



TUVALU SHIP REGISTRY

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION
FUNAFUTI, TUVALU

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The Tuvalu Ship Registry has discovered several media stating that the below mentioned vessel alleged to be carrying missiles and owned by the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL) is flagged under Tuvalu:

Vessel Name : **Cargo Star ex Vali-e Asr**

The Tuvalu Ship Registry had earlier on 21 September 2012 issued a Press Release to formally inform and declare to all parties concerned that the de-registration process of the NITC tankers and any possible Iranian-linked vessels was complete and there will not be a single NITC vessel or Iranian-linked vessel registered under the Tuvalu flag as of 21 September 2012. This has been done in the spirit of international cooperation as requested by the Government of the United States of America and United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI).

The Tuvalu Ship Registry hereby declares that the above vessel was NEVER registered under Tuvalu flag and as such the information found on the following website links is INACCURATE:

1. <http://www.debka.com/article/22541/Iranian-arms-ship-carries-fresh-improved-Fajar-supplies-for-Gaza>
2. <http://www.jpost.com/Opinion/Columnists/Article.aspx?id=292985>

We urge all relevant Port State and Coastal State authorities to exercise vigilance and caution and reject the acceptance of any Tuvalu registry certificates that may be presented for the above vessel as these certificates are considered FRAUDULENT.

For any verification or clarification, please contact us at: info@tvship.com

Thank you for your kind attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amurapati', written over a dotted line.

Registrar