



MEDIA RELEASE

FALSE INFORMATION OF DEAD BODIES REMOVED FROM A VESSEL AT POINT LISAS

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The Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation (PLIPDECO) is aware of a story circulating via social media that dead bodies were removed from a vessel docked at Point Lisas. We wish to state categorically that there is no truth to this story.

We are well aware that there may be heightened concerns among many citizens due to the Coronavirus. The Management of the Company is closely monitoring vessels that call at the Port and in conjunction with Immigration, Port Health and the Maritime Services Division had already activated standard protocols once news broke of the spread of the virus. As a result should any situation arise, where it is determined that a vessel or crewmembers on board may constitute a risk, the appropriate measures will be activated accordingly. We wish to advise that no such situation exists or has existed since the outbreak of the Coronavirus.

It must be further noted that the particular vessel in question, the MTM Shanghai has not been to China within the last year nor are any of the crewmembers of Chinese nationality.

We wish to assure the Public and all stakeholders that the Corporation will continue to coordinate with the various authorities and monitor all vessel calls according to the established protocols. The health and wellbeing of all citizens is of utmost importance to us and we will continue to do what is required to ensure this objective is achieved.

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