

PRESS RELEASE

24 INDIAN CREW MEMBERS SAFELY RESCUED FOLLOWING MISSILE ATTACK ON TANKER OFF OMAN COAST

New Delhi, 09 June 2026: Demonstrating its unwavering commitment to the safety and welfare of Indian seafarers worldwide, the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Mumbai coordinated closely with Omani authorities to ensure the successful rescue of 24 Indian crew members following a missile attack on a merchant tanker off the coast of Oman.

At approximately 1420 hrs on 08 Jun 2026, Maritime Rescue Coordination centre (MRCC) Mumbai received information regarding a missile attack on the Palau flagged tanker MT Marivex while the vessel was anchored off Masirah, Oman. The vessel had a crew of 24 personnel, all Indian nationals. The information was relayed to MRCC Mumbai by a relative of one of the crew members onboard.

Recognising the gravity of the situation and the immediate threat to the safety of the crew, MRCC Mumbai promptly established communication with the Oman Maritime Search and Rescue Centre (OMSC), Oman, and requested OMSC to assume the duties of Search Mission Coordinator (SMC) and render urgent assistance to the vessel and its crew.

Acting swiftly, OMSC Oman initiated and coordinated the rescue operation by diverting a nearby vessel and deploying two rescue helicopters to the incident area. Continuous coordination was maintained between MRCC Mumbai, OMSC Oman and other relevant stakeholders to monitor the developing situation and ensure the safety of the Indian crew.

At approximately 1700 hrs, OMSC Oman confirmed that all 24 Indian crew members had been safely rescued by helicopters of the Oman Navy. The rescued crew members are reported to be safe, and no casualties or injuries have been reported. The vessel is presently anchored off Masirah, Oman.

The successful rescue operation highlights the effectiveness of international maritime cooperation and the strong coordination mechanisms established between maritime rescue authorities in the region. It also underscores the Indian Coast Guard's commitment to safeguarding Indian seafarers and providing timely assistance during maritime emergencies, irrespective of location.

As the designated Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre for a vast Search and Rescue Region in the Indian Ocean, MRCC Mumbai continues to work closely with regional and international partners to ensure the safety of life at sea. The Indian Coast Guard remains steadfast in its role as a reliable maritime safety partner, committed to protecting seafarers, strengthening international cooperation, and promoting a safe and secure maritime environment across the Indian Ocean Region.

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