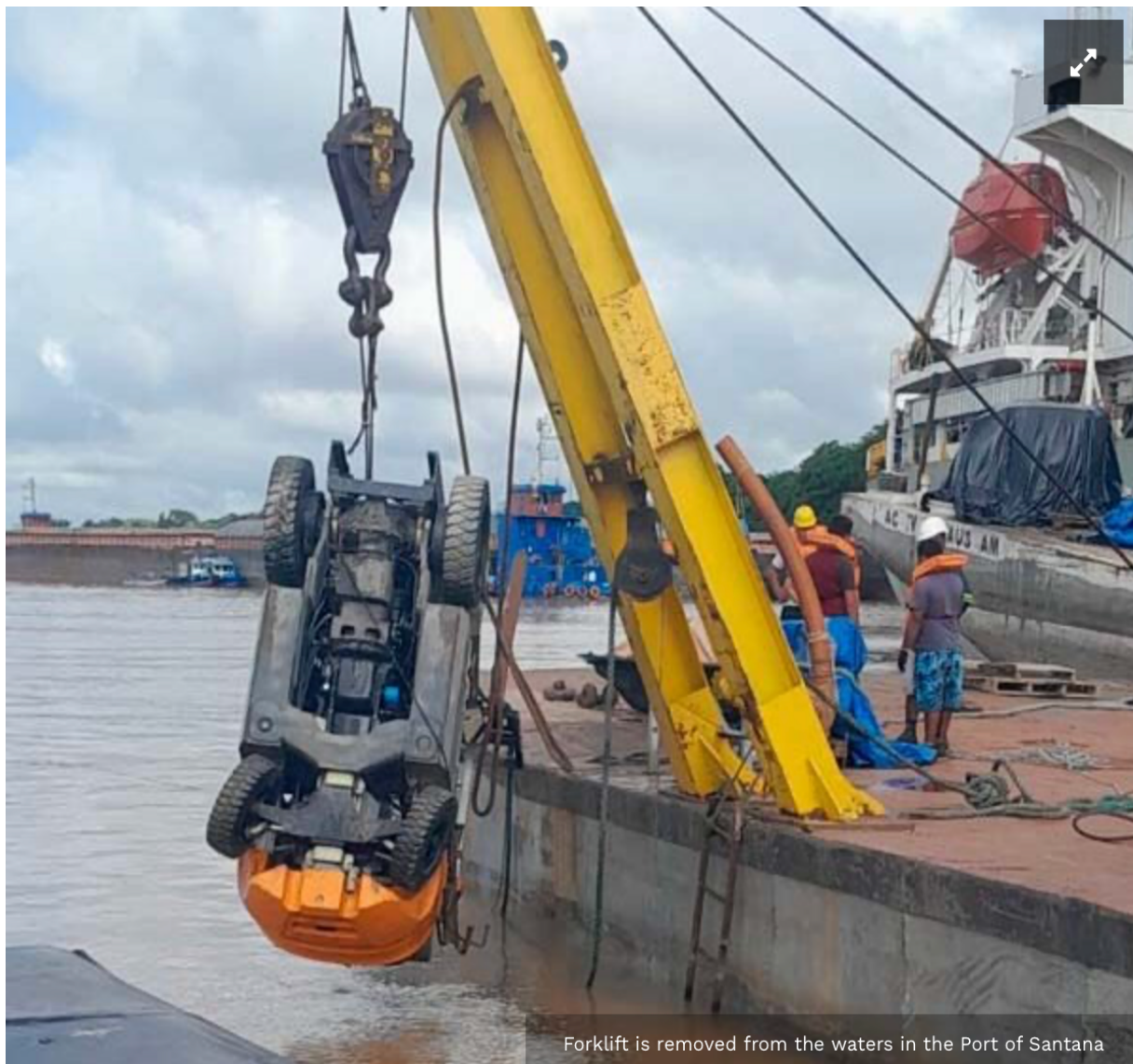


# Mystery: Teams remove forklift, but do not find operator

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Forklift is removed from the waters in the Port of Santana

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Rescue teams managed to lift, this Thursday morning (18), the forklift that fell into the Amazon River two days ago, at Companhia Docas de Santana, 17 km from Macapá. The expectation that Renan da Silva Lobato would be found along with the equipment ended up being frustrated.

In the accident, witnesses claimed to have seen the forklift fall from a ferry with Renan driving the equipment and strapped into a seat belt. The vehicle fell 36 meters deep and was almost completely buried in the mud, in the bed of the Amazon River.

Yesterday, firefighters from the Fire Department made four descents and managed to wrap the equipment with a “guide rope”, which facilitated the connection of a steel cable.

The forklift was lifted today around 10am, and the search for Renan nearby began immediately.



*Renan da Silva Lobato remains missing. Photo: Reproduction/Facebook*

The suspicion is that he managed to free himself from the belt.

“Now it’s time to look for him. Maneuvers were carried out on the ferry because there was a possibility that he could have been trapped under it, but we did not find him”, explained the president of Companhia Docas de Santana, Edval Tork.

Loading and unloading operations at the port will continue to be suspended until Renan Lobato is located.