

Incident Alert

Incident Report:	16/2011
Name and Type of Ship:	<i>Gas Batam</i>
Date/Time of Incident:	8 Aug 11 at or about 0200 hrs (local time)
Location of incident:	01° 08.00' N, 103° 27.58' E
Area Description:	Approximately 7.2 nm southeast of 'The Brothers' beacon

Detail of Incidents

On 8 Aug 11 at or about 0200 hrs (local time), a Singapore-registered LPG tanker *Gas Batam* was anchored at approximately 7.2 nm southeast of 'The Brothers' beacon (01° 08.00' N, 103° 27.58'E) when four robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker from an unlit speed boat. The robbers held the Oiler and the Third Engineer hostage and went into the engine room. After stealing some engine spare parts from the engine room, the robbers released the Oiler and the Third Engineer, and escaped via the speed boat. The incident lasted for less than 10 minutes. The ship master sounded the emergency alarm, mustered all crew and reported the incident to Singapore's Port Operation Control Centre (POCC). The crew was not injured. Please see map next page on the approximate location of the incident.

The POCC which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) promulgated navigational broadcast of the incident to alert mariners in the vicinity, and reported the incident to the Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG), Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), MRCC Putra Jaya and the National SAR Agency, Indonesia.

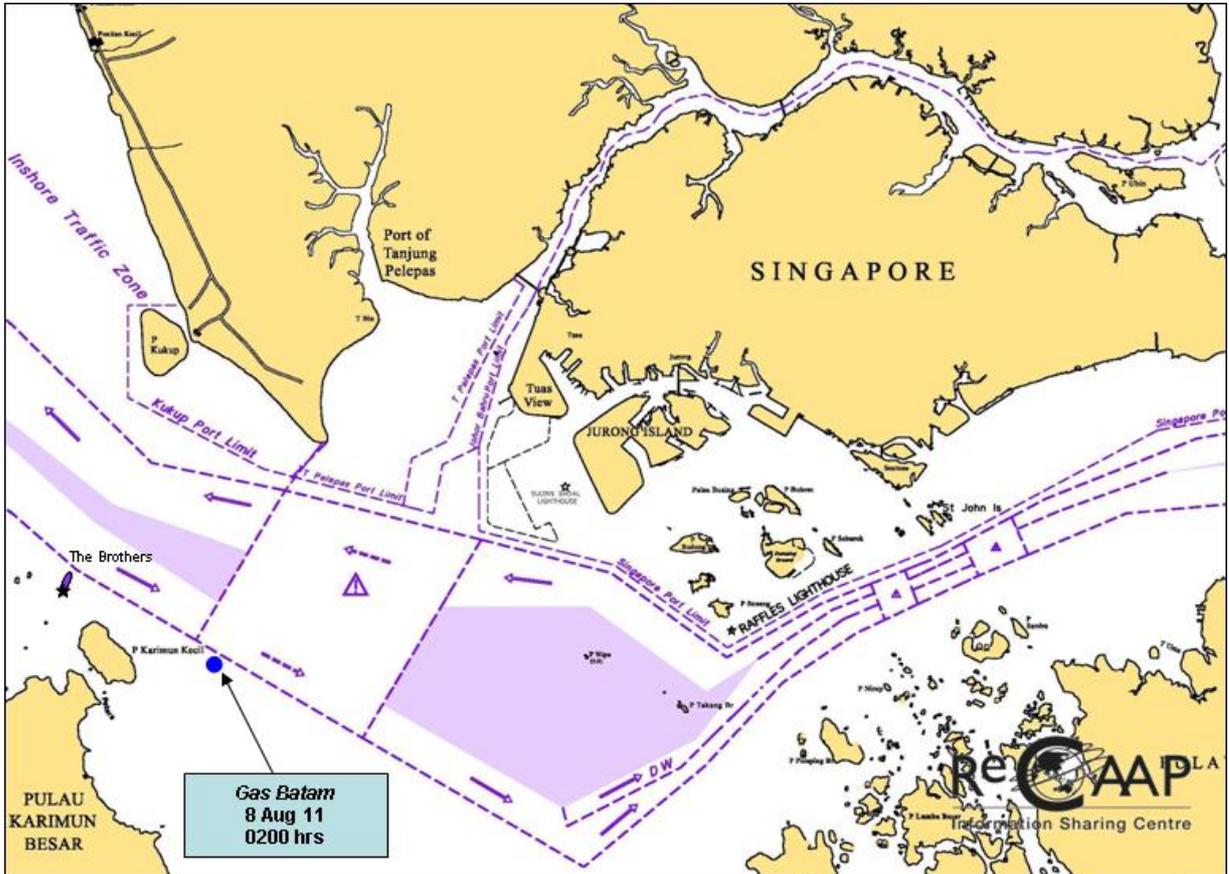
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Comments by ReCAAP ISC

Ship masters and crew are advised to exercise enhanced vigilance with all around look-out, and take necessary precautionary measures when in the vicinity especially during hours of darkness. The ReCAAP ISC encourages ship masters to report all actual and attempted incidents to the coastal State and flag State immediately.





Approximate location of Incident

