

**Incident Report:** 27/2010

**Date/Time<sup>1</sup> of Incident:** 25 Nov 10 at or about 1640 hrs

**Location of incident:** 14° 52' N, 068° 00' E

**Area Description:** Approximately 336 nm west of Mormugao (Goa), India

**Name and Type of Ship:** *Guru Gobind Singh*, Crude oil tanker

## Details of Incident

On 25 Nov 10 at or about 1640 hrs, an Indian-registered crude oil tanker, *Guru Gobind Singh* was underway at approximately 336 nm west of Mormugao (Goa), India (14° 52' N, 068° 00'E) when one small skiff with about seven pirates approached the vessel from stern. Realising the threat, the master immediately raised general alarm and took action in accordance with the industry's BMP including increasing speed and carrying out zigzag manoeuvres. Armed with guns, the pirates approached the vessel from starboard quarter and fired at the vessel causing some bullet scars on the hull. The ship master immediately manoeuvred to take the pirate skiff on the windward side thus making it roll vigorously, compelling the pirates to reduce speed and finally move away from the tanker towards the mother vessel which was seen on the starboard beam at a speed of 8.9 knots. The crew was not injured.

The Indian authorities have despatched air and surface units to the area which lies about 200nm beyond the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone, to prevent any further attacks.

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<sup>1</sup> All timings of incidents in this Incident Alert are expressed in local time.

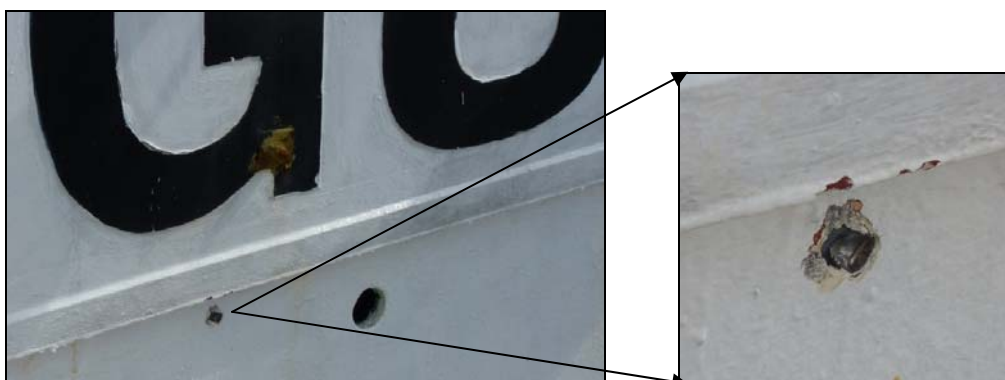




**Pirate Skiff<sup>2</sup>**



**Pirates' Mother Vessel**



**Bullet Scars on the Hull of Tanker**

<sup>2</sup> Photographs courtesy of ReCAAP Focal Point (India)

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## Comments by ReCAAP ISC

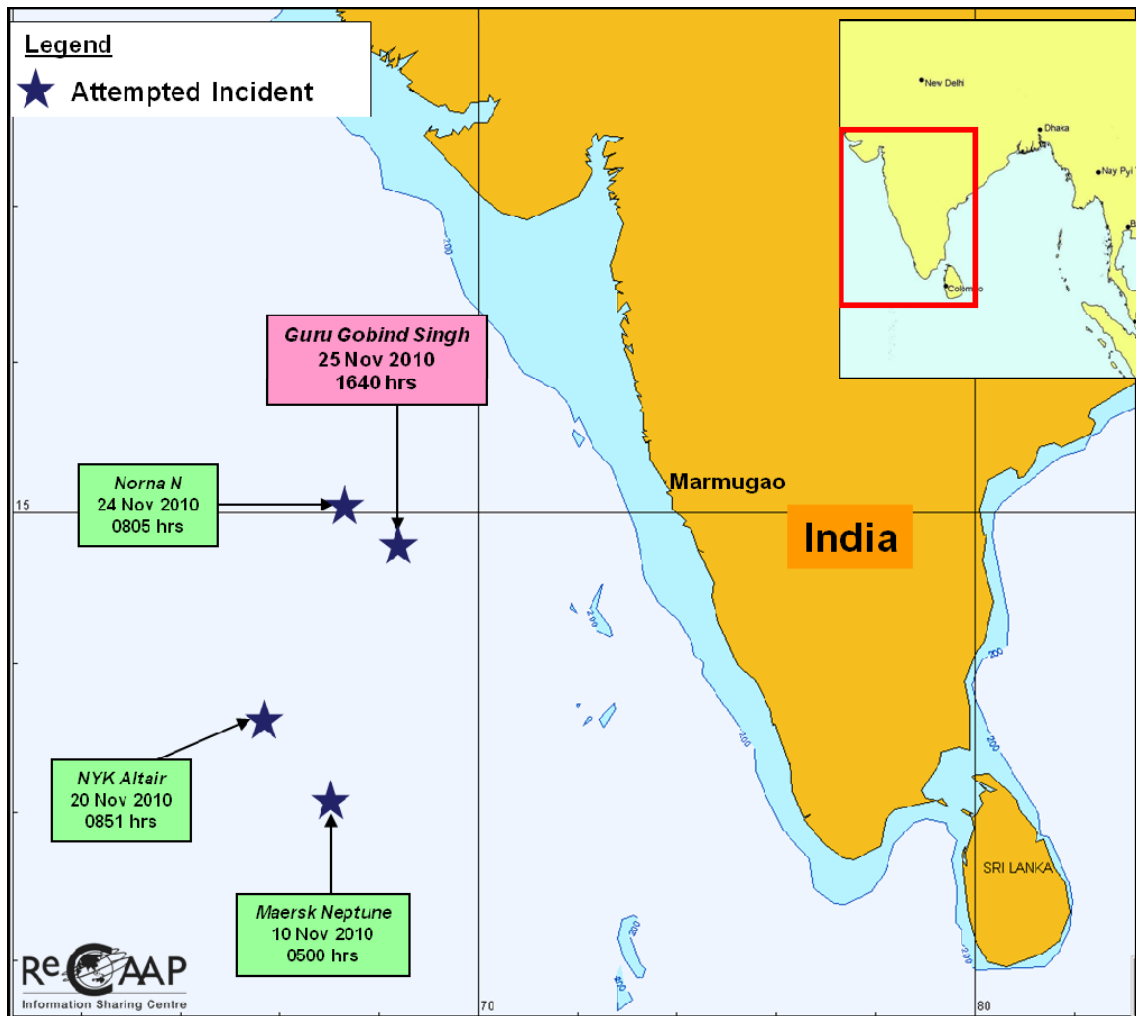
This is the fourth incident reported in the vicinity during November 2010, suspected to be carried out by east African pirates. Refer map below on the approximate locations of the incidents. It has been confirmed that the pirates are operating from a mother vessel (suspected to be MT Polar, hijacked on 30 Oct 2010) and are capable of launching further attacks in the near future. The ReCAAP ISC commends the actions carried out by the masters and crew of the vessels whose vigilant and timely response had averted the hijacking of vessels.

Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution when navigating within 100 nautical miles of the position given in this report and maintain maximum CPA with any ship acting suspiciously especially vessels with speeds under 10 knots. The ReCAAP ISC advises mariners transiting the area to exercise vigilance at all times and adopt adequate boarding protection measures as described in the BMP.

Ship masters are also advised to report all actual and attempted incidents in this vicinity to the MRCC Mumbai immediately at the following contact numbers:

MRCC (Mumbai) Coast Guard Region (West) Mumbai – India E-mail: <a href="mailto:icgmrcc_mumbai@mtnl.net.in">icgmrcc_mumbai@mtnl.net.in</a>	Telephone :  +91-22-2431-6558 +91-22-2437-6133	Fax :  +91-22-24333727 +91-22-24316558
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Approximate location of incidents

