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## **REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS**

### **Issued monthly – Acts reported during July 2014**

1 In pursuance of the Maritime Safety Committee's instruction to the Secretariat to issue monthly reports of all incidents of piracy<sup>1</sup> and armed robbery against ships<sup>2</sup> 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 31 July 2014 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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<sup>1</sup> "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)."

<sup>2</sup> "Armed robbery against ships" is defined in the Code of Practice for the Investigation of the 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, or threat thereof, 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 12 months and up to 30 June 2014 being MSC.4/Circ.200, MSC.4/Circ.201, MSC.4/Circ.202, MSC.4/Circ.203, MSC.4/Circ.204, MSC.4/Circ.205, MSC.4/Circ.206, MSC.4/Circ.207, MSC.4/Circ.209, MSC.4/Circ.210, MSC.4/Circ.211 and MSC.4/Circ.212.

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**ANNEX 1**  
**Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by**  
**Member States or international organizations in consultative status**

N°	Ship Name	Date Time	Position of the incident*	Details of the incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and the crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or international organization	MSC.4/Circ.213 ANNEX 1
	Type of Ship								Gross Tonnage
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

**IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	PACIFIC DAWN Tanker Panama 56172 9307140	02/07/2014 03:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 15nm NNE of Pulau Bintan Malaysia 01° 28.00' N 104° 40.00' E	Two armed robbers in a wooden fishing boat approached and boarded an anchored tanker from the stern. Alert crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing alerted crew the robbers escaped empty handed.	-	Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out	No	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Singapore VTIS informed Singapore Police Coast Guard, Republic of Singapore Navy and RCC Basarnas, Indonesia, and initiated broadcast to warn vessels
2	MORESBY 9 Tanker Honduras 56172 7705740	04/07/2014 19:38 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Anambas Island Indonesia 03° 23.00' N 105° 08.00' E	Armed pirates boarded the tanker underway. They held all crew members, damaged the communication equipment and hijacked the tanker. Owners reported the incident to the authorities and a search was carried out. On 05.07.2014, the owners informed the authorities that they had established communication with the tanker. It was reported that the pirates stole part of the cargo before escaping. Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) are investigating the incident.	Pirates hijacked the ship and damaged the communication equipment. Part of the cargo was stolen	-	Yes IFC Singapore Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	HARBOUR HORNBILL General cargo ship Malaysia 4044 9150638	09/07/2014 01:15 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 37nm WSW of Pulau Merunding Indonesia 01° 59.00' N 108° 28.00' E	While underway armed pirates boarded a general cargo ship, took the OOW captive, stole his personal property and escaped. During the incident the OOW sustained head injuries. Full details of the incident requested.	Crew's personal property were stolen.	-	Yes Malaysian Police & Marine Department	Malaysia ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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## IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

4	KMARIN MUGUNGHWA Bulk carrier Panama 23247 9694995	09/07/2014 01:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA North of Pulau Bintan  01° 26.60' N 104° 36.79' E	While at anchor, five intruders armed with long knives boarded the vessel at poop deck using hook attached with rope. The duty A/B on routine rounds noticed the intruders at poop deck and informed the duty officer who in turn immediately raised the ship's alarm. The crew was mustered. All five intruders jumped into the sea and escaped empty-handed in their small boat. No crew was injured and no ship's property were stolen.	-	The duty officer raised alarm and crew mustered	No	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Singapore VTIS Informed Republic of Singapore Navy, Singapore Police Coast Guard and RCC Basarnas, Indonesia, and initiated broadcast to warn vessels
5	VINALINES GLORY Product tanker Viet Nam 30042 9337303	09/07/2014 03:00 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Around 13nm NNE of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia 01° 27.20' N 104° 38.50' E	Six pirates boarded an anchored tanker. Duty A/B on routine rounds noticed the pirates at poop deck and informed the OOW who raised the alarm. All crew mustered and a search was carried out. Upon hearing the alarm the robbers escaped empty handed.	-	Raised alarm, crew mustered and a search was carried out	Yes Local authorities	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam) ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	C. P. 41 Tanker Thailand 2752 9186455	13/07/2014 23:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 24nm South of Pulau Aur Malaysia 02° 01.00' N 104° 29.00' E	Pirates boarded the tanker underway unnoticed. OOW noticed a small boat near the tanker and raised the alarm. Seeing alert crew the pirates escaped empty handed.	-	Raised alarm and crew mustered	No	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	STELLA KOSAN LPG tanker Singapore 9175 9373591	15/07/2014 06:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Around 17nm NNE of Pulau Bintan Indonesia 01° 29.00' N 104° 43.00' E	Pirates boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed and escaped with ship's property. Duty crew noticed footprints near the engine room workshop and raised the alarm. Upon investigation, it was found that the pirates had broken the lock to the steering gear room watertight door and entered the engine room workshop. Ship's property was stolen from the workshop and safety lockers.	Shop's property stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Incident reported to IFC Singapore Navy	Singapore ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	ORIENTAL GLORY Tanker Malaysia 2223 9072587	15/07/2014 23:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 44nm NE of Pulau Bintan Indonesia 01° 44.00' N 105° 07.00' E	A tanker enroute from Singapore to Sandakan, Malaysia was boarded and hijacked. Pirates transferred and stole part of the fuel cargo, stole crew property and damaged the tanker's communication equipment and main engines before leaving. Three crew members were injured during the incident.	Pirates hijacked the tanker. Three crew members were injured. Ship's fuel, cargo, and crew's personal belonging's stolen. Ships' communication equipment and main engines were damaged.	Master contacted passing vessels via VHF channel and requested to relay the piracy incident to the Authorities	Yes Singapore VTIS	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The Royal Malaysian Navy sent a patrol boat to the location

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9	HAI SOON 6 Tanker Kiribati 3232 9062697	25/07/2014 23:40 LT	WEST AFRICA Around 45nm South of Anloga Ghana 05° 00.10' N 000° 49.20' E	10 pirates armed with guns in a wooden boat approached, boarded and hijacked the bunker barge during bunkering operations and sailed to an unknown location. The mother vessel being bunkered reported the incident to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre, which immediately notified the regional authorities and broadcast an alert to all ships to lookout for the hijacked tanker. The owners were unable to communicate or track the tanker until August 3rd when the owners confirmed that the pirates had released their tanker after stealing part cargo around 60nm east of Lagos. All crew members were reported safe. It was reported that the pirates had stolen part of the cargo by transferring it to pirate vessels.	Pirates hijacked the tanker with its 21 crew members and stole part of the cargo.	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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### IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	GLENN MAR-B Fishing vessel Philippines	05/07/2014 22:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Vicinity of Mapun de Tawi-Tawi Philippines	Armed persons in a motor boat approached and fired upon the fishing boat engaged in fishing activities. The fishermen jumped into the water but some were able to swim back to their boat after the armed persons left the area. It was reported that the Captain of the fishing boat was found dead and one fisherman went missing. The incident reported to Philippines Coast Guard.	Armed persons fired upon the fishing boat. The Captain was found dead and one fisherman missing	-	Yes Philippines Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The Philippines Coast Guard conducted the investigation
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### IN PORT AREA

1	NORD GAINER Product tanker Denmark 30241 9448724	06/07/2014 23:00 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Kandla Anchorage India 22° 48.00' N 070° 01.00' E	Two robbers in a fishing boat approached and boarded an anchored product tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers jumping overboard and escaping in their boat. Upon investigation, it was found that three padlocks were broken and ship's property was stolen.	Ship's property stolen	Raised alarm	Yes Coast Guard of India	India ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The Indian Coast Guard boarded the vessel at Kandla anchorage for initial investigation. Further investigation being carried out by local police.
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2	CONCEPT Tanker Marshall Islands 27357 9272204	07/07/2014 00:10 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Kandla Anchorage India 22° 47.00' N 070° 03.00' E	Five robbers boarded the ship at anchor. Alert duty A/B noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in their boat. A search was carried out. The padlock to the forward stores was found broken and ship's property missing.	Robbers broke forward stores padlock and ship's property stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes -	India ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The Indian Coast Guard boarded the vessel at Kandla Anchorage for initial investigation. Further investigation being carried out by local police.
3	PACIFIC SILVER Tanker Marshall Islands 56943 9184603	19/07/2014 03:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Batangas Anchorage 'A' Philippines 13° 44.00' N 121° 02.00' E	Four robbers in a fishing boat approached and boarded an anchored tanker via the anchor chain. Duty A/B and OOW on routine rounds spotted the robbers and raised the alarm and crew mustered. The robbers escaped with ship's property upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness. VTMS Batangas informed.	Ship's property stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes VTMS Batangas	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	GALLANT PESCADORES General cargo ship Panama 5002 9175860	23/07/2014 21:50 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Lamao Anchorage Area, Limay, Bataan Philippines 14° 29.28' N 120° 37.73' E	While at anchor, nine robbers armed with guns boarded the vessel from a motorbanca. The robbers entered the crew cabins, threatened them with their guns and robbed them of their valuables. The robbers also entered the OOW's cabin and demanded to open the safe.	Cash and personal belongings were stolen. The robbers threatened the crew with their guns	-	No	ReCAAP ISC	Port State Control Bataan boarded the vessel and conducted investigation. The incident was also coordinated to the local Philippine National Police (PNP) and PNP Maritime Group in Bataan.
5	GOLDEN ADVENTURE Product tanker Liberia 6153 9510577	24/07/2014 00:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong anchorage Bangladesh 22° 10.00' N 091° 46.00' E	Three robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Ship's alarm raised, all crew mustered and port control notified. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's property.	Ship property stolen	Raised alarm, crew alerted	Yes -	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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6	SEA DIAS Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 33036 9535876	25/07/2014 03:15 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Muara Berau anchorage Indonesia 00° 15.40' S 117° 34.70' E	Three armed robbers in a wooden boat approached and boarded an anchored bulk carrier. They took hostage duty A/B and tied him up. Duty A/B informed the OOW who raised the alarm. Noticing the alerted crew the robbers escaped with stolen ship's property.	Ship's property stolen, crew taken hostage	Raised alarm, crew alerted	Yes -	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	JBU OPAL Tanker Hong Kong, China 11561 9400409	25/07/2014 10:35 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Belawan Anchorage Indonesia 03° 55.10' N 098° 45.10' E	Four robbers in a speed boat approached and came alongside an anchored tanker. One of the robbers made an attempt to board the tanker but aborted it and moved away upon seeing the duty Bosun. Later, OOW noticed one robber boarded the tanker and heading towards the paint store. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped with his accomplices in their boat. Upon investigation, it was found that the paint store had been broken into but nothing stolen.	Ship's store stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Indonesian Port Control	Indonesia ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	JI XIANG Tanker Mongolia 1986 8403909	25/07/2014 20:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 2nm South of Teluk Ramunia, Johor Malaysia 01° 19.54' N 104° 15.46' E	Ten robbers armed with guns and knives boarded an anchored tanker. They stole crew personnel belongings and cash and escaped. Incident reported to MMEA and they are investigating the incident. During the robbery, one crew member received minor injuries at his neck due to gun fire.	Robbers stole crew personnel belongings and cash. One crew member received minor injuries at his neck	-	Yes Local Police and MMEA	Malaysia ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	MMEA are investigating the incident
9	AMUR RIVER Container ship Cyprus 9940 9378943	31/07/2014 21:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage Bangladesh	Seven robbers armed with knives in a fishing boat approached and boarded an anchored ship via the poop deck. Duty crew spotted the robbers stealing ship's stores and raised the alarm. As the crew mustered and approached the robbers, they jumped into their boat and escaped with the stolen stores. Incident reported to the Coast Guard who advised the Master to be vigilant and report any suspicious movement. A patrol boat came and searched the area.	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm, crew mustered and approached the robbers	Yes Port Control and Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A coast guard patrol boat came and searched the area

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