

Blaze on huge bulk carrier at UK dock sends smoke into sky

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Photo credit: Humberside Fire & Rescue Service

A bulk carrier burst into flames at Albert Dock in Hull sending a thick cloud of smoke billowing into the city centre.

Photos circulated in the media show smoke filling the sky after the vessel caught fire at approximately 10.35am on Friday, June 27.

In the early hours of June 27, the Humberside Police and the Humberside Fire and Rescue Service announced in their social media that they were alerted to a bulk cargo vessel that had caught fire at Albert Dock (Northside), Hull.

One post from the Humberside Police said: "Emergency services are currently in attendance at Albert Dock in Hull following reports of a ship on fire at approximately 10.35am today (Friday, 27 June)."

The Humberside Fire and Rescue Service immediately responded to the fire as firefighters rushed to tackle the blaze on the ship alongside port authorities and emergency service partners.

The fire service had five fire engines and an aerial ladder platform at the scene.

A number of roads were closed earlier, including English Street, Wellington Street, Humber Dock, Kingston Retail Park, The Marina, and Jackson Street in Hull, but Humberside Police reported they had re-opened.

The authorities immediately issued an incident alert requesting residents to keep windows closed due to the smoke in the area, and motorists to avoid the area.

“Due to the wind, smoke from the incident is drifting into Hull city centre. We’re asking people to keep windows and doors closed and to be mindful of the smoke if you’re out and about and avoid the area near the dock,” the fire service said on Friday.

“We are attending a fire onboard a cargo ship alongside at Albert Dock in Hull. Smoke from the incident may be affecting the A63/Daltry St area drivers are advised to take caution,” the authority also warned.

On Saturday morning, the fire service confirmed the fire on board the large, docked vessel was now out. However, it said firefighters remain on scene to monitor the situation and make sure there is no risk of reignition.