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# **8th Maritime Information Sharing Exercise (MARISX)**

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# **Rescue 303**



**NYK PCTC Rescues 303 people in the South China Sea**

## Car Carrier Rescues 303 People in the South China Sea

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(Photo: NYK)

Japanese shipping company NYK said a car carrier it operates rescued 303 people from a vessel in distress in the South China Sea.

On November 7, the Japanese-flagged pure car and truck carrier (PCTC) Helios Leader was sailing from Japan's port of Nagoya to the port of Singapore when it received a rescue request from the port authority of Sri Lanka via the port authority of Singapore.

A Myanmar-flagged trawler Lady R3 was in distress about 258 nautical miles off the southeastern part of the Vung Tau cape. It was reportedly attempting to carry Sri Lankan

men, 19 women and 20 children

## HELIOS LEADER saves lives in Heroic high sea rescue 300 Sri Lankan migrants rescued off Vietnam

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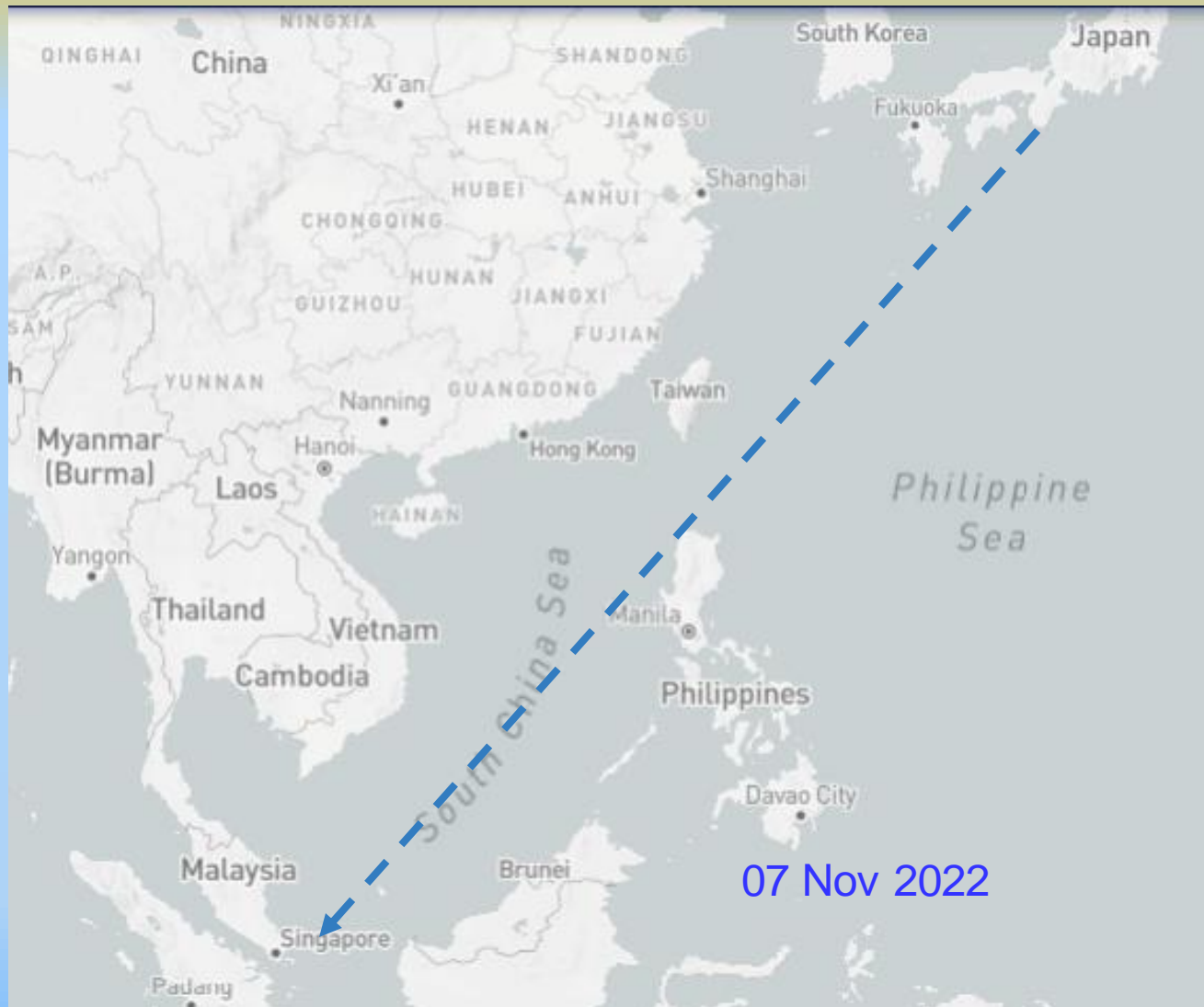
## 10-hour operation brings 303 Sri Lankans

By Truong Ha November 9, 2022 | 02:43 am PT

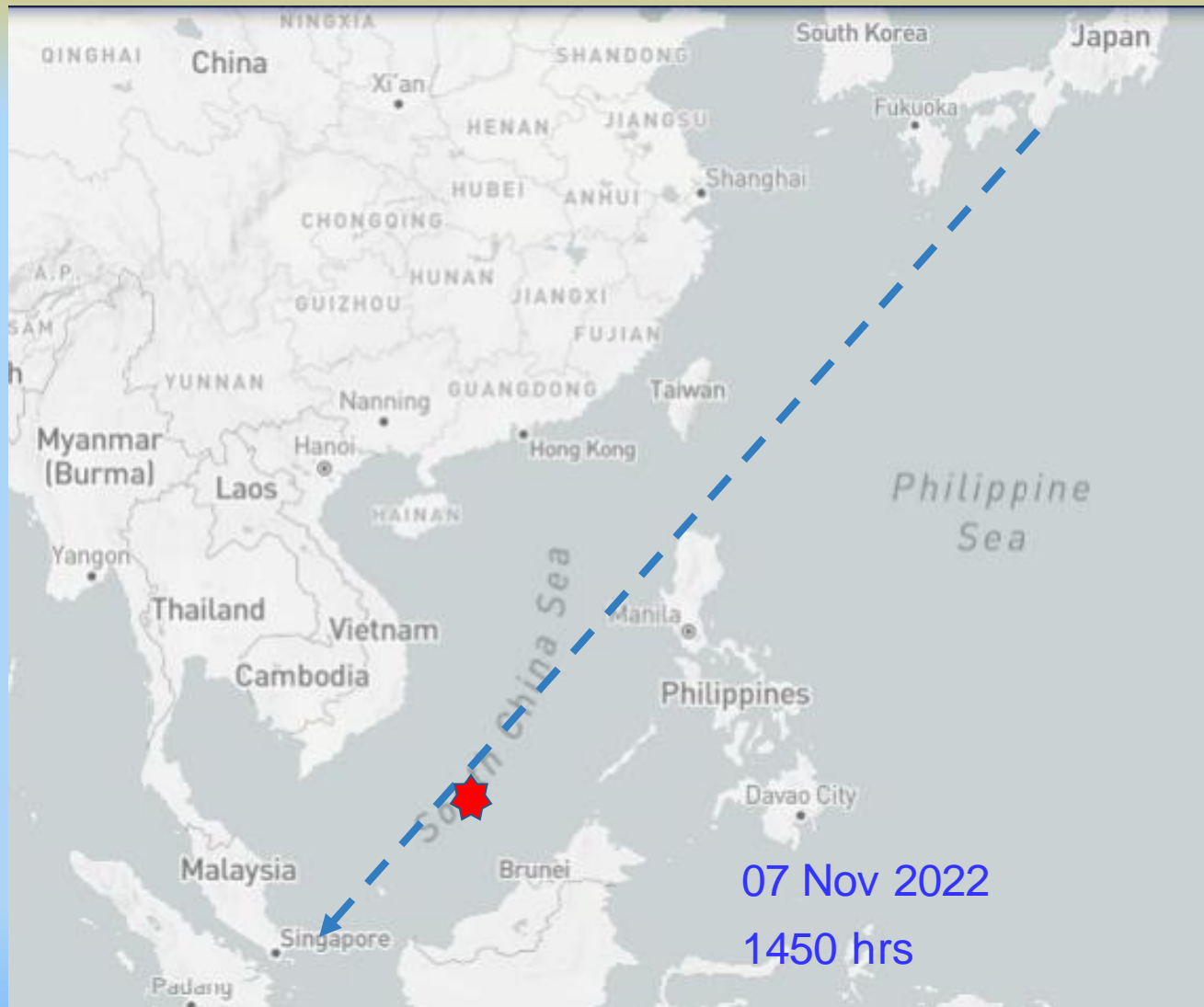
It took Vietnam's SAR 413 vessel nearly 10 hours to get 303 Sri Lankans safely to shore Tuesday, collecting them from a Japanese vessel.



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**MV Helios Leader**, a Vehicles Carrier managed by NYK Shipmanagement was on a voyage from Japan to Singapore.



“Information Fusion Centre (IFC)” received info from *LTC Grette Nette* (Canada International Liaison Officer) on a sinking fishing vessel in the South China Sea, which had requested help.

LCDR Hoang Cong Linh, the Vietnam ILO immediately shared the information with the Vietnam People’s Navy who deployed their navy ship “VPN ship 471” and “VPN ship 640” to proceed to the location to conduct the rescue operation.

MV Helios Leader also received the broadcasted by the Singapore Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre on the distress call.

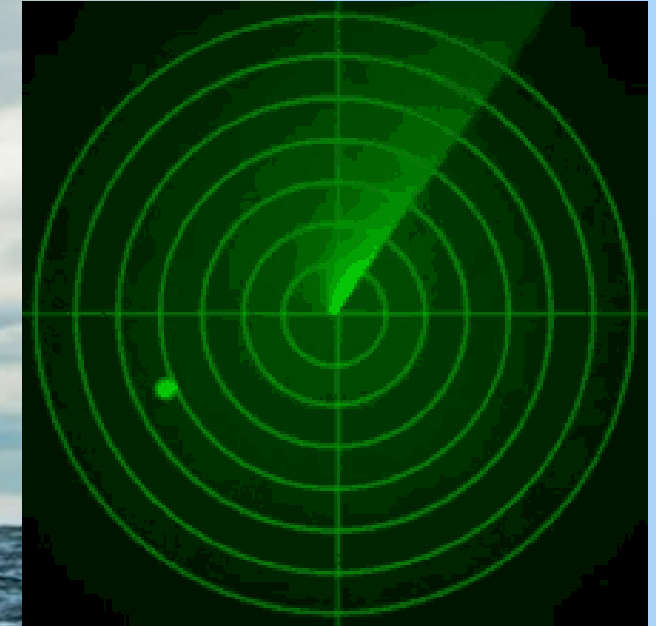
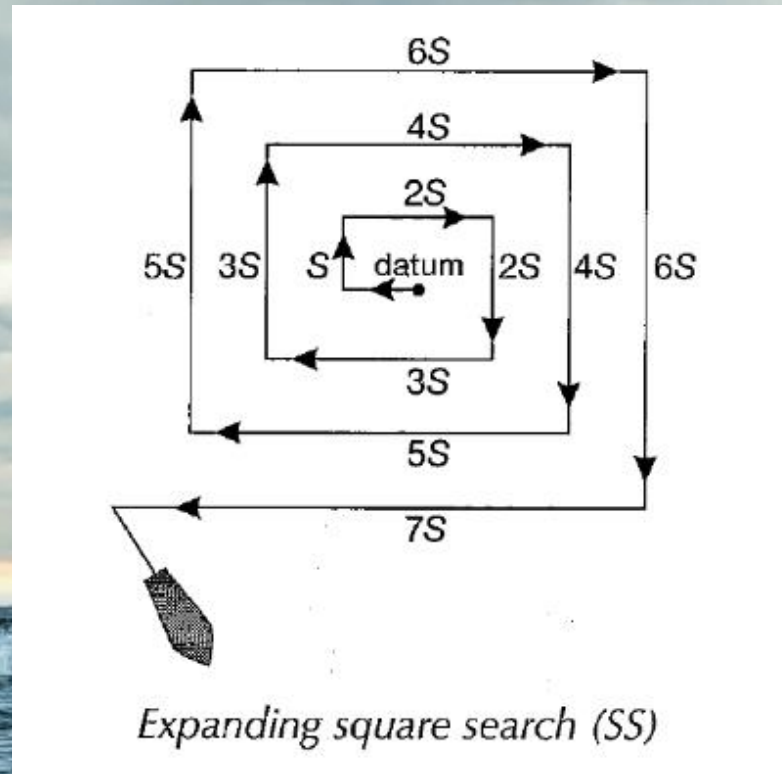
The location of the distressed craft was about 6nm away with 300 persons.



Search for the distressed vessel was immediately launched



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Located “Lady R3”



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Overcrowded 30m long boat (including women and children).



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- Unconventional approach - Maneuvered the ship to bring alongside the boat.
- Challenging approach - Strong winds and a big windage area.
- Master managed to slowly creep up alongside the boat and passed mooring lines.





- 1. Personal Transfer**
- 2. Shelter**
- 3. Food**
- 4. Medical attention**
- 5. Security**
- 6. Disembarking of survivors**



# Survivors shouting for help and movement between vessels



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Around **1745 hrs** vessel started rescuing, with priority to women and children.













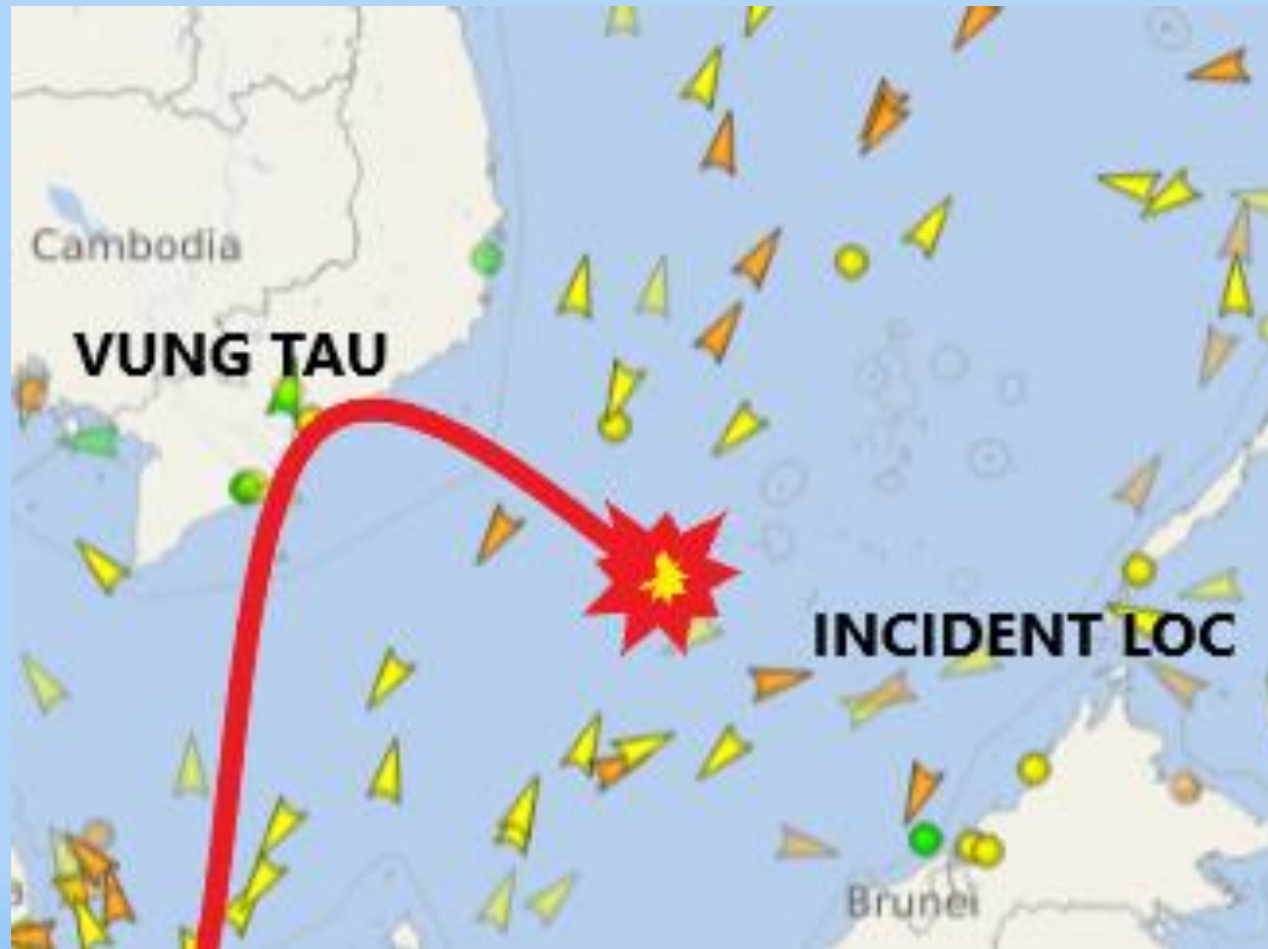
Started at 1630 Hrs



Completed at 2000 Hrs



The vessel proceeds to Vietnam (VUNG TAO) in line with MRCC Singapore's instructions.





All rescued persons were gathered in the car deck



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Provide food & water once on board.









Handing over of all rescued persons to Vietnam authorities.



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MPA appreciated the Master and crew of Helios Leader for the successful rescue operation.





Master and crew of Helios Leader were also felicitated by the governments of Vietnam, Sri Lanka, India and the Japanese owner's association.







The success of this operation highlights the importance of timely info-sharing and strong coordination among -

- Vessel - Helios Leader,
- International Liaison Officers,
- Singapore and Vietnam authorities, &
- NYK Ship Management

**Kudos to everyone who contributed to the positive outcome**



“The greatest reward for us was the gratitude we saw on the faces of the survivors, which we will treasure forever”







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**THANK YOU**  
**Stay Safe...**

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