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Following a significant decline in incidents over the past ten months, there has been a recent spike in reported sea robbery incidents onboard ships while underway in the Singapore Strait. In view of this development, the ReCAAP ISC is issuing this alert to the maritime community and warns of the possibility of further incidents.

Three incidents of sea robbery were reported on board ships transiting the eastbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS) on 2, 4, and 10 November 2026.

The first incident occurred on 2 November at 2125 hrs, the second on 4 November at 2335 hrs, and the third on 10 November at 0240 hrs. All three incidents took place in close proximity to one another (approximately 3.2 nautical miles apart), with two occurring on board bulk carriers and one onboard a tanker. A crew member sustained injuries in one of the incidents, while no injuries were reported in the other two cases. In terms of losses, two vessels reported the theft of engine spare parts, whereas nothing was stolen from the second ship.

With these three latest occurrences, a total of **28 incidents** have been reported in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS) **since January 2026**. The exact locations of these incidents are indicated on the map on page 4. The ReCAAP ISC is deeply concerned about the increasing frequency of incidents within the SOMS.

The ReCAAP ISC urges the littoral States to increase patrols/ surveillance in their respective waters, respond promptly to incidents reported by ships, strengthen coordination, and promote information sharing on incidents and criminal groups involved to arrest the perpetrators.

Ships are advised to intensify vigilance and maintain sharp lookout while transiting the areas of concern, particularly during hours of darkness, and adopt preventive measures, including CCTV coverage at potential boarding places onboard as recommended in the *Regional Guide 2 to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia*. They are encouraged to report all incidents immediately to the nearest coastal State and flag State using the ReCAAP ISC Mobile App, and identify the perpetrators' craft making reference to the ReCAAP ISC's *Guide Book on Identification of Fishing Boats in Asian Waters*. Also access to the ReCAAP ISC Interactive Dashboard, Re-VAMP (ReCAAP Data Visualisation Map & Panel) at www.recaap.org to gather key insights and collate information to make informed risk assessments and decisions when planning voyages.

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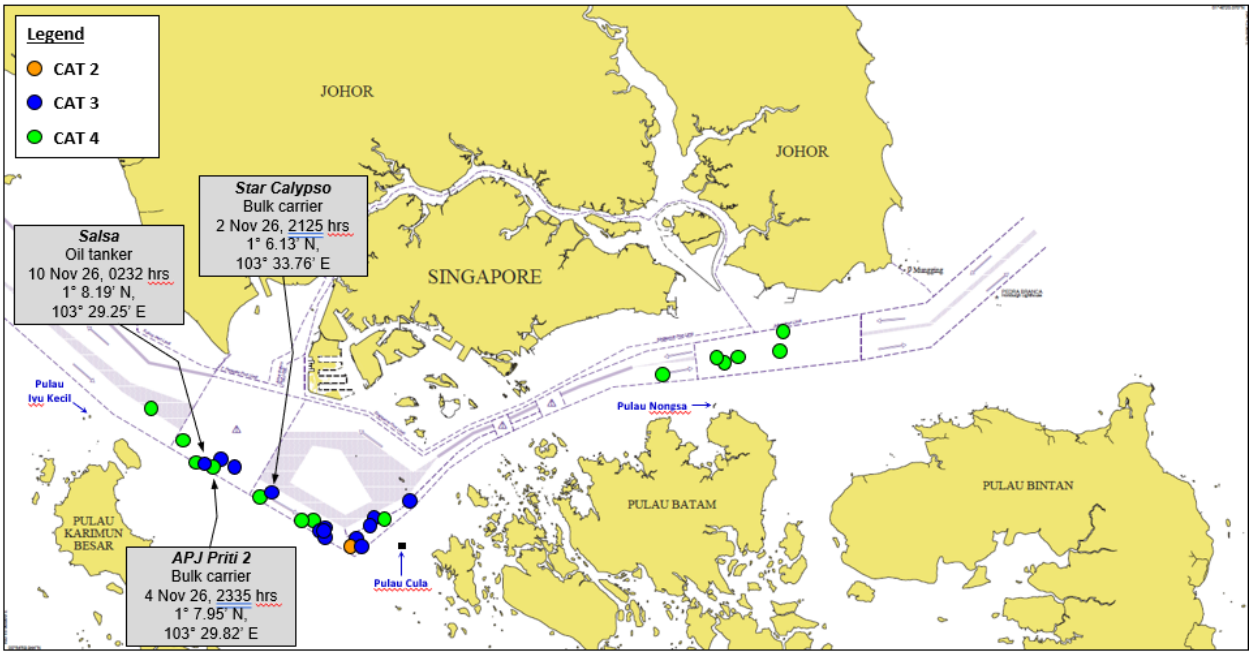
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Location of Incidents in the SOMS (1 January – 11 November 2026)

During 1 January – 11 November 2026, the ReCAAP Focal Points had reported to the Centre **28 incidents** that occurred to ships while underway in the SOMS. The locations of the incidents are shown on the map below.



Location of the 28 incidents in the SOMS (1 January – 11 November 2026)