

War Relic is an Unwelcomed Stowaway

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Singapore A barge carrying sand for land replenishment found an unwelcomed passenger aboard a UXO measuring in over six-feet-long. The ordnance is believed to have been carried over from Vietnam, which supplied the sand. It was found on board the vessel KNB 1, a delivery barge that loads sand from another vessel before discharging it at the project site, port terminal in Tuas.

While the barge was discharging the sand, the war relic was discovered as it became caught between the hatch and a conveyor belt that carried the sand. The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and the Police Coast Guard were alerted to the incident and a safety zone was established around the site of the barge. The Singapore Armed Forces EOD team advised that the barge be moved from the site to Sudong Explosive Anchorage, which is a designated anchorage for the loading or discharging of dangerous goods.

After three weeks, a relic from from the Vietnam War, was deemed safe to remove from the barge for disposal. This was welcomed news for the crew who have remained on the barge since the UXO was found on-board.