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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During the period of 17-23 Oct 17, four incidents were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. One was an attempted incident of piracy and the other three were armed robberies against ships in Asia. The location of incidents are shown in the map below; and detailed descriptions tabulated in attachment.



Location of incidents

Also included in this report was an incident that occurred outside Asia (at Anchorage No.2, Puerto Jose, Venezuela) on 19 Oct 17. The incident involved *Nashwan*, 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 reporting centres

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships
17-23 October 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	Lady Sandra Tug boat India 2599 9172284 Iron Mong Motor tanker	5/10/17 1808 hrs	20° 43.36' N, 71° 29.1' E 11 nm south of Pipavav LT, Arabian Sea	While sailing, five to six perpetrators onboard a fishing boat <i>Makhdoom</i> approached and attempted to board the unmanned motor tanker, <i>Iron Mong</i> which was towed by tug boat, <i>Lady Sandra</i> , but, they failed. The perpetrators snatched the grab line and the Norwegian buoy attached to the ETA (emergency towing arrangement) of <i>Iron Mong</i> . The master alerted the crew, initiated anti-piracy measures and manoeuvred the ship evasively.	The crew was not injured. Grab line and Norwegian buoy were stolen.	The master alerted the crew, initiated anti-piracy measures and manoeuvred evasively.	Yes VTS Khambhat West, Indian Marine Police and Indian Coast Guard (ICG)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the marine police conducted an investigation of the incident.
2	Ocean Paradise Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 30002 9350070	17/10/17 2200 hrs	22° 47' N, 70° 1' E Kandla anchorage, India	While at anchor, two perpetrators armed with knives boarded the forecastle deck of the ship from a high-speed craft. The duty officer raised the alarm, mustered the crew and heightened the security watch. The perpetrators jumped overboard and escaped using a boat.	The crew was not injured Broke fore peak store and damaged one fire hose. One coupling was stolen.	The master reported the incident to the local agent and the port control.	Yes Port control and ICG	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	Upon receipt of the information the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and other concerned authorities conducted an investigation of the incident.

3	Jutta Bulk carrier Liberia 93742 9730402	17/10/17 2350 hrs	1° 16.3' N, 104° 12.85' E About 8.9 nm Northwest of Tanjung Sebong, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait	While sailing, two perpetrators were sighted escaping from the aft starboard deck of the ship into an unknown craft. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) via VHF. The crew conducted a thorough search on board the ship and discovered some engine spares missing from the engine room. There was no injury to the crew and ship resumed her voyage for her next port in China.	The crew was not injured Engine spares were stolen	The master reported the incident VTIS via VHF. The crew conducted a thorough search on board the ship and discovered loss of engine spares.	Yes VTMS Singapore, Singapore Police Coast Guard, Republic of Singapore Navy	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Broadcasted the navigational warning to alert mariners to maintain anti-piracy watch. Notified the Indonesian authorities.
ATTEMPTED INCIDENT									
4	Pacific Sky Tanker Marshall Islands 62856 9408554	19/10/17 0150 hrs	20° 13.9' N, 66° 51.1' E 180 nm Southwest of Porbander LT, Indian Ocean	While sailing, an unknown number of perpetrators on board four skiffs chased after the ship and attempted to board, but failed. The master raised the distress alert via VHF Channel 16 and warned all ships in the vicinity. He then triggered the horn to chase away the suspicious craft, increased the speed of the ship and informed the UKMTO, alerted the ICG and continued the voyage.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.	The master made the following actions: a. raised the distress alert via VHF Channel 16; b. warned all ships in the vicinity; c. triggered the horn to chase away the suspicious craft. d. increased the speed of the ship; e. alerted the ICG; and f. informed the UKMTO	Yes MRCC India and ICG	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	Upon receipt of the information, the ICG established contact with the ship and conducted an investigation of the incident.
INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA BUT REPORTED BY ReCAAP FOCAL POINT									
5	Nashwan LPG Singapore 16804 9394208	19/10/17 2320 hrs	10°11.3' N, 64° 46.9' E Anchorage no.2, Puerto Jose, Venezuela	While at anchor, five unarmed perpetrators were spotted by a crew at the poop deck of the ship. The alarm was raised and crew was mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the perpetrators jumped overboard and escaped. A search was carried out and it was found out that the padlock for SOSEP locker was found broken, but no item was found missing.	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen but the padlock for SOSEP locker was found broken.	Raised the alarm, mustered the crew and carried out a search on board the ship.	Yes Flag State (Singapore)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No available information.