

Russian oil spill headed for sea

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MOSCOW -- Russian weather experts said Thursday that oil spilled from a tanker four days ago may soon reach the Azov Sea. The Russian hydro-meteorological service said in a statement Thursday that the spill, which originated in the Kerch Strait between the Azov Sea and the Black Sea, was headed for the larger body of water, RIA Novosti reported. "According to estimates, about half of the spilled fuel oil remains on the southwest shore of the Tuzla Promontory (in the Kerch Strait), but about 15 percent is in the Kerch Strait and will reach the Azov Sea in about 24 hours," the service said. Four ships sank and at least six sailors died Sunday during the incident that caused the spill. An estimated 9,000 fish and 30,000 birds have been killed by pollution originating from the spill, Novosti said.

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