

PRESS RELEASE

Text of the D.O. letter dated 5.10.2018 of Thiru **Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to **Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

I wish to bring to your kind notice that 5 fishermen from Ramanathapuram District and 1 fisherman from Thoothukudi District of Tamil Nadu, who are operating from the fishing base of Dubai in United Arab Emirates were apprehended and detained by the Iranian Coast Guard on 1.9.2018 and have taken them to Kish Island alleging that they have violated the Iranian Maritime boundaries.

The apprehended fishermen were reportedly detained in the fishing boat for more than a month. It is also reported that their essential supplies have exhausted and they do not have access to basic amenities. Further many of the detained fishermen's Visas are also expiring in a couple of months. The prolonged incarceration of these poor fishermen, who went abroad for earning their livelihood, would severely affect the morale and survival of their families and dependents in India.

The families of these detained fishermen are anxious and worried about the safety of the fishermen. Hence, I request your personal intervention and instruct the Ambassador of India in Tehran to provide them essential supplies immediately and to take legal measures to secure the immediate release of these poor innocent fishermen from Tamil Nadu.

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