Incident Report: 14/2010
Date/Time of Incident: 10 June 2010 at 0010 hrs (local time)
Location of incident: 3° 04.60' N, 108° 23.50' E
Area Description: 27.6 nm west of Subi Besar, Indonesia
Name and Type of Ship: Orkim Leader / product tanker

Date/Time of Incident: 10 June 2010 at 0145 hrs (local time)
Location of incident: 3° 12.80' N, 108° 30.10' E
Area Description: 23 nm west of Subi Besar, Indonesia
Name and Type of Ship: JK Galaxy / general cargo ship

Details of Incident

One actual and one attempted incident were reported to ReCAAP ISC on 10 June 2010 occurring within an interval of about an hour in the vicinity of Pulau Subi Besar, Indonesia (refer map below). The incidents involved a Malaysia-registered product tanker, Orkim Leader (actual incident) and a South Korea–registered general cargo ship, JK Galaxy (attempted incident).

Incident Involving Orkim Leader

On 10 June 2010 at about 0010 hrs (local time) a Malaysia-registered product tanker, Orkim Leader was boarded by six armed pirates while it was underway at position 3° 04.60' N, 108° 23.50' E (27.6 nm west of Subi Besar). The pirates armed with long knives, machetes, crowbar and wire, boarded the tanker and stole property belonging to the crew and ship. The crew was not injured. The vessel is proceeding to Singapore and expected to arrive on 11 June 2010.
Attempted Incident Involving *JK Galaxy*

On the same day at about 0145 hrs (local time) a South Korea-registered general cargo ship, *JK Galaxy* was underway at position 3° 12.80' N, 108° 30.10' E (23 nm northwest of Subi Besar) when a small speed boat was approaching the ship. The crew noticed the boat which was at a distance of about 2 nm away. They raised the alarm and the pirates gave up their chase after about 25 min. The ship continued with its journey.

The Masters of both the vessels reported the incident to Singapore’s Port Operation and Control Centre (POCC) which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). The POCC initiated a NAVTEX broadcast to alert the marines transiting through the area and informed MRCC Putra Jaya (Malaysia), BASARNAS (Indonesia), the Singapore Police Coast Guard and Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) about the incident.

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**Comments by ReCAAP ISC**

The ReCAAP ISC believed that the same group of pirates could be involved in the two incidents which occurred at an interval of about an hour apart and at locations which were 10.5 nm away from each other. These are the first incidents reported in the vicinity since January 2010. The previous incidents which occurred in the vicinity of Anambas Islands also reported loss of crew and ship’s property.
The ReCAAP ISC commends the vigilant crew of JK Galaxy and advises ship masters operating in the vicinity to maintain vigilance and take necessary precautionary measures. Early detection and reporting of a possible boarding is the most effective deterrent as is evident in the incident involving JK Galaxy. Ship masters are advised to report all actual and attempted incidents to the nearest coastal State and flag State immediately.