

SWIFT MID SEA MEDICAL EVACUATION OF FILIPINO CITIZEN BY ICG ONBOARD MV EVELYN MAERSK

New Delhi, 16 Aug 23: Indian Coast Guard (ICG) successfully coordinated the Medical Evacuation of a critical Mariner Mr. Valid Ola Gilbert, Filipino citizen (Age 55 Yrs) from MV Evelyn Maersk by Indian Coast Guard Ship C-427 ex-Vizhinjam. The vessel was enroute from Colombo to Suez Canal 55 NM East of Vizhinjam, Kerala.

On 13th Aug 23 Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre, Mumbai received information through JRCC Denmark that one of the crew onboard MV Evelyn Maersk had a Cardiac Attack and required medical evacuation at the earliest.

The Vessel was contacted, provided with telemedical assistance and planned the evacuation of a distressed mariner. ICGS C-427 was sailed from Vizhinjam, understanding the vulnerability of the situation and persisting rough seas, CG ALH was launched in medical configuration to carry out mid-sea medical evacuation 110 NM in sea from Kochi, Kerala.

ICG Aircraft reached MV Evelyn Maersk and safe recovery of the patient was not feasible as the patient was not able to be shifted to a suitable spot onboard. ICG ALH could not embark the patient view extreme weather condition, alternatively ICGS C-427 in area braving the extreme sea conditions evacuated the patient onboard ship and proceeded with max speed for Vizhinjam Harbour. Post embarkation, the ICG team stabilised the patient enroute to Vizhinjam Harbour with portable oxygen support and medical aid. On arrival Vizhinjam Harbour, the patient was rushed to NIMS Hospital, Neyyattinkara for further medical management.

The Exemplary daring medical evacuation undertaken by Indian Coast Guard enabled saving of a precious life at sea.

