Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During the period of 15-21 May 18, two 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 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*.

**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
### 15-21 May 2018

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<tr>
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<th>Ship Name</th>
<th>Type of Ship</th>
<th>Flag</th>
<th>Gross Tonnage</th>
<th>IMO Number</th>
<th>Date 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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<td>1</td>
<td><em>Kirana Tritya</em></td>
<td>Product tanker</td>
<td>Singapore</td>
<td>13203</td>
<td>9367750</td>
<td>29/04/18 0300 hrs</td>
<td>5° 30.13' S, 105° 18.13' E Panjang Anchorage, Indonesia</td>
<td>While at anchor, the Officer-on-Watch (OOW) observed a fishing boat that was proceeding close to the ship. He informed the Security Watch, who then spotted three perpetrators at the starboard quarter of the ship. The alarm was raised and upon hearing the alarm, the three perpetrators jumped overboard. The crew was not injured and nothing was stolen.</td>
<td>The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.</td>
<td>The alarm was raised.</td>
<td>Yes Flag State (Singapore)</td>
<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)</td>
<td>No information available.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td><em>Budget 19</em></td>
<td>Tug boat</td>
<td>Malaysia</td>
<td>140</td>
<td>9515369</td>
<td>19/05/18 1500 hrs</td>
<td>1° 12.29' N, 103° 34.12' E Approximately 4.65 nm southeast of Tanjung Piai, Southern Johor, Malaysia, in the westbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) of the Singapore Strait (SS) (SOMS)</td>
<td>While the tug boat towing a barge was underway, a few small craft were seen alongside the unmanned barge. Some scrap metal was found stolen from the barge. The crew was not injured.</td>
<td>The crew was not injured. Some scrap metal was found stolen from the barge.</td>
<td>No information available.</td>
<td>Yes Singapore Vessel Traffic Management</td>
<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)</td>
<td>Singapore Focal Point initiated navigational broadcast and requested ships to keep a lookout for small craft in the vicinity. The Republic of Singapore Navy, Singapore Police Coast Guard, Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified.</td>
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