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## ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report

### 31 Jul-6 Aug 18

## Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

### OVERVIEW

During 31 Jul- 6 Aug 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.



Location of incidents

## Incidents occurred outside Asia

Included in this report are two incidents of armed robbery against ships occurred at Apapa, Lagos in Nigeria on 24 Apr 18 and in Georgetown, Guyana on 26 Jul 18. Both incidents were reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).

## SITUATION OF ABDUCTION OF CREW IN THE SULU-CELEBES SEAS

The last actual incident of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebs Seas occurred on 23 Mar 17 and the last attempted incident on 16 Feb 18. However, as the threat of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas is not eliminated, 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 following Centres:



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  
31 July-6 August 2018**

	<b>Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number</b>	<b>Date Local time of Incident (LT)</b>	<b>Position of the Incident</b>	<b>Details of the Incident</b>	<b>Consequences for crew, ship, cargo</b>	<b>Action taken by the master and crew</b>	<b>Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?</b>	<b>Reporting State or International Organization</b>	<b>Coastal State Action Taken</b>
<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>
<b>ACTUAL INCIDENTS IN ASIA</b>									
1.	<b>Mykonos</b> Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 23456 9450791	28/07/18 2100 hrs	13° 44.4' N, 121° 1.9' E  Mabini Batangas Anchorage Area, Philippines	While at anchor, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded the ship, stole two pieces of fire nozzle cover and escaped.	Two pieces of nozzle cover were stolen.  The crew was not injured.	No information available.	No information available.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	Philippine Coast Guard advised the ship to take precautionary measures.
2.	<b>SFL Tyne</b> Bulk carrier Hong Kong 19998 9594535	3/08/18 0300 hrs	6° 2.2' S 106° 53.4' E  About 2.6nm north of Tanjung Priok Port, Indonesia	While at anchor, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded the ship and proceeded to the engine room. They stole some engine spares and escaped.	Engine spares consisting of piston and turbo charger cartridge for auxiliary engine were stolen.  The crew was not injured.	The master mustered the crew and the crew conducted a search.	Yes  Reported the incident to the Port Facility Security Officer	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	Followed up with the local ship's agent.
<b>INCIDENTS OUTSIDE ASIA</b>									
3.	<b>Asia Ruby 1</b> Bulk carrier Singapore 36427 9669378	24/04/18 0415 hrs	6° 27' N 3° 23' E  Lagos Apapa ENL Terminal, Berth No. 8, Nigeria	While at anchor, four perpetrators armed with knives boarded the forward part of the ship from a skiff.  The crew suspected that the perpetrators came on board with assistance of stevedores who opened the razor wire and attached line to the ship's railing by lowering it down to waterline to allow the perpetrators to climb onto deck.  The perpetrators were not able to steal ship stores as all compartments were locked and secured. They approached the duty	The duty watchman was threatened with knife and the perpetrators forcibly took his mobile phone and VHF radio.	The master reported the incident to APAPA Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) and the ship's agent.  The ship tightened the security measures on the ship to a higher extent with double watchmen patrol.  Additional layer of barbed wire and strict gangway control where only	Yes  Reported the incident to the Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	PFSO searched the area but were not able to identify the perpetrators' boat nor recover the stolen items.  PFSO warned the master about the lack of security protection from the sea side and that more could be done by the terminal security personnel to control the shore side and the gates.

				<p>watchman in hold No. 1 and threatened him with knife. They took his mobile phone and VHF radio and then ran away from the port side using the rope hanging down to a boat.</p> <p>When the last perpetrator was on the rope, the AB shouted at the stevedores and called the crew for assistance. The Master notified the APAPA Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) about the incident by radio and phone. The agent was also informed.</p>		<p>authorised stevedores as per stevedores list and valid worker's ID were allowed on board.</p>			
4.	<p><b>Toronto Trader</b> Container ship Singapore 9932 9675822</p>	<p>26/07/18 0100 hrs</p>	<p>6° 48.4' N 68° 10.07 ' W</p> <p>At berth at JFTL terminal in Georgetown, Guyana</p>	<p>Prior to departure from the terminal, it was discovered that the paint store and the bosun store were broken. Some paint, a mooring rope and some rubber gasket material were found missing. The local authorities were informed, however, the vessel was required to sail prior to their boarding.</p>	<p>The following items were stolen: 1) 1.750 L of paint in drums; 2) new 64mm 8-strand 220m mooring rope; and 3) 20 m rubber gasket material.</p> <p>The crew was not injured.</p>	<p>Reported the incident to the local authorities.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Local authorities</p>	<p>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)</p>	<p>No information available.</p>