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## ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 26 Mar – 1 Apr 19

### Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

#### OVERVIEW

#### Incidents in Asia

During 26 Mar- 1 Apr 19, one actual incident and one attempted incident of armed robbery against ships in Asia were reported to ReCAAP ISC. The incidents occurred on 26 Mar 19 and 25 Feb 19 respectively. The attempted incident on 25 Feb 19 was reported to ReCAAP ISC by Focal Point (Singapore) after verification with the relevant agencies.

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 outside Asia

The Focal Point (Singapore) reported to ReCAAP ISC two incidents of armed robbery against ships that occurred outside Asia. The incidents occurred on board the same ship on 24 Mar 19 and 30 Mar 19 while anchored at Secured Anchorage Area and STS Area respectively; both in Lagos, Nigeria. The detailed description of the incidents is tabulated in attachment.

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

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 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 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 circles: 1 near Zamboanga, 2a and 2b near Bongao, and 3 near Lahad Datu.

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## 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  
26 March- 1 Apr 2019**

	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
<b>INCIDENTS IN ASIA</b>									
<b>ACTUAL INCIDENT</b>									
1.	<b><i>Nakhal Silver</i></b> Product tanker Marshall Islands 29354 9718765	26/03/19 2030 hrs	13° 44' N, 121° 2.01' E  Batangas Anchorage Alpha, Philippines	While at anchor, a perpetrator boarded the ship through the anchor chain by breaking the padlock of the anchor chain pipe securing arrangement. The duty A/B sighted the perpetrator and informed the OOW. The general alarm was raised, and crew mustered. The crew went to the forecandle to investigate and the perpetrator jumped overboard.	The crew was not injured.  The ship's bell was stolen.	The alarm was raised and crew mustered  The master reported the incident to the local port authority	Yes  Local Port Authority	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	No information available.
<b>ATTEMPTED INCIDENT</b>									
2.	<b><i>Name withheld</i></b> Bulk carrier Liberia 36322	25/02/19 1806 hrs	3° 43.1' S, 114° 26.3' E  Taboneo Anchorage, South Kalimantan, Indonesia	While at anchor, the duty watchman on routine rounds noticed two perpetrators attempting to board the ship via the anchor chain. The alarm was raised and crew mustered. The perpetrators escaped in a waiting skiff.	The crew was not injured.  No items were stolen.	The ship raised the alarm and mustered the crew in citadel.  The master reported the incident to the local port authority.	Yes  Coastal State (Taboneo Port Control)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.
<b>INCIDENTS OUTSIDE ASIA</b>									
3.	<b><i>Nord Steady</i></b> Product tanker Singapore 29983 9629706	24/03/19 2335 hrs	6° 15.2' N, 3° 12.3' E  Secured Anchorage Area, Lagos, Nigeria	While at anchor, the duty watchman discovered two perpetrators hiding behind the bollards.  The crew reported the incident to the Nigerian Navy, and the Navy despatched a patrol boat. Gun shots were heard. The Navy apprehended the perpetrators. About 70 MT of cargo was stolen from one port and one starboard tank. The crew was not injured.	The crew was not injured.  Around 70 MT of cargo was stolen from one port and one starboard tank.	Reported the incident to the Nigerian Navy.	Yes  Nigerian Navy and Flag State (Singapore)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The Nigerian Navy immediately responded and apprehended the perpetrators.

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4.	<b>Nord Steady</b> Product tanker Singapore 29983 9629706	30/03/19 0410 hrs	6° 18.9' N, 3° 17.4' E  STS Area, Lagos, Nigeria	While the ship was at anchor carrying out a ship-to-ship operation, the duty watch keeper saw two perpetrators near the vessel cargo tank. The perpetrators escaped into a waiting boat when their presence was discovered.	The crew was not injured.  No items were stolen.	No information available.	No information available.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.