REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

Issued monthly – Acts reported during September 2013

1 In pursuance of the Maritime Safety Committee’s instruction to the Secretariat to issue monthly reports of all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships reported to the Organization, the annex hereto provides, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, the summary of reports on incidents received between 1 and 30 September 2013 including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships (annex 1) and attempted attacks (annex 2). The Secretariat has, since July 2002, classified separately any reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery at sea (international or territorial waters) vis-à-vis acts of armed robbery allegedly committed in port areas, as well as attempted acts of armed robbery.

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1 "Piracy" is defined in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) (article 101) as follows:

"Piracy consists of any of the following acts:

(a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed:

(i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft;

(ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;

(b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft;

(c) any act inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b)."

2 "Armed robbery against ships" is defined in the Code of Practice for the Investigation of Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships (resolution A.1025(26), annex, paragraph 2.2), as follows:

"Armed robbery against ships means any of the following acts:

(a) any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State’s internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea;

(b) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above."
2 Further, and as instructed by the Committee (MSC 89/25, paragraphs 18.9 and 18.10), the Secretariat has opened a "piracy and armed robbery" module on the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) (http://gisis.imo.org) in order to improve the timeliness of reporting of incidents and to enable users to generate their own search criteria and produce customizable reports. This database is now configured for public, read-only access and is searchable. Reports can be compiled in GISIS directly by Member States and registered public users. These reports can now include follow-up information, for example, dates of release of hijacked ships.

3 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, those issued during the previous twelve months and up to 30 September 2013 being, MSC.4/Circ.189, MSC.4/Circ.190, MSC.4/Circ.191, MSC.4/Circ.192, MSC.4/Circ.194, MSC.4/Circ.195, MSC.4/Circ.196, MSC.4/Circ.197, MSC.4/Circ.198, MSC.4/Circ.199, MSC.4/Circ.200 and MSC.4/Circ.201.
IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1. **BUDGET 17**
   - Tug
   - Malaysia
   - IMO: 141
   - Date: 22/09/2013
   - Time: 07:35
   - Position: Malacca Strait, TSS Westbound lane, Singapore
   - Details: While underway, the crew on board the tug Budget 17 noticed some unidentified persons on board the barge in tow ie Budget 27, taking away its cargo consisting of scrap metal pieces. There were three small boats in the vicinity.
   - Consequences: Loss of some iron scrap metal pieces
   - Action: Yes
   - Reporting: Singapore Police Coast Guard and Singapore Navy
   - Organization: ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)

2. **JM DAMAI**
   - Supply ship
   - Malaysia
   - IMO: 1212
   - Date: 23/09/2013
   - Time: 21:15 LT
   - Position: Indian Ocean, Around 22 nm ENE of Pulau Tenggul, Malaysia
   - Details: Eight pirates wearing masks armed with a hand gun and long knives in a high speed craft approached and boarded a supply ship underway. They took hostage all crew members, tied them up and stole their personal belongings. After about three hours, the pirates left the vessel. Crew managed to free themselves and the OOW reported the incident to the owners. Vessel returned to the port of departure where the Authorities boarded the vessel for investigation.
   - Consequences: Stolen personal belongings
   - Action: N/A
   - Reporting: Timor-Leste PRC relayed message to MMEA Putra Jaya, FOC RMN, MMEA Timur
   - Organization: Authorities boarded vessel for investigation

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1. **SAMPATIKI**
   - Chemical tanker
   - Liberia
   - IMO: 5031
   - Date: 04/09/2013
   - Time: 15:15 LT
   - Position: West Africa, 4nm South of Pennington Oil Terminal, Nigeria
   - Details: A speed boat approached a chemical tanker underway with intent to board. The 2/O raised the alarm, alerted the crew and made evasive manoeuvres to prevent the boarding. The robbers tried to board the vessel using hooks attached to a rope. The onboard security team fired warning shots at the boat and the robbers retaliated by returning fire. Facing resistance the robbers aborted the attempt to board the vessel.
   - Consequences: Raised alarm, Crew alerted, evasive manoeuvres and onboard security team fired warning shots
   - Action: Yes
   - Reporting: RCC Lagos Nigerian Navy Operations HQ
   - Organization: ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur

IN PORT AREA

1. **ATLANTIC STAR**
   - Oil product tanker
   - Hong Kong, China
   - IMO: 29266
   - Date: 03/09/2013
   - Time: 21:10 LT
   - Position: Vung Tau Cape, Anchorage, Viet Nam
   - Details: While at anchor, robbers boarded the vessel at the forecastle after the attention of OOW was distracted by a boat which was approaching from the port quarter. The forward store lock was broken and paint was stolen. After noticing the robbers, the alarm was raised and all the crew went forward. The robbers escaped with the stolen items after hearing the alarm.
   - Consequences: About 250-300 litres of paint were stolen
   - Action: Yes
   - Reporting: Vung Tau port control
   - Organization: ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Hong Kong); ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam)

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<th>IMO Number</th>
<th>Date</th>
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<th>Action taken by the master and the crew</th>
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<td>2</td>
<td>CARTOLA</td>
<td>Tanker</td>
<td>Bahamas</td>
<td>80086</td>
<td>9183283</td>
<td>15/09/2013</td>
<td>17:44</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA Indonesia 01° 09.18' N 103° 34.44' E</td>
<td>Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed four robbers on the poop deck. OOW was informed, alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing alerted crew the robbers escaped.</td>
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<td>Alarm raised, crew mustered</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Indonesia PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Indonesian Marine Police</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>FEN</td>
<td>Chemical tanker</td>
<td>Singapore</td>
<td>8450</td>
<td>9359600</td>
<td>16/09/2013</td>
<td>03:10 LT</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA Port Gresik Terminal Indonesia 07° 09.90' S 112° 40.20' E</td>
<td>Officer on Watch (OOW) discovered presence of a robber on board when the ship was berthing and raised alarm. On hearing the alarm, robber immediately escaped the vessel. 5 drums of paint were reported stolen. There was no reported injury to the crew.</td>
<td>loss of 5 drums of paint</td>
<td>The duty Officer (OOW) raised the alarm</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Singapore ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point</td>
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<td>USOLIE</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Liberia</td>
<td>37519</td>
<td>8900315</td>
<td>21/09/2013</td>
<td>02:30 LT</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA Samarinda Anchorage Indonesia 00° 16.40' S 117° 41.70' E</td>
<td>Ten robbers armed with knives and steel bars boarded an anchored ship during cargo operations. They took hostage the duty A/B on routine rounds, assaulted him, stole his personal belongings and tied him up. The robbers then broke into the bosun locker and stole ship's stores. OOW noticed the robbers and raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with the stolen stores in their wooden boat. Port Authorities informed by VHF radio.</td>
<td>Robbers took hostage the duty A/B on routine rounds, assaulted him, stole his personal belongings and tied him up. Robbers stole ship's stores</td>
<td>OOW raised alarm and crew mustered</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Indonesia PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ &amp; Indonesian Marine Police</td>
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<td>NAME WITHHELD</td>
<td>Tanker</td>
<td>Panama</td>
<td>28063</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>21/09/2013</td>
<td>22:30 LT</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA Jakarta Anchorage Indonesia 08° 51.00' S 106° 53.00' E</td>
<td>Duty crew on board an anchored tanker noticed five robbers disembarking the tanker and escaping in a small unlit boat near the stern. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. Upon searching the tanker it was observed that the robbers had gained access probably during the watch change over time, entered the engine room and stole ship's stores. Police report was lodged by the tanker.</td>
<td>Robbers stole ship's stores</td>
<td>Alarm raised and crew mustered</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Indonesia PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ &amp; Indonesian Marine Police</td>
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<td>ROSALIA D’AMATO</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Italy</td>
<td>40562</td>
<td>9225201</td>
<td>26/09/2013</td>
<td>02:00 LT</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA Samarinda Anchorage Indonesia</td>
<td>Eight robbers armed with knives boarded a bulk carrier at anchor, stole ship stores and escaped.</td>
<td>All crew safe - ship stores stolen</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>Indonesia PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy, Marine Police</td>
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