PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA

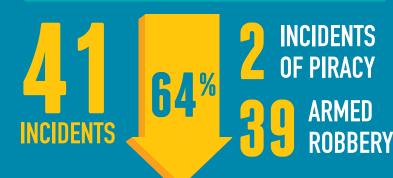


(JANUARY-JUNE 2016)

8 July 2016

LOWEST NUMBER OF INCIDENTS YEAR-ON-YEAR

(FIRST HALF OF 2016)



Decrease by 64% compared to 2015

LOWEST IN OVERALL NUMBERS (AMONG 5-YEAR PERIOD)



CAUSES

IMPROVEMENT IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE



LARGEST DECREASE

- 55 incidents during January–June 2015 to only 1 in 2016
 - Enhanced surveillance and patrol by littoral States
- Incident in 2016 arrest of perpetrators and recovery of stolen item.

NO HIJACKING OF SHIPS FOR OIL CARGO THEFT FOR 8 MONTHS

MONTHS

INCIDENT REPORT September 2015 - April 2016

2 incidents in 2016 compared to 10 in 2015

 One incident foiled by Indonesian authorities (perpetrators arrested and cargo recovered)

PLOCATION AND STATUS OF SHIPS

AT PORTS AND ANCHORAGES

INCIDENTS, MAINLY OPPORTUNISTIC THEFT

OCCURRED IN INDONESIA AND INDIA

UNDERWAY

6 ARE

- Abduction of crew off East Sabah and Southern Philippines (4 incidents)
- Hijacking of ships for oil cargo theft (2 incidents)
- Opportunistic theft (5 incidents)

ABDUCTION OF CREW

- Off East Sabah and Southern Philippines
- 25 crew abducted (4 incidents), 18 released till date

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 The shipping industry is advised to report to Philippine Coast Guard's Operations Centre in Southwestern Mindanao when their ships are transiting in the area for monitoring and for immediate response in any eventualities. Philippine Coast Guard District
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CONCLUSION

- No room for complacency
 - Concern over incidents of abduction of crew
 - Occurrence of hijacking ships for oil cargo theft in May and June
 - Incidents at certain ports and anchorages
- Authorities to step up surveillance, conduct patrols and initiate timely operational responses
- Shipping industry to report all incidents immediately to coastal/flag State and ReCAAP Focal Points, exercise enhanced vigilance and adopt best practices as recommended in the "Regional guide to counter piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia"