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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) hereby announces the publication of the Investigation Report No. 452/19 on 15.09.2021. The report deals with a personal accident with subsequent loss of life on board the SAJIR in the roadstead off Ningbo (China) and is available for download at

<https://www.bsu-bund.de/EN/News>.

Very serious marine casualty

At the end of 2019, the container ship SAJIR was at anchor in ballast in the roadstead about 10 nm off the pilot transfer position at Ningbo (China).

Several deck ratings inspected the empty cargo holds and removed any objects that could cause an obstruction when loading containers. At about 1700 local time, the bosun was in cargo hold 9 and fell some 8 m from the enclosure of part of the engine room onto the floor of the cargo hold, suffering life-threatening injuries due to the impact.

Despite the proximity to an international port, the crew had to conduct the ensuing emergency management largely without external support. It immediately administered first aid at the scene of the accident, provided transport from the scene of the accident to the ship's sick bay under difficult conditions and took charge of emergency care with the support of the telemedical maritime assistance service in Cuxhaven (TMAS Germany/Medico Cuxhaven). Despite the best possible medical care on board, the bosun succumbed to his serious injuries at around 2040.

The emergency doctor arrived on board at 2140 some 4.5 hours after the master had made a corresponding request without undue delay but could only record the time of death.

The BSU concluded the investigation and prepared the investigation report with analysis, conclusions and safety recommendations.

The safety recommendations are addressed to the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI), the German Social Accident Insurance Institution for Commercial Transport, Postal Logistics and Telecommunication (BG Verkehr), the ship operator and MRCC Bremen.

All investigation reports, safety recommendations and other information published by the BSU are available at

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