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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 11-17 Sep 18, one incident of abduction of crew of fishing trawler, *Sri Dewi 1* was reported to ReCAAP ISC. The location of the incident is shown in the map below; and detailed description of the incident is tabulated in attachment.



Location of incident

RELEASE OF ABDUCTED CREW

The ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines) reported to the ReCAAP ISC the release of three Indonesian crew of Malaysian fishing banca on 15 Sep 18 in Indanan, Sulu. The three crew were abducted by nine armed perpetrators on 18 Jan 17 when their fishing banca was sailing at about 4 nm east of Bakungan Island, Taganak, Tawi-tawi.

INCIDENTS OCCURRED OUTSIDE ASIA

Included in this report are two incidents of armed robbery against ships occurred outside Asia. Both incidents occurred on 7 Sep 18 in Jose Anchorage, Venezuela and Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana. The incidents were reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore).

SITUATION OF ABDUCTION OF CREW IN THE SULU-CELEBES SEAS

The incident involving *Sri Dewi 1* was the first actual abduction of crew reported in 2018 in waters in Sulu-Celebes Seas and off eastern Sabah. The last actual incident reported to ReCAAP ISC occurred on board *Super Shuttle Tug 1* on 23 Mar 17, and the last attempted incident occurred on board *Kudos 1* on 16 Feb 18.

As the threat of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and off eastern Sabah still remains, 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.



Contact details of the reporting centres

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
11-17 September 2018**

	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Local time of Incident (LT)	Position of the Incident	Details of the Incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or International Organization	Coastal State Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
ACTUAL INCIDENT IN ASIA									
1.	F/B Sri Dewi 1 Fishing trawler Indonesia	11 /9/18 0100 hrs	4 °40.36 'N, 118° 43.12'E Seawaters off Gaya Island, Semporna, Sabah	<p>While sailing, two masked perpetrators armed with M16 armalite rifles boarded <i>Sri Dewi 1</i> from a motor banca and abducted two crew on board. The perpetrators then headed towards the vicinity waters of Sitangkai, Tawi-Tawi in a motorboat with the two abducted crew.</p> <p>One of the crew of <i>F/B Dwi Jaya 1</i>, sister boat of <i>F/B Sri Dewi 1</i> reported the incident to Eastern Security Command (ESSCOM) in Malaysia. He reported that while he was resting inside the room of <i>F/B Dwi Jaya 1</i>, he noticed that the light of <i>F/B Sri Dewi 1</i> suddenly went off. When he was finding out what happened to the sister boat, he noticed some perpetrators equipped with M16 rifles on board. He hurriedly went into hiding and an hour later, he discovered that two Indonesian crew of <i>F/B Sri Dewi 1</i> were missing.</p> <p>Fishing boats <i>Sri Dewi 1</i> and <i>Dwi Jaya 1</i> were manned by 15 crew/fishermen and had been on fishing venture in the seawaters of Pulau Gaya, Sabah for three days. At the time of the incident, there were only four crew left on board the two fishing boats while the other 11 crew went to mainland</p>	The two Indonesian crew (boat master and assistant boat master) were abducted.	The crew of sister ship <i>F/B Dwi Jaya 1</i> reported the incident to ESSCOM.	Yes ESSCOM, Malaysia	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	ESSCOM relayed the information to Philippine Coast Guard (PCG). Upon receipt of the information, the PCG District Southwestern Mindanao (CGDSWM) immediately dispatched PCG vessel MRRV 4408 to augment with CG Station Tawi-Tawi and Joint Task Force Tawi-Tawi in its pursuit operations against the perpetrators. Likewise, the law enforcement authorities in Zamboanga, Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi intensified its monitoring and networking to establish the location and status of the kidnap victims.

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				Semporna using light boats to deliver/dispose their fish catch.					
INCIDENTS OUTSIDE ASIA									
2	Pacific Valhalla Tug/supply vessel Singapore 2147 9361641	7/9/18 0300 hrs	4° 55 ' N 1°43' W Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	While at anchor, a perpetrator armed with knife boarded the ship and stole a high-pressure washer before fleeing back onto his boat. He was spotted by two crew who tried to stop him. The perpetrator brandished a knife as he escaped.	One high-pressure washer was stolen. The crew was not injured.	The crew reported the incident to Takoradi Port Control through VHF radio.	Yes Takoradi Port Control	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Takoradi Port Control launched their security boat and apprehended the perpetrator.
3	Carabobo VLCC Singapore 167572 9623257	7/9/18 0030 hrs	10° 21.1 ' N 64°50.8' W Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	While at anchor, six perpetrators barefooted and wore masks on their faces boarded the ship. One of the perpetrators captured the duty watch officer who was conducting security round. He dragged the duty watch officer, tied him to the sprinkler system drain pipe at the deck, searched his pocket, and took his wrist watch and keys to the deck stores and lockers. The perpetrators took 30 mins to lower down paint drums, tools, some ropes and other goods to aft part of the poop deck. They eventually released the duty officer before escaping from the ship by the rope from the steering gear derrick.	The perpetrator dragged the duty watch officer, tied him and took his wrist watch and keys to the deck stores and lockers. The other crew was not injured. The following items from the ship store were stolen: 1. Marine paint 2. Pneumatic tools 3. Electrical tools 4. Various hand tools and small rope	The master reported the incident to the Flag State.	Yes Flag State (Singapore)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available.