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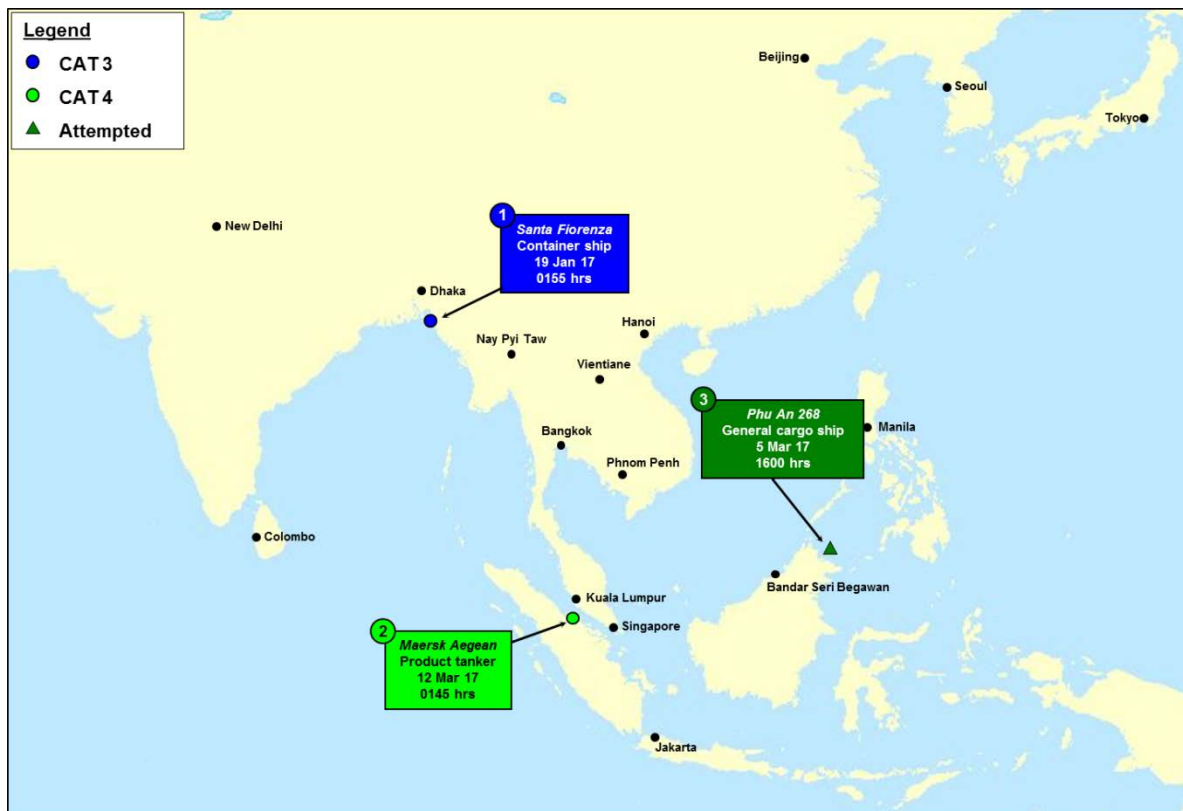
## ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report

### 7 – 13 March 2017

## Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

### OVERVIEW

For the period of 7-13 Mar 17, three incidents of armed robbery against ships were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. Of these, two incidents occurred on board ships while at anchor, and one was an attempted incident involving a container ship while underway off Sandakan, Sabah, East Malaysia. The location of the incidents is shown in the map below and detailed description tabulated in attachment.



Location of incidents (7 – 13 Mar 17)

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The ReCAAP ISC urges ship master and crew to report all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships to the nearest coastal State and flag State, to exercise vigilance and adopt relevant preventive measures taking reference from the *Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia*.

The ReCAAP ISC reiterates its advisory issued via the *ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert* dated 21 November 2016 to all ships to re-route from the area, where possible. Otherwise, ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the Sulu-Celebes Sea and off eastern Sabah region; and report immediately to the following Centres:



Contact details of the Centres

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships  
7 to 13 March 2017**

NO	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Local time of Incident (LT)	Position of the Incident	Details of the Incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or International Organization	Coastal State Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>A. ACTUAL INCIDENT</b>									
1.	<b>Santa Fiorenza</b> Container ship Liberia 21583 9162253	19/1/17 0155 hrs	22° 05.80' N 091° 48.80' E  Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	While at anchor, four armed perpetrators boarded the container ship and stole some ship stores. The master reported the incident to the Bangladesh Coast Guard via VHF Ch 12. Upon receiving the call, the Bangladesh Coast Guard ship, CG <i>Tawheed</i> anchored near the incident area sent a high speed boat to the area. The Bangladesh Coast Guard is investigating the Incident.	Gas cylinders were stolen.  A padlock was broken.	Master reported incident to the Bangladesh Coast Guard.	Yes  Bangladesh Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Bangladesh)	Upon receiving the call via VHF Ch 12, the Coast Guard ship CG <i>Tawheed</i> anchored near the incident area sent a high speed boat to the area. The Bangladesh Coast Guard is investigating the Incident.
2.	<b>Maersk Aegean</b> Product tanker Singapore 23297 9636644	12/3/17 0145 hrs	01° 42.80' N 101° 26' E  Lubuk Gaung, Inner Anchorage, Dumai, Indonesia	While at anchor, the 2 <sup>nd</sup> engineer reported that a portable welding machine, an electric drill and an electric hacksaw were found missing from the engine room workshop. Upon checking, the emergency access to the steering flat was found to be opened. A search was conducted, but no person was found. The agent and port authority were informed.	A portable welding machine, an electric drill and an electric hacksaw were stolen.	A search was conducted	Yes  Reported to port authority and ship agent	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available
<b>B. ATTEMPTED INCIDENT</b>									
3.	<b>Phu An 268</b> General cargo ship Vietnam 1599 9549293	5/3/17 1600 hrs	6° 21' N 118° 9' E  Approximately 15.48 nm northeast of Pulau Libaran, off Sandakan, East Malaysia	A skiff with six perpetrators on board approached and followed the ship for about 1.5 hours. The master and the crew used net and water canon to prevent the perpetrators from getting on board. Then the master informed the local authorities. In response, the Malaysian Royal Navy (RMN) vessel responded and proceeded to the area. The perpetrators escaped.	The crew was not injured.  No items were stolen.	The master conducted anti-piracy action, and reported the incident to RMN.	Yes  Malaysian Royal Navy (RMN)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam)	The RMN responded to the report and proceeded to the area. The perpetrators escaped.