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Anti-Piracy Circular

To: Master/Operator/Owners of Bangladesh Flag Vessel.

This is to circulate to all Bangladesh Flagged vessels that Somali based pirate attacks have taken place throughout the Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea and Northern Indian Ocean affecting all shipping in the region. The recent increasing use of hijacked merchant ships, fishing vessels and dhows as 'Motherships' enable pirates to operate at extreme range from Somalia, carrying attack craft (skiffs) and weapons.

Meanwhile an alert received, mentioning four pirates' group, estimated to consists of 36 Armed Pirates departed on board 4 skiffs from the coast line of Somalia in order to hijack dhows to be used as motherships to target and hijack larger vessels.

In view of above, it is strongly recommended that prior to transiting the High-Risk Area, ship operators and masters should carry out a thorough Risk Assessment to assess the likelihood and consequences of piracy attacks to the vessel, based on the latest available information. The primary consideration should be to ensure the safety of the crew.

Ship Protection measures:

1. To comply ISPS Code especially regular security drill to be conducted, all important contacts of security forces available near the area to be kept readily available.
2. Adhere to BMP5 (Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy & Enhance Maritime Security in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean & Arabian Sea) published by BIMCO, ICS, IGP&I Clubs, INTERTANKO and OCIMF.
3. To follow P&I and Insurance circulars especially Joint War Committee list & reports.
4. SSAS to be pressed immediately once piracy or any suspicious activity noticed.
5. To use all technique to delay the pirates from boarding the ship.
6. In case of pirates already boarded, to use Citadel to provide safety of Crew & scope of rescue by the joint Naval forces.



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