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## ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 17 – 23 January 2017

### Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

#### OVERVIEW

For the period of 17 - 23 Jan 17, two incidents were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The location of the two incidents are shown in the map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.



Location of incidents (17 – 23 Jan 17)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The ReCAAP ISC urges ship master and crew to report all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships to the nearest coastal State and flag State, exercise vigilance and adopt relevant preventive measures taking reference from the *Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia*, particularly when operating in areas of concern.

The ReCAAP ISC reiterates its advisory to all ships as highlighted in the Incident Alert dated 21 November 2016 on the abduction incidents in the Sulu-Celebes Sea and waters off eastern Sabah.

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships  
17 to 23 January 2017**

NO	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Local time of Incident (LT)	Position of the Incident	Details of the Incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or International Organization	Coastal State Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>A. ACTUAL INCIDENT</b>									
1.	<b>Fishing Banca</b> Fishing trawler Malaysia BN: 838/4F	18/01/17 1730 hrs.	6° 5' N 118° 18' E  4 nm east of Bakungan Island, Taganak Municipality, Tawi-tawi, Philippines	While sailing, nine perpetrators armed with guns boarded the fishing boat from a grey speed boat, took away three Indonesian crew in their speed boat and left the area heading towards Sulu.  The local residents from Bakungan Island, Taganak reported the incident to the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and local police.	Abducted three crew.  No item was stolen	No information available	Yes  Philippine Coast Guard (PCG)  Local Police	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	While conducting the maritime patrol in the area, the PCG stationed in Taganak spotted an abandoned fishing banca drifting at vicinity waters of Bacungan Island, Tawi-tawi. The PCG towed the banca and turned over to Taganak Municipal Office together with several fishing paraphernalia and navigational equipment.  The PCG continuously verifying some reports as to the whereabouts of the rest of the crew and some other relevant information.
2.	<b>Jaya Crystal</b> Tug boat Singapore 2763 9594212	23/01/17 1000 hrs	21° 112' N 91° 43' E  Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh	While sailing, multiple small boats approached tug boat, <i>Jaya Crystal</i> which was towing another ship, <i>EL Hadj</i> .  The master immediately contacted the Chittagong Port Control and Bangladesh Coast Guard on Channel 12 and Channel 16 to request for assistance. Meantime, <i>Jaya Crystal</i> performed zigzag manoeuvres in an attempt to deter the small boats from approaching. However, the master sighted a number of the perpetrators	The crew was not injured.  No item was stolen	Contacted Chittagong Port Control and Bangladesh Coast Guard on Channel 12 and Channel 16 to request for assistance.  Also reported to the Flag State.	Yes  Chittagong Port Control, Bangladesh Coast Guard and Flag State	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Bangladesh Navy despatched navy ship to the location of the incident.

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				<p>climbing onto <i>EL Hadj</i>, and set fire on board the ship. The small boats left the area after the Bangladesh Navy arrived at the location of the incident.</p> <p><i>Jaya Crystal</i> began to fight the fire on the port quarter of <i>EL Hadj</i> but was interrupted when the master had to manoeuvre both ships into deeper waters to prevent grounding.</p> <p>The crew was not injured and nothing was stolen.</p>					