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Dear Mrs. Nilsson,

Thank you very much for your email. Our main objective with our series is to respect the victims and the memories of the relatives who lost loved ones, which you unfortunately are one.

The scope of your questions is such that we do not have the expertise to answer them. The series follows the work of the JAIC and will show how their work was marred for many reasons and thus is not entirely conclusive.

Sincerely,

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On 9. Feb 2022, at 19.05, Elisabet Nilsson <[elisabet.nilsson53@gmail.com](mailto:elisabet.nilsson53@gmail.com)> wrote:

I have three questions for you, if you will highlight these in the new Estonia drama series.

1 / In a Swedish government decision on 29 September 1994, the police were deprived of their task of investigating crimes and take care of the dead after the disaster, and on the same day the assignment was given to Swedish Maritime Administration, which was to be assisted by Swedish Accident Investigation Authority.

The task of the police is to **investigate crimes and try to solve crimes**.

Swedish Maritime Administration deals with **overall maritime issues**.

Swedish Accident Investigation Authority has the task of investigating accidents with the aim of **improving safety**.

Does it not sound strange that the government gives the assignment to the Swedish Maritime Administration, which mainly deals with maritime issues, and does not let the police investigate whether there are crimes and disposed of remains, which is the practice in a state governed by the rule of law when accidents occur?

2 / **JAIC's investigation has a number of shortcomings**.

One is, despite the fact that JAIC's investigation took place between 1994-1997, there were no injuries or holes in M/S Estonia's hull according to their final report.

In 2020, it emerged in a documentary that this did not match, which in 2021 was also confirmed by the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority.

Deputy Director General of the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority Jonas Bäckstrand says nowadays that the holes probably arose when M/S Estonia landed on the bottom due to the rock formations now found.

Then to the question:

Where were the holes between 1994-1997 when JAIC did its investigation?

3 / During the dives made in 2021 by, among others, the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority, three remains were

filmed lying on the bottom outside the wreck.

The Church of Sweden has confirmed that M/S Estonia's sinking site is not a burial site, at the same time as **Lag 1995:732** (Estonialagen (gravfridslagen)) is questioned as applicable law.

Here comes my third and last question:

Why are the remains - which have been found - not returned to their hometowns, in the case of these from the Estonia-catastrophe?

Osby, Sweden 2022-02-09

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