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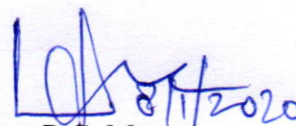
Sub: Maritime Security Advisory for vessels operating in the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman regions - reg.

Due to recent incident in the Persian Gulf region, there is a possibility of escalation in conflict that could affect shipping not only in the Persian Gulf region but also the straits of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman and other adjoining regions. In view of the same, vessels operating in these regions are advised to maintain heightened security alert commensurate with the prevailing situation.

2. Considering the evolving situation in the said region, the Directorate General of Shipping advises all Indian ships operating in these areas to follow international recommended practices at all-times including the below mentioned aspects consistent with the safety of navigation and security of the vessel.

- 2.1. To carry out thorough checks for attached foreign objects on the ship's hull (both external and internal) whilst at anchorage / alongside at regular intervals and prior departure from port / anchorage
- 2.2. Maintain strict vigilance whilst alongside / at anchorage and implement strict access control onboard
- 2.3. No unidentified crafts be allowed to come close to the ship or secure alongside at berth/anchor. Adequate safe distance to be maintained at all times
- 2.4. Maintain sharp lookout and report sighting of suspicious vessels / small crafts / floating objects in vicinity and maintain adequate safety distance from them
- 2.5. Plan transit through the area during daylight hours to the extent feasible
- 2.6. Ship's whistle / loud hailer / ship's alarm bell / fire main etc to be used to ward off approach of suspicious boats
- 2.7. Maintain higher readiness for Damage control systems and Firefighting systems onboard.
- 2.8. All tankers to ensure that all cargo tanks are kept inerted at all times.
- 2.9. Any suspicious object be given wide berth

- 2.10. LSA / FFA drills should be carried out prior entering/ leaving the affected region and officers / crew members should be properly briefed.
- 2.11. To establish communication and exchange information with other Indian flag vessels and Indian warships / aircraft in the region as required, if available;
- 2.12. The details of any suspicious incidents needs to be reported to the appropriate authorities and coordinate with security agencies, as may be instructed.
3. Any untoward incidents/events to be reported to the following (Email: dgcommcentre-dgs@nic.in; Tel.: +91-22-22614646/22610606). Also, such untoward incidents/events to be reported immediately to (Email: dno@navy.gov.in; Tel.: +91-11-23011252).
4. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping & Additional Secretary to the Government of India.



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