

Sailor spends 20 hours in sunken ship

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SHANGHAI - A 25-year-old sailor trapped for nearly 20 hours inside a sunken cargo ship in the East China Sea wasn't injured, a salvage official said Tuesday.

Divers rescued Tao Ernian Monday night from a wreck near the Yangtze River estuary, Zhang Jianxin, a director with the East China Sea Salvage Bureau, told China's official Xinhua news agency.

Tao was one of 11 sailors aboard a cargo ship loaded with 700 tons of stone that listed in strong winds and capsized Sunday. Five sailors were rescued by another boat and five were missing. Tao was trapped in an air pocket in the sunken ship, Zhang told Xinhua.

A helicopter was searching for the missing sailors Tuesday.

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