

One dead, six missing after Busan tug capsizes

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One seafarer has died and six remain missing after a tugboat capsized off Busan, South Korea, triggering a major search and rescue operation.

Busan Coast Guard said in its latest updates on September 2 that one Indonesian crew member had been rescued, while a Korean seafarer had died. Six people remained missing as the Coast Guard intensified its search off Oryukdo.

The casualty involved a commercial tug operating in waters outside one of South Korea's busiest shipping centres. The Coast Guard issued a series of updates through Wednesday as the scale of the accident became clear, moving from an initial rescue operation to a concentrated search for the six missing crew.

Busan Metropolitan City activated its accident response headquarters at 15:30 yesterday, bringing together maritime, disaster-management and welfare officials alongside the Coast Guard and fire service. Authorities reviewed the resources required for the search and rescue operation and arrangements for supporting those affected by the casualty.

The city is deploying liaison officers to the Oryukdo area and assigning a dedicated public official to each family of the missing. District-level support teams are also being established, with psychological counselling and emotional support to be made available to victims and families.

Emergency interpretation and other assistance will be provided for foreign victims, reflecting the international composition of the crew.

Busan mayor Chun Jae-soo ordered the city to work with the Korea Coast Guard, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries and other agencies and mobilise available personnel and equipment for the rescue effort.

The cause of the capsizing has not been established in the official updates released so far.

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