

Incident Alert

Incident Report:	03/2011
Name and Type of Ship:	<i>Jose Bright</i> / Chemical tanker
Date/Time of Incident:	9 Feb 11 at 0315hrs (local time)
Location of incident:	1° 20.8' N, 104° 20.49' E
Area Description:	Approximately 2.6 nm southeast of Pulau Mungging, Malaysia

Details of Incident

On 9 Feb 11 at or about 0315 hrs, a Panama-registered chemical tanker, *Jose Bright* was anchored approximately 2.6nm southeast of Pulau Mungging, Malaysia (1° 20.80'N, 104° 20.49' E) when two crew spotted a speed boat at the starboard quarter of their vessel. They informed the officer on the bridge who activated the emergency alarm.

By then, seven robbers armed with long knives and guns had boarded the vessel. Five of them robbed the two crew of their personal belongings and valuables including an Omega sea master wrist watch, a gold necklace and a gold ring with diamond. The five robbers disembarked the vessel when instructed by two other robbers who rushed out from the engine room. All escaped in their speed boat. There was no damage to the vessel and the crew was not injured.

The ship agent 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 NAVTEX to alert mariners operating the vicinity, and informed the Singapore's Police Coast Guard, the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), MRCC (Malaysia) and MRCC (Jakarta) about the incident.

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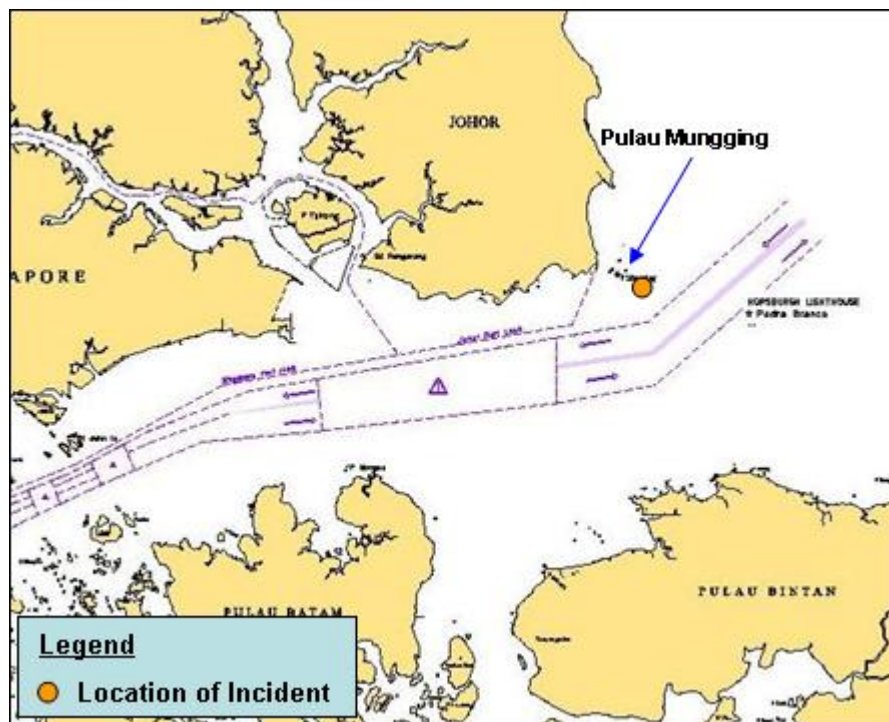
The robbers adopted a diversionary tactic after boarded the tanker. They split up into two groups with one group engaged the two crew on the deck by robbing them of their personal items while the other group gained access to the engine room.



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The ReCAAP ISC advises crew to avoid wearing valuables such as jewellery and expensive items. Ship masters and crew operating in the vicinity should maintain vigilance at all times, identify suspicious craft at the earliest possible moment and let them know that they have been detected to discourage them from attempting to board the vessel.

Ship masters are advised to secure all access to the accommodation, engine room and stores, and report all actual and attempted incidents to the coastal State and flag State immediately.



Approximate Location of the incident

