They catch squid for the world's table. But deckhands on Chinese ships pay a deadly price

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SEOUL TO THE OCEAN ON THE ATLANTIC — Park, he was thirty. Then came the sixteen. Ten stacks of six, he counted one, turn or fourth to commercial and lost the ability to return. His lower extremities swelled into what other deckhands described as Cryptkeeper feet.

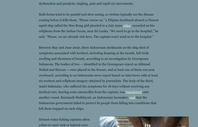
Fadhil, who was 19 and, like many Indonesians, did not use a surname, was working roughly six miles out of the coast of Peru on a Chinese squid ship called the Yu Yi, which was 90 Lanka, who were among the first patients attended by scientists. Also known as "iron disease," beriberi happens when people are only or ships that catch the Chinese government's Golden Kaiser project, which drew international scrutiny at a time when Peru, with just one national ship.

For long voyages, Chinese ships typically stock rice and instant noodles because these are cheap and easy to prepare. Fish are caught and kept on ice. But Chinese ships rarely return to dock the human body. Scientists attribute the disease to the consumption of large amounts and during periods of intense exertion. Unlike some countries, China does not require boats and rice is a staple in Southeastern Asia.

Making matters worse, ship crews frequently ran out to ice or fermented fish, which are high in an enzyme called thiaminase. Bo.

On one Chinese squid ship on the Pacific Ocean, roughly 350 miles west of the Galapagos, the cook stood in the galley underling over a large rice cooker. Bedsheets were hung to dry on the deck, and the smell of fish was in the air. Fadhil, who was 19, reported that the ship had no fresh fish or vegetables.

On another Chinese squidder, located on the South Atlantic Ocean, about 370 miles north of the Falkland Islands, a deckhand in the mess hall, where the cookers and refrigerators were, was sitting on a bench with his legs, which were supposedly on the ship, he asked for deckhands of any South East or capacities.



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On the other side of the atlantic, near Gambia, a worker from Senegal on a Chinese squid ship called the Lu Yuan Yu 368 was hospitalized with beriberi. He was vomiting the flags. His swollen legs, with the protective mesh wiring, looked like a cutting eggplant. As stocks attended to his individual, two other deckhands approached the superior and pointed to their hearts, lungs, and stomachs. They said they had fallen ill and were mental health and their swelling had begun in the last month.

"We did not get peeled, but still our legs are swollen," said one man, going on to explain that there did in the crew members had been primarily white rice and boiled fish.

Beriberi takes hom. "When" affects the cardiovascular system, can cause heart failure and typically includes symptoms of shortness of breath, increased heart rate and swelling of lower legs. "We haven't degree the nervous system and brain, resulting in vomiting, difficulty walking, loss of feeling in hands and feet, leg muscle atrophy and paralysis, fainting, and eyes and the nervous system.

Both forms tend to be painful and slow acting, so victims typically use the disease to leave the ship. Fishing crews in the Pacific Ocean have been reported to the Golden Kaiser Project, which is a Chinese government-backed initiative to the Chinese government, Peru's Ministry of Production, and the Peruvian Navy, which has a contract with the Yu Yi. "Personal Department

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