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ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report

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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 10-16 Jul 18, three incidents of armed robbery against ships were reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incidents is shown in the map below; and detailed description of the incidents is tabulated in attachment.



Location of incidents

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*.

Situation of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas

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 Seas 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
10-16 July 2018**

	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 INCIDENTS IN ASIA									
1.	Innovator LNG tanker Isle of Man 93948 9238040	06/07/18 0040 hrs	13° 45.44' N, 121° 0.82' E Delta Anchorage Area Banuan, Batangas, Philippines	While at anchor, perpetrators boarded the ship, stole ship stores and escaped. The duty watch alerted the master who sounded the general alarm and mustered the crew. The hawse pipe was slightly moved and the crew suspected that the perpetrators had climbed through the anchor chain. The master reported the incident to VTMS Batangas. The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) conducted an investigation and advised the master to take precautionary measures while anchored at Batangas Port.	Ship stores including two fire hose nozzles and the sounding cap of the anchor chain locker were stolen.	The master raised the alarm and mustered the crew.	Yes VTMS Batangas and PCG	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	The PCG conducted an investigation and advised the master to take precautionary measures while anchored at Batangas Port.

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2.	Bintang Ocean 3 Tug boat Winbuild 2313 Barge Singapore 1468	07/07/18 0320 hrs	1° 15.05' N, 104° 2.73' E Approximately 3.8 nm northeast of Tanjung Sengkuang, Pulau Batam, Indonesia, in the eastbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) of the Singapore Strait (Straits of Malacca and Singapore)	While tug boat, <i>Bintang Ocean 3</i> towing barge, <i>Winbuild 2313</i> was underway, Singapore Police Coast Guard reported to Singapore Port Operations Control Centre (POCC) at 0130 hrs that two sampans were spotted alongside <i>Winbuild 2313</i> . The VTIS Central contacted the tug boat and the master replied that everything was fine. At about 0320 hrs, the Singapore Police Coast Guard again reported to POCC that the two same sampans were still following at the stern of <i>Winbuild 2313</i> . At about 0325 hrs, the tug master reported to VTIS East that four coils of tow line were missing from <i>Winbuild 2313</i> . Upon arrival at Changi Barge Holding Anchorage on the same day at about 0800 hrs, the Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ships and conducted an investigation. The crew was not injured.	Four coils of tow line were stolen from the barge. The crew was not injured.	-	Yes VTIS East	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Upon arrival of the tug boat and barge at Changi Barge Holding Anchorage on the same day at about 0800 hrs, the Singapore Police Coast Guard conducted an investigation.
3.	Maersk Cancun Oil/chemical product tanker Singapore 29816 9786138	10/07/18 1400 hrs	5° 47.2' N, 118° 1.5' E Sandakan Port, East Malaysia	While at berth, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded the ship, stole ship stores and escaped. The deck watch crew later discovered that the forepeak store locker padlock was broken. Upon checking, a ship's bell, a coil of heaving line and two bicycles were found missing. The agent and PFSO were informed and thereafter, the local police conducted an investigation and took a statement from the Chief Officer. The crew was not injured.	The crew was not injured.	-	Yes Local police, PFSO and agent	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The local police conducted an investigation and took a statement from the Chief Officer.

