

Incident Alert

Incident Report:	06/2012
Name and Type of Ship:	<i>Budget 19</i> / Tug boat <i>Budget 29</i> / Barge
Date/Time of Incident:	15 May 12 at or about 0550 hrs (local time)
Location of incident:	01° 11.73' N, 103° 39.17' E
Area Description:	Approximately 5.8 nm west-northwest of Raffles Lighthouse

Details of Incident

On 15 May 12 at or about 0550 hrs, a Malaysia-registered tug boat, *Budget 19* towing barge *Budget 29* was underway at approximately 5.8 nm west-northwest of Raffles Lighthouse (01° 11.73' N, 103° 39.17' E) when three robbers boarded *Budget 29* and escaped with some scrap metal and mooring ropes. The crew was not injured.

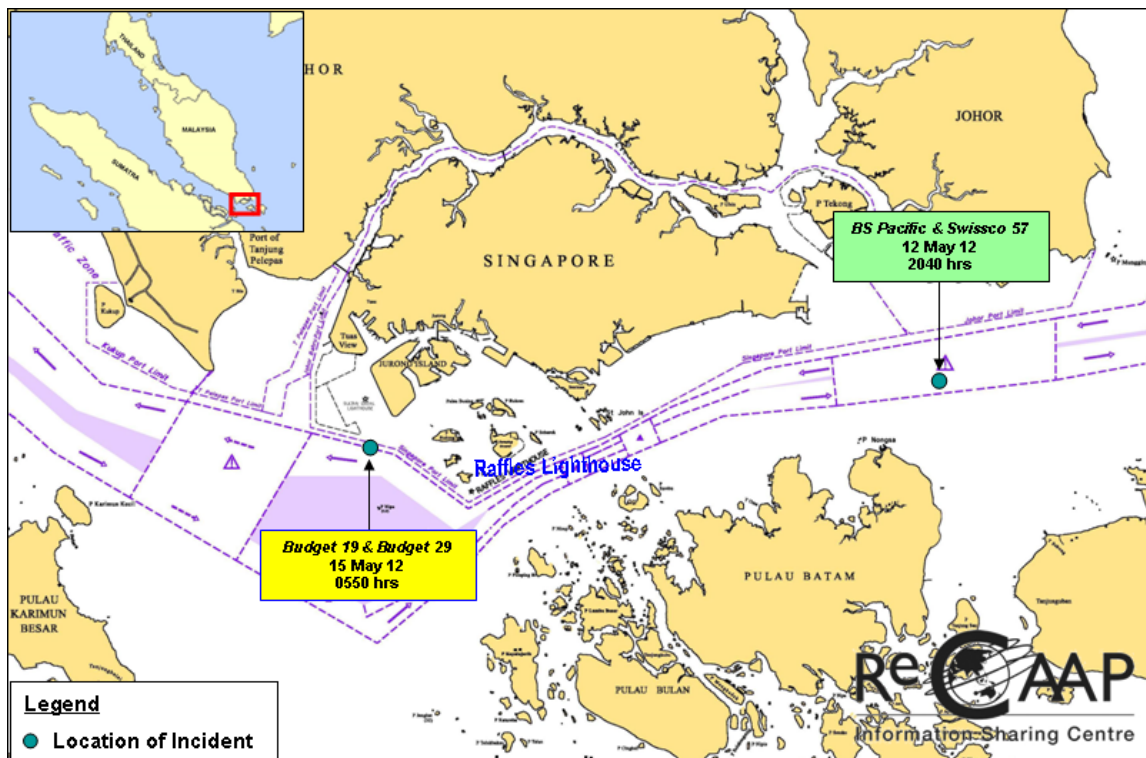
The master reported the incident to the Singapore's Port Operations Control Centre (POCC), which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore), who in turn informed the Information Fusion Centre (IFC) and Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG). The Singapore POCC also initiated a broadcast to alert all vessels about the incident and urge them to step up anti-piracy watch when in the vicinity.

Reported by

ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)

Comments by ReCAAP ISC

This is the second incident reported in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore in the last three days. The first incident reported involved a Singapore-registered tug boat, *BS Pacific* towing barge *Swissco 57* which occurred in the east bound lane of the TSS on 12 May 12. An unknown numbers of robbers boarded the barge and broke open the containers. In both these incidents, the crew was not injured. (See map below on location of the incidents).



Approximate Location of Incidents

Ship masters and crew are advised to exercise enhanced vigilance with all around look-out, and take necessary precautionary measures when operating in the area. The ReCAAP ISC also strongly urges ship masters to report all actual and attempted incidents to the coastal State and flag State immediately.

