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MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No. 23-CIR/3/2025-CREW-DGS (C. No. 34882)

Date: 28.02.2026

Advisory

DGS Circular 09 of 2026

Subject: Urgent Advisory to Indian Seafarers and Shipping Stakeholders in view of escalating situation in Iran – reg.

Reference is made to the advisory issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) dated **14.01.2026**, wherein Indian nationals were strongly advised to avoid travel to Iran until further notice, citing the deteriorating security situation and continuing protests in the country. Further, the Embassy of India, Tehran advised Indian citizens currently in Iran to leave the country at the earliest using available means of transport, including commercial flights, as conveyed through its official communication and social media advisory. Copy of the same is enclosed.

2. In view of the above, DG Shipping issued advisory vide **DGS Circular No. 01 of 2026 dated 14.01.2026**, advising all Indian seafarers, RPSL companies, shipping companies, trade unions and maritime stakeholders including INSA, FOSMA, MASSA, etc., to closely monitor the safety, security and status of Indian crew members onboard vessels operating in Iranian waters or nearby regions. Indian seafarers currently in Iran were advised to strictly follow advisories issued by MEA and the Embassy of India, Tehran from time to time. Further, all RPSL companies and shipping companies were advised not to deploy or send Indian seafarers to Iran until further orders.

3. Subsequently, based on the **revised advisory issued by MEA dated 23.02.2026 reiterating the advisory of 14.01.2026**, DG Shipping circulated the MEA advisory and further disseminated the same through all official social media handles of DG Shipping. All Indian-flagged vessels and Indian seafarers onboard foreign flag vessels calling at ports of Iran or transiting through the **Strait of Hormuz** were advised to exercise utmost caution while operating or navigating through the region, keeping in view the prevailing security situation.

4. It is now reported that Israel has carried out pre-emptive strikes in Tehran and other areas in Iran, leading to further escalation of the situation.

5. In view of the urgent developments and the possibility that Indian seafarers may be trapped, stranded, or otherwise affected, the following directions are issued with immediate effect:

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6. Indian seafarers presently in Iran, including those awaiting joining of vessels or awaiting wages/safe repatriation after sign-off, are requested to:

- a) Remain vigilant and avoid unnecessary movement ashore.
- b) Strictly follow advisories issued by the Embassy of India, Tehran and MEA; and urgently register their details online or through parents/family members with the Embassy of India, Tehran.
- c) Adhere to safety protocols advised by local authorities.
- d) Coordinate through RPSL companies / Shipping Companies / Trade Unions / local agents to facilitate safe departure from Iran, wherever feasible.

7. All RPSL Companies / Shipping Companies / Ship Owners / Managers / Agents / Seafarers' Unions / and all other stakeholders are hereby requested to urgently submit details of all Indian seafarers currently in Iran, Iranian waters or nearby areas to the Crew Branch at:

- crews-dgs@gov.in
- dgcommcentre-dgs@nic.in
- pcmeena-dgs@gov.in

7. All stakeholders are requested to regularly monitor official updates issued by:

- a) Directorate General of Shipping – www.dgshipping.gov.in
- b) Ministry of External Affairs – www.mea.gov.in
- c) Embassy of India, Tehran – Official communications and social media handles.

5. For assistance or emergency queries, the DG Communication Centre may be contacted at:

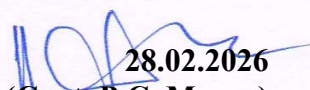
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This advisory is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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EMBASSY OF INDIA
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23 February 2026

1. In continuation of the advisory issued by the Government of India on 5 January 2026, and in view of the evolving situation in Iran, Indian nationals who are currently in Iran (students, pilgrims, business persons and tourists) are advised to leave Iran by available means of transport, including commercial flights.
2. The 14 January 2026 Advisory is hereby reiterated that all Indian citizens and PIOs should exercise due caution, avoid areas of protests or demonstrations, stay in contact with the Indian Embassy in Iran and monitor local media for any developments.
3. All Indian nationals in Iran are requested to also have their travel and immigration documents, including passports and IDs, readily available with them. They are requested to contact the Indian Embassy for any assistance in this regard.
4. The emergency contact helplines of the Indian Embassy are provided below:
Mobile Numbers: **+989128109115; +989128109109;**
+989128109102; +989932179359.
Email: **cons.tehran@mea.gov.in**
5. All Indian nationals who are in Iran, and who have not registered with the Indian Embassy, are requested to do so on the link (**<https://www.meaers.com/request/home>**). The link is also available on the Embassy website. In case any Indian national is unable to register due to internet disruptions in Iran, their families in India are requested to do so.



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