Incident Alert
Robbery on board Tanker
GP T2

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Incident Alert : 04/2017
Name and Type of Ship : GP T2 / Tanker
Date/Time of incident : 30 Oct 2017 at about 0142 hrs (local time)
Location of Last Known Position : 1° 16.7’ N 104° 13.18’ E
Area Description : Singapore Strait approximately 6.5 nm North East of Terumbu Betata, Batam Island, Indonesia

Detail of Incident

On 30 Oct 17, the master of tanker, GP T2 reported to the Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) that at about 0142 hrs, five perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship while she was underway in the eastbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) of the Singapore Strait (SS) at approximately 6.5 nm North East of Terumbu Betata, Batam Island, Indonesia. The perpetrators tied up the duty oiler in the engine room, took away some engine spare parts and escaped in a small boat. The small boat was seen moving towards the southerly direction. The master raised the alarm and conducted a security search on board the ship. No other perpetrators were found. The crew was not injured and the ship is proceeding towards the next port of call in China.

Reported by: ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)

Comments by ReCAAP ISC

This is the seventh incident reported to have occurred in the Singapore Strait (SS) since January 2017, compared to two incidents during January-October 2016.
Of the seven incidents reported during January-October 2017, five were actual incidents (comprising 3 x CAT 3 and 2 x CAT 4 incidents) and two were attempted incidents. Of these; six incidents occurred in the eastbound lane of the TSS of the SS, and one incident occurred in the westbound lane of the TSS. Refer to map on the location of the incidents.

Location of incidents reported during 1 Jan 17 - 30 Oct 17

The ReCAAP ISC is concerned with an increase of incidents in the SS; and advises all ships to exercise enhanced vigilance while underway in the SS and report all incidents to the nearest coastal State and flag State immediately.