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**NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

**NDRRMC UPDATE**

**SitRep No. 12 re Collision between M/V Sulpicio Express 7  
(Sulpicio Lines) and M/V St. Thomas Aquinas 1 (2GO Shipping)**

**Releasing Officer:**

  
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**DATE : 29 August 2013, 7:00 AM**

*Sources: OCD/RDRRMC VII, PCG, BFP, AFP, DOH, and DSWD*

**Background:**

- On or about 9:03 PM, 16 August 2013, a collision transpired at the vicinity of Lawis Ledge, Talisay City, Cebu involving M/V Sulpicio Express 7 (Sulpicio Lines) cargo ship bound for Davao City, and M/V St. Thomas Aquinas 1 (2GO Shipping), a passenger ship from Butuan bound for Cebu City
- The total number of passengers and crew of **M/V St Thomas Aquinas 1 is 870** while **M/V Sulpicio Express 7 has 38 crew**

Shipping Line	Number	Total
M/V St. Thomas Aquinas 1 (2GO Shipping)	Passengers: <u>754</u>	<b>870</b>
	Crew: <u>116</u>	
M/V Sulpicio Express 7 (Sulpicio Lines)	Crew: <u>38</u>	<b>38</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b><u>908</u></b>

- SARV-3502 reported that M/V St. Thomas Aquinas 1 sank at around 10:53 PM, 16 August 2013, while all the crew of M/V Sulpicio Express 7 are safe and accounted for
- The collision resulted to oil spillage which affected the Municipality of Cordova and Cities of Lapu-lapu and Talisay, all in the Province of Cebu
- According to 2GO Shipping Management, there are a total of 20,000 liters of diesel, 20,000 liters of lube oil, and 120,000 liters of bunker oil on board M/V St. Thomas Aquinas 1 when it sank

**I. COLLISION BETWEEN M/V SULPICIO EXPRESS 7 & M/V ST. THOMAS AQUINAS 1**

**Casualties:**

- As of **8:00 AM, 29 August 2013, ninety-one (91) individuals are confirmed dead** while **forty-six (46) are still missing** as tallied and reconciled by Coast Guard District-Central Visayas and 2GO Shipping Lines

<b>M/V St. Thomas Aquinas 1</b>	
<b>Dead</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Missing</b>	<b>46</b>

- **Fifty-two (52)** of the total number of confirmed dead were already identified (**TAB A**)
- The **total number of survivors is 771** for both vessels (**38** for M/V Sulpicio Express 7 and **733** for M/V St. Thomas Aquinas 1)
- A total of **nine (9)** survivors are still under medical care while **twenty-two (22)** are still in Sugbutel. The rest of the survivors have returned home

RESCUED PASSENGERS/CREW of M/V St. Thomas Aquinas 1	TOTAL
▪ Sugbutel	22
▪ Chong Hua Hospital	7
▪ Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center	1
▪ Perpetual Succor Hospital	1

#### Cost of Assistance:

- A total of **PHP 1,545,303.31** worth of assistance was provided to the survivors and to the families of the dead and missing individuals

DSWD FO VII	PHP 95,725.35
LGUs	PHP 847,751.00
NGOs/Other GOs/Private	PhP601,826.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>PHP 1,545,303.31</b>

## II. OIL SPILL INCIDENT

#### Areas Affected:

- A total of **twenty-six (26) barangays were affected**: 13 in Cordova; 6 in Lapu-lapu City; and 7 in Talisay City

Municipality/City	Barangays		
Cordova	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alegria</li> <li>Poblacion</li> <li>Catarman</li> <li>Buagsong</li> <li>Day-as</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bangbang</li> <li>San Miguel</li> <li>Pilipong</li> <li>Gabi</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glitungan</li> <li>Cogon</li> <li>Dapitan</li> <li>Ibabao</li> </ul>
Lapu-Lapu City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calawisan</li> <li>Canjulao</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Babag</li> <li>Subabasbas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looc</li> <li>Mangondon</li> </ul>
Talisay City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pooc</li> <li>Buasong</li> <li>Dumlog</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poblacion</li> <li>Cansojong</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>San Roque</li> <li>Tanke</li> </ul>

#### Declaration of State of Calamity:

- The following was declared under state of calamity:

PROVINCE/MUNICIPALITY	RESOLUTION NUMBER
Province of Cebu	Resolution No. 1041-13
Municipality of Cordova, Cebu	Resolution No. 023-13

#### Actions Taken:

##### NDRRMC Operations Center

- The NDRRMOC alert status was raised to **BLUE ALERT** effective **17 August 2013, 12:00NN** for continuous monitoring of the situation and coordination with OCD Regional Center and concerned member-agencies

##### RDRRMC VII

- OCD VII is closely monitoring the situation and actions taken by all concerned in coordination with PCG, CENTCOM, and DOH
- OCD VII and Cebu PDRRMC conducted an Emergency Meeting attended by Government Agencies, media, and volunteers at Cebu Provincial Capitol presided by Gov. Hilario Davide III; closely monitored the Rescue/Retrieval Operations, oil spill management, psychosocial intervention, and management of dead
- RDRRMC VII conducted an emergency meeting regarding the incident
- RDRRMC VII and Cebu PDRRMC conducted executive meeting followed by a press conference
- DRRMCs of Talisay City, Cebu City and Provincial DRRM Council set a Joint Operations Center at the Talisay Fish Port, Talisay City, Cebu

- **DRRMCs of Cebu Province and Cebu City** with ABS-CBN requested for donations of indigenous materials such as coconut husks, saw dusts and chicken feathers for the containment of the oil spill
- **CDRRMC Cebu** spearheaded mass haircut at Plaza Sugbu
- **MDRRMC Cordova, Lapu-lapu City** conducted coastal clean-up in oil spill affected barangays
- **MDRRMC Tuburan** donated materials to augment the cleaning operations
- **Incident Management Team (IMT)** conducted a briefing before their jump-off for an aerial survey to inspect the extent of the oil spill on 19 August 2013

#### **LGU**

- **LGU disaster volunteers, BEEPER of Brgy. Pardo, Cebu City, Federation of Visayas Radio Clubs, DOH and AMRO** (All-Terrain Medical and Relief Organization) conducted SAR operations
- A total of **PhP1,347,751.00 worth of assistance** was provided by the following LGUs: Cebu City (PhP160,000.00), Mandaue City (PhP3,000.00), Talisay City (PhP 618,284.00), Province of Cebu (PhP 566,467.00)

#### **PCG**

- **Coast Guard District Central Visayas** immediately dispatched Search and Rescue Vessel (**SARV-3502**) to conduct search and rescue operations
- **BRP Pampanga (SARV-003) with CG Medical, CGSOG divers and Oil Spill Response Team** equipped with rubber boat and oil spill equipment joined other forces in conducting Search and Rescue (SAR) operations
- **PCG Helo 1636** continuously conducts aerial search for the remaining missing passengers and crew
- **PAF Helo UH-1H 501 and 516** departed with the Station Commander of CGS Cebu and members of CPDRRMC and RDRRMC to conduct aerial survey at the vicinity of the sinking incident of M/V St. Thomas Aquinas on 19 August 2013
- **PCG** has been spraying chemical dispersant using three (3) tug boats from 2GO Shipping Lines

#### **DSWD**

- **DSWD** provided Quick Response Teams to employ psychosocial intervention on the survivors
- **DSWD FO-VII** is in continuous coordination with OCD VII for updates
- **DSWD FO-VII** deployed seventy-one (71) social workers to conduct masterlisting/intake, stress debriefing sessions (CISD) at the Sugbutel Hotel and 2GO Office
- **The Field Office (FO)** has PhP6.66 million worth of available resources consisting of standby fund (PhP3,298,995.00) and stockpile of relief commodities composed of 3,894 family food packs (PhP845,192.70), food (PhP570,493.40) non-food (PhP1,946,714.04) ready for augmentation, whenever necessary
- Conducted psychosocial intervention and distributed food packs to families; cash-for-work scheme for affected fishermen in Cordova worth PhP245/day or 10 kilos of rice per family

#### **DENR**

- **DENR-EMB7** gathered water samples off the coast of the Municipality of Cordova, Cebu to check the safety level

#### **BFAR**

- **BFAR VII** conducted evaluation and identification of the areas affected by the oil-spill incident

#### **DOH**

- **DOH along with PNP-SOCO, NBI, DSWD, and NSO** lead the operation of Management of the Dead and Missing to include the following: provision of body bags to dead victims, victim identification, and review of documents to adhere to the policy for the release of dead victims to rightful claimants; provided Anti-tetanus vaccine for responders, rescuers, and volunteers involved in the oil spill clean-up operations

- **DOH VII** issued a public health advisory on oil-spill related diseases
- **Medical and Advocacy Team** went to Cordova and were advised to conduct Crisis Management Briefing
- **CHD VII** distributed IEC materials on the Health Advisory and provided information dissemination among LGU staff of Cordova
- **Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (RESU)** medical team monitored cases of conjunctivitis (pink eye) in one of the barangays in Cordova, Cebu

#### **DepEd**

- **DepEd VII** issued an advisory to all school principals to advise the pupils not to venture to the areas affected by the oil-spill

#### **BFP**

- **BFP Talisay** is continuously conducting search and rescue (SAR) operations
- **BFPVII** provided one (1) fire truck in Day-as Wharf, Cordova to be used as decontaminating volunteers after the operations

#### **AFP**

- **CENTCOM SAR Group** is continuously conducting search and rescue (SAR) operations; four (4) platoons from **CENTCOM/JTF7** (130 persons) augmented to PCG personnel on the oil spill cleaning operations in three (3) Barangays in Cordova, Cebu; conducted aerial survey in Cordova, Lapu-lapu City and Talisay City for possible casualties and oil spill coverage; 250 personnel from CENTCOM helped in the coastal clean-up along Cordova
- **PN NAVSOU and PG 372** were deployed for the continuous conduct of SAR Operations
- **2 PAF Choppers** conducts aerial search for the remaining missing passengers and crew
- **Three (3) platoons from the Central Command, Camp Lapu-lapu** provided assistance in the clean-up operations of the oil-spill
- **Five (5) platoons from AFP-Central Command/JTF 7 with 128 personnel from HCENTCOM, 2AD, NFC, 53<sup>rd</sup> Engineering Brigade, and 7RCDG** assisted the PCG Operations on oil spill clean-up
- **NTG STA-R vessels composed of PG372 and 2 MPACs** conducted Surface Search and Rescue/Retrieval Operations on the adjacent waters of Cordova, cities of Cebu, Talisay, Mandaue, and Lapu-lapu
- **NTG STA-R divers** completed the removal of debris/obstacles and recovered one (1) dead body from the sunken ship on 24 August 2013
- **Two (2) UH-1H helicopter on standby alert status for possible search/recon/survey upon signal**

#### **PNP**

- **PNP and Cebu City Traffic Operations Management (CITOM)** cordoned the incident area for crowd control
- **PNP 7** provided assistance in the coastal clean-up along Cordova

#### **NTC**

- Facilitated the installation of "free call service" provided by TELCOS: Smart, Globe, and PLDT for the use of the survivors at Passenger Terminal, Pier 4 and at the Incident Command Post in Talisay City fish port

#### **2GO Shipping Lines Management**

- **Management of 2GO Shipping Lines** provided relief assistance to survivors: temporary shelter to more than 300 survivors at passengers Terminal, Pier 4, Cebu City; hot meals; medical assistance to slightly injured victims; other survivors billeted at Sugbutel; supplied boots, hand gloves, face masks, nets with fine mesh, three (3) container vans full of coconut peat used as absorbent materials; hired 140 fisher folks for coastal clean-up operation
- Coordinated with Malayan Towage to conduct oil-spill containment
- Provided twenty (20) sacks of rice to the affected families in Cordova

- **Hired services of Malayan Towage and Nippon salvage to remove the remaining oil from the tanks of the sunken vessel; in continuous plugging source of oil leak; and survey for possible mooring of their tugboat has started**
- **Supplied boots, hand gloves, face mask, nets with fine mesh, three (3) twenty-foot container van loaded with coconut peat as absorbent materials**

**Private**

- **People's Lumber Corporation** donated ten (10) sacks of saw dusts for the oil spill in Cordova, Cebu
  - A citizen donated three (3) trucks of coco fiber to LGU-Cordova
  - A group of psychology professors from different universities in Cebu volunteered to conduct psychological intervention in coordination with DOH7
  - **Abante Barangay Movement (ABM)** volunteers assisted in the oil spill coastal clean-up in Cordova, Cebu
  - **Span Asia Corporation** provided 200 sacks of rice to LGU-Cordova
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**Collision Between M/V Sulpicio Express 7 (Sulpicio Lines)  
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As of 7:00 AM, 29 August 2013**

#	NAME	AGE / SEX
1	Agudera, Verginita	46 y/o, female
2	Alaba, Carolina	63 y/o, female
3	Ancla, Necita	73 y/o, female
4	Ancla, Vicente Jr.	72 y/o, male
5	Anonat, Domingo	67 y/o, male
6	Anonat, Anita	67 y/o, female
7	Arbutante, Antonio	71 y/o, male
8	Bacia, Jessamae	4 y/o, female
9	Balacuit, Eugenia	66 y/o, female
10	Belacho, Pablo	71 y/o, male
11	Bonotan, Artemia	63 y/o, female
12	Butalon, Ricardo	43 y/o, male
13	Butao, Lolita	51 y/o, female
14	Cabural, Jonathan	22 y/o, male
15	Cabales, Jan Xiaries	1 y/o, male
16	Cagula, Flora	65 y/o, female
17	Camanzo, Alfonso	71 y/o, male
18	Cañas, Reynaldo	49 y/o, male
19	Canoy, Scott Raven	2 y/o, male
20	Caro, Evelyn	52 y/o, female
21	Cayaban, Paula Kaye	4 y/o, female
22	Colipano, Cresenciana	75 y/o, female
23	Coma, Abraham	49 y/o, male
24	Dandan, Maris Rose	27 y/o, female
25	Diaz, Joshua Rene	4 y/o, male
26	Donoso, Christine Joy	8 months old, female
27	Durano, Cherry	28 y/o, female
28	Escrupolo, Romulo	73 y/o, male
29	Española, Helen	36 y/o, female
30	Espinida, Ryan	26 y/o, male

31	Flores, Julius	25 y/o, male
32	Fuentes, Ruffa Mae	8 m/o, female
33	Galope, Queenie	21 y/o, female
34	Galve, Reynaldo	36 y/o, male
35	Jobenes, Teogenes	72 y/o, male
36	Laag, Honorata	78 y/o, female
37	Laag, Santos	54 y/o, male
38	Limpahan, Bon Juvy	24 y/o, female
39	Maligro, Christian Mark	8 y/o, male
40	Maligro, Hilario	53 y/o, male
41	Manalon, Armida	59 y/o, female
42	Menia, Nilen Mañosa	25 y/o, female
43	Negro, Eugeña	66 y/o, female
44	Payao, Ritchelle	19 y/o, female
45	Pegueras, Reuben	5 y/o, male
46	Picaña, Danilo	5 y/o, male
47	Requirme, Elgen	30 y/o, female
48	Salas, Carl Ivan	3 months old, male
49	Sanchez, Francis James	1 y/o, female
50	Sanchez, Jane	30 y/o, female
51	Sinday, Gwen	2 y/o, female
52	Toriana, Lorena	27 y/o, female