

Incident Report :	05/2008
Date/Time of Incident :	17 April 2008 at 0155 hrs (local time)
Location of incident :	03° 56.31' N, 098° 46.14' E
Area Description :	Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia
Name and Type of Ship:	<i>UBT Bay</i> , Chemical / Oil Tanker
<p>Details of Incident:</p> <p>The <i>UBT Bay</i> was anchored at the anchorage of Belawan, Indonesia while waiting for berth to load cargo of palm oil. Please see location below. At about 0155 hrs on 17 April 2008, four robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker at the forward part of the ship from a small boat.</p> <p>An Ordinary Seaman (O/S) on piracy watch immediately alerted the bridge through walkie talkie when he sighted the robbers at the forecastle. Two of the robbers attacked him with a piece of wood and knives. The O/S was slashed on his arm and back with a knife.</p> <p>On receiving the alert, the Officer of the Watch immediately raised the general alarm, announced over the P.A. system and sounded the ship's horn. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped by jumping into the sea. The crew mustered immediately on the bridge and a security search was conducted. A fire axe and a crowbar were found missing from the forecastle store.</p> <p>The O/S suffered a deep cut on his arm and a slash wound on his back. He was sent to a local hospital for medical treatment.</p>	
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Comments by ISC :

Ship masters are advised to maintain vigilance and enhance piracy watches particularly during hours of darkness.



Approximate location of Incident