DUBAI DRY-DOCK DISASTER: (Failure of dock gates) 27-03-2002

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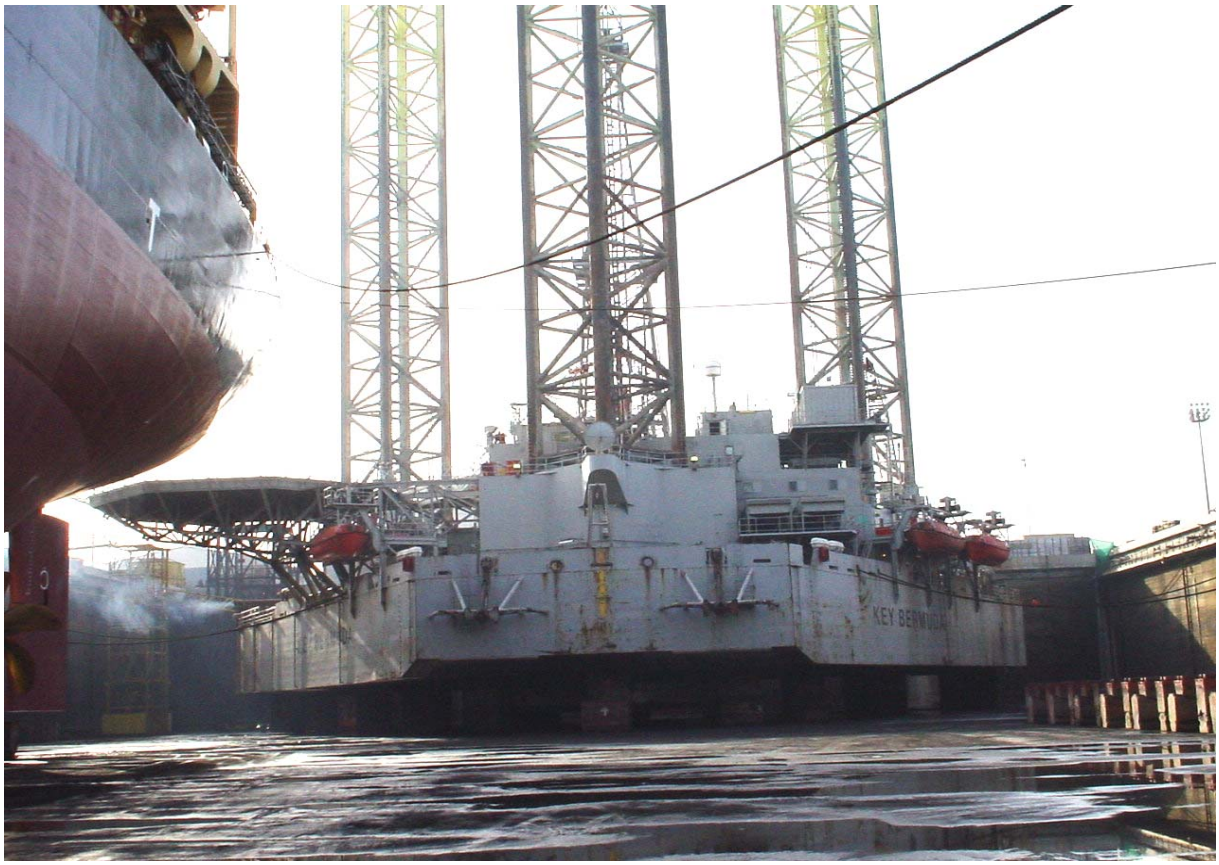


Checking the blocks. "KEY BERMUDA" safe

Everybody happy?

Moments after the first breach (@ 0930 on 27.3.02)

Larger vessels coming off the blocks

Cargo barge getting ready to roll. Many trapped inside, a few on deck getting ready to jump.

"KEY BERMUDA" coming off blocks. "INDRA-1" swinging towards rig.

"INDRA-1" jammed across dock. Black item against large tanker is dock gate section. Cargo barge gone.

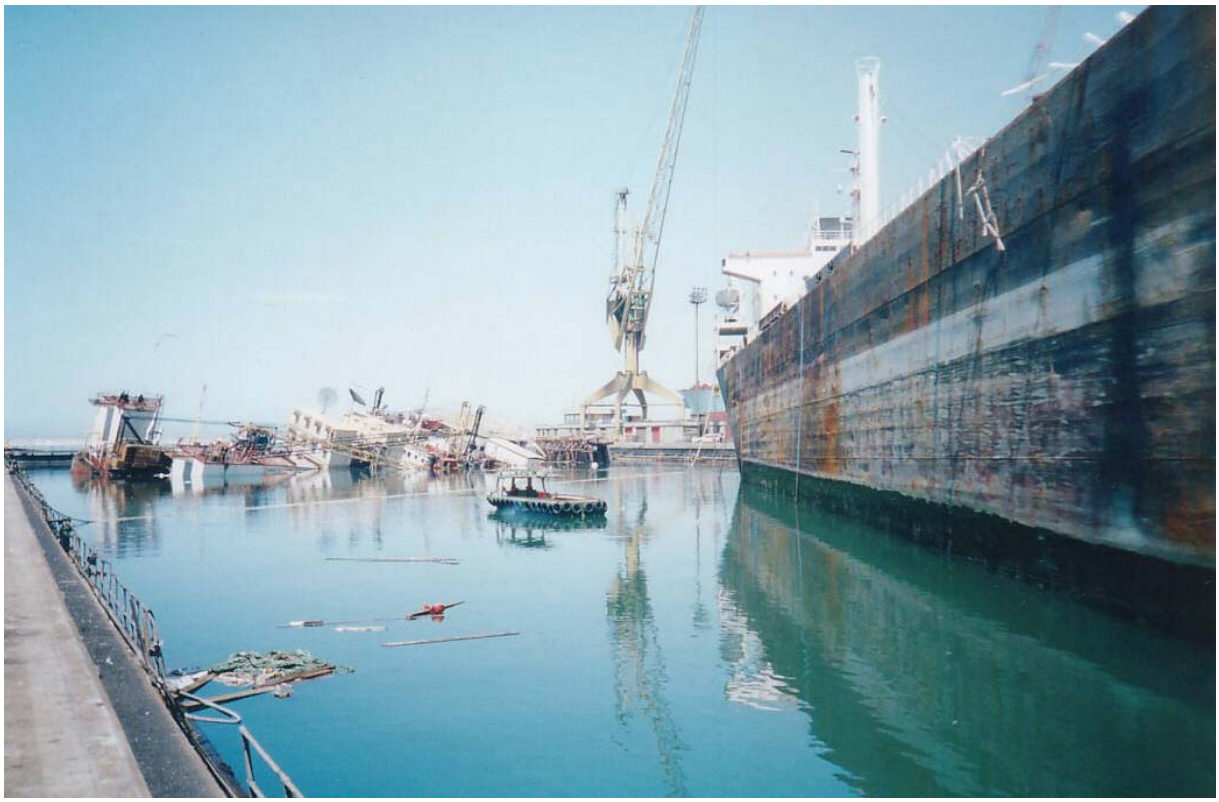
"INDRA-1" protecting "KEY BERMUDA"

"Accommodation barge "SEP 350" sinking.

"SEP 350" touching bottom

"SEP 350" settling

"KEY BERMUDA", safe and sound, the only thing with hardly a scratch on it.



The aftermath, before the search for bodies starts.

When someone gets it wrong in our industry it really goes wrong.

Incident occurred 27th March 02 following tanker for renovation entering dock impacting with dock gates. Following inspection by two companies, one said do not pump out dock until repairs have been effected the other said "only minimal damage", "no need to repair until later".

Guess who got the contract?

The Dey-Dock gates failed @ 09.30 during a working day. Official reports account for 26 persons killed, with unofficial reports into the hundreds.

The dock is 500 meters long by 100 meters wide and 11 meters deep.

Life is cheap in some areas of the world.