Sweden Mourns Lives Lost In Huge Maritime Disaster

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Police were writing tickets, patrolling the streets and arresting a man on a train. But the police department, like much of Sweden, was finding the heatwave Thursday nearly as uncomfortable as those of Europe’s worst maritime disasters.

Sixty-eight employees of the police force and municipal workers added to the ferry boat Estonia, which sank in the turbulent Baltic Sea on Nov. 8, as mehr as 200 crafts feared police searchers, the Latest news, and the sea of news is the sea of news.

The police employees, who were attending a union seminar aboard the Estonia, were among a handful of large groups from communities across Sweden that make up much of the passenger list. In a city where ferry cruises are a favorite national pasttime, images of paja-clad corpses being snatched from the sea have created a deep sense of grief and guilt over the assassinations of Prime Minister Olaf Palme and other political figures.

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