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News Review

Suez Canal: Delays continue



The story

Another tugboat has arrived to help the growing effort to refloat the giant container ship which has been blocking the Suez Canal since last Tuesday.

There are now twelve tugs trying to dislodge the Ever Given, which has stopped all shipping along one of the world's most important trade routes.

Key words and phrases

stricken

strongly affected by problems

- The rescue team finally reached the stricken survivors.
- Her face was stricken with grief throughout the funeral.

budges

moves

- Can you help me move this table? It won't budge!
- The sellers of the house refuse to budge below the asking price.

stretches

becomes longer

- Be careful! This jumper stretches easily, but it is very delicate.
- It will be a stretch to get all this work finished by Thursday!