# Piracy monthly report for September 2018

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<td>NAME WITHHELD</td>
<td>Container ship</td>
<td>Liberia</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>10/09/2018</td>
<td>22:30 LT</td>
<td>INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh Bangladesh 20° 06.06' N 091° 46.55' E</td>
<td>Two robbers armed with knives boarded the Liberia-Flagged Container Ship while the vessel was anchored in Chittagong Anchorage. Duty crew noticed the robbers and immediately informed the master who raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped. A search was made throughout the vessel. It was reported that ship’s properties had been stolen.</td>
<td>Ships properties stolen.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>IFC Duty Officer Weekly report</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>MV GLARUS</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Switzerland</td>
<td>27011</td>
<td>9220471</td>
<td>22/09/2018</td>
<td>05:00 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Approx 36NM Bonny, Nigeria Nigeria 03° 45.32' N 006° 43.01' E</td>
<td>This vessel was approached by a speed boat with armed pirates on board. They boarded the ship whilst it was underway, kidnapped 12 crew members and escaped. Incident reported to the Nigerian Navy who dispatched a naval boat to assist the vessel. Remaining crew sailed the vessel under naval escort to a safe anchorage. Increased damage to the bridge and all electronic equipment. One crew member injured and 12 crew members kidnapped</td>
<td>Extensive damage to the bridge and all electronic equipment.</td>
<td>Increased vessel speed</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Nigerian Navy</td>
<td>Nigeria IMBKL PRC relayed message to Nigerian Navy HQ, MDAT-GOG, ICC</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>SRI DEWI</td>
<td>Fishing vessel</td>
<td>Malaysia</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>11/09/2018</td>
<td>18:00 UTC</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA Pulau Gaya, Semporna Waters, off Sabah, East Malaysia Malaysia 04° 40.36' N 118° 43.12' E</td>
<td>Two masked armed men clad in dark clothing armed with M16 machine guns boarded a fishing trawler and abducted two Indonesian fishermen. The kidnappers removed the vessels radio set. Two other fishermen managed to escape the abduction by hiding in compartment on board. Once the kidnappers left, the two crewmen immediately made their way to Semporna to lodged a police report. There was no shooting that took place and the kidnappers fled with the victims in a pump speed boat towards Tawi Tawi province, the Philippines. It was reported that both victims were transported by a speedboat to Talipao, Sulu in the Philippines at about 1400 hours on 11 Sep 18. Investigations on going.</td>
<td>Two crew members abducted</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>Local police</td>
<td>IMBKL - ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines), IFC Sport commentary</td>
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The Chief Engineer was assaulted and sustained injuries to his face and hands. The remaining crew was safe. A gold chain belonging to the chief engineer was stolen.

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Singapore ReCAAP ISC Weekly, IFC
VTIS notified the Singapore Police Coast Guard and Republic of Singapore Navy and initiated the safety navigational broadcast of the incident. Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship upon her arrival in Singapore for security search and investigation. RCC Basarnas and MRCC Putra Jaya were informed accordingly.

IN PORT AREA

1 CARABOBO
Oil tanker
Singapore
167572
07/09/2018
00:30 LT

While at anchor, six robbers barefooted and wore masks on their faces boarded the ship. One of the robbers captured the duty watch officer who was conducting security round. He dragged the duty watch officer, tied him to the sprinkler system drain pipe at the deck, searched his pockets, and took his wrist watch and keys to the deck stores and lockers. The other crew was not personnel belongings and vessel’s properties stolen.

The master reported the incident to the Flag State. Yes
Flag state (Singapore)
Singapore ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore), ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur

2 MAREGAS
LPG tanker
Panama
5958
9007087
18/09/2018
20:45 UTC

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3 NAME WITHHELD
25/09/2018
01:00 UTC

A merchant vessel has been boarded by 2 people with knives at Pointe Noire anchorage. The alarm was raised and the robbers escaped with ships property.

Ships properties were stolen.

- No
MDAT

4 OCEAN ROVER
Mobile offshore drilling unit
Marshall Islands
18871
6753225
26/09/2018
03:30 UTC

Two men armed with swords boarded the vessel and robbed two onboard security guards. The robbers tied up the security guards and managed to rob personal items and communications equipment before disembarking. Both security guards sustained minor injuries as the perpetrators attacked them. Crew managed to untie themselves at around 0730LT and went to a nearby oil-rig with the help of a nearby local fishing vessel. The security guards were released by shore based staff after a few hours after they failed to radio in.

Personnel belongings and vessel’s properties stolen

Incident was reported by the Shipping Manager and the Drilling Rig’s crew to the local authorities.

Yes
Local authorities
Malaysia IFC, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur

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lockers. The robbers took 30 mins to lower down paint drums, tools, some ropes and other goods to aft part of the poop deck. They eventually released the duty officer before escaping from the ship by the rope from the steering gear derrick.

**2** PACIFIC VALHALLA Tug  
Singapore  
Takoradi Port Control  
07/09/2018 03:00 UTC  
WEST AFRICA  
Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana  
Ghana  
04° 55.00’ N 001° 43.00’ W  
While at anchor, a robber armed with knife boarded the ship and stole a high-pressure washer before fleeing back onto his boat. He was spotted by two crew who tried to stop him. The robber brandished a knife as he escaped in a boat. Port control informed via VHF. A security boat responded and caught the robber. The crew reported the incident to Takoradi Port Control through VHF radio. 

**3** NCC HAIEL Product tanker  
Saudi Arabia  
29575  
10/09/2018 20:30 UTC  
SOUTH CHINA SEA  
Jetty No.2, Tarahan Jetty, Indonesia  
Indonesia  
05° 53.00’ S 105° 21.00’ E  
Duty AB, on routine rounds, onboard a berthed tanker noticed two intruders on deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the intruders escaped empty handed. 

**4** HAKO Bulk carrier  
Malta  
35873  
11/09/2018 04:15 LT  
SOUTH CHINA SEA  
Sandakan Port Berth No.1 AB, Sabah, Malaysia  
Malaysia  
05° 48.45’ N 118° 04.90’ E  
An intruder boarded a berthed ship via the anchor chain. Alert duty crew stationed on the forecastle deck spotted the intruder and immediately notified the Master and D/O. Alarm raised and the crew made their way to the forward deck to investigate. Hearing the alerted crew, the intruder escaped in the speed boat where another two attackers were hiding. 

**5** STI HAMMERSMITH Oil tanker  
Marshall Islands  
24162  
17/09/2018 03:00 UTC  
WEST AFRICA  
Conacry Anchorage, Guinea  
Guinea  
09° 20.48’ N 013° 43.18’ W  
An anchored tanker was boarded by four armed robbers. Master raised the alarm, locked the accommodation and all crew mustered in the citadel. The armed robbers fired at the bridge windows and gained access into the accommodation. They ransacked all crew cabins and stole crew personal belongings. A navy boat arrived at the location to provide assistance. All crew reported safe. 

**6** PINDOS Bulk carrier  
Barbados  
32478  
19/09/2018 02:15 LT  
SOUTH CHINA SEA  
Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia  
Indonesia  
00° 14.20’ S 117° 39.40’ E  
While at anchor, four to five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship twice within three hours. The robbers climbed the ship through the anchor chain from a small boat. On both occasions, the duty watchman noticed the robbers on the forecastle deck and raised the alarm resulting in the forecastle store-lock was broken. Unspecified items from forecastle store were stolen.
While at anchor, the AB who conducted a round saw two boats close to ship’s anchor chain. He immediately reported this to the bridge, raised the alarm and verbally chased the boats away. At No.1 port cargo tank, the AB found two intruders hiding in structures on deck. He shouted at the intruders who ran to No.1 port side and jumped overboard using a rope. The crew was mustered at secondary muster station and search was conducted.

During the search, it was found out that the No.1 port ullage port was open. The vapour lock was closed to avoid IG leakage and manual unlacing of cargo tanks commenced. The side of ship was checked for traces of any pipe for transfer of cargo, but none was found. There was also no oil sheen found around vessel nor on deck. The master reported the incident to the Nigerian Naval Service (NNS). A NNS Vision patrol boat came alongside the ship. The Navy was apprised of the situation on board.

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<td>03:50 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Around 50nm from shore, SW of Bonny Nigeria 03° 37.00' N 06° 40.00' E</td>
<td>A vessel was approached by a speed boat with pirates onboard. Alarm raised and anti-piracy measures undertaken, embarked Navy security guard fired two warning shots and pirates aborted chase.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Anti piracy measures undertaken and alarm raised.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>ICC</td>
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<td>Oil tanker</td>
<td>Marshall Islands</td>
<td>81186</td>
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<td>25/09/2018</td>
<td>11:42 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Around 100nm SSW of Bonny Island Nigeria Nigeria 02° 45.60' N 06° 39.18' E</td>
<td>Six armed attackers in a speed boat approached a tanker underway. Master raised the alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, contacted the escort vessel and the non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The pirates fired shots towards the tanker and then moved away when they saw the local security escort vessel approaching. All crew safe and no damages reported.</td>
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