ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report
3-9 March 2020

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 3-9 Mar 20, the ReCAAP ISC did not receive report of incident of piracy or armed robbery against ships in Asia.

INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA

The ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong) reported to the ReCAAP ISC an actual incident on board a general cargo ship while she was underway off Port Lagos, Nigeria on 6 Mar 20. 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

As the risk of the abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and waters off Eastern Sabah is high as demonstrated by the recurrence of the abduction incident on 17 Jan 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:

1. **Philippine Coast Guard District Southwestern Mindanao**
   - Tel: +63 998 585 7972
   - Tel: +63 917 642 8446
   - VHF: Channel 16 with call-sign “NEPTUNE”
   - Email: hrgdswym@yahoo.com

2. **Philippine Coast Guard Station, Bongao (Central Tawi-Tawi)**
   - Tel: +63 998 585 7941
   - Tel: +63 917 642 8402
   - VHF: Channel 16
   - Email: cgd_tawi2@yahoo.com

3. **Philippine Navy - Littoral Monitoring Station (LMS), Bongao, Tawi-Tawi**
   - Tel: +63 955 714 0153
   - VHF: Channel 16
   - Email: jointtaskgroup@gmail.com

4. **Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM)**
   - Tel: +60 89863181/016
   - Fax: +60 89863182
   - VHF: Channel 16 with call-sign “ESSCOM”
   - Email: bilikgerakan_esscom@jpm.gov.my

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:

- Tel: +632-8-527-8481 (ext: 6136/37)
- Tel: +632-998-585-5327 (mobile)
- Tel: +632-917-842-8249 (mobile)
- Tel: +632-8-527-3877 (fax)

   Email: pcgcomcen@coastguard.gov.ph

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
3-9 March 2020

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<tr>
<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 coastal authority? Which one?</th>
<th>Reporting State or International Organization</th>
<th>Coastal State Action Taken</th>
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<tr>
<td>Huanghai Glory</td>
<td>General cargo ship</td>
<td>Hong Kong, China</td>
<td>20682</td>
<td>9458432</td>
<td>06/03/20</td>
<td>0227 hrs</td>
<td>4° 57' N, 3° 21' E</td>
<td>85 nm south of Port Lagos, Nigeria</td>
<td>While ship was underway, six perpetrators armed with automatic weapons boarded the ship. The crew activated SSAS and hid in the safety cabin. The perpetrators stole cash and left thereafter. The glass on the bridge was broken. The crew was not injured.</td>
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<td>Flag State (Hong Kong, China)</td>
<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)</td>
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**ACTUAL INCIDENT**

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