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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

Overview

During 20-26 Jun 17, one incident of piracy was reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Thailand). The incident involved the siphoning of oil cargo from chemical/oil product tanker, *C.P.41* to the perpetrators' ship. Investigation is ongoing. Incident of such nature was last reported to the ReCAAP ISC in October 2016. The location of the incident is shown in map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.



Location of incident

There was no report on actual or attempted incidents involving the abduction of crew from ships while underway in the Sulu-Celebes Sea and waters off Eastern Sabah since May 2017. Nevertheless, there is no room for complacency.

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 Incident of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia
20 - 26 June 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	C.P.41 Chemical/oil product tanker Thailand 2752 9186455	23/6/17 2100 hrs	3°55.27'N, 103°52.8'E 25 nm from Kuantan, Malaysia South China Sea	While sailing, six perpetrators speaking Bahasa, armed with guns and knives boarded the ship and locked all crew in the engine room. The perpetrators instructed the ship's engineer to operate the pump and siphon the cargo of diesel to their ship. An estimated of 1.5 million litres of diesel was siphoned from the ship. Thereafter the perpetrators released all the crew at 0420 hrs on 24 Jun 17. Before leaving the ship, the perpetrators damaged the ship's communication equipment. The ship arrived at Songkha port on 26 Jun 17; and a team boarded the ship for investigation.	The crew was threatened and locked in the engine room. Damaged the communication equipment. 1.5 million litres of diesel had been siphoned.	Reported incident to the company who reported to Thailand Maritime Enforcement Coordinating Centre (MECC) who informed the Malaysian authorities.	Yes Thailand MECC who informed Malaysian authorities	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Thailand)	Thailand MECC reported incident to the ReCAAP ISC who informed the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) An investigation team boarded the ship when she arrived at Songkha port on 26 Jun 17.