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ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report

26 June- 2 July 2018

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 26 Jun- 2 Jul 18, two incidents of armed robbery against ships were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed description of the incidents is tabulated in attachment.

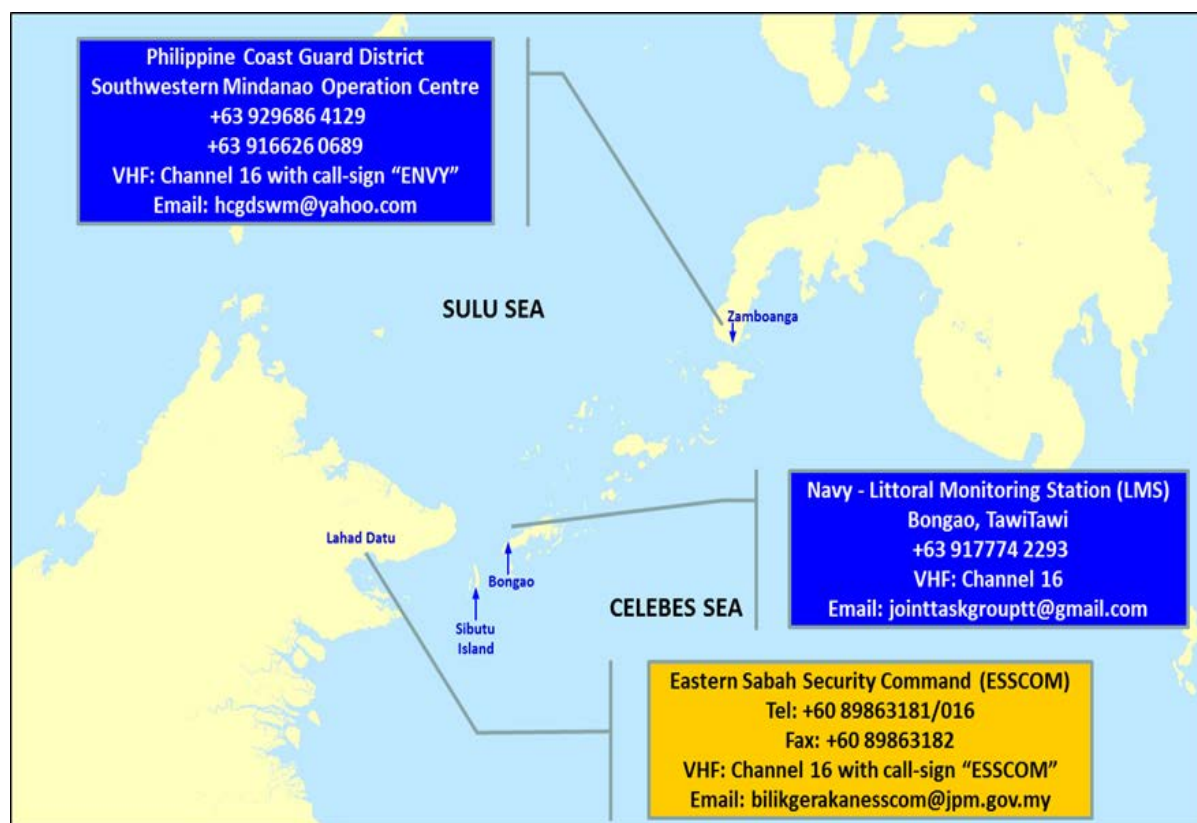


RECOMMENDATIONS

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*.

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
26 June- 2 July 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>Captain Vangelis L</i> Buk carrier Liberia 88420 9450868	28/03/18 0710 hrs	1° 16.5' S, 117° 41.5' E Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, four perpetrators onboard a small boat approached the ship. Two robbers boarded while another two were waiting in the boat. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and immediately raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty-handed.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen	Duty crew raised the alarm.	No information available.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.
2.	<i>Sung Fatt 31</i> Tugboat Malaysia 135 <i>Sung Fatt 38</i> Barge Malaysia 135	03/7/18 1320 hrs	1° 12.57'N, 103° 33.77' E 4.6 nm SE of Tanjung Piai, Malaysia In the wet bound lane of the main strait,	While sailing, ten perpetrators from six sampans boarded the barge that was being towed by the tugboat. This incident was confirmed by the Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG) who informed relevant law enforcement agencies. The Singapore Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) informed the tug master who raised the alarm and the perpetrators escaped with some scrap metal from the barge. All crew are safe with no injury.	The crew was not injured. Scrap metals were stolen from the towed barged.	The tugboat master sounded the alarm.	Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) via VHF and other law enforcement authorities.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Singapore PCG confirmed the incident and initiated the safety navigational broadcast. Singapore (VTMS) raised communication with the tug master. Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) was notified and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were informed.