



Incident Update

Product Tanker, *Srikandi 515*

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Name of vessel : *Srikandi 515*
Type of vessel : Product tanker
Flag of vessel : Indonesia
IMO number : 9710828
GT : 1975

Background

1. On 9 Oct 14 at or about 0600 hrs (local time), the Indonesia-registered product tanker, *Srikandi 515* was boarded by perpetrators in Sampit waters, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia. *Srikandi 515* was en route to Gresik, East Java, Indonesia from Sampit, laden with 3,100 tons of palm oil. The perpetrators reportedly blindfolded and tied the crew; took control of the vessel and sailed in a north-westerly direction.

Crew of *Srikandi 515* rescued!

2. On 22 Oct 14 at or about 2000 hrs (local time), the perpetrators forced the crew of *Srikandi 515* onto a life raft and abandoned them in the middle of the sea. The next day at or about 1930 hrs (local time), the crew was found and rescued by Vietnamese fishermen, who brought them to Chendering, Malaysia on 24 Oct 14 at or about 0250 hrs (local time). It was later reported that the crew was transferred to the Indonesian Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 25 Oct 14 at or about 1030 hrs (local time).

Action by the ReCAAP ISC

3. On receiving the information, the ReCAAP ISC immediately alerted the regional authorities to be on the lookout for the vessel. These included the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) and the Indonesian authorities.

Responses by the Regional Enforcement Agencies

4. The Royal Thai Navy (RTN), which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Thailand), deployed a maritime patrol aircraft to search for *Srikandi 515* but was unsuccessful.

Srikandi 515 found and perpetrators arrested!

5. On 27 Nov 14 at or about 1030 hrs (local time), the RTN reported to the ReCAAP ISC that *Srikandi 515* has been identified and located at approximately 9 nm off Narathiwat province, Thailand by the RTN and Thai Marine Police. The Thai authorities also apprehended eight perpetrators onboard *Srikandi 515*. *Srikandi 515* was also reportedly repainted and renamed from “*Srikandi 515*” to “*Chong Li 2*”. The palm oil cargo onboard the vessel was apparently left intact. The vessel was subsequently escorted back to Songkhla, Thailand for further investigation.



Renaming of “*Srikandi 515*” to “*Chong Li 2*”
(Photograph courtesy of RTN)



Approximate positions of *Srikandi 515*

Comments by the ReCAAP ISC

6. The ReCAAP ISC commends the RTN and Thai Marine Police for the successful apprehension of the perpetrators as well as the recovery of the vessel and cargo. Investigation of the incident is currently ongoing and the ReCAAP ISC is working closely with the ReCAAP Focal Point (Thailand) to establish what had transpired onboard *Srikandi 515* between 9 Oct 14 and 27 Nov 14.