Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During the period of 6-12 March 18, one incident of armed robbery against ships that occurred on 6 Feb 18 was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incident 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*.

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 Sea and eastern Sabah region, and report immediately to the following Centres:

**Contact details of the reporting centres**

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[Diagram showing map of Sulu Sea and Celebes Sea with contact details of reporting centres.]
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<tr>
<th></th>
<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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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td><strong>BBC Amber</strong></td>
<td>General cargo ship</td>
<td>Antigua and Barbuda</td>
<td>12838</td>
<td>9563706</td>
<td>6/2/18 0231 hrs</td>
<td>22°08' N, 91°44' E Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh</td>
<td>While at anchor, six perpetrators in a local outboard engine boat boarded the general cargo ship using grapnel hook with rope. They threatened the crew, stole unsecured items from the ship and escaped. Upon receipt of the information of the incident, the Bangladesh Coast Guard deployed patrol boats to investigate but were unable to locate the perpetrators. of incidents.</td>
<td>The crew was not injured. Unsecured items were stolen.</td>
<td>Reported incident to the local port control.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Chittagong Port Control and Bangladesh Coast Guard</td>
<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Bangladesh)</td>
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