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(India, Nepal, Bhutan & Maldives)

Supplementary Update as on 10th June 2025

“WAN HAI 503”

(46,532 GT, Built 2005, IMO - 9294862)

Container vessel catches fire off Kerala coast

Subsequent to our initial circular issued on 9th June 2025 about the above mentioned vessel casualty, we provide a further update as follows:

The situation has since worsened in the last 24 hours, and the fire appears to have engulfed major part of the vessel. Five Indian Coast Guard vessels were fighting the fire, reporting that “explosions persist from mid-ships to the container bay ahead of the accommodation block,” according to officials.



(Photo as on 10th June 2025 - Source : Indian Coast Guard)

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There are concerns that the continuing fire could impact the structural integrity of the vessel, which may cause it to break up and sink into the sea. In such a situation, there could be an oil spillage as the vessel contains 2000 tonnes of fuel oil.



(Photo as on 10th June 2025 - Source : Indian Coast Guard)

There are reports of listing of the ship 10-15 degrees on one side and more containers have fallen into the sea. Salvors have reached the location, but are unable to commence their operations until the fire is extinguished. The inclement weather is also an impediment to commence operations. The dangerous goods inside some containers is posing safety concern.

Further reporting to follow as the critical situation continues to evolve.

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