



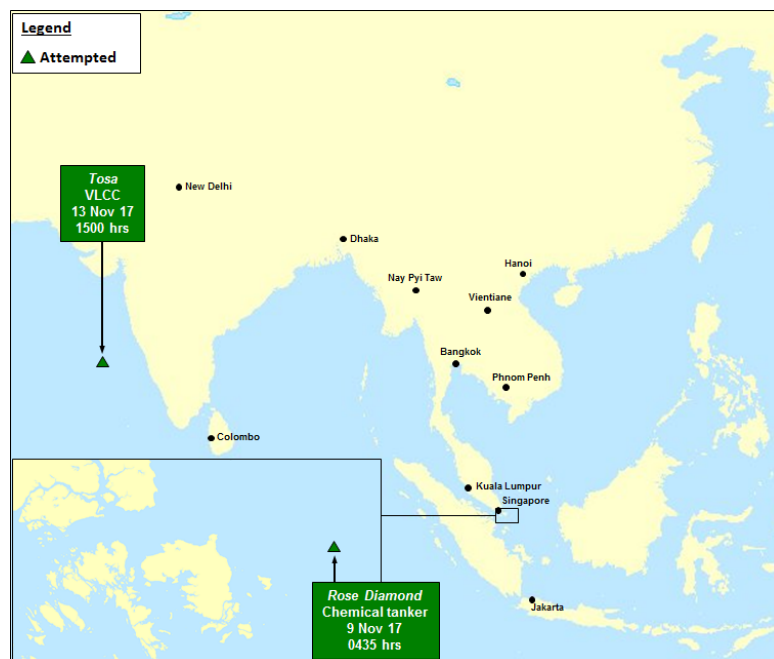
Website : www.recaap.org
 Tel : +65 6376 3063
 Fax : +65 6376 3066
 Email : info@recaap.org

ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 7-13 November 2017

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During the period of 7-13 Nov 17, two attempted 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 tabulated in attachment.



Location of incidents

Update on *Giang Hai*

The ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines) reported to the ReCAAP ISC that on 10 Nov 17, the Philippine troops during a military operation in Kang Tipayan Island, Languyan, Tawi-tawi rescued four crew of *Giang Hai*. However, one of the crew was found dead. *Giang Hai*, a Vietnam-registered bulk carrier was boarded on 19 Feb 17 at about 35 nm west of Doc Can Island in Sulu, Philippines by an unknown number of armed men who abducted six of its crew (all Vietnamese). One crew was killed while underway, and on 7 Jul 17, the Philippine troops recovered the cadaver of another crew. The incident was reported in previous ReCAAP ISC Weekly Reports covering the period of 14-20 Feb 17 and 18-24 July 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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*.

The ReCAAP ISC reiterates its advisory issued via the *ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert* dated 21 November 2016 to all ships to re-route from the area, where possible. Otherwise, ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the Sulu-Celebes Sea and eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the following Centres:



Contact details of the reporting centres

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships
7-13 November 2017**

	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
<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>
ATTEMPTED INCIDENTS									
1	<i>Rose Diamond</i> Chemical tanker Hong Kong 6843 9257125	9/11/17 0435 hrs	1° 10' N, 105° 9.5' E Approximately 20.57 nm northeast of Pulau Mapur, Indonesia (South China Sea)	While sailing, two perpetrators onboard a drifting craft, approached the astern part of the ship and attempted to board. The duty crew informed the master who immediately raised the alarm, switched on the deck light and activated the Ship Security Alert System (SSAS). The crew was mustered, and a search was conducted. The perpetrators escaped,	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen	The master raised the alarm, activated the Ship Security Alert System (SSAS), switched on the deck light, mustered the crew, and conducted the search.	Yes Flag state	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	No information available.
2	<i>MT Tosa</i> VLCC Japan 15993 9343388	13/11/17 1500 hrs	13.0; 38.0' N 70.0; 55.0' E 194 nm southwest of Panjim (Goa) LT, India	While sailing, a mother boat with two skiffs picked up speed towards <i>MT Tosa</i> on a collision course. The crew raised the general alarm, anti-piracy alarm and sounded fog horn. After a few minutes, the skiffs stopped approaching the VLCC. The master was not able to see the persons on board the skiffs or the mother boat. <i>MT Tosa</i> reported the incident to the authorities and continued her voyage.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.	The master raised the general alarm, anti-piracy alarm, and sounded the fog horn.	Yes MRSC New Mangalore and MRCC Mumbai	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) is investigating the incident.