

Incident Alert

Incident Report:	18/2011
Name and Type of Ship:	(1) <i>Ginga Falcon</i> / Chemical tanker (2) <i>GM Shine</i> / Tug boat
Date/Time of Incident:	(1) 9 Sep 11 at or about 0200 hrs (local time) (2) 11 Sep 11 at or about 0300 hrs (local time)
Location of incident:	(1) 01° 03.80' N, 103° 30.6' E (2) 01° 04.80' N, 103° 33.7' E
Area Description:	(1) Approximately 4.3 nm northeast of Tanjung Rambut, Pulau Karimun Besar (2) Approximately 8.4 nm northeast of Tanjung Rambut, Pulau Karimun Besar

Detail of Incidents

On 9 Sep 11 at or about 0200 hrs (local time), a Panama-registered chemical tanker, *Ginga Falcon* was anchored at approximately 4.3 nm northeast of Tanjung Rambut, Pulau Karimun Besar, Indonesia (01° 03.80' N, 103° 30.6' E) when the duty crew spotted three robbers at the quarterdeck of the vessel. He contacted the master and raised the alarm. The robbers escaped and took with them one lifebuoy. The crew was not injured. The master reported the incident to the shipping company based in Japan. The ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan) reported the incident to the ReCAAP ISC and all ReCAAP Focal Points.

A second incident occurred in the same vicinity on 11 Sep 11 at or about 0300 hrs (local time) involving a Singapore-registered tug boat, *GM Shine*. While underway at approximately 8.4 nm northeast of Tanjung Rambut, Pulau Karimun Besar, Indonesia (01° 04.80' N, 103° 33.7' E), an unknown number of robbers boarded the tug boat from a craft. They took with them the crew's personal belongings, removed the GPS and disconnected all the ships' communication system before escaping in the craft. The master reported the incident to the company using his mobile phone. The crew was not injured. The ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) reported the incident to the ReCAAP ISC and all ReCAAP Focal Points.

Reported by

ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan)
ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)

Comments by ReCAAP ISC

Including the latest two incidents involving *Ginga Falcon* and *GM Shine*, a total of five incidents had occurred in the vicinity off Pulau Karimun Besar in 2011. See map below on location of the incidents. The first incident occurred on 14 Feb 11 involving tug boat,

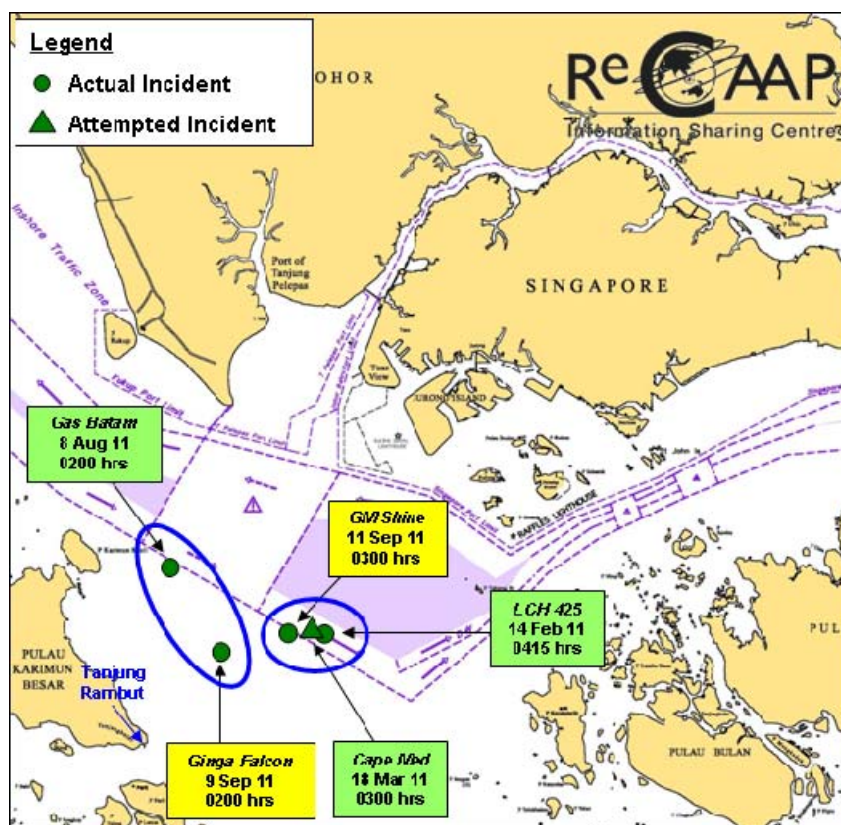


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LCH 425 while underway was boarded by about 8-10 robbers who robbed the crew of their personal belongings; the second incident occurred on 18 Mar 11 involving bulk carrier, *Cape Med* while underway had successfully evaded boarding by a group of men in four small boats; and the third incident occurred on 8 Aug 11 involving LPG tanker, *Gas Batam* while at anchor was boarded by four robbers armed with long knives who stole engine spare parts from the engine room.

The crew was not injured in all the five incidents reported between February and September 2011. The ReCAAP ISC notes that theft of engine spares and ship equipment (life buoy) was reported in incidents involving ships at anchor (LPG tanker, *Gas Batam* and chemical tanker, *Ginga Falcon*). Coincidentally, these two incidents occurred at 0200 hrs (local time). For incidents involving ships while underway, theft of the crew's personal belongings was reported onboard tug boats, *LCH 425* and *GM Shine*. Both incidents occurred between 0300 – 0415 hrs. Pending further inputs, it appeared that two groups of perpetrators may be involved in the incidents off Pulau Karimun Besar: one group involved in vessels while at anchor, and the other group involved in vessels while underway.

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 and heighten vigilance when transiting the area. The ReCAAP ISC encourages ship masters to report all actual and attempted incidents to the coastal State and flag State immediately.



Approximate location of Incidents

