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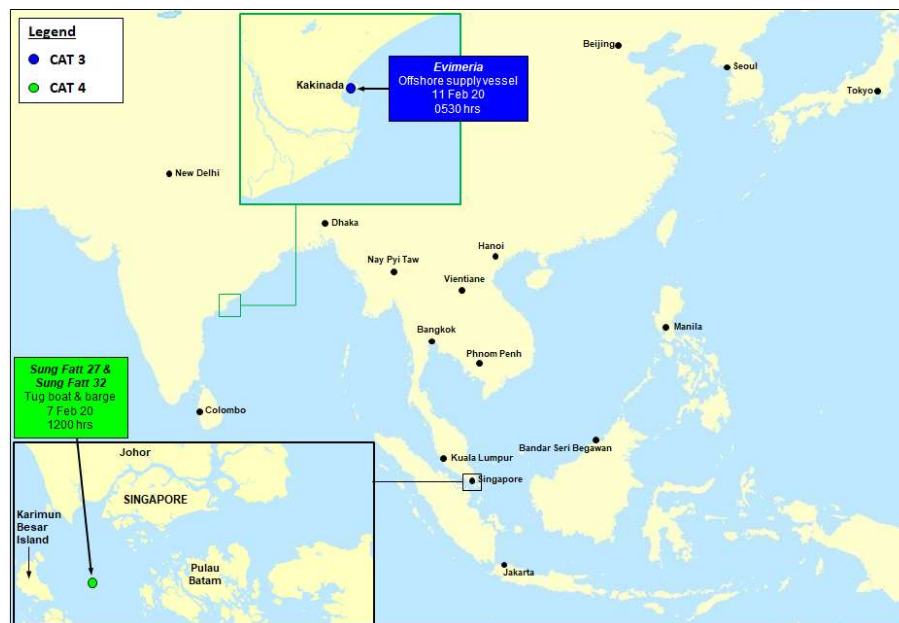
## ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 11-18 February 2020

### Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

#### OVERVIEW

During 11-18 Feb 20, two incidents of armed robbery against ships (comprising one CAT 3<sup>1</sup> incident and one CAT 4<sup>2</sup> incident) were reported to ReCAAP ISC. The CAT 3 incident occurred at Kakinada anchorage, India; and the CAT 4 incident occurred while underway off Karimun Besar Island, Indonesia in the eastbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) in the Singapore Strait. The latter is the 7<sup>th</sup> incident in the eastbound lane of TSS in 2020. During the last 5 months, 24 incidents were reported in the eastbound lane of TSS.

The location of the two incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed description tabulated in the attachment.



Location of the incidents

<sup>1</sup> CAT (Category) 3 incident is 'less significant' in nature. Under this category, the perpetrators could be armed with knives/machetes or other items such as sticks or rods. The crew was not harmed although there remains a small possibility that the crew could be subjected to duress or threat during the incident but not harmed physically. In most CAT 3 cases, the perpetrators were unable to steal anything from the vessel, but in cases where losses were reported, stores and engine spares were commonly targeted items.


<sup>2</sup> CAT (Category) 4 incident is classified as "least significant" in nature. Under this category, the perpetrators were not armed, and the crew not harmed.

## INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA

An attempted incident involving a liquefied gas carrier was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The liquefied gas carrier was underway in the Arabian Sea on 10 Feb 20 when a skiff with three men on board was pursuing the ship. The incident was reported to ReCAAP ISC. The detailed description of the incident as tabulated in the attachment.

## 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 as demonstrated by the recurrence of the abduction incident on 17 Jan 20, the 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 circles: 1 near Zamboanga, 2a and 2b near Bongao, and 3 near Lahad Datu.

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Tel: +63 998 585 7941  
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Email: [cgd\\_tawi2@yahoo.com](mailto:cgd_tawi2@yahoo.com)
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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: +632-8-527-8481 (ext: 6136/37)  
+632-998-585-5327 (mobile)  
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Email: [pcgcomcen@coastguard.gov.ph](mailto: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](http://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  
11-18 February 2020**

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 Taken	10 State Action
<b>INCIDENTS IN ASIA</b>										
<b>ACTUAL INCIDENTS</b>										
1.	<b>Evimeria</b> Offshore supply vessel Niue 3665 9366653	11/02/20 0530 hrs	16° 58' N, 82° 18' E  Kakinada Anchorage, India	While at anchor, four perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship from a blue and yellow craft via the starboard quarter through the ship's tyre fender. The master raised the alarm and the perpetrators escaped with 20m of mooring rope. The master reported the incident to Kakinada Port Control, who informed the coastal security police. The crew was not injured.  (Category 3)	The crew was not injured.  20m of mooring rope was stolen.	The master raised the alarm.	Yes  Kakinada Port Control	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	Kakinada Port Control informed the coastal security police.	
2.	<b>Sung Fatt 27</b> Tug boat Malaysia 139 8790871  <b>Sung Fatt 32</b> Barge Malaysia	07/02/20 1200 hrs	1° 3.37' N, 103° 34.78' E  Approximately 9.4 nm east of Karimun Besar Island, Indonesia in the eastbound lane of the TSS in the Singapore Strait  (SOMS)	While the tug boat towing barge was en route from Port Klang, Malaysia to Kuching, East Malaysia, four small wooden boats approached the barge, which carried construction materials. Eight perpetrators boarded the barge, stole about 20kg of steel construction material and escaped. The crew was not injured.  (Category 4)	The crew was not injured.  About 20kg of steel construction material was stolen from the barge.	No information available	Yes  Malaysia Marine Police	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available	

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<b>INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA</b>										
<b>ATTEMPTED INCIDENT</b>										
1.	<b>BW Paris</b> Liquefied gas carrier Singapore 103746 9368302	10/02/20 1015 hrs	16° 24' N, 55° 29' E  Arabian Sea	While underway, three perpetrators in a skiff was pursuing the liquefied gas carrier. The perpetrators were not armed and there was no boarding or fishing equipment sighted on board the skiff. The master activated the SSAS and adopted counter-piracy procedures.	The crew was not injured.  Nothing was stolen.	The master activated the SSAS and adopted counter-piracy procedures.	Yes	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available	