OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)

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*These 4 TRAPS events occurred in Apr/May/Jun and were recently uploaded in IMO system.
1. **30 Aug – Attempted Action/ Sea Diamond/ Bulk Carrier/ Marshall Island Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound lane of TSS/ DB310820**

   1. IFC received information from POCC that a Marshall Island flagged Bulk Carrier “Sea Diamond” reported via MMS channel 10 that she was boarded by one perpetrator while underway at Lat 01° 16.35’N 104° 15.71’E North of Bintan, along eastbound lane of TSS at 300040H (UTC +8) Aug 20.

   2. **Vessel Details:**
      a. Name: SEA DIAMOND
      b. Call sign: V7PI4
      c. IMO: 9374181
      d. MMSI: 538003234
      e. Flag: Marshall Island
      f. Type: Bulk Carrier
      g. Ship Owner: HD Ltd
      h. Ship Operator/Manager: Hanaro Shipping Co Ltd - Seoul
      i. LPOC: Singapore
      j. NPOC: China

   3. **Incident Details:**
      The ship master reported to POCC that security checks were conducted and the crew could not find any perpetrators. No injury to the crews and no items were reported missing. No other assistance is required. The vessel continues her journey to NPOC in China.

   **IFC Comments:**
   IFC has sent RFI to company of vessel for more details on the incident. Both incidents involving AMIMA and SEA DIAMOND happened in close proximity and within an hour of each other.

   **News Link(s)/Info Source:**
   MPA – POCC

2. **29 Aug – Attempted Action/ MT STOLT PERSEVERANCE/ Bulk Carrier/ Cayman Island Flagged/ Anchored/ Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB020920**

   1. An attempted action occurred on-board a tanker while anchored at Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia Lat: 01° 42.8’N Long: 101° 26.6’E on 290305G (UTC+7) Aug 20.
2. Vessel Details:
   a. Name: MT STOLT PERSEVERANCE
   b. Call sign: ZCGE5
   c. IMO: 9124471
   d. MMSI: 319605000
   e. Flag: Cayman Island
   f. Type: Bulk Carrier
   g. Ship Owner: Stolt Perseverance BV
   h. Ship Operator/Manager: Stolt Tankers BV
   i. LPOC: Malaysia
   j. NPOC: Malaysia

3. Incident Details
Duty watchman on routine rounds on-board an anchored chemical tanker noticed four perpetrators armed with knives on poop deck trying to open the hatch for emergency towing arrangements. The duty watchman informed bridge. Alarm raised and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Hearing the alarm, the perpetrators escaped. Port Control notified via VHF Ch 12. Officials from local authorities boarded the tanker for investigation. Nothing was reported stolen and crew are safe.

IFC Comments:
Indonesia ILO shared that the incident happened at 0305G on-board MT STOLT PERSEVERANCE.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
Indonesian Navy – Dumai Naval Base

29 Aug – Attempted Action/ AMINA/ Bulk Carrier/ Iran Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound lane of TSS/ DB310820

1. IFC received information from POCC that an Iran flagged Bulk Carrier “AMINA” reported via MMS channel 10 that she was boarded by six perpetrators while underway at Lat 01° 16.93’N 104° 16.78’E North of Bintan, along eastbound lane of TSS at 292348H (UTC +8) Aug 20.

2. Vessel Details:
   a. Name: AMINA
   b. Call sign: EPBV2
   c. IMO: 9305192
   d. MMSI: 422035100
   e. Flag: Iran
   f. Type: Bulk Carrier
   g. Ship Owner: Oghiaanous Khoroushan
   h. Ship Operator/Manager: Rahbaran Omid Darya Ship Mgmt
   i. LPOC: UAE
   j. NPOC: China
3. Incident Details:
At 0006H (UTC +8) Aug 20, the master of AMINA reported to POCC that security checks were conducted, and the crew could not find any perpetrators. No injury to the crews and no items were reported missing. The vessel continues her journey to NPOC in China. No other assistance is required.

IFC Comments:
IFC has sent RFI to company of vessel for more details on the incident. Both incidents involving AMINA and SEA DIAMOND happened in close proximity and within an hour.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
MPA - POCC

Information Update:

4. 20 Aug – Sea Robbery/VIENNA WOOD/ Bulk Carrier/ Hong Kong Flagged/ Off Batangas Bay Anchorage Area, Philippines/ DB010920
(Information Update from DB260820)

Updated on occurrence that transpired on-board VIENNA WOOD and provided the result from initial investigation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Philippines Coast Guard Station – Batangas

5. 14 Aug – Sea Robbery/ MT PACIFIC SAPPHIRE/ Tanker/ Hong Kong Flagged/ Berthed/ Bauan Port, Philippines/ DB020920
(Information Update from DB210820)

Updated that the vessel was berthed when the incident happened and that the perpetrator boarded the vessel through the stern mooring line.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
ReCAAP
Events Outside of the Reporting Period:

6. 25 Aug – Sea Theft/ GS FABULOUS/ Tanker/ Singapore Flagged/ Anchored/ Sandakan Inner Anchorage, Malaysia/ DB010920

1. A sea theft incident has occurred on a Singapore flagged tanker, “GS FABULOUS” at Sandakan Inner Anchorage (5° 49’ N 118° 7’ E), Malaysia on 250500H (UTC+8) Aug 20.

2. Vessel Details:
a. Name: GS Fabulous
b. Call sign: 9V2528
c. IMO: 9421269
d. MMSI: 564149000
e. Flag: Singapore
f. Type: Chemical/Products Tanker
g. Ship Owner: Golden Agri-Resources Ltd
h. Ship Operator/Manager: Golden-Agri Stena Pte Ltd
i. LPOC: China
j. NPOC: Info Gap

3. The CSO reported that the store padlock of the tanker was found broken and 11 drums of paint were discovered stolen from the paint store. There were footprints found near the railings, indicating that the perpetrators were likely to have boarded the ship from port side of forecastle. The crew was not injured.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/Number of Incidents/List of Incidents for 2020 (ca 31 Aug 20).pdf

7. 11 Aug – Attempted Action/ Name Withheld/ Tanker/ Saudi Arabia Flagged/ Anchored/ Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB030920 (Information Update from DB190820)

Updated the flag of involved vessel and incident time.

1. An attempted action incident occurred on-board a tanker while anchored (01° 42.8’N 101° 27.8’E) at Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia on 120315 (UTC + 7) Aug 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source: https://gisis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9344

8. 31 Jul – Attempted Actions/ Unknown Vessel Name/ Passenger Vessel/ Unknown Flag/ Underway/ Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea/ DB020920

1. Four robbers boarded a passenger vessel underway in the Kanakope Passage in Milne Bay (~10° 26S 150° 42E). The boat captain was able to call for help on 31 July at 0300K (UTC+10).
2. Vessel Details:
a. Name: Info Gap
b. Call sign: Info Gap
c. IMO: Info Gap
d. MMSI: Info Gap
e. Flag: Info Gap
f. Type: Passenger Vessel
g. Ship Owner: Info Gap
h. Ship Operator/Manager: Info Gap
i. LPOC: Info Gap
j. NPOC: Info Gap

3. Incident Details
Police have arrested three pirates during the failed robbery of a vessel last Friday in Miline Bay. Provincial police commander, Superintendent Peter Barkie, said police were alerted in the early hours of Friday morning, between 2am and 3am, that a vessel approaching the Kanakope Passage was about to be boarded by criminal elements.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
https://maritimesecurity.news.blog/tag/papua-new-guinea/

14 Jun – Sea Theft/ OSAKA BAY/ Bulk Carrier/ Hong Kong Flag/ Anchored/ Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam/ DB040920

1. A sea theft occurred on-board OSAKA BAY, a Hong Kong flagged bulk carrier while anchored at Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam Lat: 10°23'37N Long: 107°2'45E on 140000G (UTC+7 Jun) Jun 20.

2. Vessel Details:
a. Name: OSAKA BAY
b. Call sign: VRQS2
c. IMO: 9789922
d. MMSI: 477035100
e. Flag: Hong Kong
f. Type: Bulk Carrier
g. Ship Owner: Osaka Bay Ltd
h. Ship Operator/Manager: Pacific Basin Shipping HK Ltd
i. LPOC: New Zealand
j. NPOC: China

3. Incident Details
Unnoticed, perpetrators boarded an anchored bulk carrier. They stole ship's store and escaped. The robbery was discovered during the voyage to the next port.

IFC Comments:
RFI have been sent to Vietnam ILO and the shipping company to verify this incident. This dated incident has been included for the completeness of record.
10. 22 May – Attempted Action/ CAS AVANCA/ Bulk Carrier/ Marshall Island Flagged/ Anchored/ Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB020920

1. An attempted action incident has occurred on a Marshall Island flagged bulk carrier, "CAS AVANCA" at Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia at Lat: 00° 17’S Long: 117° 34’E on 220445H (UTC+8) May 20.

2. Vessel Details:
   a. Name: CAS AVANCA
   b. Call sign: V7QK8
   c. IMO: 9483190
   d. MMSI: 538006711
   e. Flag: Marshall Island
   f. Type: Bulk Carrier
   g. Ship Owner: Cas Avanca Ltd
   h. Ship Operator/Manager: Splosna Polvba doo
   i. LPOC: Singapore
   j. NPOC: China

3. Incident Details
   Perpetrators boarded a bulk carrier and attempted to break the bosun store lock. They were noticed by ship’s crew and alarm raised. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Nothing was stolen. Incident reported to port control. Police patrol boat arrived at location and conducted an investigation.

IFC Comments:
RFI has been sent to company of vessel to verify the incident. Indonesia ILO shared that the perpetrators have been arrested.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
11. 29 Apr – Sea Theft/ APJ JAI/ Bulk Carrier/ Panama Flagged/ Anchored/ Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB030920 (Update From DB020920)

Updated vessel details.

1. A sea theft occurred on-board a bulk carrier while anchored at Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia Lat: 3° 42’31S Long: 114° 28’2E on 290400H (UTC+8) Apr 20.

2. Vessel Details:
   a. Name: APJ JAI
   b. Call sign: 3FYB8
   c. IMO: 9491393
   d. MMSI: 351276000
   e. Flag: Panama
   f. Type: Bulk Carrier
   g. Ship Owner: Apeejay Shipping Ltd
   h. Ship Operator/Manager: Apeejay Shipping Ltd
   i. LPOC: Singapore
   j. NPOC: Philippines

3. Incident Details
   During routine rounds on-board an anchored bulk carrier ship’s crew noticed the forecastle booby hatch open and ship’s stores missing. Incident reported to the port control. An Indonesian Marine Police patrol boat arrived and conducted an investigation. This was reported to ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

12. 04 Apr – Sea Theft/ BUMBLEBEE/ Bulk Carrier/ Marshall Island Flagged/ Anchored/ Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB020920

1. A sea theft incident has occurred on a Marshall Island flagged bulk carrier, “BUMBLEBEE” at Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia at ~Lat: 03° 44N Long: 114° 27E on 042230G (UTC+7) Apr 20.

2. Vessel Details:
   a. Name: BUMBLEBEE
   b. Call sign: V7A2859
   c. IMO: 9479046
   d. MMSI: 538008875
   e. Flag: Marshall Island
   f. Type: Bulk Carrier
   g. Ship Owner: Blue Star Palak LLC
   h. Ship Operator/Manager: Taylor Maritime HK Ltd
   i. LPOC: ROK
   j. NPOC: Australia
3. Incident Details
Perpetrators boarded a bulk carrier and stole ship's equipment and escaped. Incident reported to port control. Police patrol boat arrived at location and conducted an investigation.

IFC Comments:
RFI has been sent to company of vessel to verify the incident.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

03 Sep – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ One Dead, 22 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sri Lanka/ DB040920

A fire broke out on a tanker and local authorities have reacted to the distress call on 03 Sep 20. 22 crew rescued and one crew dead.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2020/09/03/202009031903/

03 Sep – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead, One Missing/ SAR/ Port of Akita, Japan/ DB040920

A fire occurred on a fishing vessel and later exploded, causing one dead and one missing crew members in the port of Akita, Japan on 03 Sep 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-09/03/c_139339939.htm

03 Sep – Others/ Natural Disaster/ Typhoon (MAYSAK)/ 24 Fishing Vessels, One Local Passenger Ship/ Samchok & Ulleungdo, ROK/ DB040920

Typhoon MAYSAK caused 24 fishing vessels at Samchok and 1 passenger vessel at Ulleungdo to be sunk-capsized in the Republic of Korea on 03 Sep.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
https://www.donga.com/news/article/all/20200904/102786769/1
https://newsis.com/view/?id=NISX20200903_0001153659&cID=10201&pID=10200
http://www.kado.net/news/articleView.html?idxno=1038242
https://www.hankookilbo.com/News/Read/A2020090311500000568?did=NA
02 Sep – Missing/ Bad Weather/ Livestock Carrier/ 43 Missing/ SAR/ Off Amami Oshima, Japan/ DB030920

Local authorities said on Wednesday, 2 Sep, one person was found during a search for a cargo ship with 43 people on-board after receiving a distress call from the East China Sea during a typhoon.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

02 Sep – Vessel Detained/ Unseaworthy/ Tug/ Off Aitape, Papau New Guinea/ DB020920

National Maritime Safety Authority intercepted a tug and arrested the people on-board for operating an unseaworthy vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

01 Sep – Grounding/ Water Ingress/ Ferry Boat/ 25 Rescued/ Off Pulau Burung, Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB040920

25 passengers were evacuated off a grounded vessel on 01 Sep off Pulau Burung, Riau Island, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://kumparan.com/batamnews/sb-karunia-jaya-kandas-22-penumpang-berhasil-dievakuasi-1u7c50kqPm0/full

31 Aug – Allision/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel vs Pier/ Lhokbubon Port, West Aceh, Indonesia/ DB030920

A passenger vessel suffered a damage to the starboard side anchor winch on 31 Aug, in an allision with the dock in Lhokbubon Port, Meulaboh, West Aceh, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Kmp.teluk-Sinabang-8731150.html
31 Aug – Others/ Unauthorised Anchoring/ General Cargo Ship/ Dung Quat, Vietnam/ DB010920

General cargo ship was cited with administrative violation by local authorities on 31 Aug 20 for unauthorised anchoring.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

30 Aug – Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ Four Rescued/ SAR/ Off Camotes Island, Philippines/ DB010920

Four men have been rescued after their fishing vessel had capsized due to bad weather on 30 Aug 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://cebdailynews.inquirer.net/337167/pcg-7-rescues-4-men-from-capsized-boat-reminds-fishers-to-be-vigilant-about-weather

30 Aug – Collision, Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel vs Unknown Vessel/ 12 Missing, Two Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pingtan Island, China/ DB310820

Fishing vessel collided with unidentified merchant ship in Taiwan Strait some 45 nm east of Pintang island, Fujian Province, China, at around 300400H (UTC+8) Aug 20. Fishing vessel sank, of 14 crew on-board 2 were rescued, 12 are missing, SAR under way.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-08/30/c_139328771.htm
http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/08/30/collision-in-taiwan-strait-12-missing-merchant-ship-fled/

Information Update:

02 Sep – Missing, Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather, Engine Failure/ Livestock Carrier/ 42 Missing, One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Amami Oshima, Japan/ DB030920
(Information Update from DB030920)

Updated that the vessel was sunk and an additional reason was that there was engine failure. One crew was rescued.
News Link(s)/Info Source:

02 Aug – Vessel Detained/ Unseaworthy Vessel/ Tug/ Off Aitape, Papau New Guinea/ DB030920
(Update from DB020920)

Date of incident has been updated.

Events Outside of the Reporting Period:


10 people were reported missing at sea after their boat capsized off Nissan Island.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/425071/ten-people-from-bougainville-missing-at-sea

26 Aug – Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 72 Rescued/ SAR/ Sangihe Islands, Indonesia/ DB310820

Passenger Vessel ran aground when it approached the port area in Bukide, Sangihe Islands Regency, North Sulawesi, on 26 Aug 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
24 Aug – Vessel Detained/ Illegal STS/ Tug and Small Boat/ Off Batu Ampar, Indonesia/ DB310820

Indonesian patrol boat belonging to local authorities arrested 2 ships suspected of transferring diesel fuel oil in Batu Ampar waters, Monday, 24 Aug 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

15 Aug – Collision/ Human Error/ Tanker vs Bulk Carrier/ Off Mariveles, Philippines/ DB310820

A tanker collided with a bulk carrier in the waters off Mariveles in Bataan on 151215H (UTC+8) Aug 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
SECTION D: ILLEGAL/ UNREGULATED/ UNREPORTED FISHING (IUU)

29 Aug – Poaching/ One Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 9 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Natuna Island, Indonesia/ DB310820

The Indonesian Navy again arrested a foreign fishing vessel which was doing illegal fishing in the waters of the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in the North Natuna Sea, Saturday 29 Aug 20. KRI Tjiptadi-381 which is carrying out routine operation in Natuna waters, identified a fishing vessel suspected of illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

29 Aug – Local/ Unknown Fishing Vessel Detained/ Five Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Tabogon Town, Cebu, Philippines/ DB310820

The call was made after Bantay Dagat personnel of the area apprehended five men on past 292300H (UTC+8) Aug, illegally fishing off the waters of Barangay Pio, Tabogon town in northern Cebu

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Events Outside of the Reporting Period:

28 Aug – Poaching/ One Chinese Fishing Vessel Released/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Con Co Island, Vietnam/ DB310820

Border forces from the central province of Quang Tri have chased away a Chinese fishing boat that was operating illegally in Vietnamese waters.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
01 Sep – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (1762 Master Cases)/ Container Ship/ From China to Philippines/ Port of Cebu, Philippines/ DB030920

1762 master cases of smuggled cigarettes from China with an estimated street value of P88.1 million (US$1,814,337) were seized by the Bureau of Customs Port of Cebu on Tuesday, 1 Sep 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

31 Aug – Drugs/ Cannabis (537 kg)/ Adrift/ Off Pulau Chorong, Langkawi, Malaysia/ DB040920

Local authorities seized 537 kg of cannabis that was adrift off Pulau Chorong, Malaysia on 31 Aug 20.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/3257034407721785

29 Aug – Domestic Products/ Turmeric (1,428Kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Norochcholai, Sri Lanka/ DB010920

Local authorities recovered a total of about 1428Kg of turmeric that was attempted to be smuggled by sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2020/08/30/20208301320/

29 Aug – Wildlife/ Sea Cucumber (1 ton)/ Fishing Vessel/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Mandapam Coast, India/ DB310820

In a coordinated mission that involved air and sea-based assets, the Indian Coast Guard apprehended a fishing boat that was attempting to smuggle sea cucumber, an endangered species, into Sri Lanka. The apprehended fishing boat was carrying 1 ton of sea cucumbers, which are valued at about 6.83 lakh USD or Rs 5 crore (US$683,727).

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Events Outside of the Reporting Period:

28 Aug – Natural Resources/ Gold (5.5 Kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Karainagar, Sri Lanka/ DB310820

The Sri Lankan Navy, with the assistance of Sri Lankan Coast Guard managed to apprehend 2 suspects with about 5kg and 500g of gold (US$347,545) being smuggled via sea routes, during a special search operation carried out in Northern Seas on 28 Aug 20.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
http://www.colombopage.com/archive_20B/Aug29_1598721792CH.php

28 Aug – Fuel/ Diesel (4000 litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Malaysia/ Off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB310820

The Kuala Perlis Maritime Zone managed to detain a class A drift trawler carrying out oil smuggling activities at a distance of about 0.01 nautical miles from the Kuala Perlis estuary at 1130H (UTC+8).

News Link(s)/Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/3241493502609209

28 Aug – Drugs/ Ketum Leaves (500 Kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia/ Off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB310820

Local authorities managed to arrest a tekong (skipper) and confiscated 50 packages suspected to be 500 kilograms of ketum leaves estimated to be worth more than RM 10,000.00 (US$2,400) believed to be trying to be smuggled to a neighbouring country.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/3241488725943020

22 Aug – Tobacco/ Cigarettes/ Container Ship/ From China to Philippines/ Subic Bay, Philippines/ DB310820

Smuggled cigarettes amounting to P121 million (US$2,502,275) were confiscated in the Subic Bay Freeport (~14° 36N 120° 5E), the Bureau of Customs (BOC) reported on Saturday 29 Aug.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1328878/boc-intercepts-p121m-worth-of-smuggled-cigarettes-at-subic-port
24 Aug – Drugs/ Meth (9.3 Kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Parit Jawa Jetty, Malaysia/ DB020920

Local authorities seized 9.3kg of meth on 24 Aug off Parit Jawa jetty, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

11 Aug – Domestic Products/ Parts (11 Containers)/ Container Ship/ From China to Philippines/ Port of Batangas, Philippines/ DB040920

11 containers of mis-declared parts were seized in the port of Batangas, Philippines on the 11 Aug by local authorities.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/1653473014900475/posts/2759315274316238/
02 Sep – Human Smuggling/ 25 Indonesian Migrants going from & to Indonesia and Malaysia/ Speedboat/ Off Tanjung Lompat, Johor, Malaysia/ DB040920

21 illegal migrants were detained at Tanjung Lompat, Malaysia on 02 Sep.

News Link(s)/Info Source:
SECTION G: OTHERS

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IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

IFC advises:

1. All mariners to report any incidents timely to the nearest coastal state and to the IFC at the earliest possible time.

2. Ships moving at slow speed or are choosing to remain at anchor in areas where sea robbery/theft is regularly reported should remain vigilant and adopt necessary and/or added security measures.

3. All mariners to take note on the description of the perpetrators and to take photos of the perpetrators if possible. Where available, CCTV footage capturing the incident should be provided to the coastal state authorities for follow-on investigation.

4. Shippers and Seafarers operating in the Sulu-Celebes seas are strongly recommended to be vigilant and to establish contact with the Philippines, Malaysian and Indonesian Authorities to report their presence. Please refer to IFC Spot Commentary 4/18 for the latest assessment of the situation in that affected area.

5. Shippers are advised to take note that the threat of terrorist activity in the maritime domain remains a possibility in the region due to ISIS and the Al-Qaeda. The possibility of this threat was previously quoted in Al-Qaeda's online magazine “Resurgence”, which called for the disruption of global trade and shipping through acts of piracy, among other tactics. Shippers are therefore advised to exercise vigilance and to adopt self-defensive measures as stated in the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, especially when transiting narrow choke points and areas which are known to have experienced incidents of sea robbery/piracy.
PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES

2020

Analyst Journal 1/20 - Sea Robberies, Sea Thefts and Attempted Actions in the Singapore Strait and Approaches

Analyst Journal 2/20 - Observations of Rohingya Migrants’ Movement within the IFC Area of Interest (AOI) 2019

IFC SPOT COMMENTARY 3/19 – Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Singapore Strait and Approaches

IFC Spot Commentary 2/19 - Observations of TRAPS incidents in the Southern Approaches-South China Sea (SCS) since 31 May to 26 Sep 2019

IFC Spot Commentary 1/19 – Observations of TRAPS incidents in the area off Tg Piai, Malaysia/Western Approaches-Singapore Strait since 1 January to 27 May 2019

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IFC Spot Commentary 4/18 – Observations between 5 to 8 December for incidents in the Sulu-Celebes Sea/Eastern Sabah

IFC Spot Commentary 3/18 – Kidnapping Incident of Two Crew on Fishing Vessel “DWIJAYA 1”, Off Semporna.

IFC Spot Commentary 2/18 – Attempted Actions on Tug boat “EVER ALPHA”, Pulau Tambisan, Malaysia. IFC Spot Commentary 1/18 – Observations on Sea Theft and Robberies recorded in Singapore Strait and its approaches – January to December 2017.

2017

IFC Spot Commentary 5/17 – Abduction of 5 Local Fishermen off Poblacion coast, Pangutaran, Sulu, Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 4/17 – Attempted Piracy / Oil Siphoning Incident on Oil Tanker MT MGT 1, Malaysia.

IFC Spot Commentary 3/17 – Abduction of Crew from SUPER SHUTTLE TUGBOAT 1, Basilan Strait.

IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 – Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/17 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

2016

IFC Spot Commentary 2/16 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/16 – Kidnapping at Sea by Armed Groups in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.
Note: Information herein were derived from various internal and external sources such as Focal Points, OPCENs and other maritime stakeholders. Seafarers should remain vigilant especially in areas where the threat level is assessed to be of concern in accordance with the IFC’s Assessments via its Weekly Report or Spot Commentaries. Ships should apply the appropriate security measures (such as Tugs and Barge Guide, Guide for Tankers Operating in Asia, or Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia). Ship masters should also be aware and refer to the Maritime Security Charts Q6112 and Q6113, both published by the UK Hydrographic Office.