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Maritime Search Operations for Reported Missing Person Ongoing

At about 3.30 am (Singapore Time) on 15 March 2024, the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Singapore, operated by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), was notified that a crew member onboard the Liberia-flagged vessel UTOPIA has been reported missing. The vessel is currently in Singapore waters.

2 MPA, Police Coast Guard and Singapore Civil Defence Force craft have been deployed to search for the missing person within Singapore Port Limits. MPA is also issuing navigational safety broadcasts and is requesting for vessels in the vicinity and in port to keep a lookout and report sightings to MRCC Singapore.

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About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)

MPA was established on 2 February 1996 with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and international maritime centre, and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA is the driving force behind Singapore's port and maritime development, taking on the roles of port authority, maritime and port regulator and planner, international maritime centre champion, national maritime representative and a champion of digitalisation and decarbonisation efforts at regional and international fora such as at the International Maritime Organization. MPA partners industry, research community and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection in our waters, facilitate maritime and port operations and growth, expand the cluster of maritime ancillary services, and develops maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation policies and plans, R&D and manpower development. MPA is responsible for the overall development and growth of the maritime domain and Port of Singapore. In 2023, Singapore's annual vessel arrival tonnage crossed 3 billion Gross Tonnage and remains the world's busiest transshipment hub, with a total container throughput of 39.0 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

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