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Crane Driver Crashes 50 Meters To His Death (Excerpt Only)



Bremerhaven - night shift at the port.

Suddenly a deafening crash. Steel strikes steel. While loading of a container ship, a crane driver (52) has fallen with his operator's cabin 50 meters to his death.

The forward part of a multi-ton crane boom along with its cabin broke off shortly before midnight on Wednesday, crashing onto a container ship that was berthed at quayside.

The North Sea Terminal container handling gantry crane may still be in danger of further collapse. Structural engineers are checking now, as to how or whether the debris can be salvaged.

No large container ships will moor at the quay in Bremerhaven for the next several days.

Note provided by Blueoceana Company: There is a potential connection between this accident and one that occurred in February of 2014. At that time, a wind-driven allision between C/V MAERSK LABERTINO and C/V MAERSK MISSOURI deflected the former vessel into three of the terminal's container cranes (inclusive of the crane involved in the foregoing accident); one was derailed. A YouTube video of that event is instructive: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_1xzUobdxU