



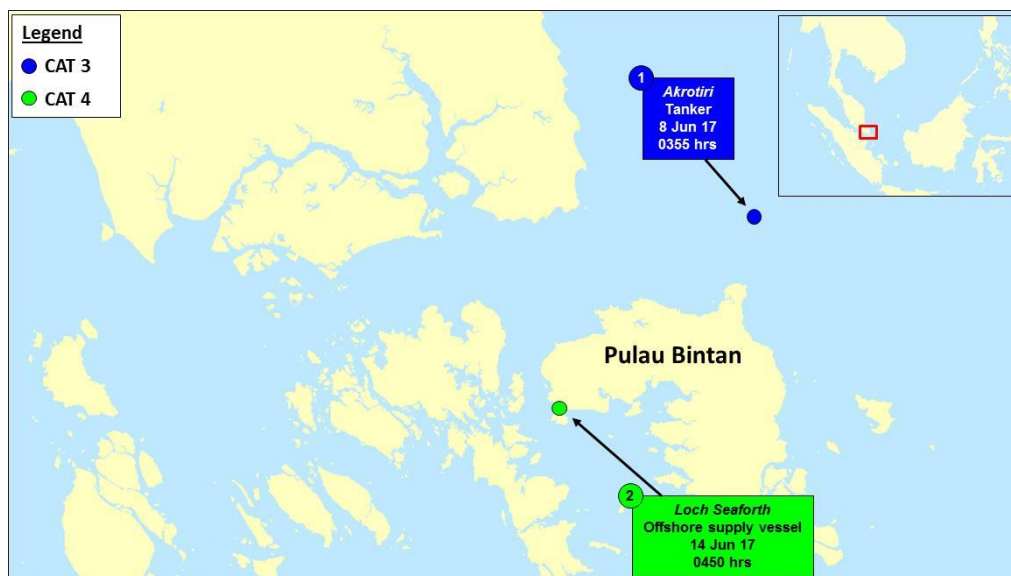
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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

Overview

During 13-19 June 17, two incidents of armed robbery against ships in Asia were reported to the ReCAAP ISC by the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). The locations of the incidents are shown in map below; and detailed descriptions tabulated in attachment.



Location of incidents

Joint Patrols in Sulu Sea

On 19 June 17, the Philippine Department of National Defence (DND) announced that Malaysia, Indonesia and Philippines had launched a trilateral maritime patrol to address the increasing incidence of piracy, armed robbery against ships, kidnapping of crew at sea and other transnational crime along the shared areas of the three countries. Given the vast areas to be patrolled, DND explained that it is necessary for the three countries to join force to ensure that the waters remain safe and secure. The ReCAAP ISC will update on the joint maritime patrol when more information is available.

Update on Royal 16 – Rescue of Crew

The Focal Point (Philippines) reported to the ReCAAP ISC that while the government troops were conducting military operations, they successfully rescued and recovered a crew of a Vietnamese flag bulk carrier, *Royal 16* in Sumipsip, Basilan., Philippines. The crew was abducted at Sibagu Island on 11 Nov 16 (after being held in captivity for more than seven months). Bulk carrier, *Royal 16* was boarded by 10 armed men on 11 Nov 16 who abducted its six crew and wounded two. To date, the remaining **five** crew of *Royal 16* are still being held in captivity. The incident was reported in previous ReCAAP ISC Weekly Reports covering the period 8-14 Nov 16.

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, 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 eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the following Centres:



Contact details of the centres

**Description of Incident of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia
13 - 19 June 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
ACTUAL INCIDENT									
1	Akrotiri Tanker Singapore 25190 9007752	8/6/17 0355 hrs	1°21 ' N, 104° 36' E Off Pulau Bintan (Tanjung Berakit) Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, unknown number of perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship from a boat and grabbed the AB on watch to the engine room. The duty officer suspected that something happened when the duty AB failed to reply thru the handheld radio. While searching for the AB, he spotted a boat alongside the starboard quarter from the bridge wing of the ship. He then raised the alarm which made the robbers left the ship.	The crew was not injured. Some engine spares in the ship's store were stolen.	Raised the alarm. Reported incident to the flag state.	Yes Flag state	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.
2	Loch Seaforth Offshore supply vessel Singapore 10835 9594949	14/6/17 0450 hrs	1°09 ' N, 104° 14.58' E Off Pulau Bintan Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, four perpetrators boarded the ship and escaped immediately upon being sighted by the crew.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen	Sounded ship's whistle and shouted on the perpetrators. Reported incident to the flag state.	Yes Flag state	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.