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NIGERIA: EMBRACING POST- PANDEMIC REALITIES IN THE MARITIME INDUSTRY

by Hellenic Shipping News Worldwide

The COVID pandemic has wreaked havoc on economies of the world, on a global scale as economists and fiscal policy experts associate its effect as the worst global economic crisis of the century in comparison with the global economic recession of 2008 and the economic depression of the 1930s.

The impact of the pandemic has reverberated across several sectors particularly the maritime, aviation and transport industry as a whole as the demand and supply level in these industries continue to thin due to countrywide border restrictions. However, whilst the extent of governmental intervention to stabilize the economy could be a source of concern, laudably most governments have cushioned the impact of the pandemic through the introduction of stimulus and palliatives.

Nigeria as a developing nation has suffered major losses across board as the economy cannot afford the requisite support to ensure sustenance of these industries.

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N' DELTA: NAVY LAUNCHES NEW OPERATION, IMPOUNDS 31 ILLEGAL VESSELS

by Emmanuel Addeh

The Nigerian Navy at the weekend launched a new operation codenamed 'Doubeni 11', to curb criminal maritime activities in the country's oil-producing Niger Delta region.

The Central Naval Command (CNC), which is spearheading the operation, said the 90-day operation in the waterways, which commenced from the Nigerian Port Authority (NPA) jetty, Warri, is aimed at conducting evolutions to make the area crime-free and boost economic activities.

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NIMASA, CUSTOMS MOVE TO CURB TEMPORARY IMPORT PERMIT ABUSE

by Eugene Agha

The Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) have agreed to join forces to check the abuse of Temporary Importation Permit (TIP) to curb loss of accruable revenue from levies to the government.

Director-General of NIMASA, Dr. Bashir Jamoh, gave this hint when he visited the Comptroller-General of Customs, Col. Hameed Ali (rtd).

Jamoh said the temporary import permit issue was one of the biggest challenges faced by the maritime sector, stressing that it has denied the federal government huge revenue

.He said: "Those that are benefiting from this temporary importation bring in their own ship and after one year they will take it back to their country and import back with a different name. They do it constantly and this is to the disadvantage of our Nigerian ship owners."

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Managing Director NPA Hadiza Bala-Usman

NPA HALTS LICENCES RENEWAL FOR SHIPPING FIRMS OVER HOLDING BAY CRISIS

by Sulaimon Salau

The Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), has stopped the renewal of licences for shipping firms who fail to provide holding bays for empty containers.

Failure of the shipping firms to establish a holding bay where empty containers are to be stacked is a major factor for the congestion currently being experienced at the ports.

The Managing Director, NPA, Hadiza Bala Usman, who confirmed this during the 14th yearly, Business Law e-conference, said: "We actually refused to renew licences to shipping companies; they have to give evidence of having empty container holding bays that is commensurate with the vessels they bring in.

"I encourage stakeholders to write directly to us to the extent that you identify issues affecting this procedure, and I will also push that in our system to ensure there is adequate monitoring

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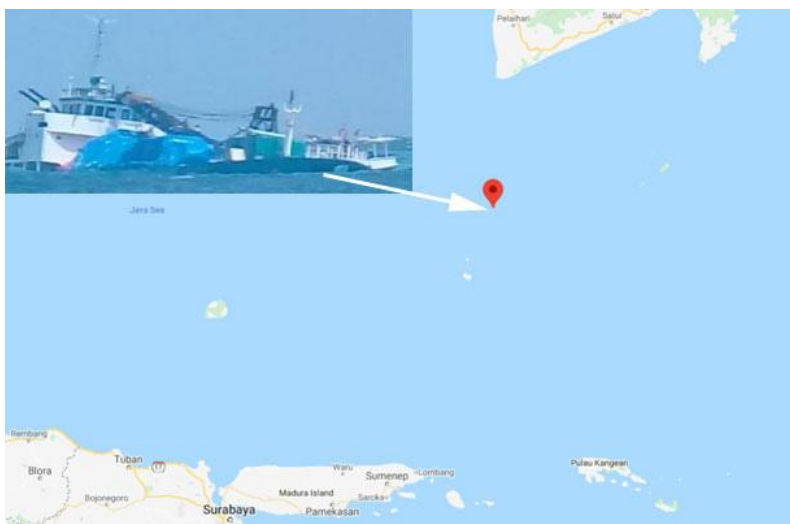
by Erofey Schkvarkin

Aggregates carrier KM DJO NO 3, caught in rough weather, drifted towards shore and hit the rocks at Masalembu island, Java sea, Indonesia, at night Jul 24, with ensuing water ingress.

The ship partially sank, but understood, she may be yet salvaged, or at least, her cargo of merchandise and construction materials. Of 16 people on board (13 being crew), 9 were evacuated, 7 remained on board to protect the cargo and assist in salvage. The ship sailed from Surabaya.

Aggregates carrier KM DJO NO 3, IMO 8859457, GT 684, built 1991, flag Indonesia, manager HARI BARU INDONESIA PT.

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GREECE EXEMPTS SEAFARERS FROM ENTRY RESTRICTION

by Ships & Ports

IGreece has exempted seafarers from COVID-19-related travel restrictions, meeting its pledge to the IMO to facilitate crew change.

GAC Greece said that the Greek government has allowed seafarers entry into its country together with citizens of the following countries: Algeria, Australia, Georgia, Canada, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, and Uruguay.

Greece joined Denmark, France, Germany, Indonesia, the Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the United Kingdom and the United States to designate seafarers key workers and enable crew changes to be carried out, following a virtual ministerial summit hosted by the UK government on July 9.

The crew change crisis has lead to over 300,000 seafarers being stuck at sea, with another 300,000 seafarers pending onshore to relieve their overworked colleagues and sign onto ships.

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