

Dali lawsuits pile up in the US

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Legal cases surrounding this year's most high profile shipping accident are expected to run for many years costing hundreds of millions of dollars.

Lawyers for three of the families who lost loved ones when Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge collapsed six months ago are suing the owners of the *Dali* containership for personal injuries, adding to a slew of lawsuits surrounding the vessel which is scheduled to [leave American shores this week](#) and make for China where extensive repairs will get underway.

The families of three of the six victims from the bridge collapse will be asking a federal court to prevent Grace Ocean, a Singapore-based company which owns the *Dali*, from escaping legal liability with regard to the maritime disaster.

A bill introduced into the US House of Representatives last month aims to make the owners of the *Dali* pay up to 10 times more for the damage the ship caused when it crashed into the bridge.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in May released a preliminary report into the *Dali* containership's fatal allision with Baltimore's largest bridge.

The vessel, managed by Synergy Group and on charter to Maersk, experienced electrical blackouts about 10 hours before leaving the Port of Baltimore and again shortly before it slammed into the Francis Scott Key Bridge in the early hours of March 26, killing six construction workers, federal investigators said.