Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

The ReCAAP ISC did not receive report of incident of piracy or armed robbery against ships that occurred in Asia during 3-9 Jul 18.

One incident of armed robbery against ships outside Asia was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The incident occurred at Lagos, Nigeria on 3 Jul 18. Detailed description of the incident is 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

Philippine Coast Guard District Southwestern Mindanao Operation Centre
+63 929656 4129
+63 916626 0689
VHF: Channel 16 with call-sign “ENYY”
Email: hcgdswn@yahoo.com

Navy - Littoral Monitoring Station (LMS)
Bongao, Tawi-Tawi
+63 917774 2293
VHF: Channel 16
Email: jointtaskgrouptt@gmail.com

Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM)
Tel: +60 89863181/016
Fax: +60 89863182
VHF: Channel 16 with call-sign “ESSCOM”
Email: bilikgerakanesscom@jpm.gov.my
**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships**  
**3-9 July 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 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>
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<td><strong>1. BW Petrel</strong></td>
<td><strong>Tanker</strong></td>
<td><strong>Singapore</strong></td>
<td>29751</td>
<td>9706073</td>
<td><strong>3/7/18</strong></td>
<td><strong>0129 hrs</strong></td>
<td><strong>6°16'N, 3°11' E</strong></td>
<td>Lagos anchorage area, Nigeria</td>
<td>While at anchor, the duty AB during routine rounds noticed a rope attached to the portside anchor chain leading to a boat positioned along the starboard side of the ship. The duty AB sighted six to seven persons on board said suspicious boat, and immediately alerted the bridge. While rushing towards the accommodation, the duty AB saw a perpetrator on the deck of the starboard side. The perpetrator assured the duty AB that he would leave the ship. The duty AB quickly went inside a secured area and locked the doors. The master raised the alarm, activated SSAS and sent piracy distress message. The general alarm and whistle continued to sound until the Nigerian Navy patrol boats arrived. Two patrol boats arrived, conducted a search, investigated and requested the ship to resume to normal duties.</td>
<td>The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.</td>
<td>The master raised the alarm, activated the SSAS and sent piracy distress message.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Nigerian Navy Flag State (Singapore)</td>
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