

Incident Report :	06/290407
Date/Time of Incident :	29 April 2007 at or about 0540 hrs
Location of incident :	01° 05.60' N, 103° 28.2' E
Area Description :	Karimun Anchorage Area , Indonesia
Name/Type of Ship:	<i>Shoko Maru</i> /Chemical tanker
Details of Incident :	
<p>The tanker was at anchor east of Karimun Island when a duty crew discovered two boats alongside and a rope hooked onto the tanker's railings. There were about six to eight men on board the boats which were black in colour with blue canvas covers. Two of the men waved at the duty crew with iron bars and knives in their hands. The duty crew removed the hook from the railings, informed the bridge and opened the fire hydrant. The ship master raised the alarm and mustered the crew.</p> <p>Four men, armed with iron bars and big spanners, were later found in the engine room. Upon detected, they escaped through the steering gear door. The ship master informed the Indonesian authorities, and a security team from the Indonesian Navy boarded the tanker to conduct investigation. No one was injured, and some engine spares were found missing.</p>	
Reported by :	ISC Focal Point (Japan) ISC Focal Point (Singapore)
Comments by ISC :	Ship masters are advised to maintain vigilance and adopt precautionary measures as this is the second incident that occurred in the vicinity within a week. The Indonesian authorities have been duly informed.