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# Incident Update

## Oil Product Tanker, *Sunrise 689*

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**Name of vessel** : *Sunrise 689*  
**Type of vessel** : Oil product tanker  
**Flag of vessel** : Vietnam  
**IMO number** : 9624196  
**GT** : 4080

## Background

1. On 5 Oct 14, the ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC) received information from the Vietnam Focal Point (which is the Vietnam Coast Guard) and the Vietnam Maritime Security Information Centre (MSIC) that the owner of Vietnam-registered oil product tanker *Sunrise 689* had lost contact with the master. The tanker departed Singapore for Vietnam on 2 Oct 14 with 5,000 ton of gas oil. The last known location of *Sunrise 689* was at 3° 45.76' N, 105° 45.84' E (off Pulau Anambas) on 3 Oct 14.

## Action by the ReCAAP ISC

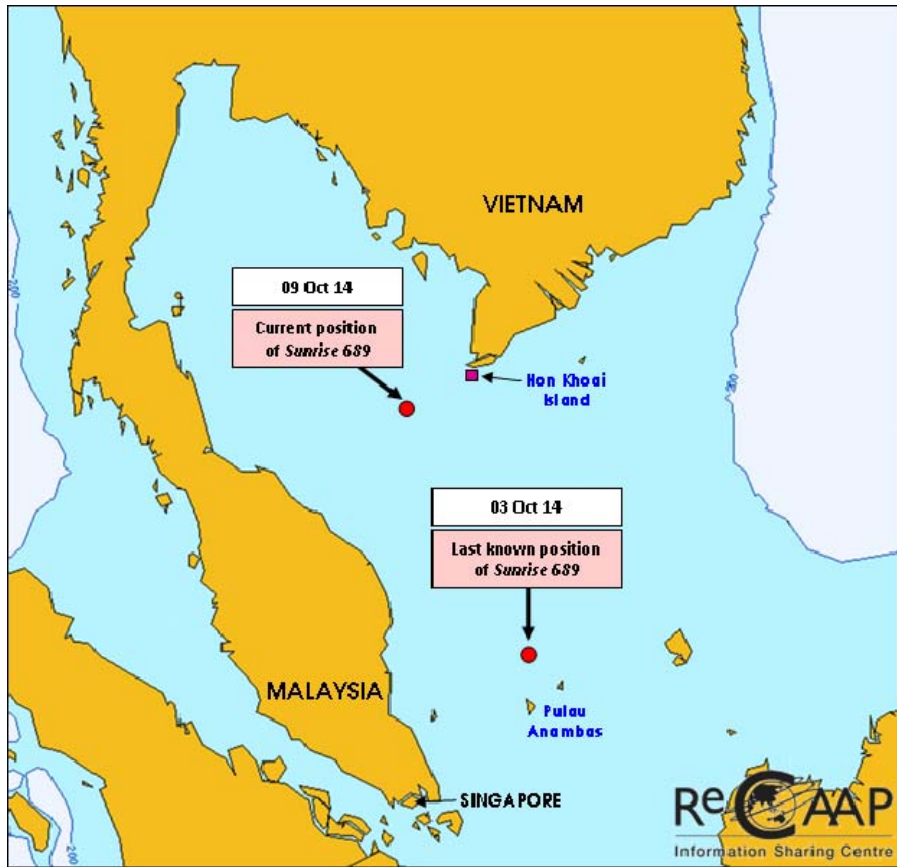
2. On receiving the information, the ReCAAP ISC immediately alerted all its 20 ReCAAP Focal Points, Information Fusion Centre (IFC), Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agencies (MMEA) and the Indonesian authorities.

## Responses by the Regional Enforcement Agencies

3. The MMEA responded by despatching its maritime patrol aircraft CL415 which swept the area of search from northeast of Pulau Tioman towards Southern Johor water till sunset on 6 Oct 14, but *Sunrise 689* was not sighted. The IFC has also alerted its network of agencies to locate the vessel.

## *Sunrise 689* was found!

4. On 9 Oct 14, the Vietnam Focal Point and the Vietnam Maritime Administration (VMA) reported to the ReCAAP ISC that the master of *Sunrise 689* contacted them at about 0405 hrs (local time). The master mentioned that some personnel armed with guns and knives boarded the vessel, siphoned the gas oil from the tanker to their ship. The perpetrators damaged the communication equipment and two crew were slightly injured. The current location of the *Sunrise 689* is at 07.85°N 103.68°E, approximately 78 nm southwest of Hon Khoai Island, Vietnam. See map below. The Vietnam Coast Guard has despatched their patrol ship to render assistance to the tanker which is making her way back to Vietnam.



Approximate positions of *Sunrise 689*

### Comments by the ReCAAP ISC

5. The ReCAAP ISC is working closely with the Vietnam authorities including the Vietnam Focal Point, Vietnam Maritime Security Information Centre and Vietnam Maritime Administration to establish what had happened since the company lost communications with the master. Investigation is ongoing to establish the details of the incident. The ReCAAP ISC commends the MMEA for its prompt response and operational follow-up, and the cooperation in information sharing and operational responses between the ReCAAP ISC and Vietnam Focal Point; and its inter-agencies cooperation.