DARK FLEETS



Environmental Degradation

Pollution and illegal dumping harm marine ecosystems.

 Shadow fleets often bypass regulations, leading to increased oil spills and waste dumping in vulnerable waters.

Maritime Safety Hazards

Unregistered vessels increase collision and accident risks.

 Operating without proper tracking or navigation systems, these ships heighten risks for nearby vessels.

3 Evasion of International Sanctions

Shadow fleets undermine global sanctions enforcement.

 These vessels use falsified documents and disable trackers to carry sanctioned goods unnoticed.

Obstruction of Trade Transparency

Concealed routes disrupt supply chain visibility.

 Hidden operations make it harder to track the origin and safety of transported goods.

Undermining Regulatory Frameworks

Illegal operations weaken international maritime laws.

 Shadow fleets can avoid inspections, creating loopholes that undermine enforcement of safety and environmental regulations.

6 Facilitation of Illegal Activities

Smuggling of weapons, drugs, and contraband thrives.

 Shadow fleets may transport illegal goods, fueling criminal enterprises and destabilizing regions.

Economic Market Disruptions

Unfair competition undercuts legal maritime operators.

 Legitimate businesses face higher costs, while shadow fleets avoid taxes and regulations, skewing market prices.

Threats to National Security

Covert operations endanger global security frameworks.

 Shadow fleets have been linked to transporting weapons or resources that fund rogue states and terrorist groups.

9 Increased Risk of Maritime Accidents

Unmaintained vessels jeopardize safe navigation.

 Operating without adherence to safety standards, these ships may be prone to mechanical failures and collisions.

10 Compromised Labor Standards

Exploitation and unsafe conditions for crew members.

 Workers on shadow fleet ships may face poor conditions, unpaid wages, and lack of safety protections.

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