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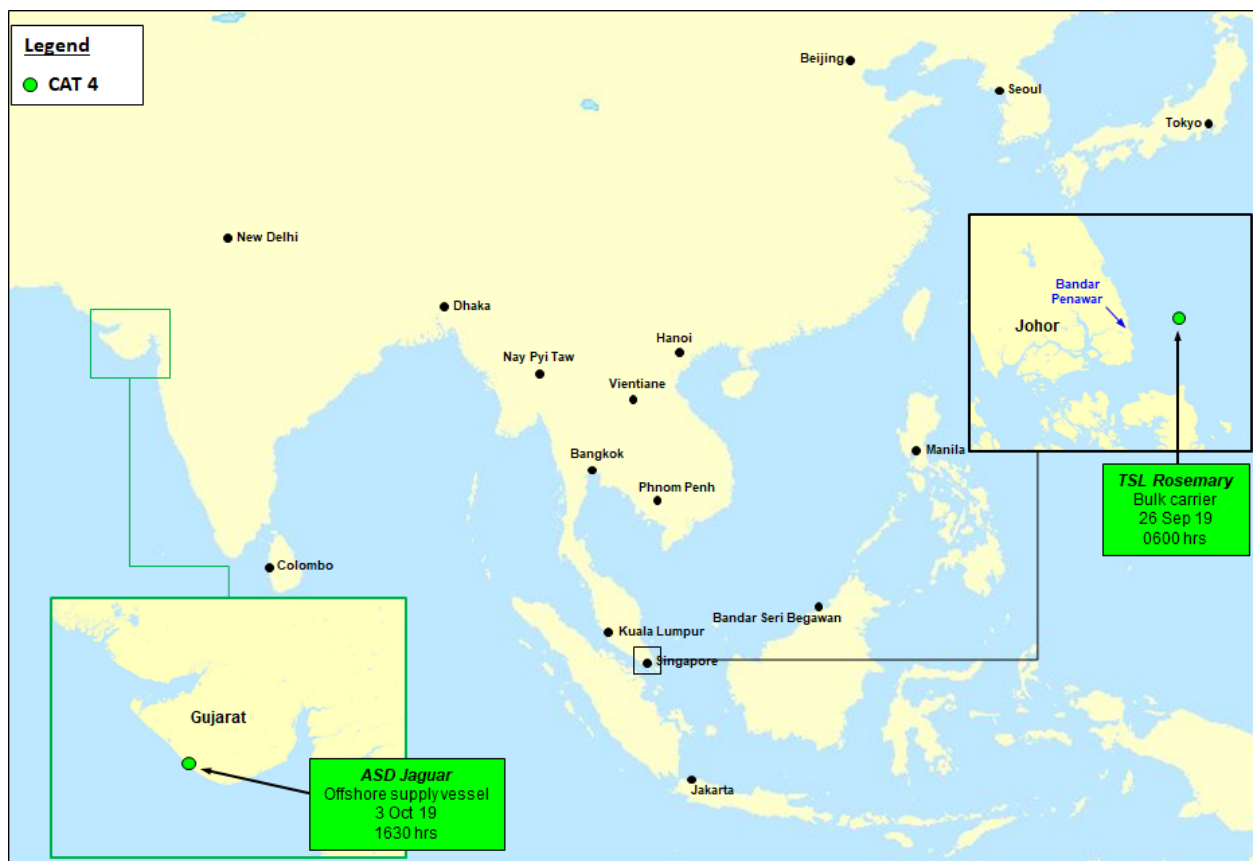
ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report

1-7 October 2019

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 1-7 Oct 19, one incident of piracy and one incident of armed robbery against ship in Asia were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. Both were CAT 4¹ incidents. The location of the incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed description of the incidents is tabulated in attachment.




Location of the incidents

¹ CAT (Category) 4 incident is classified as “least significant” in nature. Under this category, the perpetrators were not armed and the crew not harmed.

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

As the risk of the abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and waters off Eastern Sabah is high, ReCAAP ISC reiterates its advisory issued via ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert dated 21 Nov 16 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 area, and report immediately to the Operation Centres of Philippines and Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) of Malaysia. The contact details of the Operation Centres of the Philippines and ESSCOM of Malaysia (updated by ReCAAP ISC on 3 Jan 19) are as follows:



The map shows the Sulu Sea to the north and the Celebes Sea to the south. Key locations marked include Lahad Datu, Bongao, and Zamboanga. Contact points are indicated by numbered red circles: 1 near Zamboanga, 2a and 2b near Bongao, and 3 near Lahad Datu.

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- 2b Philippine Navy - Littoral Monitoring Station (LMS), Bongao, Tawi-Tawi**
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Contact details

In the event that the ship master is not able to establish contact with the Operation Centres of the Philippines as listed in the ReCAAP ISC Advisory, he can contact the **Philippine Coast Guard Command Centre** at the following contact details:

Tel: +63-2-5273877 (direct)
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Email: pcgcomcen@coastguard.gov.ph

The ReCAAP ISC advises the shipping industry and ships to enhance their situation awareness by referring to the *Guidance on Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah* produced by ReCAAP ISC in July 2019. The Guidance is available at www.recaap.org.

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
1-7 October 19**

1	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	2 Date Local Time of Incident (LT)	3 Position of the Incident	4 Details of the Incident	5 Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	6 Action taken by the master and crew	7 Was the incident reported to coastal authority? Which one?	8 Reporting State or International Organization	9 Coastal State Action Taken	10
INCIDENTS IN ASIA										
ACTUAL INCIDENTS										
1	TSL Rosemary Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 21483 9527192	26/9/19 0600 hrs	1° 36.7' N, 104° 32.7' E Approximately 17.7 nm east of Bandar Penawar, Johor, Malaysia (South China Sea)	While at anchor, three perpetrators boarded the ship via the anchor chain from a small wooden boat. The perpetrators broke the forepeak store lock and stole a new mooring rope. The crew was alerted, mustered; and they proceeded towards the forecastle. Upon realising that the crew had been alerted, the perpetrators jumped overboard and escaped immediately. The Malaysian Coast Guard later boarded the ship to investigate the incident. (Category 4)	The crew was not injured. A new mooring rope was stolen.	The crew was alerted, mustered; and they proceeded towards the forecastle. Anti-piracy measures were implemented.	Yes Malaysian Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	The Malaysian Coast Guard boarded the ship to investigate the incident.	
2	ASD Jaguar Offshore supply vessel Tanzania 1512 7423861	3/10/19 1630 hrs	21° 8.5' N 70° 7.2' E Approximately 3 nm of Gopnath Point, India	While the tug boat <i>Bateleur</i> towing <i>ASD Jaguar</i> was underway, the tug master saw three perpetrators boarding <i>ASD Jaguar</i> which was bound for Bhavnagar, (west of Gopnath Point) for demolition. The perpetrators stole ship stores and escaped. (Category 4)	Ship stores were stolen.	The tug master reported the incident to VTS Khambat, who in turn reported to the Indian Coast Guard.	Yes VTS Khambat and Indian Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	VTS Khambat advised the master to take photographs of the perpetrators if possible and hand it over to the local agent for further investigation. A questionnaire was forwarded to the master for ascertaining further details. The Indian Marine Police have been tasked to conduct further investigation.	