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ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 2-8 May 2017

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 2-8 May 17, two incidents of armed robbery against ships in Asia were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The locations of the two incidents are shown in map below; and detailed descriptions tabulated in attachment.



Location of incidents (2-8 May 17)

Also included in this report was an incident that occurred outside Asia (at Callao Anchorage No.1, Peru) on 4 May 17. The incident involved *Kota Lukis*, a Singapore-registered container ship was reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).

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*.

The ReCAAP ISC reiterates 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 Sea and eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the following Centres:



Contact details of the centres

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia
2-8 May 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
ACTUAL INCIDENT									
1	<i>Nord Maru</i> Bulk carrier Singapore 30684 9284491	3/5/17 0100	5° 57.5' S, 106° 55.6' E Tanjung Priok Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, the duty roving crew sighted three perpetrators boarded the ship through the stern from a wooden boat. The duty crew reported the sighting to the duty officer. The general alarm was immediately activated, and the perpetrators escaped in an unlit wooden boat.	The crew was not injured. Some ship's stores were reported missing.	Raised the alarm and reported the incident to the local port authorities and flag State.	Yes Local port authorities and flag State (Singapore)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available
2	<i>Unique Developer</i> Tanker Hong Kong 26914 9402809	2/5/17 2315 hrs	22° 13.9' N, 91° 44.1' E Bravo anchorage, Chittagong, Bangladesh	While at anchor, two perpetrators speaking in local dialect Bangla, armed with sword, boarded on the poop deck of the ship from an approximately three to four meters long boat with two other perpetrators on board. The duty crew, upon seeing the perpetrators boarding the ship, informed the bridge and the duty officer raised the alarm by sounding the ship whistle followed by making announcement over the PA system. The perpetrators left the ship empty-handed.	The crew was not injured. No item was stolen.	Raised the alarm and reported the incident to the local port authorities.	Yes Chittagong Port Control and Bangladesh Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	The local authorities advised the ship to implement the anti-piracy watch.

INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA BUT REPORTED BY ReCAAP FOCAL POINT

3	<p>Kota Lukis Container ship Singapore 39906 9439747</p>	<p>4/5/17 0130 hrs</p>	<p>12° 1.02' S, 77° 12.06' W Callao Anchorage No.1, Peru</p>	<p>While at anchor, five to six perpetrators with mask, armed with knives, boarded the ship and attacked the duty able bodied (AB) seaman and one shore security watchman. The attack took place after the AB completed his anti-piracy rounds. The armed robber took the duty AB to the port side aft corner of the forecastle deck of the ship and tied him up. The perpetrators also tied up the security watchman while he was carrying out his watch duty at the forward station.</p> <p>The perpetrators took away the AB's walkie-talkie, and the personal belongings of the AB and the security watchman. They then entered through the forecastle deck manhole and took away the mooring ropes from the forward store before leaving the ship through the hawse pipe port side.</p> <p>The AB and the security watchman who managed to free themselves immediately ran to the aft station to report the incident to the bridge. The general alarm was raised and crew was mustered. The crew then carried out a search on board. No sighting of the armed robbers was found.</p>	<p>The crew was not injured. Mooring ropes, ship's walkie-talkie and personal belongings of the duty AB and the security watchman were stolen.</p>	<p>Raised the alarm, mustered the crew and carried out a search on board the ship.</p>	<p>Yes Local port authorities and flag State (Singapore)</p>	<p>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)</p>	<p>No information available</p>
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