Incident Report: 21/2011

Name and Type of Ship: RM Jaya / Tug boat
Hai Hang 1 / Barge

Date/Time of Incident: 13 Dec 11 at 0100hrs (local time)

Location of Incident: 1° 13.05’ N, 103° 21.00’ E

Area Description: Approximately 6.4 nm SSW of Pulau Kukup Island, Malaysia

Details of Incident

On 13 Dec 11 at or about 0100 hrs, a Kiribati-registered tug boat, RM Jaya towing barge Hai Hang1 was underway at approximately 6.4 nm SSW of Pulau Kukup Island, Malaysia (1° 13.05’ N, 103° 21.00’ E). Armed with parangs (long knives), six robbers boarded the tug boat from a small 7 metre wooden craft with green canopy. The robbers ransacked the wheel house and cabin after restricting the crew members to the mess. The robbers took away crew’s personal belongings, cash and mobile phones prior escaping in their small wooden boat. The master reported the incident to the Port Operations Control Centre, Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) which is also the Focal Point (Singapore).

Reported by

ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)

Comments by ReCAAP ISC

This is the first incident reported SSW off Pulau Kukup Island since January 2011. Please refer to the map on the approximate location of the incident. Ship masters and crew operating in the area are advised to exercise enhanced vigilance with all around look-out, and take necessary precautionary measures when operating in the area especially during hours of darkness. Ship masters are encouraged to report all actual and attempted incidents to the coastal State and flag State immediately.
Approximate location of the incident