

26 rescued, 2 missing after ship sinks

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MANILA, Philippines - The search went on Tuesday for the captain and a crew member of a cargo ship that sank in the South China Sea near the Philippines. Twenty-six other crew members were rescued, Xinhua reported. The Panamanian-registered cargo ship Jin Shan began taking on water Sunday night and went under about 3 a.m. Monday, the state-run news agency reported. The ship had left the Solomon Islands for China's Jiangsu Province. The 26 survivors were in small, inflatable boats when plucked from the ocean by a passing Japanese crude oil tanker. The captain and a technician had stayed on the sinking cargo ship in hopes of saving its contents, Xinhua reported. A Philippine coast guard spokesman said a sea-and-air search had failed to turn up any sign of the two missing men or ship. The cause of the accident had not been determined.

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