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ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 27 February to 5 March 2018

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During the period of 27 Feb- 5 March 18, three incidents of armed robbery against ships were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. No piracy incident was reported. The location of the incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.



Location of incident

Also included in this report is an incident of armed robbery against ships that occurred outside Asia (Anchorage H, Port Au Prince, Haiti) on 22 Feb 18. The incident was reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). Detailed description of the incident is 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
27 February- 5 March 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
INCIDENTS IN ASIA									
1	Port Hainan Bulk carrier Hong Kong 33036 9456422	31/1/18 0455 hrs	21°48' N, 91° 48' E Kutubdia Anchorage B, Bangladesh	While at anchor, five perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship from a boat. They threatened the Duty AB, who managed to escape and raise the alarm. Seeing that the crew had been alerted, the perpetrators escaped with ship stores and ropes. The crew reported the incident to the Chittagong Port Control via VHF. The Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG) boarded the ship to conduct an investigation. They managed to recover the stolen items and returned them to the ship at 1630 hrs on the same day.	The crew was not injured. Ship stores and rope were stolen but returned to the ship on the same day.	Reported the incident to the local port control.	Yes Chittagong Port Control and Bangladesh Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Bangladesh)	The Bangladesh Coast Guard investigated the incident, recovered the stolen items and returned them to the ship on the same day of the incident.
2	Globe Explorer Bulk carrier Panama 17027 9675561	1/2/18 0210 hrs	10°39' N, 107° 1' E Godau Port, Vietnam	While at anchor, two perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship. They held the bosun hostage, threatened, injured him with a knife and tied him up. The bosun managed to free himself and informed the master who raised the alarm and mustered the crew. A search was conducted, and some ship stores were found missing. The incident was reported to the port authorities who boarded the ship to conduct an investigation. The bosun was sent ashore for medical treatment.	The bosun was held hostage, threatened, injured with a knife and tied up by the perpetrators. Ship stores were found missing.	The master raised the alarm, mustered the crew and conducted a search on board. Reported the incident to the port authorities	Yes Port authorities	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan) and Focal Point (Vietnam)	The port authorities boarded the ship to investigate.

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3	Tiberius Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 21163 9665841	11/2/18 0120 hrs	22°7' N, 91°43' E Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	While at anchor, five perpetrators in a boat boarded the ship from the port side using a hook. The perpetrators stole a rope and escaped. The incident was reported to the port control who informed the Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG). The BCG conducted a search in the vicinity and recovered the stolen rope and returned it to the ship.	The crew was not injured. A 20 metre rope was stolen but later recovered and returned to the ship.	Reported the incident to the port authorities	Yes Chittagong Port Control and Bangladesh Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Bangladesh)	The Port control reported the incident to the BCG. The BCG searched the beach area and recovered the 20 metre rope and handed it back to the ship.
INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA									
4	Maersk Maya Tanker Singapore 26900 9367750	22/2/18 0025 hrs	18°34.16' N, 72° 24.29' W Anchorage H, Port Au Prince, Haiti	While at anchor, the security on watch sighted some perpetrators armed with gun (s) at the ship's forecastle area. The alarm was raised and general alarm was sounded. One of the perpetrators allegedly fired a shot at the deck crew. The crew then hid inside the accommodation for their safety. The perpetrators cut the mooring rope eye and left the ship. No crew was injured. The crew reported the incident to the local authorities via VHF.	The crew was not injured. The ship's mooring rope eye was cut.	The crew raised the alarm, sounded the general alarm and reported the incident to the local authorities.	Yes Flag State and local authorities	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.