



Arrest of Suspects in Hijacking of *Hai Soon 12*

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Incident Update

Name of vessel : *Hai Soon 12*
Type of vessel : Oil product tanker
Flag of vessel : Kiribati
IMO number : 9078751
GT : 3243

Background

1. On 8 May 16, the ReCAAP ISC received information on the mobile app from a shipping company about the loss of communications with one of their ships, a Kiribati-registered oil product tanker, *Hai Soon 12*. The shipping company had lost communications with *Hai Soon 12* for about 12 hours and the ship did not respond to the company's attempts to contact the ship.
2. *Hai Soon 12*, carrying 4,000 metric tons of Marine Gas Oil (MGO), had departed Singapore and was supposed to travel down via Sunda Straits to the Southern Ocean to conduct high seas bunkering / selling MGO to fishing vessels. However, the ship deviated from her planned route and travelled in a southeasterly direction towards Sulawesi instead.

Actions by ReCAAP ISC and the Authorities

3. Upon receipt of the information, the ReCAAP ISC immediately informed BAKAMLA, who in turn shared the information with the Indonesian Navy (TNI-AL).
4. The incident was also reported to the Information Fusion Centre (IFC), who worked closely with the shipping company to monitor the position of *Hai Soon 12*.
5. Two TNI-AL ships were despatched to locate *Hai Soon 12*, who maintained her course towards Bawean Island until on 8 May 16 at about 2211 hrs, she altered course tracking eastwards.

Recovery of Ship and Arrest of Perpetrators

6. On 9 May 16 at about 1430 hrs, the TNI-AL ships intercepted and boarded *Hai Soon 12*. Nine perpetrators were found on board the ship and were arrested. All 21 crew members of *Hai Soon 12* were safe and not injured. The cargo was also found to be intact. The ship was reportedly renamed to "AISO".

Initial Investigation

7. Initial investigations revealed that on 7 May 16 at about 2045 hrs, nine perpetrators climbed up the poop deck of *Hai Soon 12* from a small boat in waters off Pulau Belitung. The crew was tied up in the mess room. Arrangements were overheard stating the intent to sell the MGO in the night. *Hai Soon 12* has been detained and is being escorted to Surabaya for further investigation.



Tracking of *Hai Soon 12* (8-9 May 16)

Comments by the ReCAAP ISC

8. This is the first attempted incident of hijacking of tanker for oil cargo theft in 2016. The last oil cargo theft occurred on board *Joaquim* on 8 Aug 15. The failed attempt can be attributed to the regional cooperation and collaboration in information sharing and operational responses among the ReCAAP ISC, IFC and Indonesian authorities; leading to the arrest of perpetrators and cargo remained intact. Most importantly the crew was safe and not injured.

9. The ReCAAP ISC commends the TNI-AL in apprehending the suspects involved in the hijacking of *Hai Soon 12*. The ReCAAP ISC will continue to work closely with the shipping company, IFC and Indonesian authorities to gather detailed information about the incident and update the shipping community.