

Incident Alert

Incident Report	:	03/2014
Name and Type of Ship	:	<i>Ore Vitoria</i> / bulk carrier <i>Kien San 8</i> / barge <i>Eastern Star</i> / bulk carrier
Date/Time of Incident	:	28 May 14 at 0625 hrs (local time) 28 May 14 at 1042 hrs (local time) 29 May 14 at 0353 hrs (local time)
Location of incident	:	01° 7.07' N, 103° 32.88' E 01° 11.5' N, 103° 38.12' E 01° 6.40' N, 103° 33.13' E
Area Description	:	Southwest of Nipa Anchorage, Indonesia Northwest of Nipa Anchorage, Indonesia Southwest of Nipa Anchorage, Indonesia

Detail of Incidents

1. Three incidents of robbery were reported onboard two bulk carriers and a barge on 28 May 14 and 29 May 14. Occurred in proximity with each other, the incidents are described as follows:

a. On 28 May 14 at or about 0625 hrs (local time), four men boarded a Liberia-registered bulk carrier, *Ore Vitoria* while underway southwest of Nipa Anchorage. Nothing was stolen and the crew was not injured. The master conducted a search of the vessel and confirmed that the men had escaped.

b. On the same day at or about 1042 hrs (local time), a Malaysia-registered tug boat, *Kien San 1* towing barge *Kien San 8* loaded with scrap metal was underway northwest of Nipa Anchorage in the westbound lane when four men boarded the barge from the stern. The master and crew tried to scare away the perpetrators. The Singapore Police Coast Guard deployed a patrol craft to the location of the incident but the men escaped in their small boats. No items were stolen from the barge and the crew was not injured.

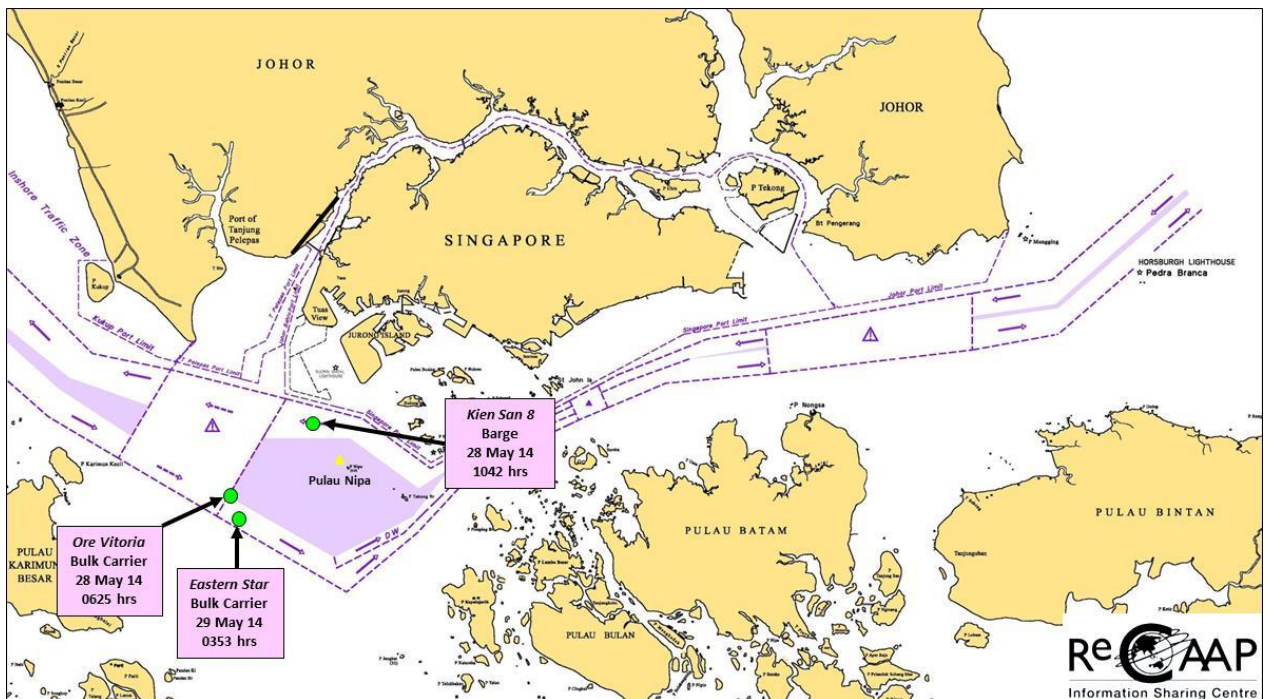
c. On 29 May 14 at or about 0353 hrs (local time), a Vietnam-registered bulk carrier, *Eastern Star* was underway southwest of Nipa Anchorage when four men boarded from the stern of the vessel and went to the engine room. The master conducted a search of the vessel and the four men had escaped. No items were stolen and the crew was not injured.



2. The masters reported the incidents to Singapore VTIS West who notified the Singapore Police Coast Guard, Republic of Singapore Navy and Indonesian authorities; and initiated navigational broadcasts to alert mariners about the incidents.

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Approximate location of incidents

Comments

3. Including these three latest incidents, a total of 14 incidents involving ships while underway had been reported in the vicinity this year, though mostly less significant and of petty theft in nature. In all three incidents, nothing was reported stolen. It is possible that the robbers (no evidence to substantiate that the same group was involved) had boarded one vessel after another when they were unsuccessful in stealing anything from the previous boarding. As such, the ReCAAP ISC encourages all vessels to enhance vigilance while transiting the area, and report all incidents to the nearest coastal State.

