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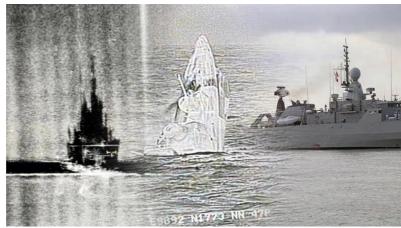


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### Thailand races to find missing marines from sunken warship

BANG SAPHAN, Thailand, Dec 20 (Reuters)-Thailand's military mobilised helicopters, warships and unmanned drones off its central coast on Tuesday as rescue teams raced against time to find survivors after a navy corvette sank at the weekend in choppy waters.



Royal Navy Sukhothai Abpong on 18 Dec 2022 at 23.30 hrs.

28 Dec. 2022 Disaster Victims Coordination Center HTMS Sukhothai, Bang Saphan District, Prachuap Khiri Khan Province Vice Admiral Pichai Lorchusakul, Commander-in-Chief of Police 1 / Director of Sorn Chon Region 1, revealed the results of the search for personnel. Sukhothai royal ship still missing from the shipwreck Landed in the Gulf of Thailand on December 18, 2022, with the search operation today being the 10th day.



The deceased's body was found, dressed in a sukhothai naval force.

Vice Admiral Pichai Lorchusakul, the regional navy commander, said finding the men on Tuesday would be critical given their time exposed to the elements. Helicopters, two unmanned surveillance aircraft, four warships and a C130 transport plane were sent to find the marines as the weather improved.

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The vessel had suffered an engine malfunction as it took on water and went down about 20 nautical miles off Prachuap Khiri Khan province. The U.S.-made corvette, in use since 1987, was carrying 105 military personnel. Most on board were rescued before the boat sank but dozens had to abandon ship in rafts and life jackets. Crew members from the capsized HTMS Sukhothai warship receive medical treatment in the Gulf of Thailand, December 18, 2022. Royal Thai Navy.

Lieutenant Colonel Pichitchai Tuannadee, captain of the sunken ship, said he was in the sea for two hours before he scrambled on to a raft and was found by search teams on Monday. Relatives of the missing gathered at rescue centres awaiting news of loved ones.



Divers search for missing persons from the royal ship Sukhothai wreck.

Summary of victim assistance (December 29, 2022) Total of 105 personnel, 76 survivors, 24 dead, of which 23 can be identified by name and there is evidence indicating that they are army personnel. boat and in the process of identity verification to confirm the identity of 1 officers, leaving 5 missing persons.



Navy moves bodies Royal Admiral Sukhothai return home.

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### Severity ranking of the concerns effect in the ASEAN region.

Section	Ranking	Issues identified	Recommendations
Thailand races to	G	The national	The ACMM keep on
find missing		assistances have	monitoring and
marines from		observed the	update medical
sunken warship		affected area.	information.

#### Remarks:

R: Severe Situation: Urgent intervention required.

**Y:** Situation of concern: Surveillance or assistance may or may not require, intensive monitoring

**G:** Relative normal situation or local Government can cope with the crisis, monitoring and no action required.

**N/A:** Lack of /unreliable data: Further assessment required.

### **ACMM Recommendations,**

ACMM is concerned and follows up on helping victims in the event. The case of the HTMS Sukhothai shipwreck And my condolences to all personnel affected. and relatives of the bereaved and if further assistance is needed We are happy and ready to support you fully.

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