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ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 18-24 Sep 18

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 18-24 Sep 18, two incidents of armed robbery against ships in Asia were reported to ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed description of the incidents is tabulated in attachment.



Location of incidents

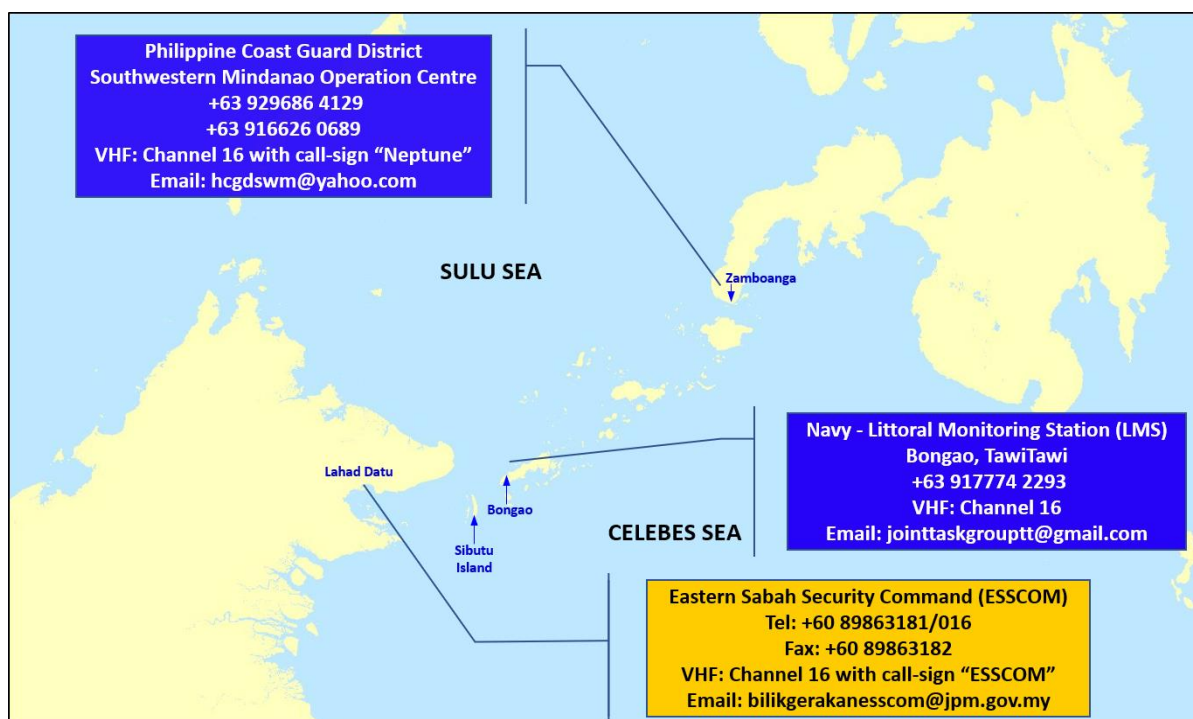
INCIDENT OCCURRED OUTSIDE ASIA

Included in this report is an incident of armed robbery against ships occurred outside Asia. The incident occurred on 21 Sep 18 in SAA Anchorage, Lagos, Nigeria. The incident was reported to ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).

SITUATION OF ABDUCTION OF CREW IN THE SULU-CELEBES SEAS

The abductors of the two Indonesian fishermen of *Sri Dewi 1* who were kidnapped by armed men in waters off Semporna on 11 Sep 18 had reportedly demanded for a ransom of RM 4 million for their release according to a media report.¹ The incident involving *Sri Dewi 1* was the first actual abduction of crew reported in 2018 in waters in Sulu-Celebes Seas and off eastern Sabah. The last actual incident reported to ReCAAP ISC occurred on board *Super Shuttle Tug 1* on 23 Mar 17, and the last attempted incident occurred on board *Kudos 1* on 16 Feb 18.

As the threat of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and off eastern Sabah remains, ReCAAP ISC maintains its advisory issued via the *ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert* dated 21 November 2016 to all ships to reroute from the area, where possible. Otherwise, ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the Sulu-Celebes Seas and eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the Centres as shown in map below.



Contact details of the reporting centres

RECOMMENDATION

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*.

¹ *Kidnappers demanding RM4 million ransom for fishermen, says cop*. Published on 25 September 2018 at <https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2018/09/25/kidnappers-demanding-rm4-million-ransom-for-fishermen-say-cops/>

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships
18-24 September 2018**

| | 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 |
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| ACTUAL INCIDENT IN ASIA | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Hako Bulk carrier Malta 35873 9691814 | 18 /9/18 0415 hrs | 5 °48.45 'N, 118° 4.9'E Sandakan Berth no. 1 AB, Malaysia | While at berth, a perpetrator climbed up the ship from a craft via the portside anchor chain. Another two perpetrators were waiting in the craft. | No items were stolen The crew was not injured. | Reported the incident to Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) and local agent. Made additional lashing arrangement for hawse pipe cover, reassessed security measures and implemented additional measures to avoid reoccurrence. Continued manning in forecandle deck and debriefed all crew. | Yes PFSO and local agent | ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong) | PFSO visited the ship and informed the ship that the port security was strengthened. |
| 2. | Maregas LPG Panama 5958 | 19 /9/18 0445 hrs | 1 °14.87 'N, 103° 57.92'E Westbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS), Singapore Strait | While sailing, three perpetrators were sighted at the stern of the ship. The Chief Engineer sustained injuries to his face and hands after the perpetrators confronted him and forcibly took his gold chain. A wooden pole was used by the perpetrators. The perpetrators made their escape when the alarm was raised. Remaining crew are safe with no injury. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS). | The Chief Engineer was assaulted and sustained injuries to his face and hands. The remaining crew was safe. A gold chain belonging to the chief engineer was stolen. | Master informed Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System via VHF. Master raised alarm upon the report from the Chief Engineer. Crew was mustered to conduct security search after the perpetrators made their escape. | Yes Singapore VTIS | | VTIS notified the Singapore Police Coast Guard and Republic of Singapore Navy and initiated the safety navigational broadcast of the incident. Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship upon her arrival in Singapore for security search and investigation. RCC Basarnas and MRCC Putra Jaya were informed accordingly. |

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| INCIDENTS OUTSIDE ASIA | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | BW Puma Petroleum/ Chemical tanker Singapore 29737 9635810 | 21/9/18 0100 hrs | 6° 16.51 ' N 3°13.15' E SAA Anchorage, Lagos, Nigeria | <p>While at anchor, the AB who conducted a round saw two boats close to ship's anchor chain. He immediately reported to the bridge, raised the alarm and verbally chased the boats away.</p> <p>At No.1 port cargo tank, the AB found two perpetrators hiding in structures on deck. He shouted at the perpetrators who ran to No.1 port side and jumped overboard using a rope.</p> <p>The crew was mustered at secondary muster station and search was conducted.</p> <p>During the search, it was found out that the No. 1 port ullage port was opened. The vapour lock was closed to avoid IG leakage and manual unlacing of cargo tanks commenced. The side of ship was checked for traces of any pipe for transfer of cargo, but none was found. There was also no oil sheen found around vessel nor on deck.</p> <p>The master reported the incident to the Nigerian Naval Service (NNS). A NNS Vision patrol boat came alongside the ship. The Navy was apprised of the situation on board.</p> | <p>The crew was not injured.</p> <p>No item was stolen.</p> | <p>The crew raised the alarm and performed ship search.</p> <p>The master reported the incident to the Nigerian Naval Service (NNS) who dispatched a patrol boat.</p> <p>The CSO was also informed of the situation.</p> | No information available | ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) | The NNS patrol boat came alongside the ship, checked on the situation and presence of small boats. |