Incident Report: 28/2010

Date/Time¹ of Incident: 8 Dec 10 at or about 0428 hrs

Location of incident: 1° 12.15' N, 103° 33.40' E

Area Description: Approximately 4.3 nm southeast of Tanjung Piai, Malaysia

Name and Type of Ship: Aom T1301, tug boat

Details of Incident

On 8 Dec 10 at or about 0428 hrs, 10 robbers armed with pistols and parangs (long knives) boarded a Singapore-registered tug boat, Aom T1301 from a speed boat at approximately 4.3 nm southeast of Tanjung Piai, Malaysia (1° 12.15'N, 103° 33.40' E). The tug boat, Aom T1301 towing barge Sinobest 2505 was underway from Port Klang to Singapore at the time of the incident. The robbers took away the crew’s cash and personal belongings before escaping. The crew was not injured.

The ship master reported the incident to Singapore’s Port Operations Control Centre (POCC) which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). The POCC initiated navigational broadcast on VHF and NAVTEX to alert mariners operating the vicinity, and informed the MRCC of Jakarta and Putrajaya about the incident.

Reported by
ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)
Maritime Security Task Force – Information Fusion Centre (MSTF-IFC)

Comments by ReCAAP ISC

Ship masters operating in the vicinity are advised to maintain vigilance at all times and take necessary precautionary measures. They are to report all actual and attempted incidents to the coastal State and flag State immediately.

¹ All timings of incidents in this Incident Alert are expressed in local time.
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