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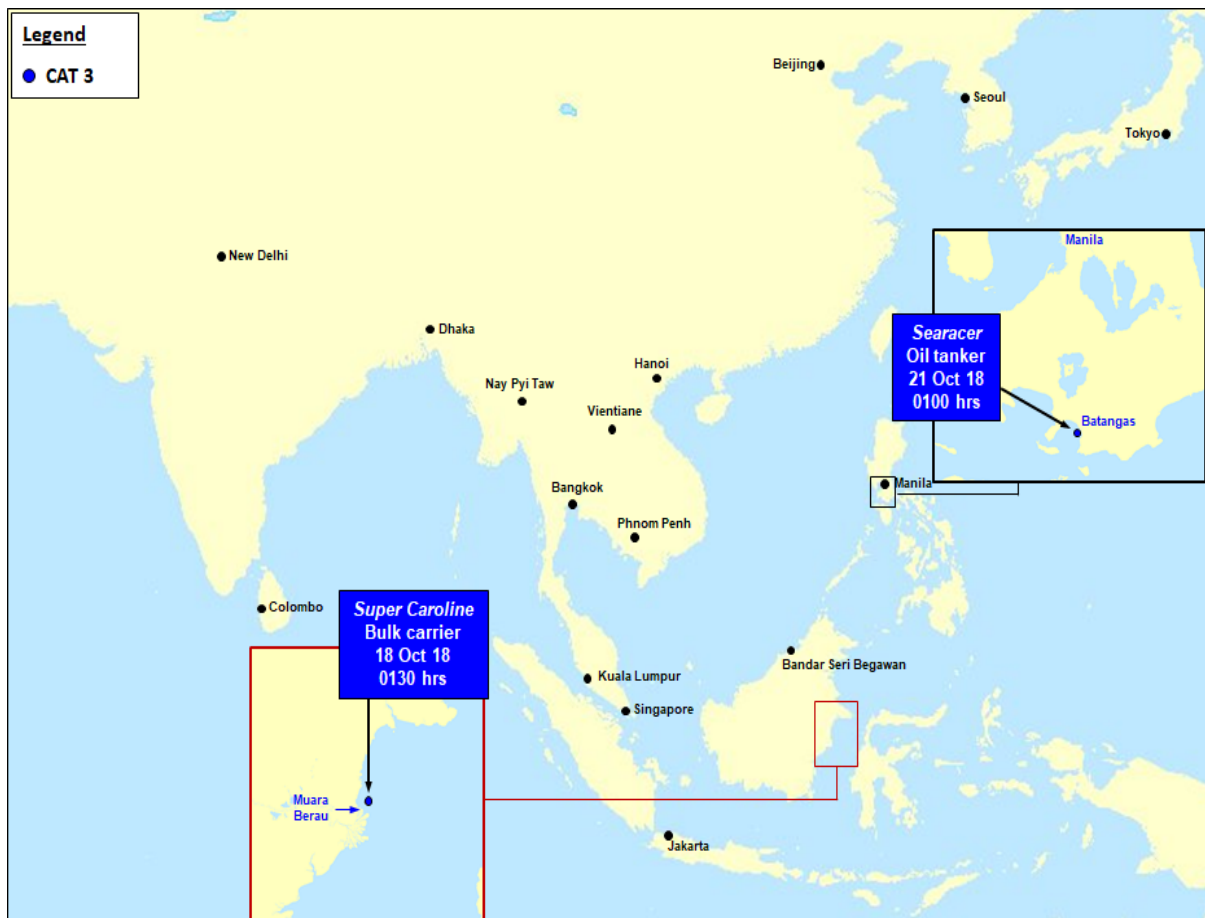
ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report

23-29 October 2018

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 23-29 Oct 18, two incidents of armed robbery against ships were reported to ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incidents is shown in map below; and detailed description of the incidents is tabulated in attachment.

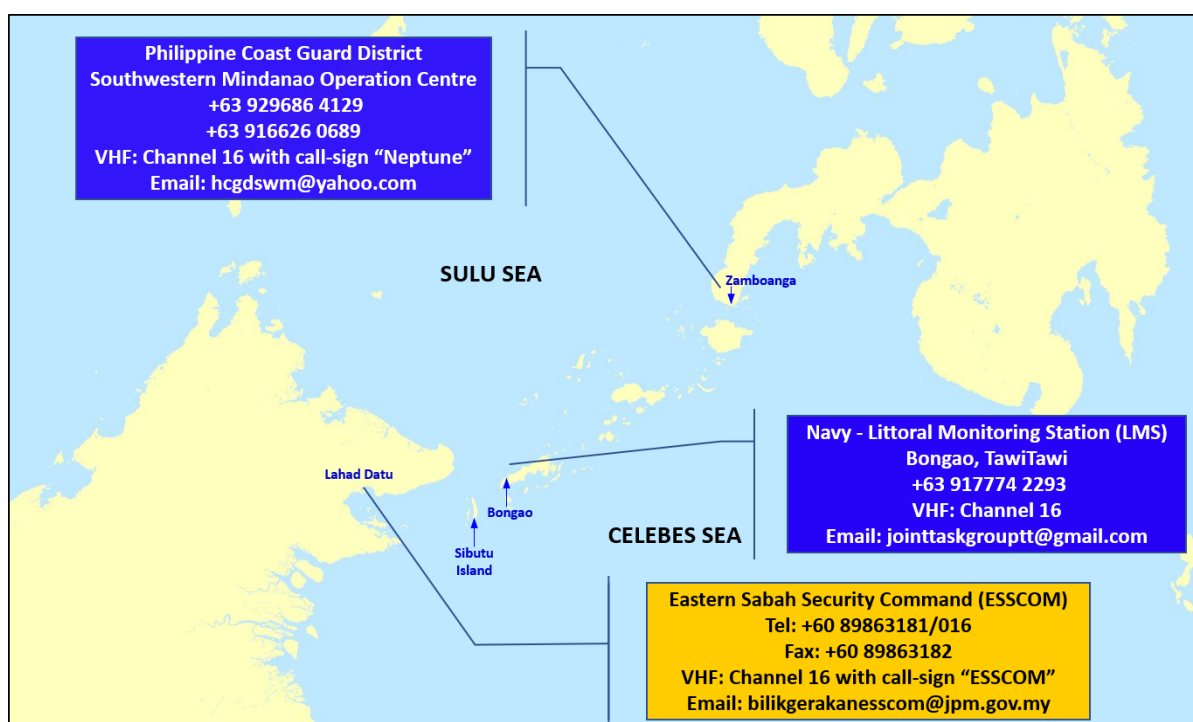


Location of incidents

SITUATION OF ABDUCTION OF CREW IN THE SULU-CELEBES SEAS AND WATERS OFF EASTERN SABAH

The ReCAAP ISC has issued a Warning based on information received from Philippine Focal Point (Philippine Coast Guard) that a group of about 10 ASG (Abu Sayyaf Group) members armed with pistols, rifles and grenade launcher is planning to conduct kidnapping activities at an opportune time in undisclosed areas in Sabah. They are using unmarked coloured blue and white motorbanca, locally known as jungkong, and targeting businessmen or ship's crew of foreign vessels passing through the area.

As the threat of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and waters 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*.

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships
23-29 October 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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
ACTUAL INCIDENTS IN ASIA									
1	MT Searacer Oil tanker Malta 84598 9227443	21/10/18 0100 hrs	13° 43.66' N 121° 1.84' E Tabangao Customary Anchorage, Batangas, Philippines	While at anchor, the security personnel sighted two perpetrators armed with knives at the forecastle of the ship. The duty officer sounded the ship's alarm, and the perpetrators escaped in their motor boat.	The crew was not injured. Six scupper plugs, two fire hose nozzles and 15 hydrant caps were stolen.	The duty officer sounded the ship's alarm.	Yes Philippine Coast Guard Station, Batangas	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	The Coast Guard Sub-Station Batangas City and personnel from Port State Control Centre Batangas boarded the ship and investigated the incident. The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) advised the master to be extra vigilant and to take precautionary measures when at the anchorage area and to report any incident immediately to the nearest Coast Guard unit for immediate response.
2	Super Caroline Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 21192 9316983	18/10/18 0130 hrs.	0° 15' S 117° 35.8 E Muara Berau Anchorage, East Kalimantan, Indonesia	While at anchor, two perpetrators armed with machetes boarded the ship through the anchor chain. Two other perpetrators were on standby onboard a motorized boat. The duty A/B, upon seeing the two perpetrators on the forward deck, immediately informed the duty officer who sounded the alarm and mustered the crew. The chief mate and other crew rushed to the scene. The duty officer informed the pilot station through VHF as well as the ship's agent.	The crew was not injured. Padlocks were damaged and three mooring ropes were stolen.	The duty officer sounded the alarm and informed the pilot station as well as the ship's agent. The chief mate and other crew rushed to the scene.	Yes Local Pilot Station	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	The local pilot station made initial inquiry about the incident.