Reflagging Ships Could Be the Answer to Russia’s Blockade of Black Sea Ports

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Such an option could limit the risk of escalation, pressure Russia, and help avert a humanitarian crisis in the Middle East.

Russian President Vladimir Putin continues his war on Ukraine. Russia is now blocking Ukraine's Black Sea ports, which prevents upwards of 25 million tons of grain and other agricultural goods from delivery to international markets. Left unchecked, this will likely create a food crisis due to severe shortages in parts of the Middle East and Africa, which may result in civil conflicts and large-scale migration into Europe. The Russian blockade requires an international response, supported by the U.S. and NATO, that minimizes escalation risk. Reflagging of international merchant vessels could be the answer...

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