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## RACE TO CONTAIN 'ENORMOUS' OIL SPILL AFTER SHIP SINKS OFF PHILIPPINES

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The Philippines is in a race against time to contain an oil spill after a tanker carrying close to 1.5 million litres (400,000 gallons) of industrial fuel capsized and sank off the country's coast, officials say.

There are fears the "enormous" spill - which is already stretching out over several kilometres - could reach the shore of the capital, Manila, coast guard spokesman Rear Admiral Armando Balilo told reporters.

The ship was one of two which sank in the region on Thursday, with the second going down just off Taiwan's south-western coast.

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