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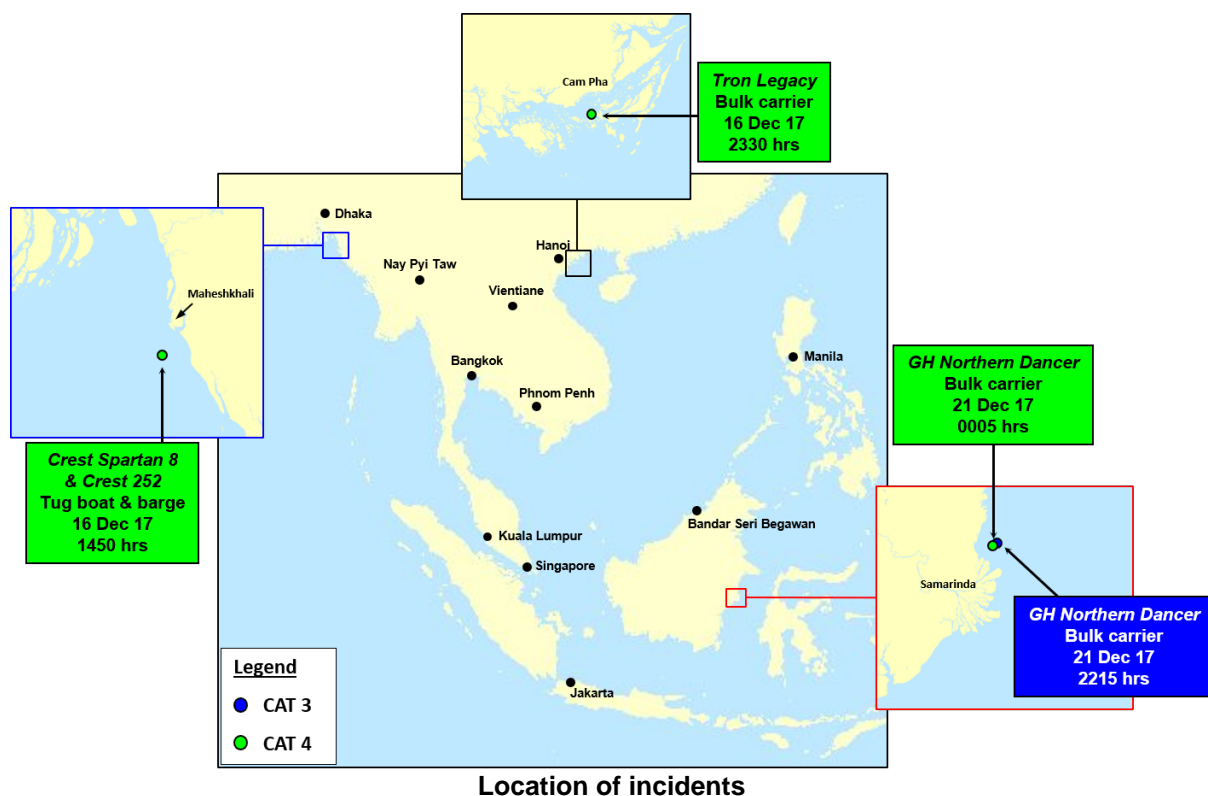
ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report

19-25 December 2017

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

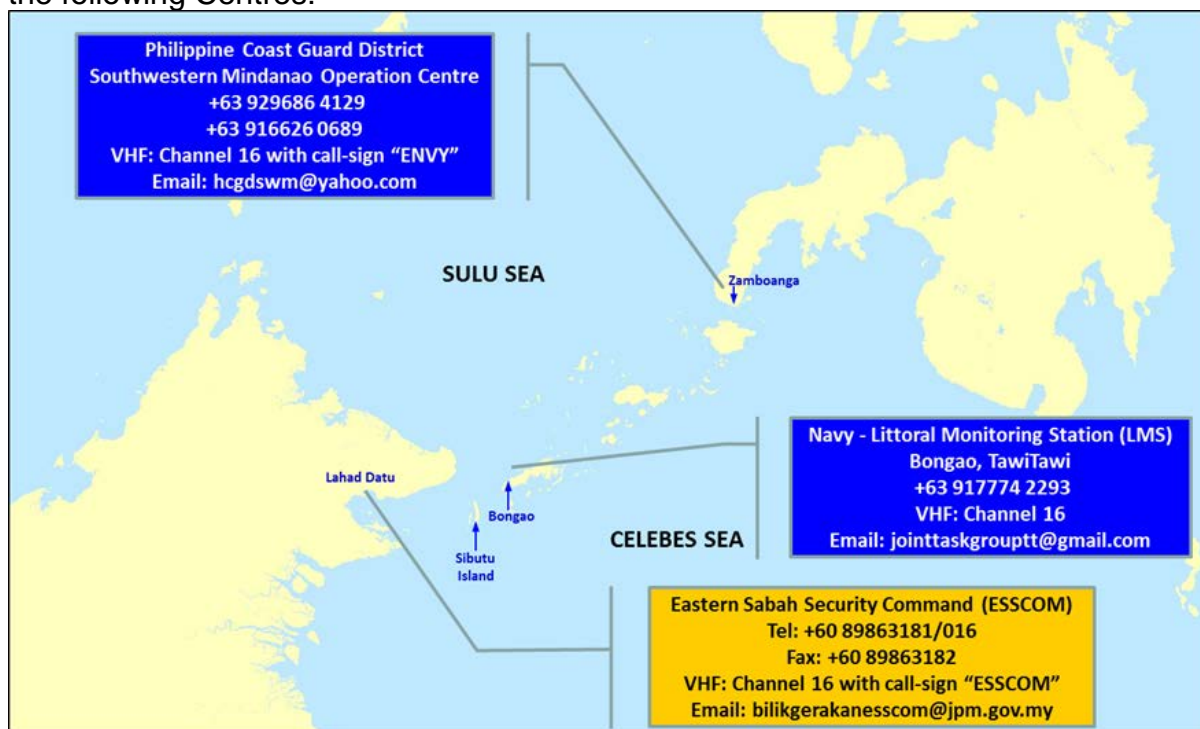
During the period of 19-25 Dec 17, four incidents of armed robbery against ships were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. Of these, two incidents occurred in Muara Berau, Indonesia, one incident in Maheshkhali Island, Bangladesh and one incident in Cam Pha, Vietnam. The location of the four incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.



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 reporting centres

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships
19-25 December 2017**

	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 INCIDENTS									
1	Crest Spartan 8 Tug boat Singapore 595 9596894 Crest 252 Barge	16/12/17 1450 hrs	21° 14.74' N, 91° 47.49' E Approximately 22 nm southwest of Maheshkhali Island, Bangladesh	While approaching Chittagong anchorage area, the crew noticed two fishing boats with eight to ten perpetrators came alongside and boarded the barge which was towed by the tugboat. The master attempted to contact the Chittagong Port Control, but, to no avail. The master and crew continued to monitor the barge and maintain the speed until it reached the anchorage area. Upon investigation, it was found that several items were stolen from the barge. There was no damage to the tug boat, and no injury suffered by the crew.	The crew was not injured. No damage on the tug boat and barge but several items including chaffing chain, PP rope, life buoy, etc., were stolen from the barge.	Attempted to contact the Chittagong Port Control.	Yes Local port authorities	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information given.
2	Tron Legacy Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 33044 9618513	16/12/17 2330 hrs	20° 53.8' N, 107° 16.6' E Hon Net Anchorage area, Cam Pha, Vietnam	While at anchor, the duty AB on watch noticed six perpetrators speaking Vietnamese near the paint store and several others on the forecastle deck. Initially, the crew thought that that they were the stevedores, but when he saw one of them carrying a bucket of paint from the paint store, he suspected they were thieves. The crew informed the duty officer who later informed the master. The crew made a public announcement, raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Upon hearing the alarm, the perpetrators escaped via cargo barge moored alongside their green boat which was waiting for them. The	The crew was not injured. The locking device of paint store was damaged. About 882 litres of paints were stolen.	The crew informed the duty officer who alerted the master. The announcement was made, alarm raised and crew mustered. The master also reported the incident to the local authorities.	Yes Local port authorities	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam)	The Port Facility Security Officer (FPSO) is investigating the incident.

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				perpetrators escaped with 882 liters of paint. The master informed the authorities. Investigation is ongoing.					
3	GH Northern Dancer Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 36396 9724764	21/12/17 0005 hrs	0° 13.74' S, 117° 34.40' E Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, East Kalimantan, Indonesia	While at anchor, the crew sighted three perpetrators near the forecastle deck and forward of No. 1 Ch. Upon realizing the crew had been alerted, the perpetrators escaped in a small boat alongside the ship. The alarm was raised and upon inspection, two mooring rope were found stolen from the fore peak store. The crew was not injured.	The crew was not injured. The lock to the fore peak store was broken. Two mooring ropes were stolen.	Alarm raised and inspection conducted.	Yes Muara Berau Port Control	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Indonesian authority is investigating the incident.
4	GH Northern Dancer Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 36396 9724764	21/12/17 2215 hrs	0° 13.74' S, 117° 34.40' E Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, East Kalimantan, Indonesia	While at anchor, four perpetrators armed with long knives boarded the ship through the port anchor hawse pipe via anchor chain. The crew sighted the perpetrators and the alarm was raised. Upon realizing the crew had been alerted, the perpetrators escaped immediately. The crew was mustered and a security check on board the ship was conducted. Nothing was stolen and the crew was not injured. This is the second time that <i>GH Northern Dancer</i> was boarded on the same day. The first boarding occurred on the early morning of 21 Dec 17 (refer to s/n 2 of this report).	The crew was not injured. Nothing was stolen.	The alarm was raised, crew mustered and a security check on board the ship was conducted.	Yes Muara Berau Port Control	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Indonesian authority is investigating the incident.