Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 7-13 May 19, one Category 4\(^1\) incident of armed robbery against ship was reported at Port Deendayal (Kandla) outer anchorage, India. The location of the incident is shown in map below; and detailed description tabulated in attachment.

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\(^1\) ReCAAP ISC classifies Category 4 as least significant incident. Under this category, the perpetrators are not armed, and the crew not harmed.
SITUATION OF ABDUCTION OF CREW IN THE SULU-CELEBES SEAS

As the threat of abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and waters off eastern Sabah remains, ReCAAP ISC maintains its advisory issued via the ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert dated 21 Nov 16 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 area, and report immediately to the Operation Centres of Philippines and Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) of Malaysia. The contact details of the Operation Centres of Philippines and ESSCOM of Malaysia (updated by ReCAAP ISC on 3 Jan 19) are as follows:

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
7-13 May 2019

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<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>Arionas</td>
<td>Tanker</td>
<td>Marshall Islands</td>
<td>23270</td>
<td>9315757</td>
<td>9/5/19 2210 hrs</td>
<td>22° 46.8’ N, 70° 2.8’ E</td>
<td>Deendayal Port (Kandla) outer anchorage, India</td>
<td>While at anchor, seven unarmed perpetrators boarded the tanker from a red boat. They approached the midship starboard from the bow. They stole two pieces of 10 inches x 12 inches cargo reducers from midship starboard side manifold area. The master raised the alarm, sounded the ship’s whistle, mustered the crew and reported the incident to the ship’s agent, Marine Police, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Kandla port authority. The crew was not injured.</td>
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<td>The master raised the alarm, sounded the ship’s whistle, mustered the crew and reported the incident to the ship’s agent, Marine Police, ICG and Kandla port authority.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)</td>
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ACTUAL INCIDENT