North Sea tidal surge brings flood risk Storms across northwest Europe – caused by the remnants of Hurricane Noel coinciding with a high tide - prompted German, Dutch and British governments to issue flood warnings. Strong winds and the highest tides for 50 years sliced down the North Sea, threatening low-lying coastal areas **NORWAY** NORTH SEA 100km Oil production of Shetland 60 miles 220,000 bpd Islands BP Valhall expected to be Gusts of up to platform slashed by 145km/h in closed 10% Orkney Orkney and Gusts of up Islands Shetland **Ekofisk** to 125km/h islands Five in Germany platforms and Denmark closed DENMARK NETHERLANDS BRITAIN Flood warnings Flood warnings Ems River London Flood warnings Amsterdam London: Thames **GERMANY** Barrier closed Rotterdam: Thursday and Maeslant Barrier Friday closed for first time ever to protect Europe's largest port © GRAPHIC NEWS