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# Arrest of Suspects involved in Hijacking of *Orkim Harmony*

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# Incident Update

**Name of vessel** : *Orkim Harmony*  
**Type of vessel** : Oil product tanker  
**Flag of vessel** : Malaysia  
**IMO number** : 9524671  
**GT** : 5081

## Background

1. The ReCAAP ISC had just promulgated an Incident Update on 19 Jun 15 about the recovery of a Malaysia-registered oil product tanker, *Orkim Harmony* by the Malaysian authorities. However, the eight perpetrators involved in this incident had reportedly escaped on 18 Jun 15 at or about 2000 hrs (local time).

## Arrest of Suspects

2. In the afternoon of 19 Jun 15, the Vietnam Coast Guard (VCG), which is also the ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam), informed the ReCAAP ISC that they had arrested eight Indonesians, who are suspected to be involved in the hijacking of *Orkim Harmony*. The VCG also seized the boat that the suspects were in, which is reportedly the life boat of *Orkim Harmony*. The suspects claimed that their fishing vessel had sunk and investigation is ongoing.



Arrest of eight suspects



Life boat used by suspects, with name being covered

Photos courtesy of ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam)

### **Comments by the ReCAAP ISC**

3. The ReCAAP ISC commends the VCG in apprehending the suspects involved in the hijacking of *Orkim Harmony* and seizing the life boat that the suspects were in. The ReCAAP ISC will continue to work closely with the VCG, INTERPOL and the Malaysian authorities to gather detailed information about the incident and update the shipping community.