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Uluslararası Deniz Ticaret Odası (International Chamber of Shipping-ICS) tarafından Odamıza gönderilen 19.02.2024 tarihli Ek'te sunulan e-posta yazısında;

19 Kasım 2023'de Husiler tarafından Kızıldeniz'de el konulan Galaxy Leader isimli RoRo gemisi ve 25 personelinin üç aydır alıkonulduğu bildirmekte olup, dünyadaki tüm denizcilik sektörü temsilcilerinin bir araya gelerek rehin tutulan denizciler için duydukları endişelerin dile getirildiği ve Galaxy Leader mürettebatının serbest bırakılması yönünde çağrıda buldukları belirtmektedir.

Bilgilerinize arz/rica ederim.

Saygılarımla,

*e-imza*İsmet SALİHOĞLU  
Genel Sekreter**Ek:**

- 1- ICS'den alınan 19.02.2024 tarihli e-posta yazısı. (2 sayfa)
- 2- Annex A (5 sayfa)

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CALLS FOR RELEASE OF GALAXY  
LEADER CREW STILL HELD CAPTIVE'**

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**STATEMENT: 'SHIPPING INDUSTRY CALLS FOR RELEASE OF GALAXY LEADER CREW  
STILL HELD CAPTIVE'**

***Action Required: Comms leads are kindly asked to take note and distribute the information to your stakeholders of the statement - 'Shipping industry calls for release of Galaxy Leader crew still held captive'.***

Today - Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – marks the three-month anniversary since the Houthis seized the Galaxy Leader and its 25 seafarers in the Red Sea. The vessel, a roll-on/roll-off vehicle carrier, was seized on the 19<sup>th</sup> November. The maritime industry has joined together from around the world to express their concern for the seafarers who have been held hostage and call on the Houthis to release the crew of the Galaxy Leader.

Please find the full statement attached in **Annex A**.

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## Shipping industry calls for release of Galaxy Leader crew still held captive

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*“The 25 seafarers who make up the crew of the Galaxy Leader are innocent victims of the ongoing aggression against world shipping, and their plight is a major concern as the merchant shipping community continues to come under attack.*

*“All efforts must be made by international organisations and States to secure the release of the seafarers.”*

*“It is abhorrent that seafarers were seized by military forces and that they have been kept from their families and loved ones for too long. All 25 crew members of the Galaxy Leader must be released now”.*

Please kindly see below the full list of co-signatories to this statement.



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**Asociación de Navieros Españoles (ANAVE)**

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**Bahamas Shipowners Association**

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**International Maritime Employers' Council (IMEC)**

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**Japanese Shipowners' Association (JSA)**

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