Platform publishes South Asia Quarterly Update #5

Brussels, 10 April 2015- The NGO Shipbreaking Platform publishes today the fifth South Asia Quarterly Update, a briefing paper in which it informs about the shipbreaking industry in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. Providing an overview of vessels broken on the beaches of South Asia, accidents, recent on-the-ground, legislative and political developments including our activities in South Asia we aim to inform the public about the negative impacts of substandard shipbreaking practices as well as positive steps aimed at the

realisation of environmental justice and the protection of workers' rights. In this fifth edition of the update we inform amongst others about recent cases of workers killed or injured in shipbreaking yards. Muhammed Selim, married and a father of three, died in November last year from injuries he sustained in July 2013 while working in a Chittagong yard. Prasant Dakua, 27 years old, was killed while working on a beached vessel in Alang, India, which had formerly been owned by a German company. Nezamuddin, 35, was permanently disabled eight years ago when a wire that was used to pull parts of a broken ship onto a beach in Bangladesh, broke and slashed his back. Arif, 27, suffocated to death in April of last year as he was cleaning the tank of a beached vessel. *(Pictured: the parents of Prasant Dakua - photo by Jürgen Webermann, NDR)* So far, 262 large commercial vessels have been sold for breaking this year, including 151 end-of-life ships that were beached in South Asia, most of which ended up in Alang or Mumbai in India (69 ships) and Chittagong in Bangladesh (66 ships). Only 16 end-of-life vessels have been sold to Pakistan so far. All together, the three South Asian countries accounted for 58% of the number of ships dismantled in the first

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