

Press Release

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Dramatic rescue operation in the Strait of Malacca

Two container vessels of REEDEREI NSB save nine Bangladeshi seamen in distress, during a four-day Search and Rescue Operation under extremely difficult weather conditions.

The distress call reached the NSB container ship MV BUXMOON at the northern exit of the Strait of Malacca, off the western Thai coast on July 3rd. The damaged general cargo ship MV Hope, sailing under the Bangladeshi flag, , positioned at length 07° 03' N, width 098° 39' E, had called for help. When BUXMOON arrived, the damaged ship was listing 30° to 35° and the 17-man crew had left the vessel.

The Philippine captain Loreto Flores and the crew of BUXMOON could save the lives of five Bangladeshi seamen. After approximately 12 hours of searching for missing crew members the BUXMOON continued its journey to Chittagong/Bangladesh. Another vessel of REEDEREI NSB, MV BUXLAGOON, took over the Search and Rescue Operation on site.

In the course of the following three-day search for survivors the Philippine captain of the BUXLAGOON, Antonio A. Navallasca, and his crew were able to rescue another four seafarers in collaboration with the Thai Royal Navy. Two more sailors were found dead.

The Search and Rescue Operation was complicated due to seven up to eight meter high swell, wind velocities of 40 to 50 knots and heavy rain. In the evening of July 6th, BUXLAGOON was released from the SAR operation and continued its journey to Chittagong.

During the rescue operation, which was coordinated by the MRCC (Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre) Bangkok, nine seamen could be saved. Two more were found dead and six seafarers are still missing.

About REEDEREI NSB:

NSB Niederelbe Schiffahrtsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG (REEDEREI NSB) is one of the leading container shipping companies in the world. With a fleet of 89 vessels, the company which was founded in 1982 provides quality "Made in Germany". Apart from the ship management of container ships, tankers and offshore jack-up vessels, REEDEREI NSB is supervising newbuildings and is active in crewing of both its own ships as well as vessels of other parties.

At its own NSB Academy, which employs a modern Ship Handling-Simulator, employees from ashore and seafarers are trained and educated on a regular basis. In its headquarters in Buxtehude and its branches in the United States, Korea and Singapore, REEDEREI NSB employs approximately 250 men and women and 3,000 seafarers.

Key data of REEDEREI NSB

TDW overall:	5.286.120
TEU capacity:	386.970
Fleet size:	89 ships
NSB employees	
at sea:	approx. 3,000
on shore:	approx. 250

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