ABB
Feb-07	ANUND	2240	CYP
Feb-07	HANJIN GENEVA	65918	LIB
Feb-07	VALIDUS	2990	ABB
Feb-07	GEORGIOS S	6171	PAN
Feb-07	ALMAR	1698	NEA
Feb-07	HYUNDAI FORTUNE	64054	PAN
Feb-07	DUTCH SPIRIT	3419	NTH
Feb-07	DUTCH PROGRESS	2137	NTH
Feb-07	SALINE	1990	NTH
Feb-07	STOLT SHEARWATER	3550	CAY
Feb-07	ELLA WONSILD	1716	DEN
Feb-07	OLYMPIC SPONSOR	52196	GRC
Feb-07	BERGSTRAUM	6045	NOR
Feb-07	THALASSINI DOXA	85957	CYP
Feb-07	SILVER	3679	ITL
Feb-07	PARMA	2995	ABB
Feb-07	MAJOR HUBAL	21531	POL
Feb-07	VERENA B	3958	ABB
Feb-07	GEEST MERCHANT	2899	ABB

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