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# Incident Update

## Siphoning of Fuel Oil from *Joaquim*

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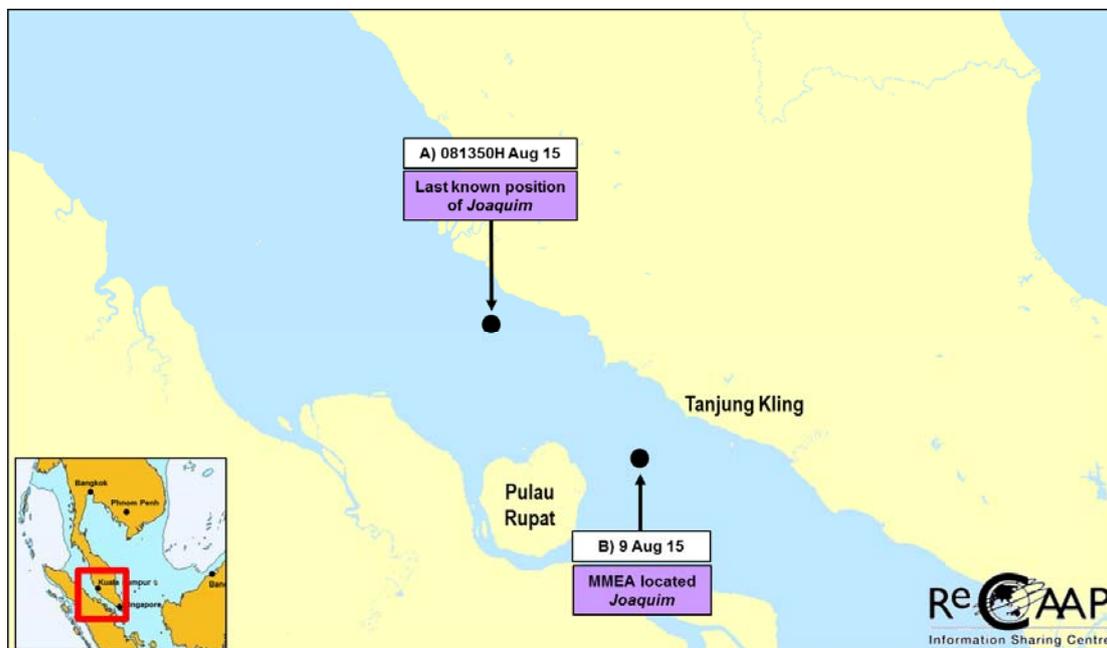
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**Name of Ship** : *Joaquim*  
**Type of Ship** : Product tanker  
**Flag of Ship** : Singapore  
**IMO number** : 9133989  
**GT** : 1796

1. A Singapore-registered product tanker, *Joaquim* while underway in the Malacca Strait was boarded by an unknown number of perpetrators. The ship was carrying 3,500 metric tons of fuel oil. Her last known position on 8 Aug 15 at about 1350 hrs was at 02° 34' N, 101° 26.20' E (29 nm north of Pulau Rupert, Malacca Strait). The AIS onboard the vessel was reportedly turned off. The shipping company reported the incident to the Information Fusion Centre (IFC) who notified the ReCAAP ISC, MMEA HQ, the Indonesian authorities and the shipping community to locate the vessel. The Malaysian and Indonesian authorities had reportedly deployed surface and air assets to search for her. The ReCAAP ISC had also informed its contacts in the MMEA and the Indonesian Marine Police.

2. On 9 Aug 15 early morning (time not known at this juncture), the MMEA located *Joaquim* at 02° 03' N, 101° 59.39' E (14.1 nm off Tanjung Kling). Initial reporting revealed that about 3,000 metric ton of fuel oil had reportedly been siphoned and power to the generator was cut off. The crew was safe except for the master and bunker crew who were injured after punched by the perpetrators. The MMEA is currently supporting the heli-evacuation of the two crew for medical treatment.



Approximate locations of Joaquim on 8 and 9 Aug 15

## Comments

3. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> incident reported in the Malacca Strait, the previous two incidents occurred on 2 May 15 and 13 Feb 15. From the initial information received, the modus operandi of the incident involved *Joaquim* is similar to previous siphoning incidents involving hijacking of the tanker for siphoning of the fuel oil onboard.

4. The ReCAAP ISC urges the authorities to step up surveillance and patrols in the strait and ship masters to exercise enhanced vigilance while underway in the vicinity. Working closely with the regional authorities and relevant stakeholders, including the INTERPOL, the ReCAAP ISC believes that an oil smuggling syndicate is active in the area, targeting vessels carrying ship fuel/oil with the objective of hijacking the vessel during hours of darkness to bring her further away from shore to siphon off the fuel cargo onboard.