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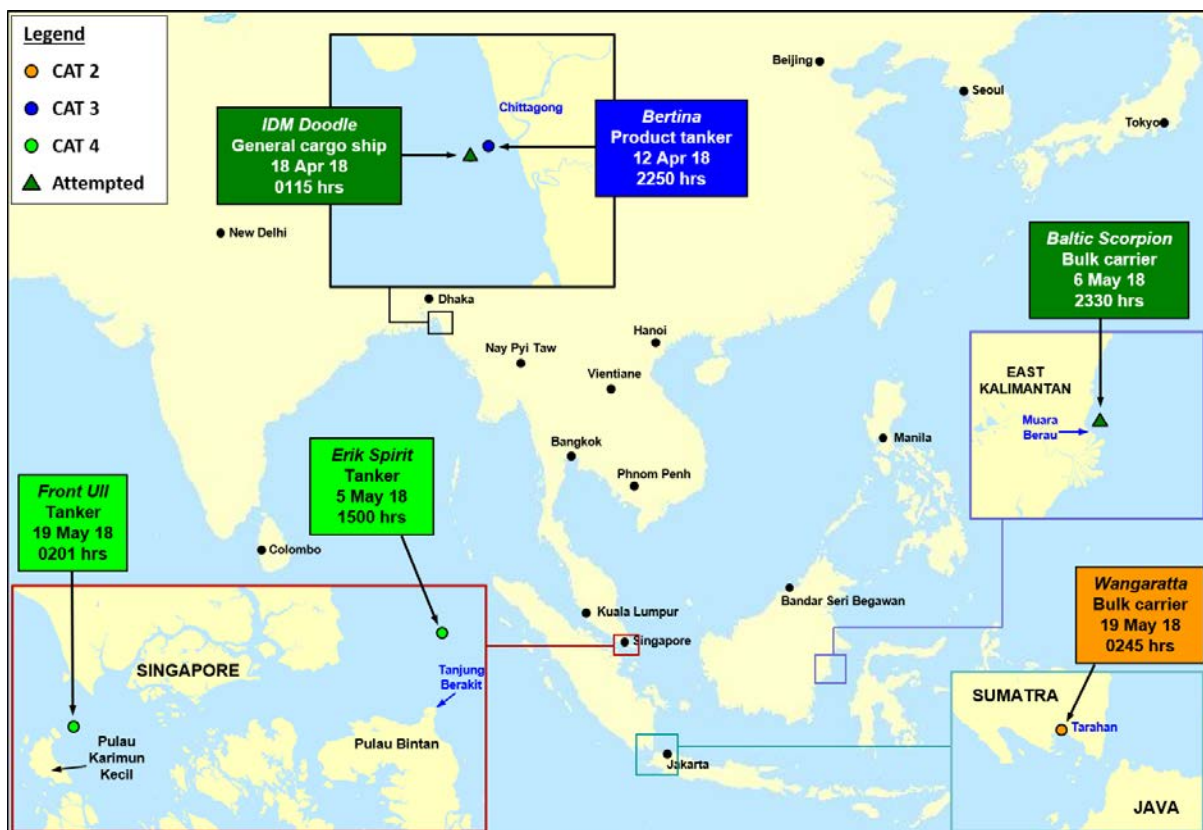
## ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report

### 29 May- 4 June 2018

## Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

### OVERVIEW

During 29 May - 4 Jun 18, six incidents (comprising four actual incidents and two attempted 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.



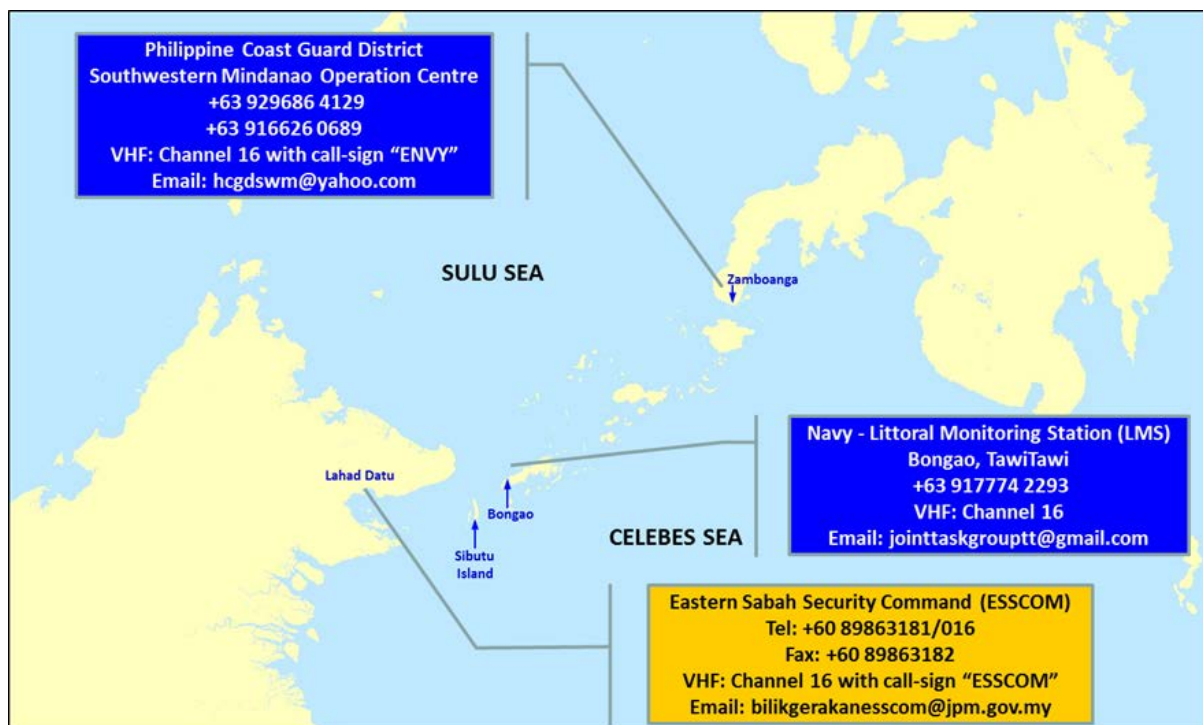
Location of incidents

## 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  
29 May- 4 June 2018**

	<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 International Organization</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 IN ASIA</b>									
1.	<b><i>Bertina</i></b> Product tanker Bahamas 8545 9352133	12/04/18 2250 hrs	22° 12.8' N, 91° 44.54' E  Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Three perpetrators armed with iron rod boarded the ship from a small boat. They injured the watch keeper, stole 10 drums of paint (each 140 litres) and escaped. The master raised the alarm, mustered the crew and reported the incident to the Chittagong Port Control and Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG).  The BCG dispatched a patrol boat to the location, recovered the stolen items and arrested the perpetrators. The stolen items were returned to the victim ship and the perpetrators handed over to the local police.	The watch keeper was injured.  10 drums of paint (140 ltrs.) were stolen, and later returned to the victim ship.	The master raised the alarm, mustered the crew and reported the incident to the Chittagong Port Control and Bangladesh Coast Guard.	Yes  Chittagong Port Control and Bangladesh Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Bangladesh)	The Bangladesh Coast Guard dispatched a patrol boat to search the area. They recovered the stolen items and arrested the perpetrators.  The stolen items were returned to the victim ship, and the perpetrators were handed over to local police.
2.	<b><i>Erik Spirit</i></b> Tanker Bahamas 62929 9292515	05/05/18 1500 hrs	1° 27.4' N, 104° 36.3' E  Approximately 12 nm north- northeast of Tanjung Berakit. Bintan Island, Indonesia	While at anchor, perpetrators boarded the tanker unnoticed, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was later discovered during the ship's routine emergency drill.	The crew was not injured.  Ship's property were stolen.	No information available	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.

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3	<b>Wangaratta</b> Bulk carrier Panama 43012 9461166	19/05/18 0245 hrs	05° 32' S, 105° 18.8' E  Tarahan Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, five perpetrators armed with knives boarded the ship using a rope. They held the duty AB hostage, tied him and threatened him with knives. The perpetrators stole the ship's properties, damaged the door to the engine room, stole engine spares and escaped.  The AB managed to free himself and raise the alarm. The OOW sounded the ship's horn and mustered the crew. A search was conducted on board the ship.	The duty AB was held hostage, tied and threatened with knives. He was not injured.  The door to the engine room was damaged, and the ship's properties and engine spares were stolen.	The AB raised the alarm, and the OOW sounded the ship's horn and mustered the crew.	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan) and ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.
4	<b>Front Ull</b> Tanker Marshall Islands 81670 9600932	19/05/18 0201 hrs	1° 10' N, 103° 27' E  Approximately 2.5 nm east- northeast of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia (SOMS)	While underway, six perpetrators boarded the tanker. The duty engineer noticed the perpetrators, informed the master who raised the alarm. Seeing that the crew had been alerted, the perpetrators escaped empty-handed.	The crew was not injured.  No items were stolen.	The master raised the alarm.	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.
<b>ATTEMPTED INCIDENT IN ASIA</b>									
5.	<b>IDM Doodle</b> General cargo ship Panama 9992 9112557	18/04/18 0115 hrs	22° 11.3' N, 91° 42.1' E  Chittagong Bravo Anchorage, Bangladesh	Six perpetrators with knives in a black boat tried to board an anchored ship from astern. The ship master and crew were vigilant and raised the alarm.	The crew was not injured.  No items were stolen.	The crew raised the alarm, and reported the incident to the Bangladesh Coast Guard and port control room.	Yes  Bangladesh Coast Guard and local port authority	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Bangladesh)	The Bangladesh Coast Guard was on patrol near the area.
6.	<b>Baltic Scorpion</b> Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 36353 9729477	06/05/18 2330 hrs	0° 13.8' S, 117° 33.8' E  Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	While at anchor, the duty AB on routine rounds on board the ship heard noises coming from the hawse pipe. He saw a perpetrator trying to remove the hawse pipe protection cover. The duty AB immediately informed the OOW who raised the alarm	The crew was not injured.  No items were stolen.	The crew raised the alarm and sounded the ship's whistle.  The master mustered the crew	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.

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				<p>and sounded the ship's whistle. Upon hearing the alarm, the perpetrators aborted the attempted boarding and escaped.</p> <p>The crew was mustered, and a search was carried out. Nothing was stolen. The SSO tried to call the port control on VHF but received no response.</p>		<p>and carried out the search.</p> <p>Attempted to call the Port Control through VHF</p>			