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The ultra-large containership *APL Temasek* allided with a gantry crane and navy barge at Suez Canal Container Terminal (SCCT) in Port Said on October 27 at 16:42hrs (local time).

The 13,900-teu vessel (pictured) is not permitted to move from beneath the gantry crane, which is at risk of collapsing, according to a schedule update from NYK Line seen by *Splash*. The vessel was operating on NYK's Loop 4 Asia-Europe service between Ningbo and Hamburg via the Suez Canal.

Crane specialists will perform risk assessments on the structure and recommend what needs to be secured and how.


NYK denied the vessel may commence discharging operations on November 1, saying it would be safer to wait for the recommendations from the team of crane specialists.


APL is reportedly in discussions about damage assessments with SCCT and the barge operator, NYK stated.


A spokesperson for APL, the vessel's owner, confirmed the incident to *Splash*, saying "APL is presently cooperating with the relevant authorities and stakeholders in damage assessment and in investigating the incident. Further updates will be provided as they develop."


No injuries or pollution have been reported from the vessel.


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