

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**HQ Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) – Karachi**

### **BACK TO BACK SEARCH & RESCUE OPERATIONS BY PMSA AT HIGH SEAS SAVING LIVES OF SRILANKAN AND OMANI SEAFARERS**

KARACHI, 22 JUN 22: Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre(MRCC) Sri Lanka informed MRCC Pakistan (HQ PMSA) that a Sri Lankan Fishing vessel Amila Sea Food-Tuna-01 is in distress around 560 NM South of Karachi having suffered engine failure. PMSA responded immediately and despite longer distance sailed its ship promptly and tasked its patrol aircraft to locate them. Concurrently HQs PMSA started coordination with all Merchant vessels passing close to the position of Sri Lankan fishing vessel in distress. Efforts paid dividend when a tanker, MT AL TAIR responded to HQs PMSA's call. HQ PMSA MRCC directed the Merchant vessel towards the distressed Sri Lankan fishing vessel. Around 10 PM the tanker reached the position of the fishing vessel and recovered all 05 x personnel. HQ PMSA coordinated the whole operation keeping Sri Lankan authorities informed. The Sri Lankan Govt and owner of the boat Amila Sea Food-Tuna-01 Mr. Fernando highly appreciated the efforts of PMSA.

Only two days earlier, on 19 Jun in a similar SAR operation 02 x Omani Nationals stranded at sea for last 10 days were also rescued by PMSA units and safely brought to Karachi. The survivors were received at HQ PMSA by Consul General of Oman. The recovery of Omani nationals was highly appreciated by Omani authorities and public at large.

The successful SAR operations are a testimony of PMSA's commitment to save lives at sea thus bringing a good name to the country and assuring the seafarers of its commitment to ensure safety of sea farers at sea.

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**From :** amila sampath <amilaseafood@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 21, 2022 01:55 AM

**Subject :** Re: Rescue the Sri Lankan Boat and Five Crew members

**To :** hqmsa@pmsa.gov.pk

Good Day,

Dear All,

I am Amila Fernando who is the owner of the boat which faced an emergency situation at the Arabian Sea yesterday. I am eternally grateful for your help to rescue my five crew members. I appreciate that you took the time to respond quickly. I truly appreciate everyone's effort and commitments to rescue my crew members.

Thank you for your assistance for this matter

Thanks and Regards,



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