

Incident Report: 08/2010

Date/Time of Incident: 17 April 2010 at 0600hrs (local time)

Location of incident: 1° 18.2' N, 104° 12.7' E

Area Description: South of Tanjung Ayam, Malaysia

Name and Type of Ship: *Semua Gembira* Tanker

Details of Incident

On 17 April 2010 at 0600hrs (local time), six robbers armed with swords and parangs (long knives) boarded a Malaysia-registered tanker, *Semua Gembira* while at anchor south of Tanjung Ayam, Malaysia. The robbers tied up the greaser in the engine room, and stole the ship engine parts.

The ship master reported the incident to Singapore's Port Operations Control Centre (POCC) which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). The POCC in turn, reported the incident to the ReCAAP ISC, MRCC Putra Jaya (Malaysia), BASARNAS (Indonesia), Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG) and Republic Singapore Navy (RSN). The Singapore's POCC also issued a NAVTEX broadcast to warn ships of the incident.

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Comments by ReCAAP ISC

This is the fourth incident occurred in the vicinity of Tanjung Ayam, Malaysia since January 2010. The first three incidents occurred on 13 February 2010, 11 March 2010 and 20 March 2010. Notably, of the four incidents, three occurred on Saturdays in the early morning hours. Ship master and crew are advised to maintain vigilance at all times when anchored in the area. The ReCAAP ISC urges ship master to report all incidents to the nearest coastal State immediately so that the authorities may be able to respond to the incident promptly and render assistance to the victim ship.

