

11 September 2018



Incident Alert

Abduction of crew of Fishing Trawler

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Name and Type of Ship : *Dwijaya* / Fishing Trawler

Date/Time of incident : 11 Sep 2018 at about 0100 hrs (local time)

Location of Last Known Position : 4° 40.36' N 118° 43.12' E

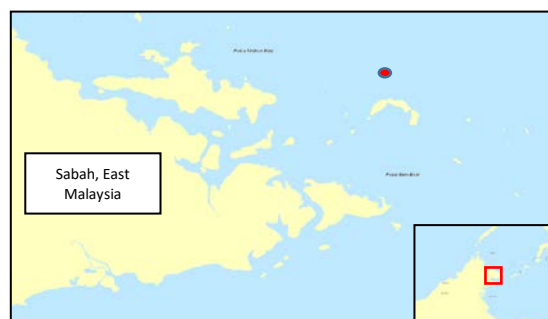
Area Description : Semporna Waters, off Sabah, East Malaysia

Detail of Incident

On 11 Sep 18 at about 0100 hours, two masked armed men clad in dark clothing armed with M16 machine guns boarded a fishing trawler and abducted two Indonesian fishermen off Semporna waters, off Sabah, East Malaysia. Two other fishermen managed to escaped the abduction by hiding in compartment on board.

Once the perpetrators left, the two crewmen immediately made their way to Semporna to lodged a police report. There was no shooting took place and the perpetrators fled with the victims in a boat towards Tawi Tawi province, the Philippines.

It was reported that both victims were transported by a speedboat to Talipao, Sulu in the Philippines at about 1400 hours on 11 Sep 18.



Reported by: ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)

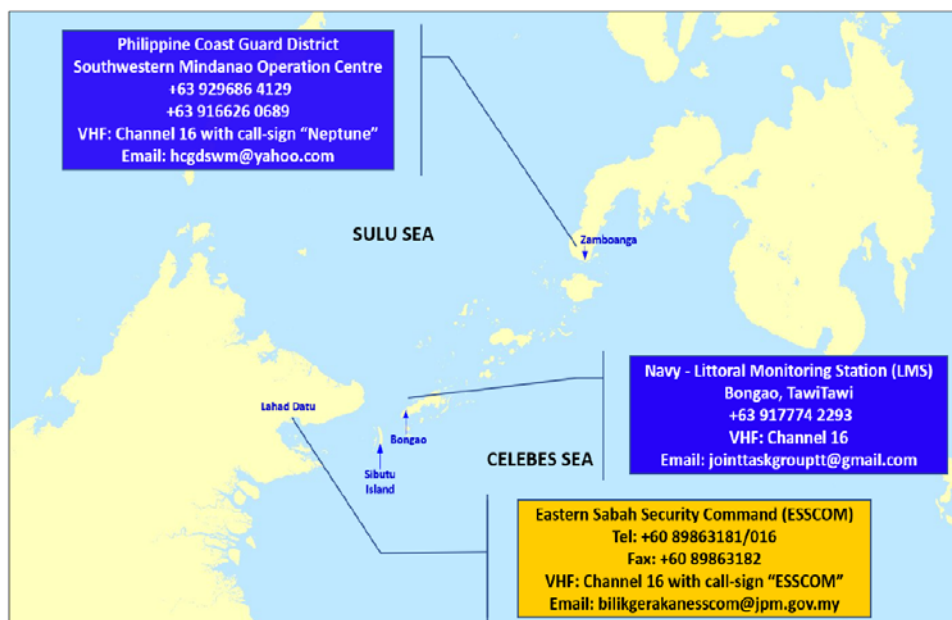
Comments by ReCAAP ISC

This is the first actual abduction incident in 2018 occurred in waters in Sulu-Celebes Seas and off eastern Sabah, East Malaysia. The last actual incident reported to the ReCAAP ISC occurred on board *Super Shuttle Tug 1* on 23 March 2017; and the last attempted incident occurred on board *Kudos 1* on 16 February 2018.



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As the threat of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas is not eliminated as was demonstrated by this incident, the ReCAAP ISC maintains its advisory issued via the ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert dated 21 November 2016 to all ships to re-route from the area, where possible. Otherwise, ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the Sulu-Celebes Seas and eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the following Centres below:



Contact details of the reporting centres

