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Gdynia crane collapse

A container crane at BCT, Gdynia has been destroyed after it was hit by a ferry

The incident at ICTSI affiliate Baltic Container Terminal in Gdynia occurred during the morning of Thursday, 17th May, in apparently calm weather conditions.

The crane, which was not in use at the time and was unmanned, was hit in one of the waterside legs by the stern of a Stena Line ropax ferry, STENA SPIRIT, as it was manoeuvring near the quay side preparing to sail back to Sweden.

The crane toppled backwards and collapsed into a stack of containers, wiping out the stack. The crane, a Konecranes post-Panamax crane built in 2005, is a write-off as are many of the containers and their cargo in the stack. Damage could run into millions of euros, taking into account the cargo losses, which have still to be assessed.

Contrary to our first report, we now understand that three people in the terminal were injured, two of them seriously.

