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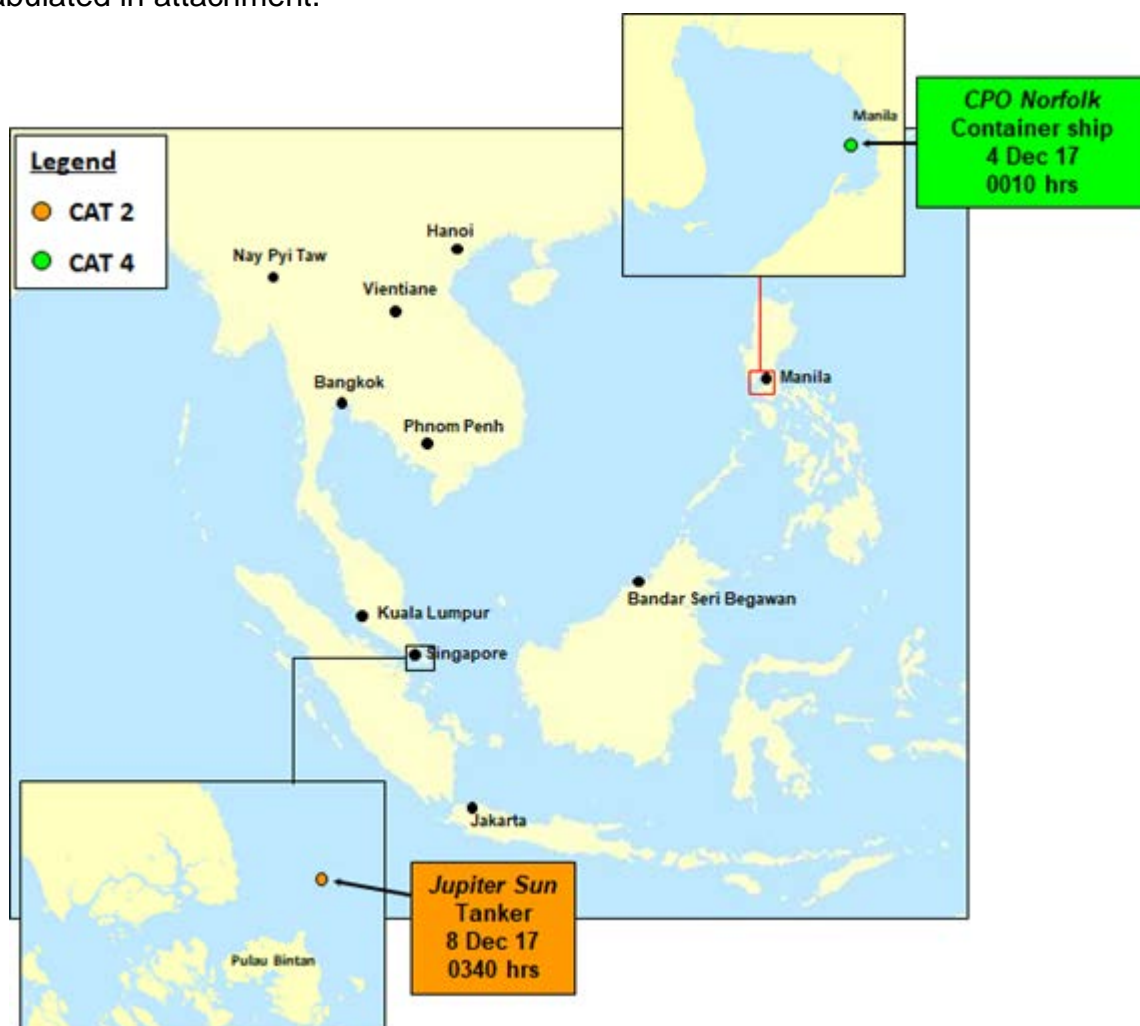
## ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report

### 5-11 December 2017

## Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

### OVERVIEW

During the period of 5-11 Dec 17, two incidents (comprising one incident of armed robbery against ships, and one piracy incident) were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The location of the two incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.



Location of incidents

## Update on *Royal 16*

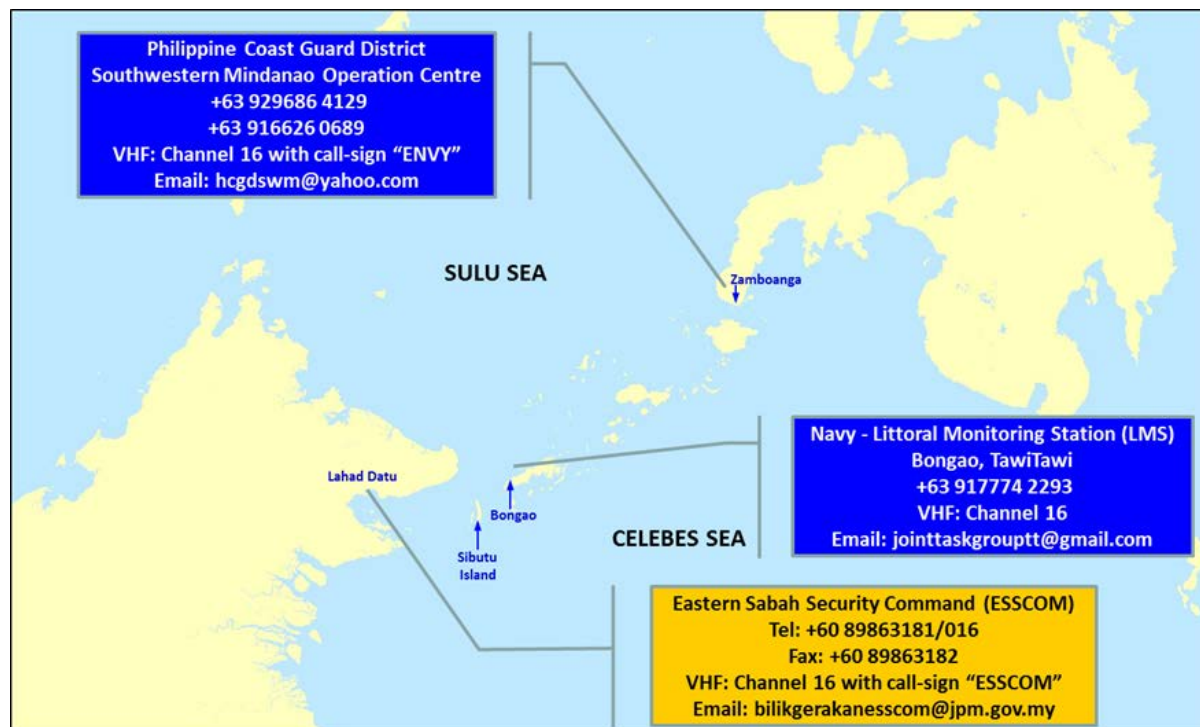
The ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines) reported to the ReCAAP ISC that the police authorities discovered the remains of the captain of *Royal 16* in Jolo, Sulu on 8 Dec 17. Reportedly, the victim died during the encounter between the military forces and Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) in Talipao, Sulu on 7 Sep 17.

*Royal 16* was boarded by 10 armed men who abducted its six crew on 11 Nov 16. On 16 Jun 17, while the government troops were conducting military operations, they successfully rescued one of the abducted crew in Sumipsip, Basilan, Philippines. On 5 Jul 17, the Philippine military found the bodies of another two *Royal 16*'s abducted crew at Sitio Limbutulan, Brgy Tumahubong in Sumisip Basilan. To date, **one** crew of *Royal 16* is still being held in captivity. The above-mentioned updates were published in previous ReCAAP ISC Weekly Reports covering the period of 8-14 Nov 16, 13-19 Jun 17, 4-10 Jul 17 and 15-21 Aug 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*.

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  
5-11 December 2017**

	<b>Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number</b>	<b>Date Local time of Incident (LT)</b>	<b>Position of the Incident</b>	<b>Details of the Incident</b>	<b>Consequences for crew, ship, cargo</b>	<b>Action taken by the master and crew</b>	<b>Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?</b>	<b>Reporting State or Internationa l Organizatio n</b>	<b>Coastal State Action Taken</b>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<b>ACTUAL INCIDENTS</b>									
1	<b><i>CPO Norfolk</i></b> Container ship Liberia 41358 9440813	4/12/17 0010 hrs	14° 33.72' N, 120° 55.25' E  Quarantine Anchorage area, South Harbour Manila, Philippines	While at anchor, the duty officer on board the container ship was conducting routine security rounds when he noticed that the securing cables of the forward/forecastle lifesaving appliances were cut. He also noticed that the forecastle store room was unlocked. The crew immediately conducted inventory check on the ship's equipment and discovered that two life rafts and four immersion suits were missing. They reported the incident to the Philippine Coast Guard. It is believed that the perpetrators boarded the ship by climbing through the anchor chain and hawse pipes.	The crew was not injured.  Two life rafts and four immersion suits were stolen.	Reported the incident to the local authorities.	Yes  Philippine Coast Guard and VTMS Manila	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines) which is the Philippine Coast Guard	The Philippine Coast Guard deployed its floating asset diesel fast craft (DF 312) to conduct maritime patrol in the area.
2	<b><i>Jupiter Sun</i></b> Tanker Liberia 59164 9332834	8/12/17 0340 hrs	1° 27.83' N, 104° 39.13' E  Approximately 15 nm north- northeast off Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia (SCS)	While at anchor, four perpetrators wearing black, barefooted and armed with knives and swords boarded the tanker from a small craft. They confronted and tied the 2 <sup>nd</sup> engineer who was working in the engine room workshop. The perpetrators forcibly entered the spare parts store, stole two bags of engine spare parts and escaped. The master conducted a search on board and no perpetrators were found.	The crew was not injured.  Two bags of engine spares were stolen.	The master reported the incident to the ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).  The master conducted search on board.	Yes  Singapore Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) which is POCC	The POCC notified the Indonesian authorities, Republic of Singapore Navy and Singapore Police Coast Guard.