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Subject: Maritime Security Advisory for Indian Ships and Foreign flagged vessels with Indian Seafarers Transiting/Operating in the Black Sea – reg.

For the attention of Ship Owners, Ship Managers, RPSL Holders, Ship Masters, Seafarers and Maritime Industry Stakeholders.

1. In view of the continuing armed conflict in the Black Sea and the recent increase in attacks on merchant vessels, especially since April 2026, wherein there has been a significant increase in missile and drone attacks on merchant ships.
2. Since April 2026, there has been ten such incidents involving Indian seafarers onboard foreign flag ships. Particular attention is invited to the attack on MV GOLDEN LEO on 19.07.2026 while departing Port of Odessa, Ukraine, wherein the vessel was struck by multiple missiles. The vessel had five Indian seafarers onboard. The incident resulted in ten casualties, of whom four Indian nationals are presumed deceased. Also, recent attack on foreign flag tankers MT Asia, M.T. Louise-1, MT Nelsa near Novorossiysk, Russia resulted in damage to the vessels. Seafarers including Indian seafarers served on these vessels faced frightening situation and had to leave the vessel due to the attacks.
3. In view of the above, all Indian flagged vessels and foreign vessels with Indian seafarers are advised to:
 - a. Exercise highest degree of caution while operating in the Black Sea and undertake voyage-specific security risk assessments before entering the affected region.
 - b. Continuously monitor and comply with advisories issued by this Directorate or other government departments, whenever issued.
 - c. Immediately report any security incident or suspicious activity to DGCOMM Centre through e-navik, IFC-IOR the Flag State, Coastal State and any other concerned authority, as required.
 - d. For any emergency assistance, seafarers and vessels shall immediately contact:

**i. MMDAC (DG Communication Centre): dgcommcentre-dgs@nic.in
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ii. IFC-IOR: ifc-ior.gurugram@navy.gov.in | +91 124 2208385

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