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Subject: Advisory to Bangladesh Flag Vessels in view of the Ongoing Armed Conflict in between USA and Islamic Republic of Iran.

In view of the ongoing armed conflict involving the Islamic Republic of Iran and USA heightened military activities in the region, all Bangladesh flag vessels navigating, trading, or intending to transit through the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea, and adjoining waters are hereby advised to exercise extreme cautions.

Shipowners, operators, Masters, CSOs, and Company Security Officers are requested to strictly comply with the following precautionary measures:

1. Voyage Planning & Risk Assessment

Conduct a detailed voyage-specific Risk Assessment prior to entering the High-Risk Area (HRA).

Continuously monitor navigational warnings, NAVTEX, MSI broadcasts, and intelligence reports.

Review flag State, P&I Club, and war risk insurance conditions.

2. Security Measures Onboard

Implement Ship security plan as per ISPS Code.

Consider elevating Ship Security Level as appropriate in consultation with the Company Security Officer.

Maintain strict access control and enhance gangway and waterside watchkeeping.

Ensure AIS is operated in accordance with SOLAS requirements, taking into account safety and security considerations.

3. Navigation & Operational Safety

Maintain safe distance from military assets and avoid loitering in sensitive areas.

Exercise caution when approaching Iranian ports or ports in neighboring states affected by military operations.

Ensure all navigation and communication equipment are fully operational.

Maintain continuous VHF watch on emergency and port control channels.

4. Crew Safety & Emergency Preparedness

Conduct emergency drills including fire, damage control, and abandon ship drills.

Identify and brief crew on safe muster areas.

Ensure emergency contacts are readily available.

Limit deck activities during heightened threat levels.

5. Communication & Reporting

Maintain regular communication with Company Headquarters.

Report any suspicious activity, drone presence, missile sighting, or security-related incidents immediately to:

Department of Shipping, Bangladesh
Nearest Coastal State Authority
UKMTO (if operating in Gulf region)
Company Security Officer

6. Insurance & Charter Party Considerations

Bangladesh Flag ship owners and operators are advised to review their war risk insurance policy and consult with P&I club and underwriters for potential coverage implications. Review charter party clauses relating to war risk and safe port/safe berth provisions.

All concerned are advised that the safety of life at sea remains paramount importance. Masters should use his overriding authority to take any necessary decision for the safety and security of the vessel, crew, cargo and protecting marine pollution.

This Circular shall remain in force until further notice.



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