## Piracy monthly report March 2021

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

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<th>N°</th>
<th>Ship Name</th>
<th>Type of Ship</th>
<th>Flag</th>
<th>Gross Tonnage</th>
<th>IMO Number</th>
<th>Date (MM/DD/YY)</th>
<th>Time (LT)</th>
<th>Position of the incident*</th>
<th>Details of the incident</th>
<th>Consequences for crew, ship, cargo</th>
<th>Action taken by the master and the crew</th>
<th>Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?</th>
<th>Reporting State or international organization</th>
<th>Coastal State Action Taken</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>MV Akij Pearl</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Bangladesh</td>
<td>31260</td>
<td>9291080</td>
<td>03/03/2021</td>
<td>10:45 LT</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA 9.2 nm south west of Sicolan Island, Sibutu, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines 04° 29.70' S 119° 36.91' E</td>
<td>While underway, a white/red single OBM speedboat with three unidentified persons was heading towards the ship and attempted to throw a line at her port side beam. The crew noticed the speedboat and its activity; and immediately departed from the location. The ship master reported the incident via VHF radio to the Philippine Coast Guard Search and Rescue Base, Sibutu and the Philippine Navy Littoral Monitoring Station (LMS) – Bongao. The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) immediately coordinated with other law enforcement agencies and alerted all Coast Guard stations and sub-stations about the incident. The PCG and Philippine Navy advised the ship master to maintain its speed and be vigilant when transiting the area.</td>
<td>There was no confrontation between the unidentified persons and the crew. The crew was safe. Nothing was stolen.</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>Philippines Coast Guard Search and Rescue Base, Sibutu and Philippines Navy Littoral Monitoring Station (LMS) – Bongao.</td>
<td>ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Pacora</td>
<td>Container ship</td>
<td>Jamaica</td>
<td>7464</td>
<td>9404821</td>
<td>06/03/2021</td>
<td>23:30 UTC</td>
<td>SOUTH AMERICA (C) Around 10nm South of Guayaquil, Ecuador 02° 25.00' S 079° 58.00' W</td>
<td>Six armed robbers in two fast boats approached and boarded the ship under pilotage. Master raised the alarm, SSAS activated and contacted Guayaquil Authorities. The robbers took hostage one crew member and stole cargoes from the containers. Before escaping, they released the crew without any injury. It was reported that nine containers were opened and cargo damaged.</td>
<td>Nine containers were opened, cargoes stolen and damaged</td>
<td>Alarm raised and distress messages activated</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Guayaquil Port Authority &amp; Guayaquil Navy</td>
<td>PRC relayed the message to Ecuadorian MRCC, Ecuadorian Navy &amp; Ecuador Coast Guard</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Name Withheld</td>
<td>Chemical tanker</td>
<td>Malta</td>
<td>14034</td>
<td>11/03/2021</td>
<td>15:12 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Around 212km South of Cotonou Benin 02° 48.00' N 002° 36.00' E</td>
<td>Nine armed pirates boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised and distress messages activated. A Nigerian Security Vessel was dispatched to assist the tanker. By the time the security vessel arrived at the location the pirates kidnapped 15 crew and escaped. The tanker and remaining crew were escorted to a safe port.</td>
<td>15 crew kidnapped</td>
<td>Alarm raised and distress messages activated</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Regional Authority, PRC relayed the message to Nigerian Navy HQ, Nimasa, Benin Navy &amp; Italian Navy</td>
<td>IMB</td>
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NOTE: SOUTH AMERICA: (A) - Atlantic; (C) - Caribbean; (P) - Pacific.
**4 Name Withheld**

**Luxembourg**

**6146**

14/03/2021 07:31 UTC

WEST AFRICA

Around 208nm South of Lagos, Nigeria

02° 58.00' N

002° 53.00' E

Armed pirates attacked and boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised, Authorities notified, and all crew members retreated into the citadel. A Nigerian Security Vessel responded to provide assistance. The pirates managed to escape before the arrival of the Security Vessel. The crew members reported safe but there were some damages to the ship. The ship proceeded to a safe port under the escort of the Security Vessel.

**5 Nord Peak**

**Bulk carrier**

**Singapore**

34060

9566564

22/03/2021 13:00 LT

INDIAN OCEAN

Persian Gulf, off Harf Ghab/Peninsular Oman

26° 20.00' N

056° 01.00' E

While underway, the 2nd officer observed a 17m grey-hulled skiff with three armed perpetrators onboard approaching from the vessel’s port side. The general alarm was raised. An emergency broadcast via Ch 16 was made. The ship horn was blown continuously and evasive measures were taken. The skiff then steered away at about 1320 hrs.

The emergency broadcast was picked up by a nearby European Missionary Warship which escorted the ship safely to Mina Saqr Anchorage, UAE.

**6 African Queen**

**Bulk carrier**

**Marshall Islands**

30936

9389930

24/03/2021 19:25 UTC

MALACCA STRAIT

6.1 nm north west of Tanjung Pergam, Bintan Island, Indonesia in eastbound lane of the Traffic Separ Singapore

01° 17.00' N

104° 18.10' E

Five robbers armed with knives boarded a ship underway. Master raised the alarm, crew mustered and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. Incident reported to VTIS.

While underway, the master reported to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) that five perpetrators were sighted in the engine room. The duty oiler spotted one of the perpetrators with a knife, who ordered him to keep quiet before the perpetrators left the engine room. The ship's alarm was raised and crew mustered.

A search onboard was conducted. At 0405 hrs, the master updated Singapore VTIS that the search was completed with no further sighting of the perpetrators onboard. Engine spares including valve rotator, valve seat exhaust, valve seat suction, valve guide, suction valve, exhaust valve chrome plating, and plunger assembly were stolen. The alarm was raised and a search onboard was conducted.

The crew was safe. The master did not require any assistance, and continued the voyage. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated. The Republic of Singapore Navy’s (RSN) Maritime Security Task Force (MSTF) and Singapore Police Coast Guard were notified. Information of the incident was PRC relayed the message to Singapore Police Coast Guard. No information available.

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shared with the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities.

7 Scarabeo 7
Mobile offshore drilling unit
Bahamas
23595
8758861
30/03/2021
02:30 UTC
MALACCA STRAIT
Singapore Strait
Singapore
01° 12.47' N
103° 32.71' E
Robbers in two small boats approached the stern of unmanned rig under tow. They detached and stole the towline pickup buoy which is attached to the emergency towing line floating behind the rig and escaped. Incident reported to VTIS. Vessel and crew safe.

Rig’s properties stolen
Alarm raised to alerted crew
Yes
VTIS
PRC relayed the message to Singapore Police Coast Guard
Acknowledged and relay to relevant Authorities

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1 Posh Falcon
Tug
Singapore
3513
9624586
30/03/2021
10:30 LT
MALACCA STRAIT
Approximately 4 nm south of Tanjung Piai, Malaysia in the westbound lane of the Traffic Separation S Malaysia
01° 12.47' N
103° 32.71' E
While the tug boat towing the unmanned rig was underway, two small boats approached the stern of the rig and stole a Norwegian marker buoy that was floating 100m behind the rig. The buoy was connected to a messenger line used as an emergency tow line. The crew was not injured. The incident was reported to VTIS and the Singapore Port Operations Control Centre (POCC) issued a navigational safety advisory to warn ships in the vicinity to be more vigilant.

The crew was not injured.
The ship increased its security measures on board as per the Ship Security Plan (SSP).
Alarm raised to alerted crew
Yes
Singapore VTIS and the Flag State
ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)
The Singapore POCC issued a navigational safety advisory to warn vessels in the vicinity to be more vigilant.

IN PORT AREA

1 Name Withheld
Supply ship
Luxembourg
1733
01/01/0001
UTC
WEST AFRICA
Douala Anchorage, Cameroon
Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. The theft was noticed by the bosun during routine rounds. Search conducted and several ship’s properties reported stolen. Incident reported to local port authorities.

Ship’s properties stolen
A search conducted
Yes
Local port authorities
PRC relayed the message to Cameroon Navy

2 Name Withheld
Supply ship
Luxembourg
1733
06/03/2021
07:00 UTC
WEST AFRICA
Douala Anchorage, Cameroon
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Ship’s properties stolen
A search conducted
Yes
Local port authorities, PRC relayed the message to Cameroon Navy
IMB

Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. The theft was noticed by the duty Bosun during routine rounds. The crew conducted a search and reported ship’s properties stolen. Incident reported to local agent.

Ship’s properties stolen | NA | Yes | Local Agent, Port Authorities | PRC relayed the message to MRCC Angola and MOC Luanda | NA

While at anchor, the duty watchman sighted perpetrators on deck, and informed the bridge. The perpetrators attempted to steal a mooring rope but was unsuccessful. Upon being spotted, the perpetrators escaped in a wooden boat. The crew was safe and there was no damage to the ship.

The crew was not injured. | Nothing was stolen. | Yes | Port Authorities | Security Patrol Team was dispatched

Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers armed with knives on the forward mooring station and notified the duty officer. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship’s stores. Incident reported to local VTS and a Coast Guard patrol boat was dispatched to search the waters around the ship.

Ship’s stores stolen | Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered | Yes | VTS Tramar | Security Patrol Team was dispatched

Unnoticed, robbers boarded a moored ship. They broke into two crew cabins, stole ship’s and crew cash and escaped. Local authorities informed and an investigation was carried out.

Ship’s cash and crew cash were stolen | The crew was not injured. | Yes | Local authorities and CSO | The local immigration police boarded the ship and investigated the incident.

While at anchor, the master’s and 2nd officer’s cabins were damaged and some cash was stolen. A search was conducted and no perpetrator was found. The crew was safe. The incident was assessed to have occurred between 0001 hrs and 0600 hrs. The master reported the incident to the local authorities and the Company Security Officer (CSO). The local immigration police boarded the ship and investigated the incident.

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<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Port Osaka</td>
<td>9463310</td>
<td>9838541</td>
<td>106° 48.00' E, 06° 02.00' S</td>
<td>16/03/2021</td>
<td>Callao Anchorage, Peru</td>
<td>While at anchor, about 7-8 perpetrators armed with knives boarded the bulk carrier unannounced from the forward part of the ship. The perpetrators held hostage a crew who was on patrol, tied him to the forward coaming, threatened him with a knife and ordered him to maintain silence. The perpetrators took the crew's radio, switched it off and also took the key to the forecastle store. They stole the ship's equipment including mooring ropes, descaling machine, pumps, cable, extension cord etc. and escaped. The crew gathered and locked themselves inside the accommodation. After the perpetrators had left the ship, a search was carried out and the crew who was tied to the forward coaming was released. The incident was reported to Callao VTS &quot;TRAMAR&quot;, who dispatched a Coast Guard boat to the location. The officers boarded the ship and a search was conducted but no perpetrators were found.</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>LPG tanker</td>
<td>Christoph Schulte</td>
<td>9368778</td>
<td>9110</td>
<td>06° 19.20' N, 075° 31.40' W</td>
<td>24/03/2021</td>
<td>Alpha Anchorage, Colombia</td>
<td>Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship, broke into the forecastle store, stole the ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by duty crew on routine security rounds.</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Container ship</td>
<td>Baltic North</td>
<td>44234</td>
<td>9463310</td>
<td>0° 02.00' S, 156° 48.00' E</td>
<td>30/03/2021</td>
<td>Jakarta Anchorage Zone &quot;F&quot;, Indonesia</td>
<td>While at anchor, the duty crew sighted two perpetrators on the poop deck with two sacks. The duty crew shouted and flashed light at the perpetrators, who escaped immediately. Upon investigation, it was found that the perpetrators broke into the ship through a cut on the watertight door alarm switch wire and lock. Items from the engine room central store were stolen. The crew was not injured. The local authorities were informed and the Indonesia Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.</td>
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