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They ask to respect security measures after a fatal accident in the port of Panama

EFE | The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) made today, July 16, 2018, a call to respect the security measures in ports and on board vessels after registering in the last hours at least accidents in those facilities, one of them with a mortal victim.

The Maritime Authority said Monday that it will investigate the case of Zoraya Vásquez, who died on Sunday [\[15 July\]](#) at the Manzanillo International Terminal (MIT), in the Caribbean city of Colón.

Vásquez worked as Logistics Coordinator at MIT and this Sunday she was run over by a company vehicle inside her facilities, and although she was taken to a health center, she died, according to local press reports.

The Maritime Authority will investigate to determine the causes of the accident in the MIT "evaluating the security systems, the mechanisms used in the evaluation and the management of risks in the port facilities and maritime terminals, according to the regulations in force".

He also made "a call to port facilities, which must accommodate the necessary requirements so that the personnel working there maintain all the protection measures, both physical and operational."

The Authority also reported that it is investigating the causes of the incident that occurred last Thursday with the Ferries-type vessel named "Ferry Las Perlas", where one crew member was affected by burns.

That boat caught fire last Thursday at a dock in the Bay of Panama, leaving a crew member with burns on one hand and face according to the data of the firefighters who attended the event.

The Maritime Authority also investigates an incident that occurred on Sunday at a dock located on Isla Colon, Bocas del Toro province, inside the Gambit Tour boat, where a crew member was injured.

"We reiterate to the owners and operators of the internal service vessels, that they maintain the security measures at all times, both for the passengers and for the crew, since they are intended to protect the people on board and from this way to avoid unfortunate accidents that endanger their lives ", added the Maritime Authority.