

Doomed ship is still in Bremerhaven not identified any reasons for fatal accident - in May plunged a boom on the "Maersk Karachi" - WK 20 Aug 2015 - 20:08

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Why broke in mid-May from a gantry crane at the port and pulled a man to death? The answer to this question still employed police and experts. Still no cause has been determined. "The investigators are still at the evidence," said the head of the harbor police in Bremerhaven, Gerhard Schulze. On May 14, it had come to the accident, the driver paid a container with life. On the day of the boom of the container bridge 5 broke off the port company NTB and crashed into the open storage area of a ship. The driver has been drawn back into the depths.

The fire department needed almost half a day to find him and then to secure the accident site so that when the recovery is no danger drohte. In a result, there has been some speculation about the cause: fatigue at the relatively old bridge was assumed also lack Maintenance cycles were a theory.

NTB Minister Jan Gelderland disagreed and emphasized that all provisions have been complied with. Another guess: The bridge is said to have had an injury after an earlier accident. At that time a ship had crashed against the system. For this reason the NTB terminal was almost paralyzed temporarily after the accident in May.

All bridges were identical except for inspection Betrieb.Die Bremerhaven Criminal and evaluators want to draw conclusions about the cause of accidents, among other things from the debris. That, however, was delayed by another misfortune: Probably worried welding work to salvage the ton bridge arm for a spark, is said to have once again ignited the contents of a container. Again, it was for the fire which had been engaged with a large contingent, very difficult to get the fire under control. Overall, it took almost a day until all the flames were tackled. During the unloading, the storage room was flooded. The partly contaminated water had drained consuming and disposed werden.Bereits in June had been flown in to investigate its causes Representatives of the manufacturing company, the ship should be hauled in another port.

Speaking of the Jade-Weser-Port was in Wilhelmshaven. There, the wrecked ships in the North Sea "MSC Flaminia" and "Purple Beach" had already been processed. However, the 300 meter long "Maersk Karachi" is still in Bremerhaven, currently at the terminal of Euro Gate. There around 200 containers were still spotted on board. Until the experts have completed their work, the ship is considered evidence and not allowed to leave German territory. This may take some time: with results is not expected before the autumn, says Gerhard Schulze of the river police.