

**Piracy monthly report for September 2018**  
**Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by**  
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**IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	NAME WITHHELD Container ship Liberia	10/09/2018 22:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh Bangladesh 20° 06.06' N 091° 46.55' E	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.	Ships properties stolen.	-	No	IFC Duty Officer Weekly report	-
2	MV GLARUS Bulk carrier Switzerland 27011 9220471	22/09/2018 05:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Approx 36NM Bonny, Nigeria Nigeria 03° 45.32' N 006° 43.01' E	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.  It is to be noted that one hour before this incident, another bulk carrier was approached by the same pirates and attempted the attack. Embarked Navy security guard fired two warning shots and they aborted the chase. On 28.10.2018, the 12 kidnapped crew members were released safely.	Extensive damage to the bridge and all electronic equipment. One crew member injured and 12 crew members kidnapped	Increased vessel speed	Yes Nigerian Navy	Nigeria IMBKL PRC relayed message to Nigerian Navy HQ, MDAT-GOG, ICC	Arranged for a pilot to navigate the vessel to safe anchorage

**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

1	SRI DEWI Fishing vessel Malaysia	11/09/2018 18:00 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Pulau Gaya, Semporna Waters, off Sabah, East Malaysia Malaysia 04° 40.36' N 118° 43.12' E	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 escaped 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.	Two crew members abducted	-	Yes Local police	IMBKL - ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines), IFC Sport commentary	Conducted the investigation
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2 MAREGAS LPG tanker Panama 5958 9007087	18/09/2018 20:45 UTC	MALACCA STRAIT Westbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS)Singapore Strait Singapore 01° 14.87' N 103° 57.92' E	While sailing, three robbers with machetes boarded the vessel and were sighted at the stern of the ship. The Chief Engineer sustained injuries to his face and hands after the robbers confronted him and forcibly took his gold chain. The robbers attempted to gain access to the Captain's cabin but were unsuccessful. They made their escape when the alarm was raised. Remaining crew are safe with no injury. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS). The crew did not see how they came alongside or how they departed, however after the robbers disembarked, the crew found a long stick at the stern that was used to embark the vessel.	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.	Master informed Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System via VHF. Master raised alarm upon the report from the Chief Engineer. Crew was mustered to conduct security search after the perpetrators made their escape	Yes Singapore VTIS/POCC	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.
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3 NAME WITHHELD	25/09/2018 01:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Pointe Noire anchorage, Republic of Congo Congo 04° 41.00' S 011° 45.06' E	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 8753225	26/09/2018 03:30 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 1.5nm SE of Tanjung Bulat, Johor, Malaysia Malaysia 01° 20.02' N 104° 14.81' E	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	-

## IN PORT AREA

1 CARABOBO Oil tanker Singapore 167572 9623257	07/09/2018 00:30 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Jose Anchorage, Venezuela Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 10° 21.06' N 064° 50.48' W	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	The perpetrator dragged the duty watch officer, tied him and took his wrist watch and keys to the deck stores and lockers. The other crew was not	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	-
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2	PACIFIC VALHALLA Tug Singapore 2147 9361641	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.	One high-pressure washer was stolen. The crew was not injured	The crew reported the incident to Takoradi Port Control through VHF radio.	Yes Takoradi Port Control	Singapore ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore), ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Takoradi Port Control launched their security boat and apprehended the robber.
3	NCC HAIEL Product tanker Saudi Arabia 29575 9335068	10/09/2018 20:30 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Jetty No.2, Tarahan Jetty, Indonesia Indonesia 05° 55.00' 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.	-	Alarm raised	Yes Port control, Indonesian Marine Police HQ & Indonesian Navy HQ	Indonesia ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	HAKO Bulk carrier Malta 35873 9691814	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.	No items were stolen. The crew was not injured.	Reported the incident to Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) and local agent. Made additional lashing arrangement for hawse pipe cover, reassessed security measures and implemented additional measures to avoid reoccurrence. Continued manning in forecastle deck and debriefed all crew.	Yes Local authority	Malaysia ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to Royal Marine Police, Royal Malaysian Navy & MMEA Malaysia	Ship was advised to monitor all access areas. PFSO visited the ship and informed the ship that the port security was strengthened.
5	STI HAMMERSMITH Oil tanker Marshall Islands 24162 9706446	17/09/2018 03:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Conakry 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 escaped with crew personal belongings. A navy boat arrived at the location to provide assistance. All crew reported safe.	Robbers fired at the bridge windows causing some damages. They ransacked all crew cabins and stole crew personal belongings	Master raised the alarm, crew locked all accommodation doors and mustered in the citadel	Yes Local harbour master and navy	Guinea ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to Guinea Maritime Operation Centre, MDAT, CIC, ICC-GOG	A navy boat was sent to the vessel for assistance
6	PINDOS Bulk carrier Barbados 32478 9761322	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.	-	Yes Local Port control	Indonesia ReCAAP ISC, ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to Bakamla, Indonesian	Boarded the vessel to carry out investigation

them escaping with ship's stores.

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7 BW PUMA Chemical tanker Singapore 29737 9635810	20/09/2018 01:00 LT	WEST AFRICA SAA Anchorage, Lagos, Nigeria Nigeria 06° 16.51' N 003° 13.14' E	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	The crew was not injured. No items were stolen.	The crew raised the alarm and performed ship search. The master reported the incident to the Nigerian Naval Service (NNS) who dispatched a patrol boat. The CSO was also informed of the situation.	Yes ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point	ReCAAP ISC Weekly, MDAT	The NNS patrol boat came alongside the ship, checked on the situation and presence of small boats.
8 NAME WITHHELD Product tanker Marshall Islands 29940	25/09/2018 05:10 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Puerto La Cruz, Anchorage Venezuela Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 10° 16.40' N 064° 42.80' W	Two intruders boarded an anchored product tanker. The alert watchkeeper noticed the intruders, raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the intruders escaped without stealing anything. Master contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre which immediately relayed the incident information to the authorities. A coast guard patrol boat was dispatched and the officers boarded the tanker for investigations.	-	-	Yes MRCC Venezuela Coast Guard	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Dispatched a patrol boat and boarded the tanker to carry out investigation
9 JOHN ERNEST AIDOO Tug Ghana 294 9793105	30/09/2018 04:02 UTC	WEST AFRICA Takoradi Anchorage Ghana 04° 54.10' N 001° 41.17' W	A merchant vessel was boarded by two people via the anchor chain. The crew raised the alarm and the two intruders left the vessel. Nothing was stolen, crew and vessel are safe.	-	Alarm raised	Yes PRC relayed message to MRCC Ghana and Ghana Navy Ops Centre	Ghana MDAT Watchdog	Ghana Navy contacted the vessel

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**IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier	22/09/2018 03:50 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 50nm from shore, SW of Bonny Nigeria 03° 37.00' N 006° 40.00' E	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.	-	Anti piracy measures undertaken and alarm raised.	No	ICC	-
2	NAME WITHHELD Oil tanker Marshall Islands 81186	25/09/2018 11:42 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 100nm SSW of Bonny Island Nigeria Nigeria 02° 45.60' N 006° 39.18' E	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.	-	Master raised the alarm, increased speed, took evasive maneuvers, contacted the escort vessel and the non-essential crew mustered in the citadel	Yes Port authority	Nigeria IMBKL, MDAT	The escort vessel approached the tanker and chased the speed boat