

ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION
CENTRE (MMCC ZONE F)

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

- **PIRACY**

(A) Any illegal acts of Violence or Detention, or any act of Depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed: (i) on the High Seas, against another Ship or Aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft. (ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State.

(B) Any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft.

(C) Any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b).

- **ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA**

Any unlawful act of Violence or Detention, or any act of Depredation or Threat other than an act of Piracy, directed against a Ship or against Persons or Property onboard such Ships, within a States jurisdiction over such offences.

- **HIJACK:** Vessels taken by attacker, no longer under the control of the master.
- **FIRED UPON/ATTACK:** Use of weapon by assailants at vessel or boarding with intent to take control of the vessel.
- **BOARDING:** Unauthorized boarding of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without taken control of the vessel.
- **ROBBERY:** Theft realize in territorial waters with threat or violence to crew.
- **THEFT:** Theft realize in territorial waters with no violence.
- **ILLEGAL UNREPORTED UNREGULATED FISHING.**

Illegal fishing conducted by national or foreign vessels in contravention of laws and regulations. Fishing conducted by vessels flying the flag of States that are parties to a regional fisheries management organization but operate in contravention of the conservation and management measures. Fishing in violation of national laws or international obligations. Fishing activities which have not been reported, or have been misreported. Fishing in the area of application of a regional fisheries management organization that are conducted by vessels without nationality. Fishing in areas or for fish stocks in relation to which there are no applicable conservation or management measures.

- **MARITIME MIGRATION.**

STOWAWAY: A person who hides on a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle 2. Someone who hides on a ship or aircraft to travel without having to pay.

- **ILLICIT TRADE.**

ILLEGAL BUNKERING: Bunkering is a term used to describe the process of filling a ship with oil (or coal). Illegal oil bunkering is a euphemism for theft.

- **OTHER MARITIME INCIDENTS.**

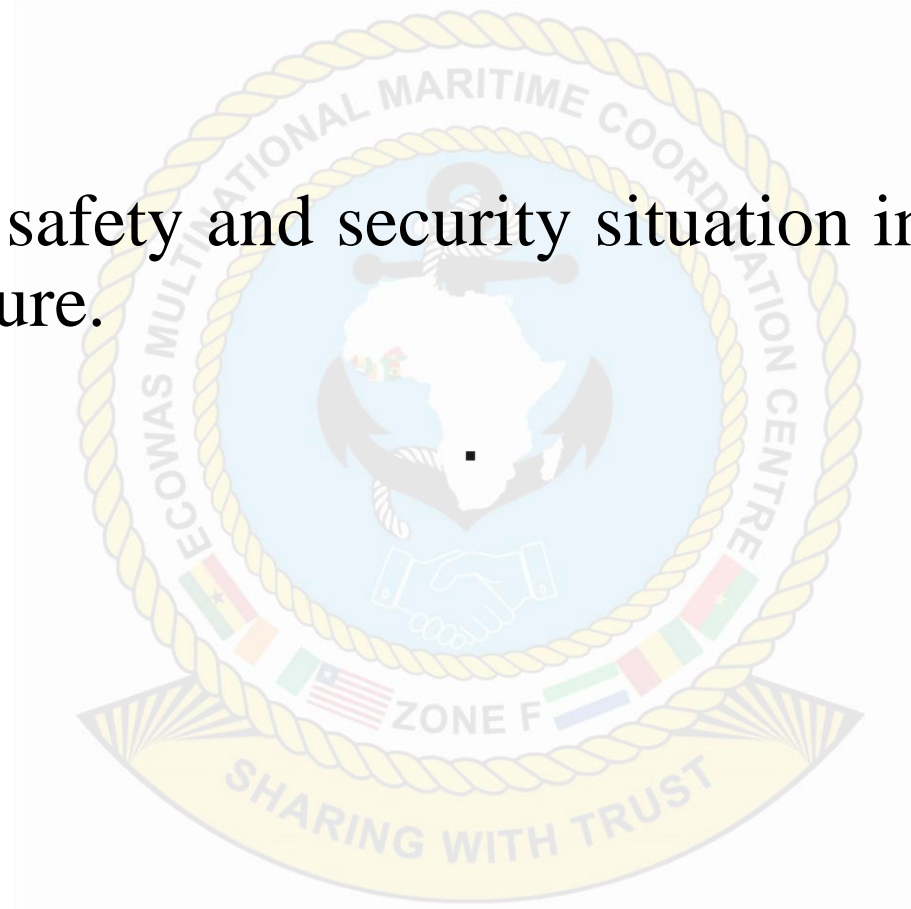
SUSPICIOUS APPROACH: All other unexplained activity in close proximity of an unknown vessel.

SIGHTING AND IRREGULAR ACTIVITY: All suspicious information with no proof of intent to board the vessel.

OVERVIEW

- The MMCC Zone F weekly report highlights the general maritime safety and security issues observed and coordinated by the Centre.

- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F remained safe and secure.



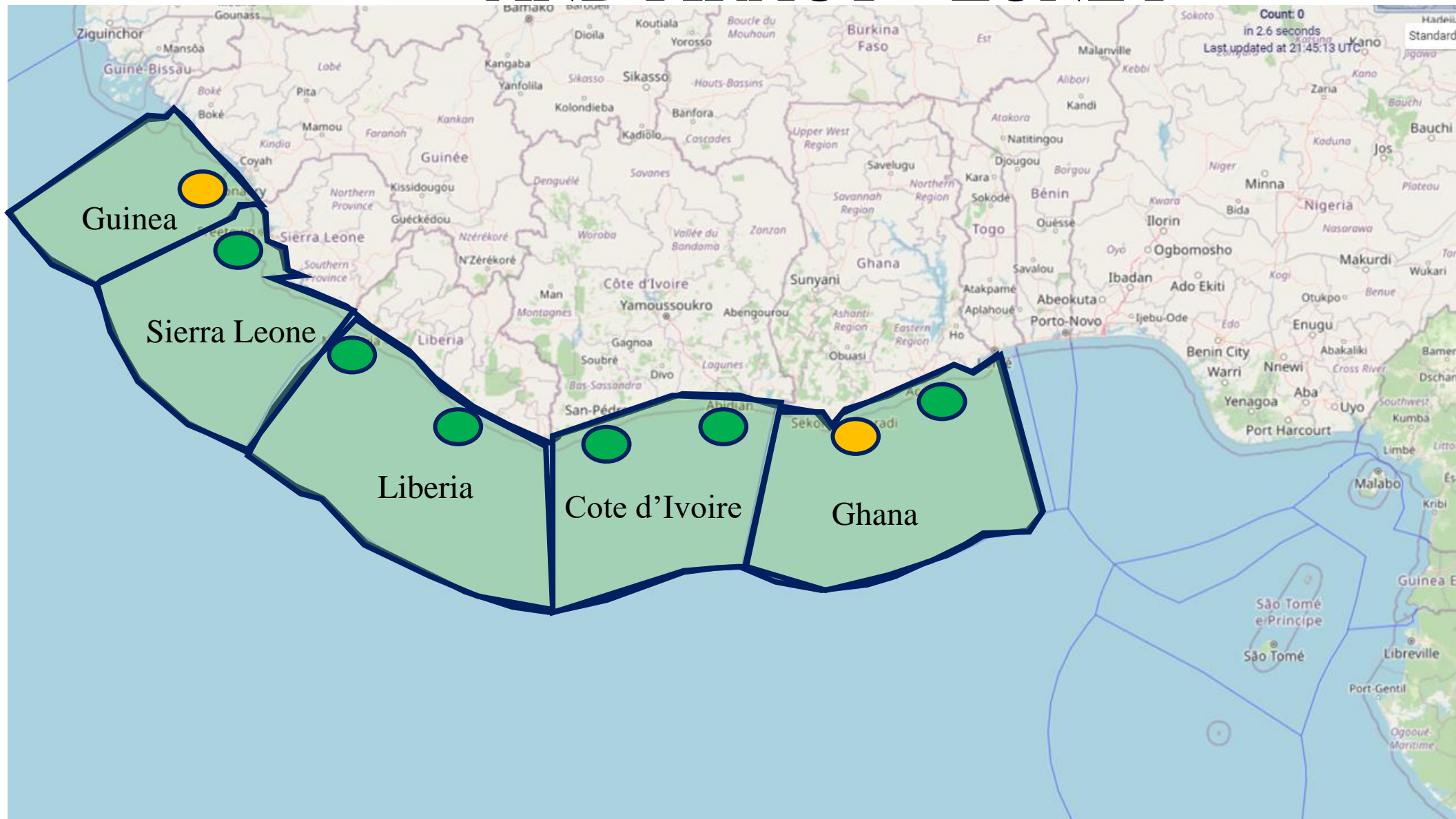
INCIDENTS RECORDED

| Category | Type of Incidents | No of Incident in Recorded | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------|--------|--------------|
| | | Ghana | Cote d'Ivoire | Liberia | Guinea | Sierra Leone |
| TERRORISM | Terrorism | | | | | |
| PIRACY/ ARMED ROBBERY | Hijacking | | | | | |
| | Kidnapping | | | | | |
| | Armed Robbery | | | | | |
| | Fired Upon | | | | | |
| | Robbery/Attempt Robbery | | | | | |
| | Attempt Boarding | | | | | |
| | Boarding | | | | | |
| | Theft | | | | | |
| ILLICIT TRAFIC | Human | | | | | |
| | Drug | | | | | |
| | Weapons/Ammunitions | | | | | |
| | Smuggling | | | | | |
| IUU FISHING | Industrial Fishing | | | | | |
| | Craft Fishing | | | | | |
| POLLUTION | | | | | | |
| ILLICIT MIGRATION | Organized Migration | | | | | |
| | Stowaways | | | | | |
| ILLEGAL TRANSFER | Illegal Bunkering | | | | | |
| | Oil Robbery | | | | | |
| CYBER CRIMINALITY | | | | | | |
| MARITIME ACCIDENT | Shipwreck | | | | | |
| | Collision | | | | | |
| | Sinking | | | | | |
| | Damage | | | | | |
| SEARCH AND RESCUE | Men Overboard | | | | | |
| | Assistance And Towing | | | | | |
| | Loss of ship | | | | | |
| | Sanitary Evacuation | | | | | |
| | Capsizing | | | | | |
| OTHERS | Warning/ Alert And Advisory | | | | | |

OTHER MARITIME ACTIVITIES – ZONE F

| EVENT | DESCRIPTION | ACTIONS TAKEN |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| IUU FISHING | NTR | NTR |
| MARITIME POLLUTION | NTR | NTR |
| ILLEGAL TRANSFER | NTR | NTR |
| CYBER CRIME | NTR | NTR |
| DRUG TRAFFICKING | NTR | NTR |
| ILLEGAL MIGRATION | NTR | NTR |

MARITIME RISK ANALYSIS ARMED ROBBERY AND PIRACY – ZONE F



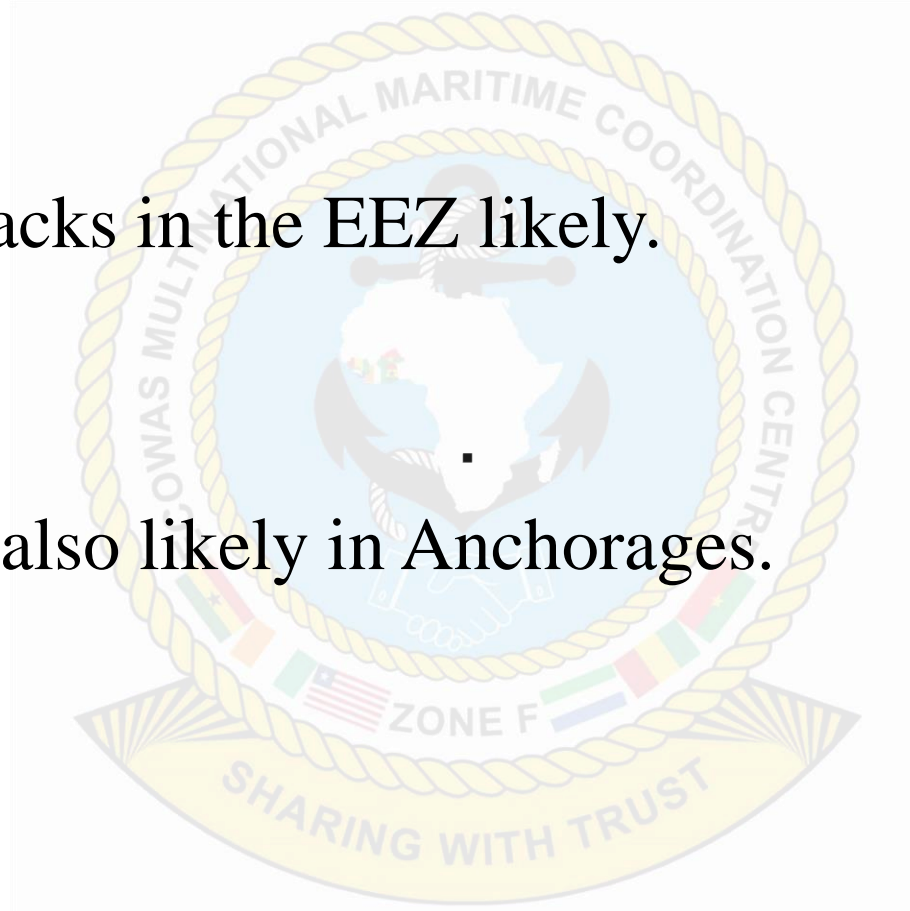
- Anchorage
- Low risk
- Medium risk
- High risk
- EEZ
- Low risk
- Medium risk
- High risk

FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Maritime Zone F is expected to be relatively safe.

- However pirate attacks in the EEZ likely.

- Armed Robbery is also likely in Anchorages.



MARITIME EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

| Category of Event | Ghana | Cote d'Ivoire | Liberia | Guinea | Sierra Leone | MMCC ZONE F |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Conference/ Seminars | NTR | NTR | NTR | NTR | NTR | NTR |
| Training | | NTR | NTR | NTR | NTR | NTR |
| Others | NTR | NTR | NTR | NTR | NTR | NTR |

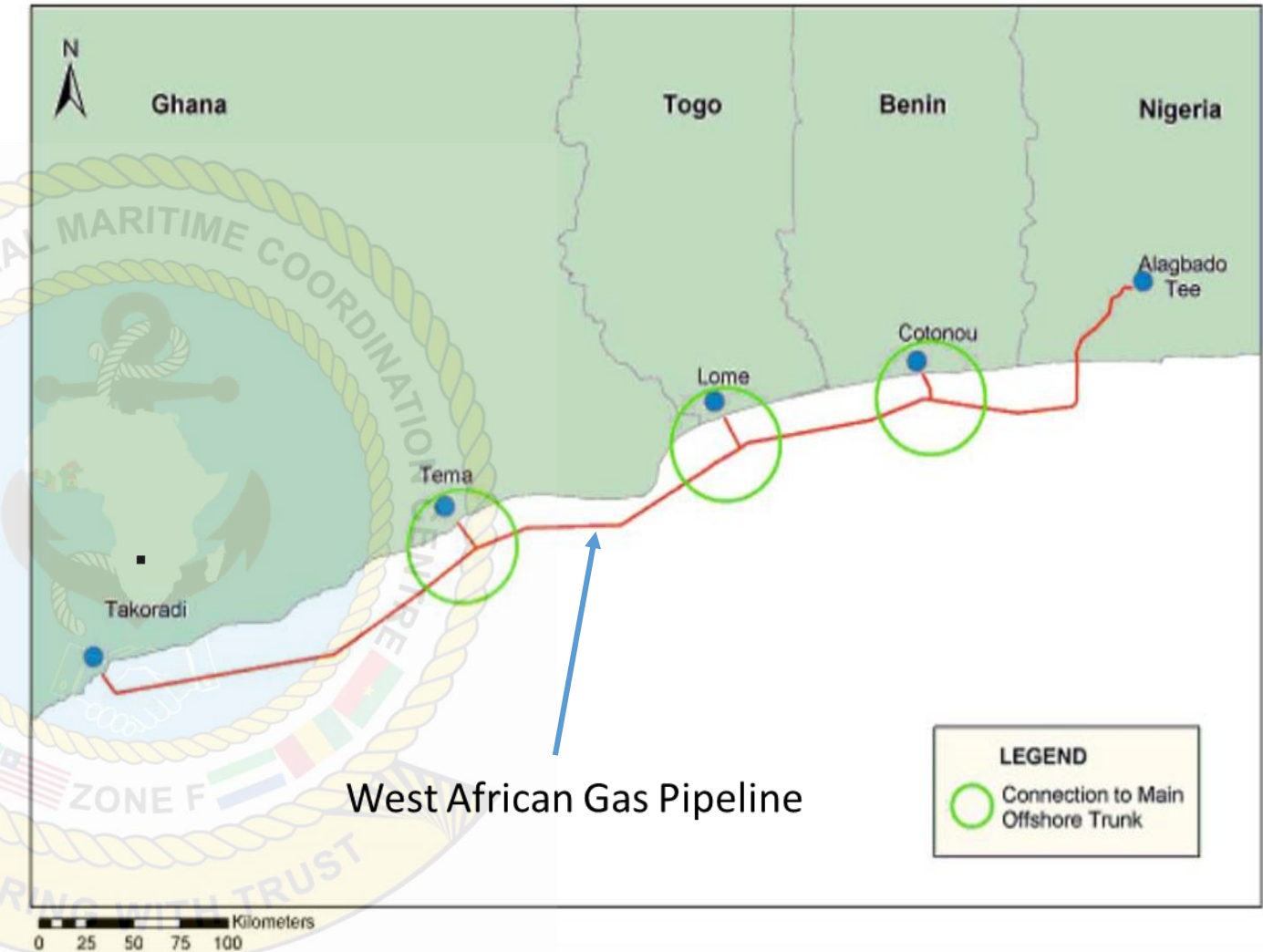
NOTICES

Oil Fields

- All vessels transiting close to the oilfields are to observe the promulgated maritime safety and security zones around the oil fields.

West African Gas Pipeline

- The West African Gas pipeline extends from Takoradi in Ghana to Nigeria. The pipeline since its installation has experienced periodic breakages due to fishing and anchoring activities on the pipeline.
- The position of the pipeline is shown on maritime charts.
- All vessels transiting the coastal areas between Ghana and Nigeria are to avoid anchoring and fishing within the pipeline protective zone.



MARITIME NEWS OF INTEREST

Maritime Security

Liberia's maritime administration is investigating an incident aboard a Panama-flagged bulker in which two stowaways were allegedly killed. Six Nigerian nationals arrived on a beach at Grand Cess, Liberia on September 12, including some who allegedly had injuries. They told local authorities that a total of 14 stowaways had surreptitiously boarded the geared bulker Ophelia at the port of Lagos, Nigeria on September 7 and had remained hidden for several days on the ship. However, when they became hungry, they reportedly banged on the hull to attract the crew's attention.

They alleged that at some point after the crew discovered them, some members of the crew sprayed them with hot water, killing two individuals. They identified the deceased as Nigerian nationals Frank and Osas Velurobo. They further alleged that the crew dumped the two bodies over the side.



Source: <https://shippingposition.com.ng/liberia-investigates-alleged-stowaway-deaths-on-chinese-bulker/>

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