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ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report

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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During the period of 22-28 May 18, four incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. Of these, one was a piracy incident and three were incidents of armed robbery against ships. The location of the incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.



Locations of incident

Incident occurred outside Asia

Included in this report was an incident of armed robbery against ship occurred in Lagos, Nigeria on 23 May 18. The incident was reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (United Kingdom).

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*.

Situation of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas

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 Seas 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
22-28 May 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
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
ACTUAL INCIDENTS IN ASIA									
1.	<i>Bigroll Beaufort</i> Heavy transport vessel Netherlands 23134 9766841	30/04/18 0001 hrs	1° 24.7' N, 104° 46.8' E Approximately 16 nm northeast of Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia (SCS)	While at anchor, the bosun discovered the padlock of the paint store was broken and the door left open. Further investigation revealed that the padlocks of the garbage room, oxygen locker, acetylene locker and the bunker station were also broken and the doors were left open. However, nothing was missing. The crew was not injured.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.	An extensive investigation of the whole ship was done by the crew.	Not known	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Netherlands)	No information available.
2.	<i>Kirana Santya</i> Product tanker Singapore 13201 9667277	16/05/18 0345 hrs	1° 6.25' N, 104° 11.17' E Tanjung Uban Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, the master reported that a set of breathing apparatus (BA) compressor was found missing and the padlock was broken. Subsequent investigation and review of the footage from CCTV revealed the presence of two perpetrators at the poop deck. About 10 minutes later, a wooden boat appeared passing near the poop deck from stern. Another three perpetrators climbed up the ship from starboard side. The perpetrators were believed to have gained access to the ship unnoticed by the duty officer and A/B. The crew was not injured.	The crew was not injured. A set of breathing apparatus (BA) compressor was stolen. A padlock was broken.	No information available.	Yes Flag State (Singapore)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.

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3.	Clover Colossus Bulk carrier Singapore 31545 9748758	20/05/18 0230 hrs	5° 52.3' S, 106° 4.8' E Merak Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, three perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship by climbing up the portside poop deck using a hook and rope. The duty A/B spotted the perpetrators who were approaching him from starboard aft of cargo hold 5. The perpetrators threatened the duty A/B with a knife when he tried to use his handheld radio to call for assistance. While the duty A/B was being held by one of the perpetrators, the other two perpetrators entered the accommodation area. Some minutes later, the three perpetrators jumped into a waiting boat and escaped. Some engine spare parts were stolen.	The duty A/B was threatened with knife by the perpetrators. Some engine spare parts were stolen.	Enhanced deck watchkeeping was implemented after the incident.	Yes Flag State (Singapore)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.
ATTEMPTED INCIDENT IN ASIA									
4.	Vela Ocean Bulk carrier Singapore 30006 9480966	06/05/18 2125 hrs	22° 15' N, 91° 18.13' E Chittagong Alpha Anchorage, Bangladesh	While at anchor, the duty watchmen spotted seven perpetrators attempting to board the ship. The duty officer sounded the general alarm immediately, followed by a public announcement to alert crew of the situation. The crew was mustered at the ship's office while the duty watchmen entrapped the perpetrators, resulting in a futile boarding attempt. The perpetrators eventually jumped overboard and escaped. The crew was not injured and nothing was stolen.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.	The general alarm was sounded, a public announcement was made and crew was mustered.	Yes Flag State (Singapore)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.

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INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA									
1.	Maersk Tangier Chemical tanker Singapore 29445 9726451	23/05/18 2310 hrs	6° 15.9' N, 3° 12.2' E Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	While at anchor, a perpetrator was sighted on deck and the crew raised the alarm. The perpetrator jumped overboard immediately and escaped in a waiting skiff, with another perpetrator on board. The crew was not injured and nothing was stolen.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.	The alarm was raised.	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (United Kingdom)	No information available.