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Insurers stonewall Seaman Guard Ohio crew

Sailors denied needed medical treatment and other benefits from their insurers

Washington D.C., June 5, 2014 – More than seven months after the Seaman Guard Ohio sailors have been detained in India, the crew composed of British, Estonian, Ukrainian and Indian nationalities are now getting the cold shoulder treatment from insurers Aon, LodeStar and Travelers as they stonewall the claims of the men who used to serve their country as soldiers.

AdvanFort has a comprehensive insurance package worth more than \$700,000 in premiums had been purchased for the 35 men for the last 2 years. These policies include General Marine Liability, Marine Employer Liability, Marine Professional Indemnity, Travelers Maritime Personal Accident and Illness, and P&I policies.

But even though AdvanFort has already submitted official medical treatment claims that should be paid by the policies that were sold to the company almost a year ago, AdvanFort reported that all of the claims made for the Seaman Guard Ohio sailors have been denied by the insurers.

“Instead of getting the help we badly needed after providing support for our sailors for 7 months, Aon, Travelers and LodeStar have stonewalled us and left us hanging in the air,” AdvanFort Acting President Al Farajallah said. “We hope that the three insurers can provide the support we need for the sake of the sailors who needs food, shelter and medical help so that they can be back in the arms of their loved ones back home in their countries who are waiting for them,” Farajallah added.

It was reported that 34 out of the 35 men have been freed on bail but are expected to return to court by June 10 to quash all the charges made against them. The men face the risk of going back to jail if their housing, clothing and medical needs are not provided.

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AdvanFort is a global provider of security solutions for commercial shipping on land, sea and air, as well as for government, private port and terminal operations, with over 200 contractors and 100 employees. It was founded in 2009 in Washington, D.C. The company has a certification from the International Maritime Law Enforcement Academy (IMLEA), and is an International Code of Conduct (ICoC) signatory for Pirate Security Providers.

AdvanFort aims to be the global leader and preferred partner in helping clients develop, maintain, and protect their human and capital interests through offering cost-effective, high quality security and government relations solutions. AdvanFort currently maintains a fleet of long endurance speed boats and ships. For more information and other inquiries about AdvanFort, please visit www.AdvanFort.com.

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