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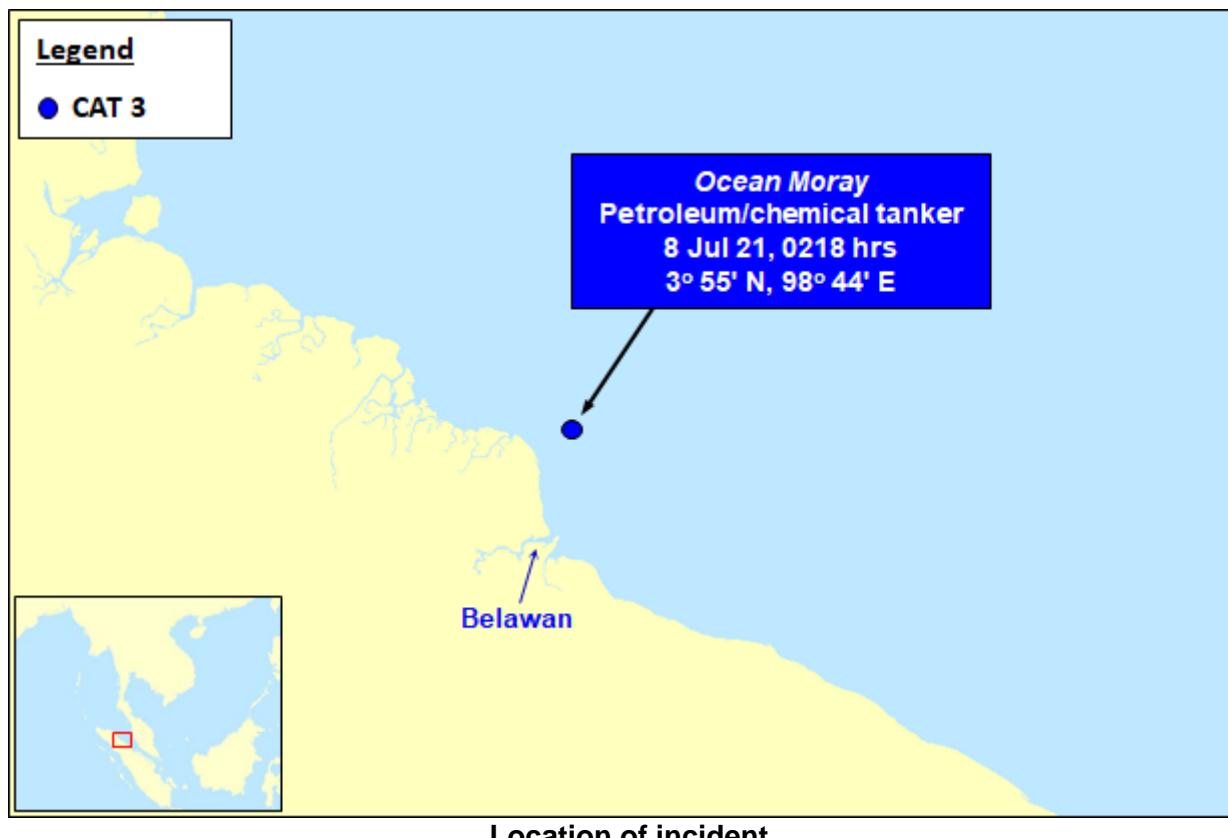
6-12 July 2021

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

During 6-12 July 21, one CAT 3¹ incident of armed robbery against ships was reported to the ReCAAP ISC. The incident occurred to a petroleum/chemical tanker while anchored at Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia on 8 Jul. Two unauthorized perpetrators armed with a knife and a rod was sighted on board the ship by the duty seaman. The ship's general alarm was raised and the perpetrators fled via the fire hoses attached to the bollards. The crew was not injured, and two fire hose couplings were reportedly stolen.

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



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

There is no incident of abduction of crew reported since the last incident in January 2020 up to today, and no crew is currently being held in captivity by the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG).

However, on 3 Nov 20, the Philippines authorities had prevented a kidnap-for-ransom plan by the ASG. On 23 Apr 21, the Philippine Armed Forces had conducted the military operation against members of the ASG during which one of the ASG leaders responsible for the abduction of crew in the area of Sulu and Tawi-Tawi had managed to escape. Therefore, the threat of the abduction of crew from ships remains high, particularly in the areas of Sulu and nearby waters off Tawi-Tawi.

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 all incidents immediately to the Operation Centres of the Philippines and Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) of Malaysia. The contact details of the Operation Centres of the Philippines and ESSCOM of Malaysia 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)
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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
6-12 July 2021

	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO	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.	Ocean Moray Petroleum/chemical tanker Singapore 8611 9809071	08/07/21 0218 hrs	3.0; 55.0' N 98.0; 44.0' E Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, the duty seaman was making his rounds when he sighted two unauthorised perpetrators carrying a knife and a rod on board the ship. The perpetrators were suspected to have boarded the ship via the hawse pipe. The ship's general alarm was sounded and the incident was reported to Belawan Port Authority. The perpetrators escaped from the ship via fire hoses attached to the bollards. There was no reported damage to the ship and the crew was not injured. Two fire hose couplings were stolen. After the incident, the crew increased their deck watch and continued to blow the ship's horn every 30 to 45 min. [Category 3]	The crew was not injured. Two fire hose couplings were stolen.	The ship's general alarm was sounded. After the incident, the crew increased their deck watch and continued to blow the ship's horn every 30 to 45 min.	Yes The incident was reported to Belawan Port Authority.	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Not known