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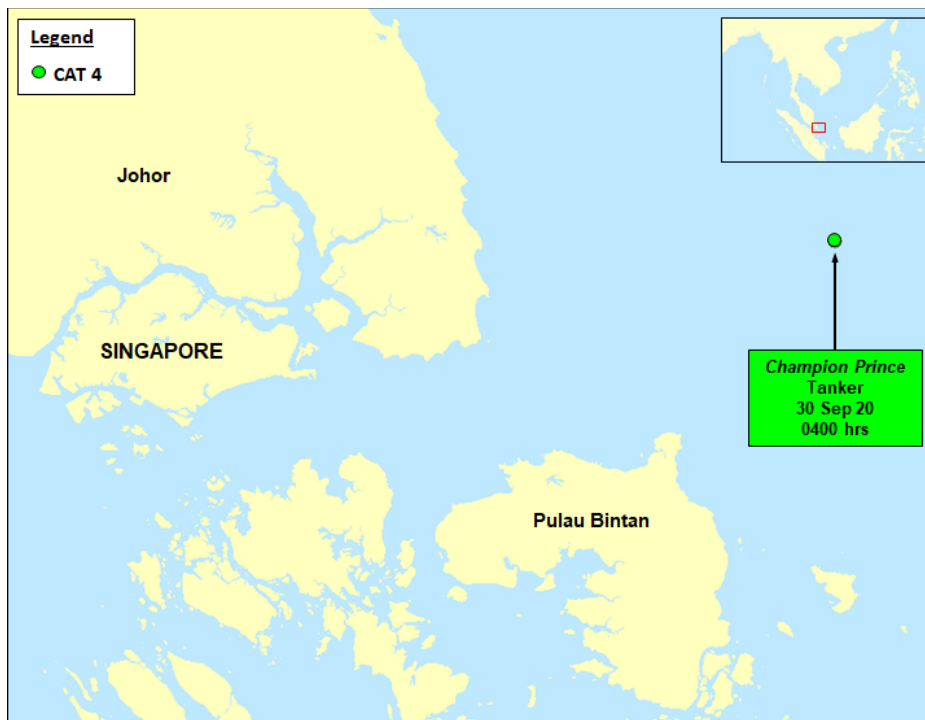
ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 29 Sep-5 Oct 2020

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 29 Sep-5 Oct 20, one incident of piracy in Asia was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The CAT 4¹ incident occurred on 30 Sep on board a tanker while anchored in the South China Sea.

The location of the incident is shown in the map below; and detailed description of the incident tabulated in the attachment.



Location of incident

¹ CAT (Category) 4 incident is classified as "least significant" in nature. Under this category, the perpetrators were not armed, and the crew not harmed.


INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA

During 29 Sep-5 Oct 20, one incident outside Asia was reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). The incident occurred on 1 Oct on board a tanker while berthed at Bong Mining Company (BMC) Pier, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa. The detailed description of the incident is tabulated in the attachment.

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

One of the five abducted Indonesian crew found dead. During a military operation against the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) in Barangay Maligay, Patikul, Sulu, the Philippine military recovered the body of an Indonesian crew on 29 Sep. The crew was identified as one of the five Indonesian crew who were abducted by the ASG from a Malaysia-registered fishing trawler (with marking SSK 00543) on 17 Jan 20 off Lahad Datu, Sabah, Malaysia. The remaining four crew are still held in captivity.

ReCAAP ISC Advisory. As the risk of the abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and waters off Eastern Sabah is high as demonstrated by the abduction incident on 17 Jan 20 and information of planned kidnapping in Sabah and Semporna, Malaysia (as reported in ReCAAP ISC's Warning issued on 2 Jul 20), the ReCAAP ISC reiterates its advisory issued via 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 the Philippines and ESSCOM of Malaysia (updated by ReCAAP ISC on 3 Jan 19) are as follows:



The map shows the Sulu Sea to the north and the Celebes Sea to the south. Key locations marked include Lahad Datu, Bongao, and Zamboanga. Contact points are indicated by numbered circles: 1 near Zamboanga, 2a and 2b near Bongao, and 3 near Lahad Datu.

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Contact details

In the event that the ship master is not able to establish contact with the Operation Centres of the Philippines as listed in the ReCAAP ISC Advisory, he can contact the **Philippine Coast Guard Command Centre** at the following contact details:

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The ReCAAP ISC advises the shipping industry and ships to enhance their situation awareness by referring to the *Guidance on Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah* produced by ReCAAP ISC in July 2019. The Guidance is available at www.recaap.org.

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
29 September-5 October 2020**

	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 coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or International Organization	Coastal State Taken	Action
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
INCIDENT IN ASIA										
ACTUAL INCIDENT										
1.	Champion Prince Tanker Singapore 59024 9488011	30/09/20 0400 hrs	1° 31.1' N, 104° 49' E Approximately 22.4 nm northeast of Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia (South China Sea)	While at anchor, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded the ship. The perpetrators broke the padlocks of the paint store, emergency generator room and Suez room. Two spare starting motors of emergency generator, spanners and screwdrivers from the emergency generator room were found missing. There was no confrontation between the perpetrators and crew. [Category 4]	There was no confrontation between the perpetrators and crew. Two spare starting motors of emergency generator, spanners and screwdrivers were stolen.	The master informed the company and an emergency requisition has been raised for the spare starting motor of emergency generator.	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and ReCAAP Focal Point (Japan)	No information available	
INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA										
ACTUAL INCIDENT										
1.	Nord Steady Petroleum/chemical tanker Singapore 29983 9629706	1/10/20 0342 hrs	6° 21.06' N, 10° 47.8' W Bong Mining Company (BMC) Pier, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa	While at berth, the duty watch-keeping officer sighted a perpetrator at the forecastle area. The alarm was raised; and the perpetrator jumped overboard and escaped. A search was subsequently conducted and there were no further sightings of the perpetrator on board. A ship-to-ship (STS) messenger rope was reported missing. There was no reported damage to the ship and the crew was not injured.	The crew was not injured. There was no reported damage to the ship. An STS messenger rope was stolen.	The alarm was raised and a search on board the ship was conducted.	Yes	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available	