



Work Horror as Two Killed in Accidents

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A forklift driver drowned yesterday when his vehicle fell into the sea from a container terminal in Tsing Yi. Fire services divers were unable to extricate the driver, who was trapped, and by the time he was brought to the surface at Kwai Tsing Container Terminals he was dead.

Police said the worker, surnamed Chan, 56, fell into the sea while reversing the forklift at Terminal No 1 shortly before 9.30am. A security guard witnessed the incident and raised the alarm.

As divers searched the seabed other firefighters in boats searched the area along with police boats. A Government Flying Service helicopter hovered overhead to take the driver to hospital if necessary.

Police said divers found the forklift at a depth of 15 meters with Chan strapped to the seat. But it was not until 2pm that a crane was able to lift the vehicle out of the water.

In a separate incident in Pat Heung, Yuen Long, a man died when he was crushed by a reversing container truck.

The 58-year-old truck driver, surnamed Wong, was arrested for dangerous driving causing death.

Police said he was reversing a medium goods vehicle at a freight terminal on Kam Sheung Road near Ng Ka Tsuen when he knocked down the terminal owner who was helping him to park.

The owner, surnamed Leung, 51, was crushed between the back of the truck and the unloading platform and sustained serious chest injuries. He was unconscious when sent to Tuen Mun Hospital where he was certified dead around 12pm.

Leung's partner at the terminal, surnamed Lee, said it was Wong's first time there and he may not have been aware of the space he needed to leave between the vehicle and the platform.

Leung would usually cut the seal around the containers and trucks had to stop at least one meter from the platform for him to cut it, Lee said.