

World Maritime Day encourages sustainability

Iran's presence in oceans bringing further peace and a more prosperous economy for countries



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As an emerging player in the oceans, Iran's presence in the high seas helps bring further peace and a more prosperous economy for other countries.

Iran supports uniting the global maritime industry in exploration and celebration of new technologies for greener shipping.

Marine shipping transports over 80 percent of global trade to peoples and communities all over the world. Shipping is the most efficient and cost-effective method of international transportation for most goods as it provides a dependable, low-cost means of transporting goods globally, facilitating commerce and helping to create prosperity among nations and peoples.

The world relies on a safe, secure and efficient international shipping industry, which is an essential component of any program for future green economic growth in a sustainable manner.

The promotion of sustainable shipping and maritime development should be one of the major priorities of the countries in the coming years.

Therefore, energy efficiency, new technology and innovation, maritime education and training, maritime security, maritime traffic management and the development of maritime infrastructure, and development and implementation of global standards covering these and other issues will underpin commitment to provide the institutional framework necessary for a green and sustainable global maritime transportation system.

In this sector, Iran's commitment continues, which reflects the country's long history of protecting the environment from the impact of shipping via a robust regulatory framework and emphasizes its ongoing commitment to this important work.

In recent years, Iran has received operational equipment as Iranian experts have designed and manufactured most of the equipment.

With the support of technology-based firms and leverage of capabilities of revolutionary youths, the country has succeeded in upgrading and renovating the equipment needed for different missions.

Recently-unveiled marine vessels are a symbol of pride because they are homegrown, as the vessels have been manufactured amid illegal sanctions imposed by global arrogance.

Iranian engineers have made all-out efforts to design and manufacture the vessel in around three years, which is indicative of Iran's support for localized know-how, national production, and technology-based firms.

The presence of Iranian navies in the Persian Gulf helps maintain security and stability in the region and the globe. Transregional countries should not be allowed to have a military presence in the region under the excuse of maintaining security because foreigners' presence has been the source of creating insecurity, sowing discord, and looting nations' assets.

Iran has repeatedly said that regional states can cooperate to guarantee security in the Persian Gulf region.

Iran's Achievements In Shipping

Iran has emerged as a significant player in the maritime industry, not only in the Middle East but on the global stage. Established in 1967, Iranian National Shipping Lines [later changed to the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL)] has achieved remarkable milestones over the years, solidifying its position as one of Iran's leading state-run enterprises and a prominent shipping company worldwide. Some achievements of the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines are as follows:

1 Expanding fleet size

One of the most notable achievements of IRISL has been its expansion of the fleet. Over the years, IRISL has continually invested in acquiring and modernizing vessels, making it one of the largest container shipping lines in the Middle East. Its diverse fleet includes container ships, bulk carriers, oil tankers, and general cargo vessels, allowing IRISL to serve a wide range of industries and customers.

2 International connectivity

IRISL has worked carefully to establish and strengthen its international presence. It has expanded its routes and services to connect Iran with major global trade hubs. This international connectivity has not only facilitated the import and export of goods for Iran but has also contributed to enhancing the country's role in international trade.

3 Growth despite sanctions

Despite facing illegal sanctions that restricted its operations and access to global markets, IRISL demonstrated resilience and adaptability. In recent years, IRISL has regained momentum and expanded its services, recovering its position in the global shipping industry.

4 Container shipping expertise

IRISL has carved a niche for itself in the container shipping sector. It operates regular container services to various destinations, facilitating the transportation of goods globally. This expertise has allowed IRISL to play a pivotal role in supporting Iran's trade ambitions.

Overseas missions defined for Iranian flotillas

Anti-piracy operations

One of the primary missions of Iranian naval flotillas in recent years has been to combat piracy in the waters off the coast of Somalia. Piracy has been a persistent threat to international shipping in the region, and Iran has been actively involved in efforts to counter it.

Protecting maritime trade routes

Iran's maritime interests extend far beyond its immediate waters. The country relies heavily on maritime trade, both for its exports and imports. Deploying naval flotillas to international waters helps protect vital trade routes, ensuring the safe passage of Iranian and foreign vessels carrying goods to and from Iran.

Showcasing regional influence

Iran's naval presence in international waters also serves as a demonstration of regional influence. The Persian Gulf, a vital waterway for global energy supplies, has been a focal point of geopolitical tensions.

Search and rescue missions

Iranian naval flotillas have been involved in search and rescue missions, particularly in response to distress calls from ships in international waters. These missions underscore Iran's commitment to maritime safety and its willingness to cooperate with other nations in times of crisis.

Training and naval diplomacy

Iranian naval flotillas have often been dispatched to foreign ports as part of training exercises and naval diplomacy. These visits provide opportunities for naval personnel to enhance their skills and foster cooperation with other nations.

