



Directorate General of Shipping

SITREP – 33, 1800 Hrs on 18/07/2025

Explosion on WAN HAI 503 (IMO no – 9294862, Flag Singapore) West of Kerala

The contents of this SITREP are based on both written and verbal inputs received from the stakeholders

1. Incident Overview:

Refer to SITREP – 2, 2200 hrs on 09/06/2025

2. Response Actions Initiated:

Refer to SITREP – 3, 2200 hrs on 10/06/2025

3. Present Status:

As of 18th July 2025, MV WAN HAI 503 continues to remain under tow and under close operational surveillance. The vessel is drifting slowly in a southeasterly direction, amid persistent rough sea conditions with wind gusts reaching up to 40 knots. There are no visible naked flames aboard, and the fire appears to be under control, however, residual heat remains in Bay Nos. 33 to 37 of Cargo Hold No. 4. The temperature monitoring had to be temporarily deprioritized due to reallocation of resources to dewatering operations, which continue to be a major focus.

Dewatering is actively ongoing in Cargo Hold No. 6 and the engine room. These efforts have shown gradual and steady progress despite weather-related limitations. Gas conditions within the cargo holds continue to be hazardous, restricting entry and preventing detailed inspection or further cargo assessments at this stage. The ship's stability remains under control, and residual smoke from the forward holds has reduced significantly.

On 15th July, during the towline transfer from Offshore Warrior to Atlantis Virgo, the main towline parted. Emergency tow connection was immediately established. By 17th July, a permanent towing arrangement was reconnected, however, Advantis Virgo

The screenshot displays a detailed map from a flight simulator, likely Microsoft Flight Simulator. The map shows a coastal area with various airports, navigation aids, and terrain. Key locations labeled include Anjengo, Kovalam, and Colombo. A red arrow points to a specific location near the coast, and a text box indicates "Click to add waypoint" and "Right-click for more options". The map includes labels for locations like Anjengo, Kovalam, and Colombo. The map also shows various navigation aids, including VOR and VORTAC stations, and a network of roads and railways. The terrain is depicted with green for land and blue for water. The map is overlaid with a grid of latitude and longitude lines.

4. Additional Support:

Water Lily has continued to serve as a critical link for personnel transfer and logistical support, while Atlantis Virgo remains at the site providing emergency towing capacity until Offshore Warrior resumes her station.

The overall condition of the vessel has improved steadily over the past week, particularly in terms of onboard flooding and fire control. With the engine room water level under control and the pumping operation in Cargo Hold No. 6 continuing, salvors now report a more stable internal condition. No. 2 and 3 holds appear to be dry, and the engine room is reportedly being maintained at a depth of approximately 50 cm,

which reflects a substantial improvement in on-board conditions. The salvers have confirmed that approximately 2300 MT bunkers are still on-board.

As part of the mid-term operational plan, progress has been made toward identifying Port of Refuge. T&T Salvage, along with Wan Hai Lines, has conducted discussions and site visits with identified port authorities and waste management contractor of the port. The proposed two-stage approach includes:

- Navigating to a position close to the port for final dewatering and condition assessment, followed by
- Formal entry into port once pre-arrival conditions are met.

The salvage team will continue to monitor hull temperature, structural safety, and gas conditions inside the cargo holds. DGS has emphasized that all asset coordination must be maintained to prevent operational lapses, especially with no further extensions planned for ETV deployment.

6. Navigational Hazards:

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7. Coordination Measures:

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8. Cargo Assessment:

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