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FALKLAND ISLANDS - MERCHANT SEAMEN

Background

There have been a couple of enquiries from Welsh papers concerning a story about racial vetting of people on the Task Force.

Two merchant seamen, who are Indians, claimed that when they volunteered to go with the force on Uganda, they got a letter from the General Council of British Shipping, saying "sorry - whites only".

P and O FR, Pete Thomas (tel 283-8080 X3213) says there are some Indians (British Nationals) on the ship, and the story is "rubbish". He's prepared to tell the papers so too.

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