

# Keppel Terminal accident: prime mover driver dies after vehicle falls into sea

Body retrieved from vehicle at a depth of 14 metres, as police rule out foul play



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Keppel Terminal of the Singapore port. (PHOTO: Joseph Nair/NurPhoto via Getty Images)

SINGAPORE — A man died at Keppel Terminal on Tuesday morning (31 January) when the prime mover which he was driving went off the pier and fell into the sea.

The Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) said in a media release that its Marine Safety Control Centre was alerted at about 2am on Tuesday morning.

An MPA patrol craft was deployed immediately to set up a cordon to assist in the operations.

The body of the driver was recovered from the prime mover by the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF), and he was pronounced dead at the scene by an SCDF paramedic.

MPA said that there is no impact on traffic movement in the port waters.

According to SCDF, a trailer was seen at the edge of a shipping berth upon the arrival of its officers. The prime mover, which had been attached to the trailer, had fallen into the sea and was fully submerged.

SCDF added that workers from port operator PSA Singapore helped to prevent the trailer from moving, while divers from its Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team conducted an underwater search.

The divers retrieved the driver's body from the vehicle at a depth of 14 metres, said SCDF. Investigations are ongoing, with police ruling out foul play.