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# Arrest of Suspects in Hijacking of *Hai Soon 12*

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# Incident Update

**Name of vessel** : *Hai Soon 12*  
**Type of vessel** : Oil product tanker  
**Flag of vessel** : Kiribati  
**IMO number** : 9078751  
**GT** : 3243

## Background

1. On 8 May 16, the ReCAAP ISC received information on the mobile app from a shipping company about the loss of communications with one of their ships, a Kiribati-registered oil product tanker, *Hai Soon 12*. The shipping company had lost communications with *Hai Soon 12* for about 12 hours and the ship did not respond to the company's attempts to contact the ship.
2. *Hai Soon 12*, carrying 4,000 metric tons of Marine Gas Oil (MGO), had departed Singapore and was supposed to travel down via Sunda Straits to the Southern Ocean to conduct high seas bunkering / selling MGO to fishing vessels. However, the ship deviated from her planned route and travelled in a southeasterly direction towards Sulawesi instead.

## Actions by ReCAAP ISC and the Authorities

3. Upon receipt of the information, the ReCAAP ISC immediately informed BAKAMLA, who in turn shared the information with the Indonesian Navy (TNI-AL).
4. The incident was also reported to the Information Fusion Centre (IFC), who worked closely with the shipping company to monitor the position of *Hai Soon 12*.
5. Two TNI-AL ships were despatched to locate *Hai Soon 12*, who maintained her course towards Bawean Island until on 8 May 16 at about 2211 hrs, she altered course tracking eastwards.

## Recovery of Ship and Arrest of Perpetrators

6. On 9 May 16 at about 1430 hrs, the TNI-AL ships intercepted and boarded *Hai Soon 12*. Nine perpetrators were found on board the ship and were arrested. All 21 crew members of *Hai Soon 12* were safe and not injured. The cargo was also found to be intact. The ship was reportedly renamed to "AISO".

## Initial Investigation

7. Initial investigations revealed that on 7 May 16 at about 2045 hrs, nine perpetrators climbed up the poop deck of *Hai Soon 12* from a small boat in waters off Pulau Belitung. The crew was tied up in the mess room. Arrangements were overheard stating the intent to sell the MGO in the night. *Hai Soon 12* has been detained and is being escorted to Surabaya for further investigation.



Tracking of *Hai Soon 12* (8-9 May 16)

## Comments by the ReCAAP ISC

8. This is the first attempted incident of hijacking of tanker for oil cargo theft in 2016. The last oil cargo theft occurred on board *Joaquim* on 8 Aug 15. The failed attempt can be attributed to the regional cooperation and collaboration in information sharing and operational responses among the ReCAAP ISC, IFC and Indonesian authorities; leading to the arrest of perpetrators and cargo remained intact. Most importantly the crew was safe and not injured.

9. The ReCAAP ISC commends the TNI-AL in apprehending the suspects involved in the hijacking of *Hai Soon 12*. The ReCAAP ISC will continue to work closely with the shipping company, IFC and Indonesian authorities to gather detailed information about the incident and update the shipping community.