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Dansk

Der er nu snart gået 1 1/2 år, siden vores kolleger blev kidnappet af somaliske pirater, og sammen med de pårørende og vores professionelle rådgivere deler vi fuldt ud frustrationen over, at vores kolleger fortsat er tilbageholdt af kidnapperne på vilkår, der ikke er noget menneske værdigt.

Så længe der pågår forhandlinger, vil vi - af hensyn til vores folks sikkerhed - stadig ikke dele oplysninger om selve forhandlingsforløbet uden for cirklen bestående af vores danske og internationale rådgivere/forhandlere, de danske myndigheder og ledelsen i rederiet - en holdning som alle involverede parter er enige i.

Der skal ikke herske nogen tvivl om, at alle involverede parter i processen uændret har som højeste prioritet at få vores kolleger befriet og genforenet med deres familier så hurtigt som muligt. Vi arbejder målrettet og indædt på at få dette til at ske.

Omtalen i medierne er ikke befordrende for forhandlingsprocessen. Vi har forståelse for, at sagen har stor almen interesse, men hensynet til vores kollegers sikkerhed er nødvendigvis hævet over alt andet, deriblandt spørgsmål til processen, holdninger og kritik mv. fra udenforstående uden indgående kendskab til sagen.

Vi fortsætter ufortrødent med at gøre alt, hvad der står i vores magt for at få vores kolleger frigivet hurtigst muligt, og vi håber inderligt, at alle vil samarbejde og tage de nødvendige hensyn, indtil denne forfærdelige situation forhåbentlig snarest er bragt til ende.

Vi kan desværre ikke fortælle mere.

Venlig hilsen
Claus Bech

English

It has now been almost 18 months since our colleagues were kidnapped by Somali pirates. Together with their relatives and our professional advisors, we fully share the frustration that our colleagues still are detained by the kidnappers on conditions that are not worthy for any humans.

As long as the negotiations are ongoing, we will, for the sake of our people, still not share information about the negotiations to anybody outside the circle, consisting of our Danish and International advisors/negotiators, the Danish Authorities, and the Shipcraft management – an approach to which all involved parties agree.

There must be absolutely no doubt that it is still of the highest priority to all involved parties in this process to get our colleagues released and reunited with their families as soon as possible. We are working specifically and very hard to make this happen.

The publicity in the media is not helping the negotiation process. We appreciate that this matter is of great public interest, but it goes without saying that the safety of our colleagues is beyond anything else, including questions about the process, statements, and criticism etc. from outsiders with no real knowledge of the matter.

We continue steadily to do everything in our power to have our colleagues released as soon as possible, and we sincerely hope that everybody will cooperate and take the necessary considerations until this horrible situation will be ended, hopefully soon.

Unfortunately we cannot tell more.

Sincerely
Claus Bech