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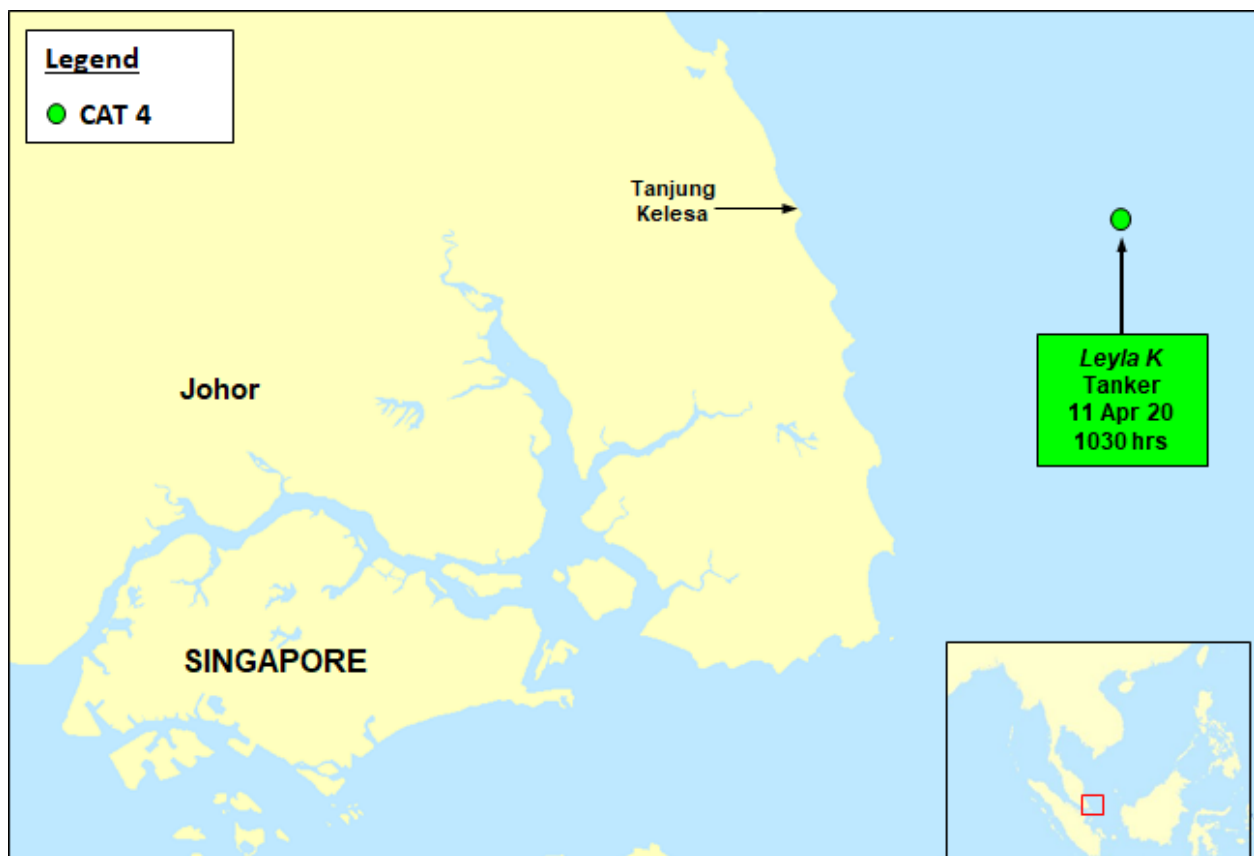
ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 7-13 April 2020

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 7-13 Apr 20, one incident of armed robbery against ship in Asia was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The CAT 4¹ incident occurred on board a tanker while anchored off Tanjung Kelesa, Johor, Malaysia.

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




Location of the 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.

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:



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 (Philippine Coast Guard District Southwestern Mindanao), 2a (Philippine Coast Guard Station, Bongao), 2b (Philippine Navy - Littoral Monitoring Station (LMS), Bongao), and 3 (Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM)).

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Tel: +63 998 585 7972
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VHF: Channel 16 with call-sign "NEPTUNE"
Email: hcgdswm@yahoo.com

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

2b Philippine Navy - Littoral Monitoring Station (LMS), Bongao, Tawi-Tawi
Tel: +63 955 714 0153
VHF: Channel 16
Email: jointtaskgroup@gmail.com

3 Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM)
Tel: +60 89863181/016
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VHF: Channel 16 with call-sign "ESSCOM"
Email: bilikgerakan_esscom@jpm.gov.my

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:

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

Email: pcqcomcen@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
7-13 April 2020**

| 1 | Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number | 2 Date Local Time of Incident (LT) | 3 Position of the Incident | 4 Details of the Incident | 5 Consequences for crew, ship, cargo | 6 Action taken by the master and crew | 7 Was the incident reported to coastal authority? Which one? | 8 Reporting State or International Organization | 9 Coastal State Taken | 10 Action |
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| INCIDENT IN ASIA | | | | | | | | | | |
| ACTUAL INCIDENT | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Leyla K Tanker Marshall Islands 63304 9430313 | 11/04/20 1030 hrs | 1° 42.5' N 104° 28.7' E Approximately 15 nm east of Tanjung Kelesa, Johor, Malaysia | While at anchor, the master discovered the losses of a breathing apparatus air charging compressor and a M4 Weldon pump on 11 Apr 20 at about 1030 hrs. The crew did not see the boarding of the perpetrators. The crew was not injured. The ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) was informed of the incident via email by the master on 13 Apr 20. The Focal Point shared the information with the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and the Singapore Police Coast Guard. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated, and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified. (Category 4) | The crew was not injured. A breathing apparatus charging air compressor and a M4 Weldon pump were found stolen. | The master reported the incident to the company's head office. He was advised by the ship agent in Singapore to report incident to Singapore Focal Point. | No | ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) | The Focal Point shared the information with the RSN and the Singapore Police Coast Guard. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated, and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified. | |