

S. Korea ferry probe puts focus on stability

Investigations into the sinking of the South Korean ferry *Sewol* are focusing on its cargo and changes made to the vessel which could have caused it to capsize on a routine trip from Incheon to Jeju Island

MV Sewol



Approximate route of ferry according to AIS* records



FERRY DISASTER

All times local

1 April 15, 21:00

Leaves **Incheon** with 476 passengers and crew

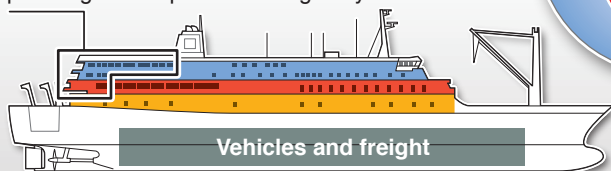
2 April 16, 08:49: Makes scheduled turn on course for **Jeju Island**

3 08:51: Begins drifting back on itself and listing to port side

4 08:55: Ferry makes first distress call

5 09:40: Evacuation begins. Many passengers trapped by angle of ship's list. Ferry sinks 11:00

CAPACITY: Extra cabins built in 2012 for 117 more passengers. Ship's centre of gravity raised 0.5m



Cargo: Korean Register of Shipping recommended load of 987 tonnes. Ship carrying 3,608 tonnes when it sank



Passenger capacity: 921

Top: 11

Middle: 484

Bottom: 426

*Automatic Identification System