



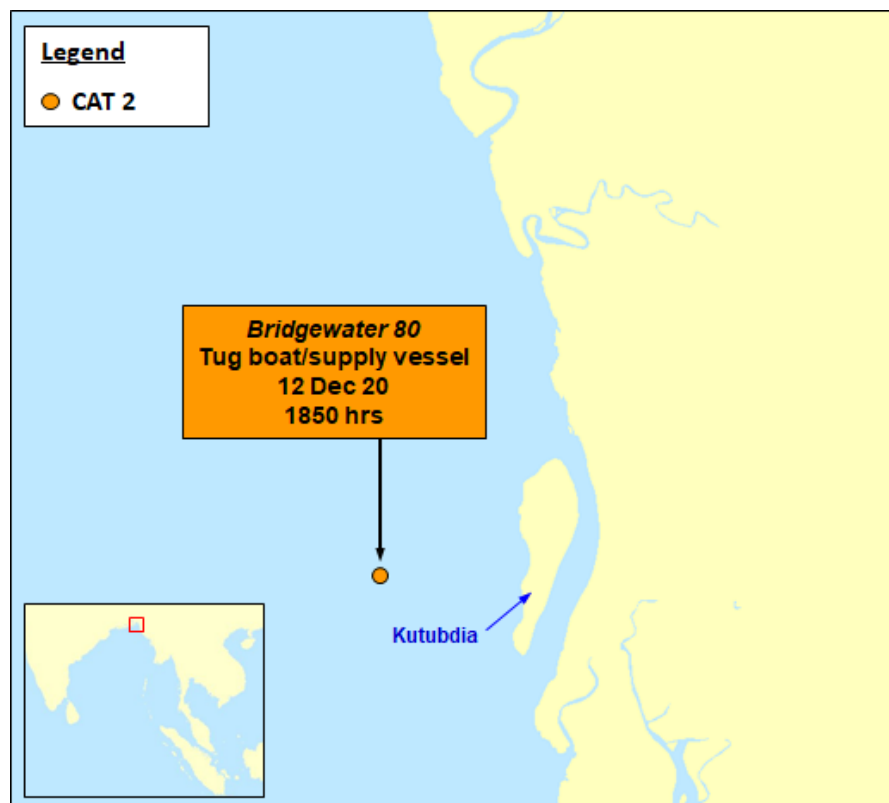
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Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 8-14 Dec 20, one incident of armed robbery against ship in Asia was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The CAT 2¹ incident occurred on 12 Dec on board a tug boat/supply vessel while underway West of Kutubdia, Bangladesh. The location of the incident is shown in the map; and detailed description of the incident tabulated in the attachment.



Location of incident

¹ The ReCAAP ISC classifies CAT (Category) 2 incident as moderately significant. Under this category, the perpetrators are likely to be armed with knives/machetes and in some incidents armed with guns. The crew is threatened or held hostage temporarily and, in some cases, the crew suffered injury and physical violence.

INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA

During 8-14 Dec 20, one incident outside Asia was reported to the ReCAAP ISC by ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore). The incident occurred on 8 Dec on board a tug boat/supply vessel while anchored at Carena Shipyard, Abidjan Yellow Yard Buoy, Ivory Coast. 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 abduction incident on 17 Jan 20, information of planned kidnapping in Sabah and Semporna, Malaysia (as reported in ReCAAP ISC's Warning issued on 2 Jul 20), and the latest operation on 3 Nov 20 by the Philippine authorities in preventing a kidnap-for-ransom incident; 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 shown (next page):



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: 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
8-14 December 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 Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
INCIDENT IN ASIA									
ACTUAL INCIDENT									
1.	Bridgewater 80 Tug boat/Supply vessel Singapore 1705 9299848	12/12/20 1850 hrs	21° 48.8' N, 91° 42.5' E West of Kutubdia, Bangladesh	While underway and dead towing a bulk carrier, 10 perpetrators armed with knives in two small boats approached the tug boat/supply vessel from starboard side. The perpetrators boarded the tug boat/supply vessel and stole two drums of hydraulic oil and hoses. The master immediately contacted the local Coast Guard when he discovered the perpetrators on board. Responding to the master's call, the local coast guard proceeded to the incident location. There was no reported damage to the tug boat/supply and the crew was not injured. [Category 2]	There was no reported damage to the tug boat/supply and the crew was not injured. Two drums of hydraulic oil and hoses were stolen.	The master immediately contacted the local Coast Guard when he discovered the perpetrators on board.	Yes Local Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Responding to the master's call, the local coast guard proceeded to the incident location.
INCIDENT OUTSIDE ASIA									
ACTUAL INCIDENT									
1.	Name withheld Tug boat/Supply vessel Singapore 2332	8/12/20 0300 hrs	5° 19.9' N, 4° 1.8' W Carena Shipyard, Abidjan Yellow Yard Buoy, Ivory Coast	While at anchor, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded unseen from port quarter and stole a mooring line and a dockyard wilden pump. The perpetrators escaped in a small skiff dragging the mooring line. The crew was not injured.	The crew was not injured. A mooring line and a dockyard wilden pump were stolen.	No information available	No	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	No information available