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## 5 Died on Ship Loaded with Palm Kernel

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Five people, including four port workers and port paramedic, died on board of aggregates carrier SUMIEI, docked at Banjarmasin port, south Kalimantan, at night Feb 24. The ship was loaded with palm kernel, dockers went into hold shortly after hatches were open, notwithstanding crew warning, that the holds are to be ventilated for some hours. All five were taken to hospital with hypoxia, all were found dead. Police launched an investigation, suspecting negligence, which led to tragic accident.

*Palm kernel cargo hazards include oxygen depletion:*

*Oxygen depletion and high carbon monoxide levels present a serious risk to the safety of the crew and/or any stevedores entering the cargo spaces. It is necessary to undertake extensive ventilation and gas monitoring to ensure safe working conditions prior to entering the cargo spaces or accesses.*

GARD: <http://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/22544999/carriage-of-palm-kernel-shells>

Aggregates carrier SUMIEI, IMO 8718689, dwt 1196, built 1987, flag Indonesia, manager Indo Shipping PT, Jakarta.

