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Sixteen Indian sailors, who are part of the 26-member crew of the ship "MT Heroic Idun" detained in Equatorial Guinea on the west coast of central Africa, have appealed for help to be released from "unlawful" detention. The Norwegian-flagged MT Heroic Idun was arrested by the Equatorial Guinea naval ship in international waters on August 12, 2022.

The crew that has been held in Malabo is against their will. Eleven crew members are on the vessel. Crew physical and mental well-being has declined over the period of the detentions; some crew members have contracted typhoid and malaria others reflecting on suicide.

Given the length of time, the crew has been held, their physical and mental well-being has declined significantly. OSM Maritime top priority continues to be, in order: (1) safe release of the crew (2) safe release of the vessel.

Here is a brief summary received from the vessel.

Heroic Idun being on charter to Mercuria and sub-chartered to BP arrived AKPO offshore terminal operated by TotalEnergies and arrived on location in accordance with voyage orders and tendered notice of readiness 00:01 on 8th August 2022. The AKPO terminal is located approximately 10 nautical miles into the Nigerian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and approximately 200 kilometers from Port Harcourt.

During pre-arrival preparations for cargo operations at the terminal, the vessel had submitted all documents received with a request to complete and return. Based on this, the vessel proceeded to tender NOR on location as per the commercial LAYCAN listed in the voyage orders.

Upon arrival, however, it turned out that not all Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) clearances and Navy clearances

were in order. Based on this, the vessel was in the afternoon requested to leave the MEZ and ordered to stay outside the 10-15 nautical miles away from AKPO Terminal. The vessel complied with this order immediately.

Master expressed his concern regarding this to relevant

stakeholders, including the charterer and the company. Awaiting clarification and hope to be allowed inside MEZ or to leave HRA until the cargo is ready, the vessel remained drifting with engines ready and a heightened state of alert. A contingency plan was to breach the MEZ if they were attacked by pirates with the expectation that terminal guard vessels would intervene.

A few hours later, after dark, at around 21:00 local time,

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the OOW picked up VHF communications that a vessel was approaching with the intent of intercepting the vessel. Master was called to bridge.

Subsequent communication with the approaching vessel did not provide confidence that this was a legitimate Navy vessel, and the plead to provide more time to gain confirmation was not accommodated. The vessel was ordered to follow the alleged Navy vessel to "Bonny Fairway Anchorage" and was given a maximum of 10 minutes to comply.

Several parties were contacted to try and confirm the identity and intention of the alleged navy vessel without success. The alleged navy vessel GONGOLA was not using AIS during the approach, as can be seen

below replay from Marine Traffic.

Heroic Idun had AIS on at all times. Other vessels transmitting AIS data.

Heroic Idun never approached any FPSO or SBM in any attempt to connect and load crude oil. Heroic Idun complied with the orders from AKPO to leave the MEZ around 13-14:00 UTC and remained well clear until they were intercepted later in the evening.

Based on a lack of positive identification and confirmation of motive, the Master activated best management practices in accordance with "BMP West Africa". This included increasing to full speed away from the interceptor, sending distress alert, activating SSAS, fire hoses pressurized to create a

curtain, crew mustering in the citadel with only three persons remaining on the bridge, CSO reporting to MDAT-GoG and flag, a company activating war risk insurers contingency team etc.

After almost 1,5 hours of the chase and several attempts to do what appeared to be attempted boardings, the aggressor turned away and headed in the opposite direction. The vessel had successfully escaped what was thought to be an act of piracy.

As per advice from, amongst others, the war risk insurers contingency team and in agreement with CSO, the vessel proceeded at full speed to a position >250 nm from the Nigerian mainland where she remained adrift awaiting clarifications upon consequences of the escape.



Candle light campaign at Kochi for release of seafarers of MT Heroic Idun. Distinguished persons among are Ms Jillian Carson & Capt. Naveen Vinod

The next morning the following was received:

Master, after having had some time to process the events, indicated that the alleged Nigerian Navy vessel highly likely indeed was a naval vessel.

MDAT-GoG, who was contacted by CSO during the actual event

in hope that they could confirm that there was an ongoing naval action upon the vessel came with the following close out the message:

Quote: "We received information about the incident that took place yesterday on one of your ship.

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The vessel that attempted to board was probably a Nigerian navy ship that wanted to carry out (very clumsily) routine control." Unquote

IMB Piracy Reporting Centre contacted the deputy DPA that they had received information that a boat attempted to board your vessel MV Heroic Idun on 8th Aug 2022 at 2300 UTC, around 10-15 nm off the AKPO oil field, Nigeria.

Follow up email from IMB Piracy Reporting Centre further informed that they had been advised by the Nigerian Navy that it was their naval patrol vessel named GONGOLA that had intercepted our tanker and had requested

to board for investigation. They had advised that our tanker fled the area after the naval patrol vessel wanted to board.

The vessel remained adrift 270-210 nm off the Nigerian mainland, awaiting clarifications on the consequences of the escape. The crew also expressed great concern of returning to Nigerian waters, fearing personal prosecution and, in the worst case being sentenced to jail time in Nigeria.

The vessel commenced and remained drifting inside, but close to the edge, of Equatorial Guinea (EG) and Sao Tome & Principe EEZ.

On 12th August 2022

at around 13:00 UTC while inside Sao Tome & Principe EEZ, the Heroic Idun was approached by EG navy amphibious ship "Capitan David" with orders to stop engines. The navy vessel arriving in broad daylight and with AIS switched on naturally led the Master and his crew to comply with all requests.

The eventual order from the navy vessel was for the Heroic Idun to follow the Capitan David to Malabo, unless they had orders to open fire. Master complied and was at gunpoint escorted at 10 knots towards Malabo, Equatorial Guinea.

Closer to Malabo the

order was to go to Luba anchorage to anchor where another EG navy vessel "Wele Nzaz" joined the escort. Instructions from Naval Vessel Capitan David was to proceed to Luba Bay and to anchor in position provided by Luba Port Control: 03-29.0 N // 008-33.8 E.

Upon arrival and once completed anchoring, the following ranks were ordered ashore 14th August 2022: Master, 2nd Officer, 3rd Officer, Ch Engineer, 4th Engineer, Pumpman, AB 1, AB 2, Fitter, Motorman 2. Further items removed from the ship: All crew Passports, Deck & Engine Logbooks, ORB I & II, GMDSS Log and Ships Certificates.

In addition, 2 Media persons and 8 Naval

personnel with weapons boarded.

Later in the day, additional ranks were ordered ashore: Engine Cadet, OS1, Motorman 3, Messman1, Messman2. POB remaining (Ranks) per 14.08.22 12:40: Chief Officer, 3rd Officer Jr, Deck Cadet, AB, OSx2, 2nd Engineer, 3rd Engineer, Electrician, Motorman, Chief Cook

Indian Sailors pleading Government's HELP FOR RELEASE! In addition, the Application for prompt release of vessel MT Heroic Idun with all crew filed by the Marshal Islands against Equatorial Guinea is received by The International Tribunal for the law of the Sea under article 292 of the United Nations Convention.

MARINE NEWS

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Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar stressed on primacy of a Rules Based Order and expressed commitment of the Indian Navy and

that of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) towards promoting the idea of 'collective responsibility' for Maritime security in the Indo-Pacific.

He was speaking at 18th Western Pacific Naval Symposium at Yokohama



Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar

on November 7 and 8. Chief Naval Staff Admiral R Harikumar has concluded five day official visit to Japan from November 5 to 9th

During the visit the Chief of Naval Staff witnessed the International Fleet Review (IFR), hosted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) off Yokosuka on November 6th in commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of its formation.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, was embarked on board JMSDF Ship Izumo for the Fleet Review, along with distinguished heads of delegations from

participating Navies. Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and Kamorta represented the Indian Navy in the International Fleet Review. Rear Admiral Sanjay Bhalla, the Flag Officer Commanding, Eastern Fleet was embarked on board INS Shivalik during the Fleet Review. Participation of the two indigenously built ships of the Indian Navy at the IFR aptly showcased the ship-building prowess of Indian shipyards to the international gathering and participating navies.

Following the Fleet Review, Japan, as the current Chair of WPNS, hosted the 18th Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) at Yokohama on November 07-08

Indian Navy participates in the WPNS, as Observer, since 1998. This year's edition of Exercise MALABAR is also being hosted by Japan. Initiated in 1992, this year marks the 30th anniversary of Exercise MALABAR.

To mark this special

occasion, Chiefs of Navies participating in Ex- MALABAR held joint consultations to review the progress achieved through this exercise thus far and areas that could be focussed upon during future iterations, with an aim to further enhance interoperability amongst the participating navies.

The Chief of Naval Staff interacted with the crews of participating Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and Kamorta and expressed satisfaction on the scale and complexity of this multilateral exercise. One P8I Maritime Patrol Aircraft of the Indian Navy has also been deployed to Japan separately to participate in Exercise MALABAR-2022. The sea phase of this edition of Exercise Malabar would continue until 15 November 2022.

Admiral R Hari Kumar, conveyed his special compliments to Adm Sakai Ryo, Chief of Staff, JMSDF for highly professional and successful conduct of these high intensity multilateral maritime engagements.



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Malabar naval exercises begin in East China Sea



Malabar naval exercise with Quad countries

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The Malabar exercise featuring the navies of all four Quad countries

— India, the US, Australia and Japan — began on November 9th off the Yokosuka island near the East China Sea amidst China's increasing military muscle-flexing in the region.

Indian Naval ships Shivalik and INS Kamorta have been deployed for the 10-day high-voltage exercise being hosted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF), officials said.

The opening ceremony of the exercise was attended by Commander of Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet Rear Admiral Sanjay Bhalla, Commander in Chief of Self Defense Fleet of Japanese Navy Vice Admiral Yuasa Hideki, Commander of US Navy's Seventh Fleet Vice Admiral Karl Thomas and Commander of Australian Fleet Rear Admiral Jonathan Earley.

"The multilateral exercise Malabar between the navies of India,

Japan, US and Australia began with an opening ceremony hosted by the JMSDF onboard JS Hyuga at Yokosuka," said a spokesperson of the Indian Navy.

The exercise will feature a number of complex drills involving several frontline warships and other assets of the four navies.

Following India's invitation, Australia participated in the Malabar exercise in 2020, effectively making it a drill by all four member nations of the Quad or Quadrilateral coalition.

Australia participated in last year's exercise as well.

The Malabar exercise started in 1992 as a bilateral drill between the Indian Navy and the US Navy in the Indian Ocean. Japan became a permanent member of the exercise in 2015.

In 2020, the exercise was hosted in two phases in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea. Last year, the mega war game took place off the coast of Guam in the Western Pacific.

Newbuilding Orders Picking up the Pace

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More deals are being reported in the newbuilding market, as ship owners are proceeding with further investments.

In its latest weekly report, shipbroker Allied Shipbroking said that "things in the newbuilding pivoted over into a more fervent orbit as of late, given the increased number of fresh deals that came to light during the past few days or so..."

In a separate note this week, Banchemo Costa added that "12 x containerships were ordered in China by OOCL and COSCO for an amount of around \$2.86bln.

Another significant order was placed in the LNG segment: the joint venture between NYK, MISC, K-Line and China LNG commissioned 5 x 174,000 cbm vessels for delivery 2025/2026. The price is estimated around \$250mln each, the ships have already secured 10 years charter to



Increased number of fresh deals came to light during the past few days says Allied Shipbroking

Qatar Energy. In addition Matson Navigation commissioned to Philly Shipyard 3 x 3,600 TEU, deliveries estimated in 2027; the ships will

trade cabotage under the Jones Act".

On the tanker side, things resumed on a mediocre trajectory as of the past week, given the relatively limited number of units being reported sold.

As we have pointed out in the past, this sluggish pace of late can hardly be considered as indicative of the overall prevailing trend, given the ample amount of buying interest being noted and the current abundance in positive sentiment".

Banchemo Costa added that it was "another active week in the second hand market, with many sales reported..."

Ship Demolition Continues its Lacklustre Trajectory

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The ship recycling market has continued to show a lack of activity over the past week.

In its latest weekly report, shipbroker Clarkson Platou Hellas said that "unlike the skies that will be lit above this weekend for the annual fireworks festivities, there remains a lack of spark in the recycling industry and despite the continued shortage of available tonnage, sentiment, surprisingly, has become weaker this week.

Bangladesh have continuing issues internally with regards to their

funding from local banks as the shortage of available U.S. Dollars bites further

Reports are emanating that even Letters of Credit for smaller financial outlay is becoming difficult and therefore only one or two buyers seemingly can influence local banks. **With no ships arriving to the shores, there is talk of some steel mills in India closing due to the lack of supply of inventory from the domestic ship recycling yards.**

These really are trying times for the ship recyclers as the global insecurity is hitting them hard and we

cannot predict any positive change soon unfortunately. The slow slog currently being experienced looks set to continue into 2023", Clarkson Platou Hellas.

In a separate report, shipbroker Allied added that "the ship recycling market did not escape from the uninspiring trajectory that has taken hold of the market for some time now. Overall activity seems to be in clampdown, with the lack of direction prevailing across all main demo destinations.

In the Indian Sub-Continent and Bangladesh specifically, the market lagged further behind as of the past week, with

local Buyers seemingly willing only to offer at considerably lower levels at this point. Moreover, given the current momentum in local currency and steel plate prices, coupled with stringer availability in finance, **we can hardly expect any considerable boost in activity for the upcoming period..."**

Meanwhile, in its weekly report, GMS (www.gmsinc.net), the world's

leading cash buyer of ships, commented that "some unbelievably low and unrealistic offers have started to emerge from sub-continent markets this week, and as such, **both Owners and Cash Buyers would be well advised to leave ship recycling destinations alone for the time-being,** especially until some sort of floor is reached and stability regains a foothold.



Ship demolition



Hapag Lloyd's 2023 Strategy: Expanding Involvement in Terminal Sector



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Hapag-Lloyd has concluded the first nine months of 2022 with an EBITDA of USD 16.6 billion (EUR 15.6 billion) and an EBIT of USD 15.1 billion (EUR 14.2 billion). At the same time, the Group profit climbed to USD 14.7 billion (EUR 13.8 billion).

“Thanks to higher freight rates, we have achieved an exceptionally strong nine-month result. However, we are also seeing that the market environment has deteriorated further in the third quarter. This is evident, for example, in falling spot rates and rising inflation-related unit costs,” said Rolf Habben Jansen, CEO of Hapag-Lloyd AG.

The first nine months were significantly marked by disruptions in the global supply chains, which resulted in longer turnaround times for ships and containers. At the end of the third quarter, there was weaker demand for container transports and

consequently a slight easing in the shortage of available transport capacities.

The transport volumes were on a par with the prior-year level, at 8,987 TTEU (9M 2021: 8,980 TTEU). Revenues increased to USD 28.4 billion (EUR 26.7 billion). This can mainly be attributed to a significant increase in the average freight rate, to 2,938 USD/TEU (9M 2021: 1,818 USD/TEU), and a stronger US dollar.

Transport expenses climbed to USD 10.8 billion (EUR 10.1 billion). This was due in part to a significantly higher bunker consumption price, of USD 755 per tonne (9M

2021: USD 452 per tonne), and higher expenses for container handling.

“In the coming months, the strained situation in the global supply chains should continue to normalise. At the same time, our strong balance sheet will help us to stay on course even in difficult waters. We will stick to our strategic agenda while investing more in quality and growth as well as in the further decarbonisation of our fleet. One very significant focus is investment in infrastructure, which we are using to further expand our terminal portfolio,” Habben Jansen added.

In driving its Strategy 2023, Hapag-Lloyd has continuously expanded its involvement in the terminal sector, most recently through agreements on acquiring stakes in the terminal business of Chile-based SM SAAM and the Italy-based Spinelli Group. In addition, Hapag-Lloyd has stakes in JadeWeserPort in Wilhelmshaven, the Container Terminal Altenwerder in Hamburg, Terminal TC3 in Tangier, and Terminal 2 in Damietta, which is currently under construction.

MOL in long-term charter deal for three newbuilding LNG carriers

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Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL) on Thursday 10 Nov announced that, through a subsidiary, it signed a long-term charter contract for three newbuilding liquefied natural gas (LNG) carriers with QatarEnergy. The vessels will be built at Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding (Group)

Co. in China, and are scheduled for delivery in 2027.

MOL had signed a long-term charter contract with QatarEnergy in April 2022 for four newbuilding LNG carriers, and the relationship between the two will be further expanded by three LNG carriers through the latest contract, said a release.



QatarEnergy is undertaking the North Field Expansion Project to increase its LNG production capacity to 126 million tons per annum by 2027.

MOL, through its further participation in LNG projects in Qatar, will contribute to stable global LNG supply and enhance the maritime transport of the next-generation, environment-friendly energy resources, the release added.

France Unveils Plan to Slash Shipping Industry's Carbon Footprint

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France has unveiled a plan aimed at reducing the carbon footprint of the maritime sector over the next seven years. Boosted by funding of 300 million euros, the industry is looking towards a greener future with the objective of building a zero emission vessel.

The French secretary of state in charge of maritime affairs, Hervé Berville, announced the “France-Mer 2030” plan during

a conference in Lille on Tuesday 8 Nov.

France-Mer 2030 will offer a “one-stop shop” for the state to reduce its carbon footprint in the maritime transport sector, primarily in greenhouse gas emissions such as carbon dioxide.

The plan will also promote innovation with “the zero-emission ship as the horizon”, Berville said.

Support will come in the form of a ten-month consultation period with all the players in the sector and

a unit within the Ministry of the Navy.

“A decarbonisation trajectory will have to be defined for each type of fleet,” he said, insisting on the need to quickly remove “technological issues” to decarbonise fishing, commercial and tourism vessels.

With this in mind, the government plans to mobilize “€300 million in public funding by the end of the five-year term” but also to “create a maritime investment fund to increase support through subsidies,

equity investments and guarantees”.

This mechanism would go hand in hand with the mobilisation of private funds, Berville said.

The Armateurs de France – a professional body representing 57 companies in the maritime industry – was quick to offer its support to the government initiative. While only 12 percent of the ships used in France are built in the country, compared to 80 percent in 1980, Berville underlined the need to make the



France plans to reduce carbon footprint moving towards a green future.

future zero-carbon ship “as French as possible”.

France pushes industry giants to lower carbon footprint

Meanwhile, the CEO of CMA CGM Rodolphe Saadé for his part announced that the French shipowner would endow the new France-Mer fund with €200 million.



"Worrying will never change the outcome"

Container Transshipment terminal to come up at Greater Nicobar islands



Greater Nicobar Islands

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Decks have been cleared for setting up an international container transshipment terminal at the Greater Nicobar islands, India's southern most point and close to the Malacca straits when the union environment ministry has given its nod for the project.

The shipping ministry has given

an in principle approval for the Rs 72,000 crore project.

This would mark the end of the Colachel transshipment terminal project for which the union cabinet had given in principle clearance way back in 2016.

The Center's ambitious plans include development of an international container transshipment terminal, a military-civil dual use airport, a solar power plant and an integrated township. The port and development will be controlled by the Indian Navy.

The environment ministry has sanctioned diversion of just over 130 square kilometers of forest land and felling of around 8.5 lakh trees. **The project is likely to affect the mangrove cover and coral reef in the area.**

The Greater Nicobar Island is inhabited by the Shompen and Nicobarese tribes. The project area falls near two national parks – Galathea Bay National Park and Campbell Bay National Park.

"The Stage-1 environmental clearance for the project was given 10 days ago. Now the project proponent will have to apply for Stage II clearance – which will involve examination of several compliances.

The Greater Nicobar region is home to leatherback sea turtles and other important species such as Nicobar macaque, Nicobar megapode and saltwater crocodiles and rare and endemic plant species such as tree ferns and orchids.

The project was given a go-ahead keeping in mind the strategic importance of the port to be developed.

"This project is of great strategic importance keeping in mind India's presence in the Bay of Bengal, with China becoming more aggressive in the South China Sea. The recent docking of a Chinese survey ship in Sri Lankan Port of Hambantota has made the project even more urgent. **This project is of great national importance and the Home Ministry has been unambiguous about its importance.**

Environmentalists say that entire Nicobar Islands was submerged from 1 to 3 meters during the 2004 Tsunami and 97 per cent of mangrove cover destroyed.

Petronet runs Dahej terminal at above 80% of capacity

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India's top gas importer, Petronet LNG Ltd, is running its western import terminal of Dahej at more than 80% of capacity after some customers increased purchases of the super cooled gas, finance chief V K Mishra said on Thursday 10 Nov.

Petronet supplies gas, mostly procured under long-term deals with Qatar and Australia, to Indian energy companies for sale to

end-users. These companies also have booked capacity at Dahej to directly import gas.

Capacity use at the 17.5-million-tonnes-a-year terminal averaged 80% in the September quarter, Mishra said on an analyst call, adding **that capacity use fell below 80% for a few weeks in September and October, leaving the company with unsold volumes.**

"Dahej throughput was reduced ... but now the situation

has improved and we are now managing to get targeted and scheduled cargoes," Mishra added.

The price of gas sourced through long-term deals is about \$12 to \$13 per million British thermal units, far lower than spot prices.

Customers had cut off-take for reasons such as maintenance shutdowns at some fertiliser plants, Mishra said, adding that Petronet may levy a penalty on clients in the December quarter for not using their full capacity.

Petronet plans to set up a



Petronet

4-million-tonnes-a-year floating storage and regasification terminal at Gopalpur in eastern India by 2026, for which Mishra said it was seeking a 1.6-million-tonnes a year (MTPA) LNG import deal.

MINISTRY NEWS

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Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal, has urged the textiles industry to focus on quality products to meet the demands of the global market, and called for proactive steps to ensure that weavers and craftsmen get better prices for their products.

He called for proactive action including better

People should spend 5% of travel budget on local goods to support weavers and craftsmen- Shri Goyal

designs, higher quality, packaging and marketing to ensure weavers fetch better prices for their products in the international market. He said this while interacting with the stakeholders of handloom, handicrafts and textiles industry at Deendayal Hastkala in Varanasi.

The Minister inspected the Trade Facilitation Center set up for weavers

and craftsmen of Varanasi. He expressed satisfaction over the facilities available at the centre and said tourists coming to the city should be told about this



Prime Minister Modi believes that India's diversity is reflected in the handloom

facility so that they visit and shop from here, benefitting the weavers of Varanasi.

Shri Goyal highlighted that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is very dedicated to the cause of improving the condition of the weavers and craftsmen of the country. He added, Prime Minister Modi believes that **India's diversity is reflected in the handloom.** In line with the vision of the PM,

textile parks are being set up across the country.

The minister stressed on the need to further improve the textile industry, adding that it requires developing a culture of 'Quality'. India will realise its dream of becoming a developed country only when there is a change in our thought process. **He emphasised on optimising the marketing chain to ensure greater benefits to craftsmen and weavers.** He also appealed to people to spend 5% of the travel budget on buying domestically produced goods to support our weavers and craftsmen.



A sailing ship is no democracy; you don't caucus a crew as to where you'll go anymore than you inquire when they'd like to shorten sail. - Sterling Hayden

National Waterways 1 on Ganga emerges leader in cargo handling

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The Inland Waterways Ministry has formulated a plan to invest a fresh dose of funds to the tune of Rs 4500 crores on this project in the coming years an official of the Ministry was quoted by media reports

The Inland waters ministry has been focusing its attention on

the Ganga waterway by building full-fledged jetties at Varanasi and another one at Bihar to facilitate movement of cargo from Eastern Uttar Pradesh to the Haldia Port.

Connectivity to Uttar Pradesh Bihar is among the top priority of the government the official said. Around 60 new jetties have been added along the two banks of Ganga in these two North Indian

states while the 40 existing ones are also being upgraded.

The Government proposed to provide a sum of Rs 4500 crores among the 23 national waterways in various parts of the country.

The investment would help to treble the cargo movement through inland water transport to 300 million tons. Bulk of the cargo movement will take place in Ganga, Brahmaputra and to North east via Bangladesh.



Jetty on the bank of Ganga

The states of Gujarat, Odisha, Karnataka, MP, Assam, Mizoram, Tripura and Manipur are also working on developing the new waterways.

SeaLead launches IDEA Service connecting India and UAE to East Africa

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SeaLead has announced the launch of a new service connecting India and the United Arab Emirates to East Africa.

The India-Dubai-East-Africa (IDEA) service will commence on 22nd November as a weekly service with four ships, of which SeaLead will provide two and OOCL and TS Lines one each.

The rotation for the new service will be as follows:

NhavaSheva (JNPT), Mundra



(ADANI), Jebel Ali (DPW), Khalifa (CSP),

Mombasa (Kilindini), Dar Es Salam (HIT), NhavaSheva (JNPT)

Commenting on the new service, Henry Schmidl, SeaLead Managing Director, noted "Trade between India, the

UAE and East Africa has been growing strongly and our new service will add further options for our customers. Providing this fast and direct service will shorten transit times and allow for faster connections."

The new service will provide solutions for both large and small customers that are looking to tap into this lucrative and fast-growing trade lane.

Relatively new to the global shipping line sector, Sea Lead has grown rapidly in recent years and

is currently ranked number 22 by industry expert Alphaliner. The company will continue to expand and develop new services to support its fast-growing customer base and satisfy the worldwide demand for cargo capacity.

About SeaLead Shipping

SeaLead Shipping Pte Ltd is a privately-owned global shipping line founded in 2017 and headquartered in Singapore. SeaLead has a presence in 21 countries and is focused on enabling and simplifying international trade among major economies and emerging markets.

PORT NEWS

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DBGT is proud to accommodate MV. MSS GALENA with LOA 143m, on 11th November 2022 arrived from Male. The vessel is being operated by Maldives State Shipping (MSS) owned by State Trading Organization (STO), a successful state-owned public company of Maldives

This service is being handled by Seahorse Ship Agencies Pvt. Ltd.- Tuticorin at VOC Port. The service is expected to call Tuticorin on weekly basis in future to fulfill the gap of non-existence of direct call to Male/Maldives. MV. MSS GALENA has sailed to Colombo as next port call, and thereafter to proceed further to Male – Maldives, the final destination.

DBGT accommodates direct Maldives bound container vessel at VOC Port

Traffic Manager – VOC Port Authority – Tuticorin presided the welcome ceremony at DBGT premises and heartily congratulated the Agents and the crew for great success to continuously serve the Trade with more competitive products that suits the need of the hour.

Despite the current economic crisis looms worldwide due to ripple effect of COVID19 and ongoing geopolitical issues, DBGT always finds more competitive ways to serve the beleaguered trade with more services that eases the cargo flow with minimum or no hurdles.

The Management appreciates the

efforts of "Seahorse Ship Agencies Pvt. Ltd." to carry forward the initial proposal into fruitful event

and appreciated the combined efforts of all its employees for smooth and efficient operations.



(Representatives of VOC Port Authority, DBGT, Seahorse Ship Agencies, Master and Chief Officer of MV. MSS GALENA)

New Mangalore Port Authority bags ISO 45001-2018



New Mangalore Port receives ISO 45001: 2018 Certification

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New Mangalore Port Authority with ISO 9001 (for Quality Assurances) and 14001 (Environmental Compliances) accreditations, has now received ISO 45001: 2018 Certification for Occupational, Health and Safety Management Systems.

New Mangalore Port is the only 100% Solar powered sea Port administered by the Government of India and has received Greentech awards consistently for the past seven years. The Port is also a pioneer in digitization and automation among the 12 major ports.

NMPA, in spite of road/rail

connectivity constraints, expects to reach the target figure of 40 Million Tonnes of cargo handled in the fiscal year 2022-23. The operating ratio and operating margins of NMPA are compatible with many of the privately managed non-major ports. **The present ISO 14001 accreditation by the IR Class is one more feather in the cap for NMPA.**

Cargo ship docks at Chattogram Port with over 52,000 tonnes of Ukrainian wheat

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ALiberian cargo ship carrying 52,500 tonnes of wheat from Ukraine has docked at Chattogram port for the first time since the start of the Russia-Ukraine war.

Magnum Fortune arrived at the outer anchorage of the port on Wednesday 9 Nov evening, Abdul Quader, food controller (storage and movement) of Chattogram division, told UNB Thursday.

The cargo ship will move to



Cargo ship with 52,000 tonnes of Ukraine wheat at Chattogram port

the silo jetty for releasing the food grain after the testing of samples, he added.

The government bought the wheat under its government-to-government (G2G) agreements with Russia and Ukraine

after India turned down Bangladesh's request for wheat import.

Earlier, as part of the agreements, Bangladesh already received more than one lakh tonnes of wheat from Russia in two shipments.

MARINE NEWS

Apex Court pulls up Center for the delay in its stand on Ram Setu issue

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Supreme Court has asked the Central government why it has been dragging its feet in taking a stand on the Ram Setu issue for years, while disapproving the series of adjournments sought by it on the issue.

The rebel BJP leader Subramanian Swamy has moved a petition in the apex court seeking to declare Ram Setu as a national monument

When Mr. Swamy sought adjudication of his long pending plea, central government counsel Nithin Pavuluri informed a bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices Hima Kohli and J B Pardiwala that though the counter affidavit is ready, it is awaiting approval from the concerned Ministry. He sought some time to file the affidavit.

The bench said, "Why are you dragging your feet on this issue?" **It gave four weeks to the Union government to file an affidavit stating its stand on Ram Setu and allowed Mr. Swamy to put in a rejoinder in two weeks thereafter.**

Ram Setu issue has been pending before the apex court since 2007 when the UPA government was implementing the SethuShip Canal project.

The Apex Court had asked the Union Shipping Ministry to find alternative alignment for the project in deference to the sentiments of people who believe the area to be the bridge Lord Ram had constructed to reach Lanka. The dredging project was implemented in this contentious bridge as part of the SetuShip canal project to reduce the distance between East and West coast of the country and serve the security interest of the country.

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TRADE BODY NEWS



"Worrying will never change the outcome"

FFFAI deliberates with Pr. DG Systems S R Baruah to expedite seamless Export Import clearances

Export Import clearances



FFFAI Chairman Mr Shankar Shinde felicitating the DG Systems Shri S R Baruah at the Customs Mumbai Zone-1 Office

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The Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) organised an interactive hybrid meeting

at Mumbai Customs Zone 1 and at FFFAI Headquarter, during the two days sessions with Shri S R Baruah, Pr. Director General of Systems & Data Management along with

ICEGATE/ ECES team on November 3 and 4, 2022.

The webinar was participated by the members of all 28 Member Associations of FFFAI from across the Country consisting of Customs Brokers and logistics service providers.

Focus of the webinar was on various initiatives and trade facilitation measures of Customs with future plans of DG Systems on ICEGATE /ICES.

Also present at this meeting were Mr. Akhilesh Pandey, Commissioner of Customs -Mumbai; Mr

Piyush Bhardwaj, Addl. Dir. - Systems; Mr Abhinav Gupta, Addl. Director General – ICEGATE, other Sr. Officers, Mr Shankar Shinde, Chairman; Mr Dushyant Mulani, Chairman Elect; other Office Bearers and members of FFFAI.

Welcoming Mr Baruah the FFFAI Chairman congratulated Customs and DG Systems for successful implementation of the DG Systems' various projects towards the goal of Trade Facilitation and Ease of Doing Business and strengthening SWIFT for seamless movement. However the systems need more integration to make it effective with accountability on time line monitoring basis.

In his address to the

trade Mr Baruah focused on certain recent issues which were submitted by FFFAI after taking feedback from its 28 Member Associations.

FFFAI was happy to welcome Mr Baruah at the FFFAI Office/Head Qtrs. in Mumbai for further discussions with FFFAI Office Bearers & Executive committee members with participation from senior members including 28 Member Associations from across India.

Mr. Baruah's visit to FFFAI was to explore the partnership with FFFAI / IIFF (A Training wing of FFFAI.

In this meeting Mr Shinde elaborated on the genesis and aims & objectives of FFFAI and its 60 years' contribution to the Indian economy.

IMO NEWS

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The Indian ships were awarded certificates of commendation by Kitack Lim, Secretary General of IMO, at the annual Bravery Awards Ceremony of IMO held in London on Wednesday. The award was received by the Indian Naval Adviser HCI, London on behalf of the Indian Navy.

The IMO award was given to the ships in recognition of exceptional courage displayed by the gallant sailors of INS

INS Kochi, INS Kolkata receive International Maritime Organization's bravery award

Kochi, INS Kolkata and GreatshipAhalya in rescuing 261 personnel on board the accommodation barge P-305, following its collision with an oil rig during cyclone Tauktae.

In May 2021, Cyclone Tauktae made landfall in Gujarat and claimed over 170 lives. The cyclone formed in the Arabian Sea and hit Mumbai hard before reaching Gujarat. Its strong winds and heavy rain caused flooding and



Crews of INS Kochi,INS Kolkata and GreatshipAhalya were awarded certificates of commendation by the IMO.

destruction in low-lying coastal regions, even before it made landfall, a CNN report said.

A barge went adrift off Heera Oil Fields in the Bombay High area after being hit by the cyclone. INS Kochi and INS Kolkata led the rescue operations alongside GreatshipAhalya, news reports said. **While 111 people were rescued by INS Kochi and INS Kolkata, collectively GreatshipAhilya took 17 people on board, the Hindustan Times said in a report.**

A total of 146 people stuck on the ONGC-operated barge were rescued during the India Navy-led efforts, the news report added. GreatshipAhalya is a 2008-built Tug/Supply Vessel.

SEAFARER NEWS

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The Office for Labor of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBC) has made an international appeal to facilitate the immediate release of 26

Indian Church calls for release of seafarers in captivity in Guinea

crew members including 16 Indian nationals on the ship 'MT Heroic Idun' held in captivity in Guinea for nearly three months.

"The sea farers have been treated as criminals without formal charges or

legal process. This is great maritime injustice," Bishop Alex Vadukkumthala, Chairman of CBCI Office for Labor and country-in-charge of Apostolate of the Sea (known as Stella Maris) pointed out in a statement on November 10.

Since August 14, the 26 seafarers belonging also to the Philippines, Poland and Sri Lanka besides India have been held up in Guinea.

While appreciating the efforts by the government

through its diplomatic channels, Bishop Vadakkumthala urged various networks concerned "to work tirelessly to ensure the release of the seafarers and return to their distressed families."

LOGISTICS (ROAD/RAIL/AVIATION)



A Smooth Sea Never Made a Skilled Sailor. - John George Hermanson

Vande Bharat reaches South



PM Modi flags off fifth Vande Bharat from Bengaluru on Nov 11

BENGALURU
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged

off India's fifth Vande Bharat from Bengaluru on November 11th, making it the first semi-high-speed train in the South. The train will run between Mysuru and Chennai and will be slowest among the Vande Bharat trains running in the country

The train takes five hours to cover the distance from Chennai and Bengaluru but if the train were to operate at its full capacity, in terms of

speed, the distance could be covered in just three hours.

Poor railway track conditions and lack of modern signaling facilities between Chennai and Bengaluru have contributed to the poor speed of the Vande Bharat train. The average speed of the train will be around 75 kilometers per hour around the same speed of the Shatabdi express. But the fares will be on par with the vande Bharat trains running in Northern India

Passengers travelling

from Chennai to Mysore will be charged Rs 1,200 for a car chair and Rs 2,295 for executive class; those traveling from Mysore to Chennai will have to pay Rs 1,365 and Rs 2,486 respectively.

The train will cover 500 km in 6 hours 30 minutes and will halt at two stops between Chennai and Mysore- Katpadi and Bengaluru, officials said. Regular operations will begin on November 12th.

If run in full capacity,

the train can touch Chennai from Bengaluru in just three hours, according to railway sources.

The train has been developed by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai, and enabled with an intelligent braking system for better acceleration and deceleration.

All the coaches are equipped with automatic doors, GPS-based audio-visual passenger information system, onboard hotspot Wi-Fi for entertainment purposes, and comfortable seats.

R.N. Singh appointed as the new GM of Southern Railway



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R.N. Singh taken charge as the General Manager of Southern Railway on Monday. He was principal executive director, infrastructure, ministry of railways, and secretary of Railway Board.

A 1986 batch officer of the

Indian Railway Service of Engineers cadre, Singh has served the railways and PSUs in executive and management positions. The posts he held include those of divisional railway manager (Delhi division) and managing director of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited.

He has rich experience in planning and execution of mega-infrastructure projects like dedicated freight corridors, major bridges and high speed railway. He has wide exposure in various aspects of railway management during his career spanning more than 34 years.

He has specialised in project management, railway operations, public private partnership and strategic management.

An alumnus of IIT-Roorkee, Singh has undergone multiple trainings like disaster management in Holland, advanced management in Singapore and Malaysia,

strategic management in Paris, Austria and executive management mechanised maintenance in in University of Bocconi, Italy.

VESSEL SCHEDULES

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WEST COAST	
AMCT	- Adani Mundra Container Terminal
AICTPL	- Adani International Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd.
MICT	- Mundra International Container Terminal
ACMTPL	- Adani CMA Mundra Terminal Pvt. Ltd.
KICT	- Kandla International Container Terminal
NSICT	- Nhavasheva International Container Terminal
NSIGT	- Nhavasheva International Gateway Terminal
JNPCT	- Jawaharlal Nehru Port Container Terminal
GTI	- Gateway Terminals India
BMCT	- Bharat Mumbai Container Terminals
ICTT	- International Container Transshipment Terminal

EAST COAST	
VCTPL	- Visakha Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd.
KPCT	- Krishnapatnam Port Container Terminal
CCT	- Chennai Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd
CITPL	- PSA's Chennai International Terminals Pvt Ltd
KICT	- Kattupalli International Container Terminal
DBGT	- Dakshin Bharat Gateway Terminal Pvt. Ltd.
PSA SICAL	- PSA SICAL Terminals Limited

NEWS IN BRIEF

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India is indispensable friend of US says Treasury Secretary

US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has lauded India's economic growth in the uncertain global times, and called it 'an indispensable friend to America' during her first visit to the country.





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EXIM TREND

Slowdown in China Sends Shockwaves across the Globe



Slowdown in China impacting worldwide

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From the nine per cent year-on-year growth for more than four decades to less than three per cent now, China braces for an unprecedented slowdown.

While most economies suffer due to global factors, the Chinese slowdown is largely caused by its own acts of commission.

When China slows down, it buys less, consumes less, and produces less affecting all suppliers and buyers worldwide.

Roots of slowdown

The three crucial factors leading to slowdown are the Zero Covid policy, the

housing crisis, and rivalry with the US for strategic and tech supremacy.

The world buys most laptops, mobile phones, washing machines, refrigerators, apparel, toys, and household goods from China.

Green energy transition will be expensive if China supplies fewer photovoltaic cells or Electric Vehicle batteries.

The US, EU, and India may face a health emergency without China. Each buys most (>70 per cent) of the APIs KSM from China.

Impacts of the slowdown

One, reduced commodity and energy prices.

Australia and Brazil suffer as significant value of their mining and agriculture produce went to China. Less business with China imperils their economies.

Two, increase in the prices of semiconductors.

Three, impetus to local manufacturing. The Covid-19 pandemic made the world see that it cannot put all its eggs in the China basket. Countries like the US are investing billions of dollars in the Make in America program to cut dependence on China for medicines, semiconductors, green energy, and critical materials.

Four, high US dollar interest rates. China invests about \$1 trillion from its \$3.2 trillion reserves in US treasury bonds. Low export earnings may compel China to invest less in treasury bonds forcing the US Fed to increase interest rates to make bonds attractive. This would mean fewer dollars in the market, leading to fewer new investments in the US and the world.

Five, Impact on India. The China slowdown has led China to buy less and sell more to India. The January-August 2022 DGCI&S data confirms this trend.

Belarus, led the Belarusian delegation.

The Intergovernmental Commission reviewed the results of bilateral cooperation that took place after the tenth session of the Commission in 2020. While expressing satisfaction at the progress made in regard to some projects, the Commission also directed concerned Ministries and Departments to focus on key sectors in the trade and investment spheres to finalize concrete outcomes.

On the economic front, there has been substantial progress with expanding cooperation across all sectors of focus.

India and Belarus are strategic partners since 1991. The two countries cooperate on several areas. This visit was an opportunity to review the existing relationship and find out ways and means to further strengthen cooperation between the two countries.

business communities to engage with each other in these sectors to further mutually beneficial cooperation.

The two sides agreed to promote cooperation among various states in India and regions in Belarus, especially in focus areas.

The 11th Session of the India-Belarus Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation was held on November 10, in New Delhi.

Mr. Som Prakash, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, led the Indian delegation and Mr Vladimir Makei, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of



Mr. Som Prakash, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry

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India and Belarus reiterated their strong desire to further broaden their Cooperation with emphasis on key sectors such as Pharmaceuticals, Financial Services, Science and Technology, Heavy Industries, Culture, Tourism, and Education.

The two ministers directed their respective

NEWS IN BRIEF

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Already importing GM crop oil, fears unfounded, Govt tells Supreme Court

Pointing out that India is already "importing and consuming oil derived from GM (Genetically Modified) crops", the Centre has told the Supreme Court that "opposition to such technology based on... unfounded fears of adverse impact is only hurting farmers, consumers and industry".



Funds transfers from Singapore to India made easy

India and Singapore are all set to link their respective fast payment systems, Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Pay Now, to enable easy fund transfers between the countries at the lowest possible cost, India's High Commissioner in Singapore P Kumaran said.



Govt to scrap incentive plan for services exporters: Sources

The Government has decided to do away with incentives to services exporters under the flagship Services Exports from India Scheme (SEIS).

The next foreign trade policy (FTP) won't include a scheme replacing the SEIS, official and trade sources told FE.



Sonowal Inaugurates 2-Day PMGati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit

The Indian Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India is organizing the 'PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit' on 11th - 12th November, 2022.



Bengaluru airport expands while Chennai lags behind

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the newly built terminal 2 of the Karnataka Airport. Phase 1 of T-2 has a capacity of 25 million passengers per annum.



Karnataka to have another vande Bharat

With assembly elections round the corner in Karnataka, the Railway board has asked the South Western Railway to prepare the blueprint for introducing the Vande Bharat train exclusively for Karnataka between Bengaluru and Hubballi

