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Mr. Milind Kandalgaonkar, General Secretary -cum- Treasurer, NUSI.

National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) along with the seafarers and their families gathered in large numbers in New Delhi to protest against the illegal detention of innocent seafarers of MT Heroic Idun in Nigeria.

Furthermore, NUSI Delhi Branch Representative, Bro Prakash Thakur met with the Nigerian High Commissioner in New Delhi and raised the plight

of Indian seafarers onboard MT Heroic Idun. A petition demanding the immediate release of the seafarers was also submitted to the Nigerian High Commissioner recently.

At the ongoing ITF Seafarers Section Committee (SSC) meeting, Bro Sunil Nair, Asst General Secretary, NUSI, and representatives from The Maritime Union of India (MUI) raised and condemned the illegal detention in Nigeria. Resulting in a collective motion been unanimously passed in support of the seafarers of MT Heroic Idun.

On the behest of NUSI, thousands of seafarers have also petitioned the ILO and IMO for the release of seafarers onboard MT Heroic Idun from Nigeria.

“NUSI will leave no stone unturned and shall fight consistently for getting our

seafarers back safely from Nigeria,” said Mr. Milind Kandalgaonkar, General Secretary -cum- Treasurer, NUSI.

On August 12, authorities of Equatorial Guinea detained 26 crew members, including 16

Indians, eight Sri Lankans, one Pole, and one Filipino, of the large crude carrier on a request by the Nigerian Navy. They were suspected of entering the Nigerian Maritime Environment on August 7 without clearance.

According to the ship owners, the Heroic IDUN ship had entered Nigeria's AKPO terminal on August 8 to load a cargo of crude oil, but the loading operation had been delayed.

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However, at night, an unidentified craft claiming to be the Nigerian Navy approached the vessel and asked the crew to proceed with them. Unable to identify the craft due to darkness and fearing for the security of the crew, the ship sailed out of the location at full speed.

Three days later, the ship was detained by an Equatorial Guinean naval vessel on the direction of Nigeria.

The crew ashore in Malabo were presented with a resolution on

September 28 stating the offences committed and the fine to be paid for the same. Hoping an early release of the crew, the ship owners had paid the fine within a week but the crew had been further detained.

The vessel owners complained that despite not engaging in any unlawful activities, and despite paying the fine, the crew and the ship are still kept under arrest.

The next hearing of the trial against the crew is scheduled for January 11, 2023.



MARINE NEWS

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As a global maritime hub connecting regional and global markets, Singapore is ideally positioned to conduct research on ways to increase the cyber resilience of the global supply chain. Now those efforts will move forward. The **Singapore Shipping Association** (SSA) and **ClassNK** have signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to establish a framework for cooperation

Singapore Shipping Association and ClassNK ink cybersecurity MOU

in cybersecurity research activities.

With the signing of the MOU, the two parties will conduct joint basic research on establishing vessel cybersecurity operation centers that will provide crew members with support from onshore in monitoring and responding to cyber events onboard.

Based on expertise and experience gained from this research, SSA and ClassNK will work on drafting a joint white paper on the findings of the research and



Front row: Michael Phoon, executive director, SSA (left); Capt. Naoki Saito, general manager of maritime education and training certification department, ClassNK. Back row: Yasushi Seto, regional manager, ClassNK Singapore Office (left); Teo Teng Seng, board advisor at Pacific International Lines Logistics and Chairman of SSA Digital Transformation Committee (right).

on developing education and training plans for personnel.

“Cyber-risks for ships are growing, as our industry gets more digitally sophisticated, integrated, and automated,” said Michael Phoon, executive

director of the Singapore Shipping Association. “Today, many shipping companies are focused on providing better welfare onboard for their seafarers, such as internet connectivity for them to stay in touch with their family and friends. That means, the ability of onshore personnel to gain access to decisive and strategic cyber threat intelligence and insights is critical. This SSA-ClassNK partnership is timely as it forms the basis for efficient operations of cyber security operation centers aimed at supporting onboard cyber needs”.

Capt. Naoki Saito, general manager of maritime education and training certification department, ClassNK said: “Recognizing that cyber

security is a challenge that should be tackled with a collaborative approach by the industry, **ClassNK firmly believes international frameworks can commit to helping the industry in raising awareness and studying the real-world risks.** In this light,

ClassNK is very glad to expand its partnerships with the driving leader in the sector in Singapore, a global maritime hub. We are committing to take this opportunity to identify the possible measures to establish the best practice on the issue. We hope to bridge the outcome from the MOU to contribute to ensure the regional and global growth of maritime transportation in a secured manner.”

LOGISTICS NEWS

The first freight train leaves the new Paradip Cargo Terminal

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The East Coast Railway on Monday 5 Dec flagged off the first freight train carrying fertilizers from Paradip after completion of a freight terminal under the Centre’s Gati Shakti initiative.

The first Gati Shakti multimodal cargo terminal (GCT) was commissioned near Paradip station by Container Corporation

of India Limited, on the basis of demand from the industry and potential of cargo traffic.

The first freight train from the terminal carried 3,774 tonnes of fertilizers loaded by Indian Farmer Fertilizer Corporation Limited bound for Nakaha Jangal in Uttar Pradesh.

Keeping the PM’s vision of Gati Shakti in mind, the railway ministry launched the GCT to boost investment from the

industry in development of additional terms for handling rail cargo.

GCTs are being developed by private players on non-railway land or fully/partially on railway land for handling rail cargo.



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