Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 28 Aug-3 Sep 18, one incident of armed robbery against ships was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incident is shown in the map below; and detailed description of the incident is tabulated in attachment.
SITUATION OF ABDUCTION OF CREW IN THE SULU-CELEBES SEAS

The last actual incident of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebs Seas occurred on 23 Mar 17 and the last attempted incident on 16 Feb 18. However, as the threat of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas is not eliminated, ReCAAP ISC maintains its advisory issued via the ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert dated 21 November 2016 to all ships to reroute 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 Centres as shown in map below.

RECOMMENDATION

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.
# Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships
## 28 August-3 September 2018

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<tr>
<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>
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<td><strong>Maersk Mishima</strong></td>
<td>Product tanker</td>
<td>Panama</td>
<td>28049</td>
<td>9450789</td>
<td><strong>28/08/18</strong></td>
<td><strong>0415 hrs</strong></td>
<td><strong>7° 09′ N, 126° 39.5′ E</strong></td>
<td>Vicinity Insular Oil - Davao Bulk Terminal, Sasa, Davao City, Philippines</td>
<td>While at berth, four perpetrators wearing dark clothes attempted to board the product tanker at the starboard quarter (stern area) using fire hose. The duty personnel spotted the perpetrators, shouted at them and immediately informed the duty officer and other crew. Upon realising that the crew had been alerted, the perpetrators jumped from the ship and escaped using an outrigger motor banca. After the occurrence, the crew immediately removed the fire hose, and checked thoroughly all stores, fire boxes and other items on deck. Nothing was stolen and the crew was not injured.</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>Port State Control Centre, Davao</td>
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