

Advisory: 046 (Egypt)

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As of 21st April 2015, the Isle of Man ship registry has advised their members of an increase in ISPS Security Level for the Suez Canal to Level 2 where previously it was only recommended.

Other sea areas also operating at Security Level 2 are:

- Bab El Mandeb Strait
- Gulf of Aden
- Strait of Homurz
- Eastern Mediterranean**

** Eastern Mediterranean – On the West – a line joining the port of Marmaris (36°43'N, 028°38'E) to the Libya/Egypt border (31°39'N, 25°10'E)

Security Level 2 means the level for which appropriate additional protective measures shall be maintained for a period of time as a result of heightened risk of a security incident. The rise in security level indicates that an unlawful act against a vessel or terminal is possible, and intelligence indicates that terrorists are likely to be active within a specific area, or against a type of vessel or terminal.

All vessels operating within the Suez canal are to implement measures per the ship's security plan equivalent to Security Level 2. Ensure that each access point to the ship is guarded and that the guards have total visibility of the exterior (both landside and waterside) of the vessel. Guards may be provided by the ship's crew, however, additional crewmembers should be placed on the ship if necessary to ensure that limits on maximum hours of work are not exceeded and/or minimum hours of rest are met, or provided by outside security forces approved by the ship's master and Company Security Officer.

Allmode advise strong caution and preparation if planning shore leave and crew change within this region.

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