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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) published the interim investigation report pertaining to the fire on board the KELLY with a dead and two very seriously injured crew members on 20 August 2020. The interim investigation report provides information on the subject, the course and the current state of the investigation. The report is available on:

https://www.bsu-bund.de/EN/Publications/Publications_node.html

Very serious marine casualty – fire on the KELLY

On 6 September 2019, the MALTA flagged multipurpose ship KELLY was en route from Rotterdam, Netherlands, to Kaliningrad, Russian Federation. Due to a fire in the separator room, the fire alarm was triggered. The firefighting measures initiated by the crew resulted in a rapid extinction of the fire. Thus, the fire was only limited to the engine room. A third crew member who sustained very serious injuries was able to leave the still burning engine room without assistance. A helicopter airlifted him and another very seriously injured crewmember to a specialist hospital for burns in Hamburg. Unfortunately, the emergency physician could only determine the death of the third crewmember.

Several expert opinions were commissioned for the investigation. The analysis of the findings are not yet concluded.

All investigation reports, safety recommendations as well as other BSU publications are available on:

https://www.bsu-bund.de/EN/Publications/Unfallberichte/Unfallberichte_node.html

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