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Crane accident kills Maldives port workers

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Two stevedores in the port of Male, Maldives, were killed on Monday night when a crane cable snapped while lifting a container, local sources have reported. A piece of metal from the crane flew off and struck the men as they were unloading Vietnam-flagged Morning Viship. Mohamed Nashid, who suffered severe head injuries, died before reaching hospital, and Ibrahim Shareef died at the hospital. Both were employees of Maldives Ports Limited (MPL). A third MPL man on the ship was slightly injured by metal fragments and the crane operator collapsed with shock. The 6,251gt Viship-owned geared container ship had arrived the same day from Colombo, Sri Lanka, and is a regular visitor to the port.

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