Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During the period of 3-9 Oct 17, one incident of armed robbery against ship was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incident is shown in the map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.
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 reporting centres

![Map of the Sulu-Celebes Sea showing contact details for reporting centres.

 Philippine Coast Guard District
Southwestern Mindanao Operation Centre
+63 929686 4129
+63 916626 0689
VHF: Channel 16 with call-sign “ENVY”
Email: hcgdswm@yahoo.com

Navy - Littoral Monitoring Station (LMS)
Bongao, Tawi-Tawi
+63 917774 2293
VHF: Channel 16
Email: jointtaskgroupott@gmail.com

Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM)
Tel: +60 89863181/016
Fax: +60 89863182
VHF: Channel 16 with call-sign “ESSCOM”
Email: bilikgorakanesscom@jpm.gov.my
## Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships
### 3-9 October 2017

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>NO</th>
<th>Ship Name</th>
<th>Type of Ship</th>
<th>Flag</th>
<th>Gross Tonnage</th>
<th>IMO Number</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Local time of Incident (LT)</th>
<th>Position of the Incident</th>
<th>Details of the Incident</th>
<th>Consequences for crew, ship, cargo</th>
<th>Action taken by the master and crew</th>
<th>Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?</th>
<th>Reporting State or International Organization</th>
<th>Coastal State Action Taken</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>SBI Echo</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Marshall Island</td>
<td>34835</td>
<td>9714692</td>
<td>19/9/17</td>
<td>20° 54.3’N, 107° 16.3’E</td>
<td>Cam Pha Inner Anchorage, Vietnam</td>
<td>While at anchor, the duty crew during his routine round discovered that the padlock to the paint store was broken. Ship stores and crew’s personal belongings had been stolen. The perpetrators could have had boarded the ship unnoticed during the ship’s cargo operations. The incident was reported to the ship agent who made a report to the port authority. The crew was not injured. The padlock to the ship’s paint store was broken. Ship stores and crew’s personal belongings had been stolen.</td>
<td>The incident was reported to the ship agent who reported to the port authorities.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Local port authorities</td>
<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam)</td>
<td>Not known.</td>
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**Notes:**
- **SBI Echo** refers to the ship involved in the incident.
- **Imaginary data has been used for demonstration purposes.**