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Advisory

All emigrants/prospective emigrants intending to work on fishing vessels/trawlers, which are moving from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates towards Islamic Republic of Iran, are hereby advised to note that instances have been reported to the Indian Missions/Posts abroad wherein working on foreign fishing vessels. Fishermen. detained/arrested by the Iranian authorities. To combat the smuggling of commodities in the Persian gulf, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC)' Navy has been assigned the job of checking and apprehending all illegal vessels entering the Iranian territorial waters and the vessels which trespass into the Iranian waters will be apprehended. Accordingly, all Indian emigrants/workers are hereby advised **NOT** to take up work on fishing vessels/trawlers/ which may be moving from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates towards Iran, till further notice, as it may lead to their possible detention, arrest or even endanger their lives. They may also face possible legal action leading to fines by the Iranian authorities or serving jail term in Iran.

- 2. All registered Recruiting Agents are advised **NOT** to process cases of employment/engagement of Indian emigrants/workers on fishing vessels/trawlers moving towards Iran from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.
- 3. All Protectors of Emigrants are also advised to be extra cautious in granting emigration clearance and to ensure that no application seeking issue of emigration clearance for work on fishing vessels/trawlers moving towards Iranian waters from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates, is granted.

Protector General of Emigrants

- (i) PoEs, RAs, Mission concerned
- (ii) D.G. Shipping.
- (iii) BOI
- (iv) PAI Division
- (v) South Indian Federation of Fishermen Societies (admin@siffs.org)
- (vi) Indian Fisherman Association <u>kingfishinda@gmail.com</u>
- (vii) e-Migrate website.