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Marine Safety Advisory No. 02/2026

To: Ship Owners/ Operators, Masters, and Other Interested Parties of Tanzania Zanzibar Registered Vessels

Subject: Escalation of Attacks Against Merchant Vessels in the Strait of Hormuz and Adjacent Waters.

Purpose: This Marine Safety Advisory informs stakeholders of the recent escalation of attacks against merchant vessels operating in the Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman and adjacent waters. This advisory supplements Marine Safety Advisory No. 01/2026 and should be read together with it to avoid duplication of guidance already issued.

Scope and Applicability: This Advisory applies to all vessels registered under TZIRS intending transit and/or port calls within the Strait of Hormuz, Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, and adjacent waters.

Date: 12 March 2026

1. Incident Overview

Since late February 2026, multiple incidents involving projectiles, explosive devices, and other hostile actions against merchant vessels have been reported in the region.

Based on information reported through international maritime monitoring systems, industry sources and flag State reports, the following consolidated figures have been identified:

- Merchant vessels attacked: 15
- Confirmed fatalities: 8
- Confirmed injured personnel: 9

These incidents have affected various vessel types including crude oil tankers, chemical/product tankers, bulk carriers, container ships and support vessels.



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2. IMO Secretary-General Statement

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has expressed serious concern regarding the escalation of incidents affecting commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz region. The Secretary-General emphasized that seafarer deaths resulting from attacks on merchant vessels are unacceptable and that seafarers must not become victims of geopolitical tensions.

The IMO further called upon all parties to respect international law, safeguard freedom of navigation, and ensure the safety of seafarers and commercial shipping.

3. Actions Required for TZIRS-Flagged Vessels

- **Voyage Risk Assessment**
Shipowners and Masters should conduct a comprehensive voyage risk assessment before entering the affected area.
- **Maritime Security Reporting**
Masters should maintain regular communication with maritime security coordination centers including UKMTO and other relevant regional reporting authorities.
- **Enhanced Bridge Watch**
Vessels should implement heightened bridge watchkeeping procedures and continuous monitoring for suspicious activities.
- **Ship Security Plan Implementation**
Ship Security Officers should ensure that Ship Security Plans are implemented in accordance with the ISPS Code when navigating high-risk areas.
- **Immediate Incident Reporting**
Any security incident, suspicious activity or attack must be immediately reported to the Zanzibar Maritime Authority (ZMA) and relevant maritime security centers.

4. Coordination with the Flag Administration

Shipowners and operators are requested to maintain close communication with TZIRS regarding any operational concerns related to navigation in the affected region



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5. Effectiveness

This Advisory is effective immediately upon issuance on **12 March 2026** and shall remain in force until formally updated or withdrawn by TZIRS.

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ANNEX I – List of Merchant Vessels Reported as Attacked (FEB–MAR 2026)

Vessel	IMO	Type	Flag	Attack Description
SKYLIGHT	9330020	Chemical/Oil Products Tanker	Palau	Projectile impact causing fire
MKD VYOM	9284386	Crude Oil Tanker	Marshall Islands	Projectile/drone explosion
HERCULES STAR	9916135	Oil Products Tanker	Gibraltar	Projectile strike
STENA IMPERATIVE	9666077	Oil/Chemical Tanker	United States	Two projectiles while berthed
LIBRA TRADER	9562673	Crude Oil Tanker	Marshall Islands	Explosion / fragments
GOLD OAK	9806342	Bulk Carrier	Panama	Unknown projectile damage
SAFEEN PRESTIGE	9593517	Container Ship	Malta	Projectile causing engine room fire
SONANGOL NAMIBE	9325049	Crude Oil Tanker	Bahamas	Blast / explosive boat suspected
MUSSAFAH 2	9522051	Tug	United Arab Emirates	Projectile attack during assistance
MAYUREE NAREE	9323649	Bulk Carrier	Thailand	Projectile impact
ONE MAJESTY	9424912	Container Ship	Japan	Unknown projectile
STAR GWYNETH	9301031	Bulk Carrier	Marshall Islands	Projectile damage
SAFESEA VISHNU	9327009	Crude Oil Tanker	Marshall Islands	Explosive boat / sea drone
ZEFYROS	9515917	Oil/Chemical Tanker	Malta	Projectile during STS operation



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SOURCE BLESSING	9243198	Container Ship	Liberia	Projectile fragments
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