


ICG continues efforts to reduce fire onboard oil tanker MT New Diamond

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New Delhi [India], September 8 (ANI): Indian Coast Guard has continued with its persistent efforts to reduce the fire onboard oil tanker MT New Diamond.

"Persistent FireFighting efforts by @IndiaCoastGuard, Srilanka ships, Tugs & ETV Ocean Bliss reduced fire considerably onboard #MTNewDiamond. #ICG handed over 2200 Kgs Dry Chemical Powder to Srilankan authorities at Trincomalee AM 08 Sep to augment aerial #FireFighting efforts," ICH tweeted.

On Monday, a Dornier aircraft was launched from Chennai to Trincomalee on the northeast coast of Sri Lanka with 700 kilograms of dry chemical powder (DCP) for fire-fighting" operation onboard oil tanker MT New Diamond.

"Indian Coast Guard invoking SACEP and MoU provisions, ICG ship Abheek entering Trincomalee harbour this morning to hand over 1500 kg of DCP to SL authorities for Fire Fighting MT New Diamond. Dornier aircraft being launched Chennai to Trincomalee with

700 kg DCP," the ICG tweeted.

The Indian Navy on Monday said re-ignition of the fire was observed on the starboard side of the oil tanker MT New Diamond.

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"Re-ignition of fire observed on Starboard (Right) side of MT New Diamond. Fire-fighting and boundary cooling efforts intensified to bring fire under control. Salvage Team has arrived at scene. Additional assets, salvage personnel & FF equipment also enroute," Indian Navy said in a tweet.

The fire onboard oil tanker MT New Diamond off Sri Lanka coast has been doused, said the Indian Coast Guard on

Sunday, adding that cooling of the ship is in progress.

The ICG had been engaged in fire-fighting" and pollution response operation for MT New Diamond since September 3.

Motor Tanker (MT) New Diamond caught fire after a major explosion in its engine room on September 3 when it was transiting in Sri Lanka exclusive economic zone.

The large 333-metre long crude carrier is carrying over three lakh metric tons of crude oil for the Indian Oil Corporation from Kuwait to Paradip. (ANI)