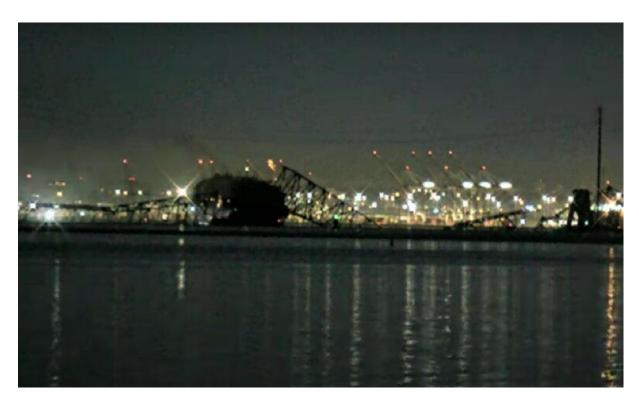


Mass casualties feared as boxship takes out bridge in Baltimore

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Many are feared dead in Baltimore following a dramatic bridge collapse tonight after the 9,962 teu Dali containership smashed directly into one of the bridge's pillars. The Maryland Transportation Authority and US Coast Guard confirmed an incident on the Francis Scott Key Bridge.

It is being seen as a developing mass casualty incident with multiple vehicles and many individuals said to be in the water.

Reports on the collapse of the longest bridge in Baltimore, and the world's third-longest continuous truss bridge came in around 1.30 hrs local time Tuesday. Initial reports suggest there were around 20 people on the bridge at the time of the incident.

The 300-m-long *Dali* is listed on VesselsValue as owned by Grace Ocean Investment registered in Singapore. All crew members, including the two pilots, have been accounted for and there are no reports of any injuries. There has also been no pollution.