

Incident Alert

Incident Report:	06/ 2011
Name and Type of Ship:	<i>MS Simon</i> /Tanker
Date/Time of Incident:	27 Feb 11 at 0435hrs (local time)
Location of incident:	01° 19.67' N, 104° 17.23' E
Area Description:	Approximately 2.1 nm south-southwest of Pulau Mungging, Malaysia

Details of Incident

On 27 Feb 11 at or about 0435 hrs, a Liberia-registered tanker, *MS Simon* was anchored approximately 2.1nm south-southwest of Pulau Mungging, Malaysia (01° 19.67' N, 104° 17.23' E) when five robbers armed with machetes and handguns boarded the tanker. The robbers stole two computers and some engine spare parts from the engine room, before escaping in a speed boat. The crew was not injured.

The ship master reported the incident to Singapore's VTIS via the VHF. The Singapore Port Operations Control Centre (POCC) which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) 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. The master was advised to report the incident to the Johor Port Authority.

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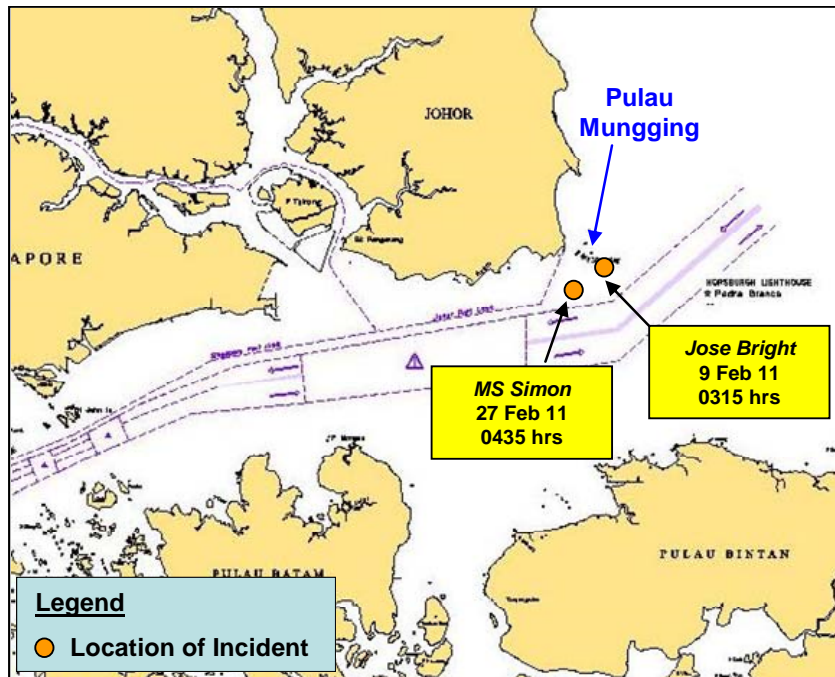
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Comments by ReCAAP ISC

This is the second incident that occurred in the vicinity in February 2011. 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 seven robbers armed with long knives and guns boarded the vessel. They stole the crew's valuables and personal belongings before escaping in their speed boat. There was no damage to the vessel and the crew was not injured.

The ReCAAP ISC encourages ship master and crew to maintain vigilance when operating in the vicinity at all times. They are advised to report all incidents occurred in the area to the Johor Port Authority immediately.





Approximate Location of the incidents

