

Incident Alert

Incident Report:	14/2011
Name and Type of Ship:	<i>Asian Gas</i> /LPG Tanker
Date/Time of Incident:	6 Jun 11 at or about 2315 hrs (local time)
Location of incident:	01° 9.06' N, 103° 48.0' E
Area Description:	Approximately 3.65 nm southeast of Raffles Lighthouse

Details of Incident

On 6 Jun 11 at or about 2315 hrs, an Indonesian-registered LPG tanker *Asian Gas* was underway at approximately 3.65 nm southeast of Raffles Lighthouse (01° 9.06' N, 103° 48.0' E) when eight masked robbers from one speed boat boarded the vessel at the starboard quarter. Armed with long knives, they robbed the crew and escaped after taking with them laptops, mobile phones and undetermined amount of cash. The crew was not injured.

The master reported the incident to the Singapore's Port Operations Control Centre (POCC), which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). The Singapore POCC informed the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG) and MRCC (Jakarta) of the incident and initiated a broadcast to alert all vessels about the incident and urge them to step up anti-piracy watch when in the vicinity.

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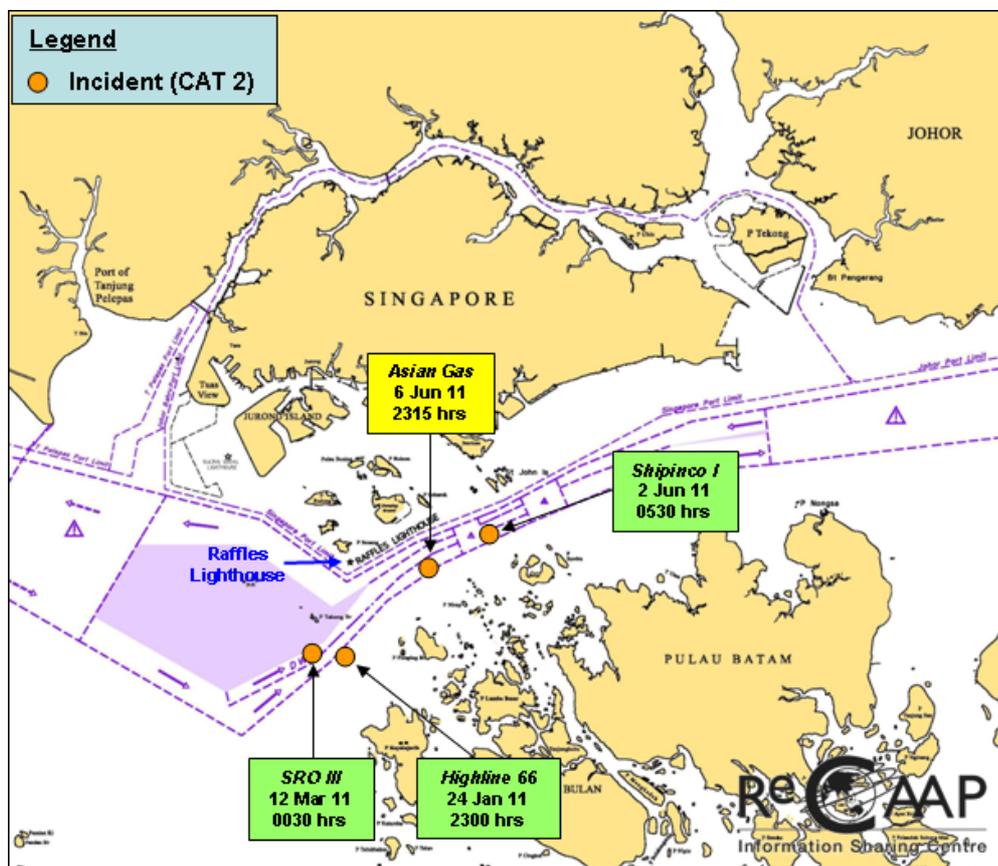
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This is the fourth incident reported in the vicinity off Raffles Lighthouse since January 2011. The first incident reported in the vicinity involved a Malaysia-registered tug boat, *Highline 66* which occurred 2 nm southeast of Pulau Takong Kecil on 24 Jan 11. Seven robbers armed with knives and guns boarded and robbed the tug of some stores. The second incident occurred on 27 Mar 11 when the Singapore-registered tug boat *SRO III* was boarded by three robbers at 2 nm east of eastern buoy. The robbers escaped with some stores. The third incident occurred on 2 Jun 11 when the Mongolia-registered general cargo ship, *Shipinco I* was boarded by five robbers, who were armed with long knives. The robbers robbed the Master, 3rd Officer and Chief Cook, and escaped with cash and the crew's personal belongings including watches, mobile phones and clothing.



In all three incidents, the crew was not injured. (See map below on location of the incidents).



Approximate Location of Incident

In the incident involving *Asian Gas*, the authorities monitoring the straits has observed that the vessel has sailed continuously through from Malacca Strait via Philips Channel without any pause and that the transition was continuous, neither was any anomalies detected (e.g. small boats) in the vicinity.

Ship masters and crew are advised to exercise enhanced vigilance with all around look-out, and take necessary precautionary measures when operating in the area. Ship masters are encouraged to report all actual and attempted incidents to the coastal State and flag State immediately.

