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 8-14 Jan 19.

Incident outside Asia

The ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) reported to ReCAAP ISC an incident of armed robbery against ships outside Asia. The incident occurred at Lagos Security Anchorage, Nigeria, West Africa on 4 Jan 19. Detailed description of the incident is tabulated in attachment.

SITUATION OF ABDUCTION OF CREW IN THE SULU-CELEBES SEAS AND WATERS OFF EASTERN SABAH

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 re-route 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 authorities 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.
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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>
<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>FSL Singapore</td>
<td>Tanker</td>
<td>Singapore</td>
<td>28068</td>
<td>9311725</td>
<td>04/01/19 0025 hrs</td>
<td>6°0';17.8° N, 3°0';19.3° E</td>
<td>Lagos Security Anchorage, Nigeria, West Africa</td>
<td>Two perpetrators in a canoe approached and boarded FSL Singapore. The ship was conducting ship-to-ship (STS) operation with another tanker Kensington. The security patrol personnel at the forward part of the cargo deck sighted the perpetrators. The 2nd officer on watch raised the general alarm and the perpetrators jumped into the sea.</td>
<td>The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.</td>
<td>Crew reported the incident to the nearby patrol boat NNS Bini and Lagos Security Anchorage Area (SAA) Tactical Operation Centre.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Coastal State (Nigeria) and Flag State (Singapore)</td>
<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)</td>
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