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REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

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In pursuance of the Maritime Safety Committee's instruction to the Secretariat to issue monthly reports of all incidents of piracy¹ and armed robbery against ships² 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 May 2016 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.

"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."



[&]quot;Piracy" is defined in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) (article 101) as follows:

[&]quot;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 the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships (resolution A.1025(26), annex, paragraph 2.2), as follows:

- 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 31 March 2016 being MSC.4/Circ.225, MSC.4/Circ.226, MSC.4/Circ.227, MSC.4/Circ.228, MSC.4/Circ.229, MSC.4/Circ.230, MSC.4/Circ.231, MSC.4/Circ.232 (Annual Report), MSC.4/Circ.233, MSC.4/Circ.234, MSC.4/Circ.235 and MSC.4/Circ.236.

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

				Member States or International or	ganizations in consul	tative status			
	Ship Name Type of Ship						Was the incident	Poparting State or	MSC.4/Circ. 237 ANNEX I
N	Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Time	Position of the incident*	Details of the incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo		reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or international organization	Coastal State Action Taken
1	1 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	NINTERNATIONAL	WATERS							
	1 HAI SOON 12 Product tanker Kiribati 3243 9078751	07/05/2016 20:45	SOUTH CHINA SEA Approx. 21nm South of Pulau Serutu Indonesia 02° 04.48' S 108° 39.27' E	A product tanker underway, enroute from Singapore to Sunda Straits was hijacked by armed pirates. As the owners failed to receive the updates from the Master, they reported the incident to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre who in turn reported and liaised with the Indonesian Authority. The Indonesian Navy dispatched their patrol boats, located and intercepted the tanker and rescued the crew. Nine pirates detained. All crew reported safe.	Ship hijacked	-	Yes Indonesian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, RECAAP ISC via Information Fusion Centre (IFC) and Singapore Focal Point	The Indonesian Navy boarded the ship for investigation
	2 TRISTEN Chemical tanker Panama 1997 9104445	08/05/2016 20:50 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Approx. 48nm NE of Pulau Subi Besar Indonesia 03° 20.00' N 109° 36.00' E	While enroute from Labuan to Kuantan, 3/E onboard the tanker underway spotted unauthorized persons trying to enter the accommodation. The 3/E immediately informed the D/O who turn raised the alarm and switched on all deck lights. All crew mustered. A search was conducted, following which it was determined that nothing had been stolen.	-	D/O raised the alarm and switched on all deck lights. Crew mustered and a search was conducted	Yes Singapore Port Operations Control Centre	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Informed MRCC Putrajaya Malaysia, Police Coast Guard and Republic of Singapore Navy. Initiated navigational broadcast to alert mariners.
II	N TERRITORIAL WA	ATERS							
	1 ALPHA EFFORT Bulk carrier Greece 38564 9189081	04/05/2016 05:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Samarinda Anchorage Indonesia 00° 15.00' S 117° 40.00' E	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored bulk carrier ship. They tied up the duty AB on patrol. The alarm was raised and crew mustered. The robbers fled with ship's stores.	Duty AB was tied up and ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Local Police and local FPSO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
11	N PORT AREA								
	1 PACIFIC ZIRCON Product tanker Liberia 28426 9539573	02/05/2016 01:10 LT	EAST AFRICA Mombasa Port Kenya	One robber boarded the berthed tanker. Alert crew spotted the robber and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and rushed to the location. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robber fled with ship's stores. Incident reported to Harbour Master. A police boat came and searched the area.	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised, crew mustered and rushed to the location	Yes Harbour Master and PFSO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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N	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	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	Coastal State Action Taken
	1 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I	N PORT AREA		•						
	2 ALBATROSS Heavy load carrier Marshall Islands 34925 9032496	03/05/2016 07:00 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Cartagena Anchorage, Colombia Colombia 10° 18.40' N 075° 33.40' W	Three robbers climbed up the anchor chain, broke through the hawser pipe cover and took ship's property.	Hawser pipe cover damaged and ship's property stolen.	Doubled security duties and replaced a new unbreakable hawser pipe cover.	Yes Port Authority	Marshall Islands	-
	3 SBI RUMBA Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 45200 9712498	04/05/2016 03:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Balikpapan Inner Anchorage Indonesia 01° 20.00' S 116° 52.00' E	Robbers boarded the ship underway, stole ship's stores and fled. The incident was noticed by the duty crew on routine rounds.	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised and crew alerted. Anti- piracy watches maintained.	Yes Port Authority	Marshall Islands ICC- IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
	4 LYCASTE PEACE Tanker Panama 46021 9249336	08/05/2016 07:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Visakhapatnam Anchorage India 17° 37.10' N 083° 22.00' E	Three persons in a fishing boat approached the anchored LPG tanker. They boarded the tanker using a heaving line attached to a hook. Alert OOW spotted the persons and ordered them to leave. The persons tried to explained that their intention was to stay on ship's stern and fish but disembarked shortly after they were told to leave. Master suspected them intention to steal ship's stores.	-	OOW ordered the persons to leave the ship. The Master employed the Anti- Piracy Watch	Yes Indian Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	-
	5 HAYDN Container ship Portugal 27786 9308429	09/05/2016 21:06 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Mui Vung Tau Anchorage Viet Nam 10° 11.00' N 107° 04.00' E	Robbers boarded the anchored ship and stole ship's stores. The alarm was raised and the robbers fled. Port control informed.	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised, lights directed towards forecastle area	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam)	-
	6 SEA EMPEROR Oil tanker Marshall Islands 8503 9383601	11/05/2016 01:31 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lome Anchorage Togo 06° 05.70' N 001° 15.00' E	Approximately seven robbers in a wooden boat approached the anchored tanker. One robber managed to board the tanker using a rope. Alert crew spotted the robbers and informed the D/O who in turn raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robber fled empty handed with his accomplices in their boat. Togo Navy informed.	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Togo Navy	Marshall Islands ICC- IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Togo Navy advised that they keep monitoring the situation by VHF channel 10
	7 IRMGARD SCHULTE LPG tanker Isle of Man (United Kingdom) 18311 9410624	12/05/2016 21:50 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 10° 11.30' N 064° 47.00' W	Four robbers armed with steel pipes boarded the anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Upon seeing the alerted crew the robbers fled. A search was conducted, following which it was determined that ship's stores had been stolen. Incident reported to VTS.	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search conducted	Yes VTS	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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	1 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ī	N PORT AREA							1	
	8 GAS SNAPPER Gas carrier - non- specified Marshall Islands 22978 9447794	14/05/2016 04:00 LT	ARABIAN SEA Berth Iffco-5, Kandla Port India 23° 02.00' N 070° 13.00' E	A robber boarded the berthed LPG tanker during the night. The boatswain store room padlock was cut off and missing. A robber fled with stolen ship's bell, fire hose nozzles and couplings. The incident was discovered later by the crew during routine rounds.	Ship's stores stolen and boatswain store room padlock missing.	-	Yes Port authority & Kandla Port Control	Marshall Islands ICC- IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
	9 GOLDEN SUEK Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 41586 9438614	18/05/2016 02:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Samarinda Anchorage Indonesia 00° 14.00' S 117° 34.00' E	A robber boarded the anchored bulk carrier unnoticed, stole ship's property and fled. The incident was discovered later by the crew during routine rounds. A search was conducted onboard, following which it was determined that 3 unusable coils and 2 coils of new mooring ropes had been stolen.	Ship's property stolen	Alarm raised, crew mustered and search was carried out. The master alerted all crew and conducted security meeting. Likewise, more security and safety measures were added around the vessel	Yes Marine Police (Indonesia)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	Marine Police conducted an investigation
	10 POLAR DUCHESS Research ship Cyprus 7142 9378216	19/05/2016 04:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Batam Anchorage Indonesia 01° 11.00' N 103° 57.00' E	Four robbers in a small craft boarded the anchored ship, stole ship's property and fled.	Ship's property stolen	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
	11 TORM RAGNHILD Chemical tanker Singapore 30018 9290579	21/05/2016 01:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Jakarta Tanker Anchorage Indonesia 06° 02.50' S 106° 54.00' E	Robbers boarded the anchored tanker, stole ship's property and fled unnoticed. After berthing, the theft was discovered by the third mate during routine rounds. A search was conducted, following which it was determined that 3 chemical sets and 3 breathing apparatus had been stolen. Additional checks reveals that the robbery probably took place between 0100 LT to 0330 LT during heavy rain.	3 chemical sets and 3 breathing apparatus stolen	Reported the incident to DPA, CSO and Flag State	Yes Flag State & MPA Singapore	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore), ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
	12 FAIRMOUNT SUMMIT Tug Netherlands 3239 9315575	21/05/2016 03:30 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Batam Anchorage Indonesia 01° 10.00' N 103° 58.00' E	Six robbers in a skiff approached and came alongside the anchored tug. Four robbers wearing ski masks managed to board the vessel. Duty watchman spotted the robbers and informed the D/O on the bridge who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers fled. Nothing reported stolen.	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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		Ship Name Type of Ship								
	F	Flag						Was the incident	Reporting State or	
	C	Gross Tonnage	Date	Position of the		Consequences for crew,	Action taken by the	reported to the coastal	international	Coastal State
١	1º II	MO Number	Time	incident*	Details of the incident	ship, cargo	master and the crew	authority? Which one?	organization	Action Taken
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IN PORT AREA

13 BERLIAN EKUATOR 23/05/2016 LPG tanker 20:00 LT Panama 22209 9265548

EAST AFRICA Island View Berth No.9, Durban Port South Africa

A robber disguised as a bunker crew member boarded the berthed tanker while ship crews were and property stolen busy with bunkering operations. He entered into the accommodation and stole crew members cash and property from the cabins. Incident reported to port control.

Crew members cash

Yes Port authority

ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur

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

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N	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Time	Position of the incident*	Details of the incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo		Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or international organization	MSC.4/Circ. 237 ANNEX II Coastal State Action Taken
	1 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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II	N INTERNATIONAL	WATERS							
	1 MADONNA 1 Chemical tanker Panama 11438 9407031	04/05/2016 00:20 LT	WEST AFRICA Approx. 44nm SW of Bayelsa Coast Nigeria 03° 54.10' N 005° 17.60' E	Armed pirates approached, fired upon and attempted to board the tanker underway. The armed guard onboard the tanker returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack. All crew reported safe.	Pirates fired upon the tanker	Master raised the alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and the armed guard onboard the tanker returned fire	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
	2 MOXON Oil tanker Marshall Islands 29083 9133070	05/05/2016 02:06 UTC	WEST AFRICA Approx. 34nm SW of Bayelsa Coast Nigeria 03° 53.00' N 005° 36.00' E	Armed pirates in a speed boat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master made PA announcement and all crew mustered on the bridge. Attack was aborted due to presence of seven Nigerian Navy guards onboard who fired back and anti-piracy measures.	Pirates fired upon the tanker	PA announcement made, crew mustered and the armed security team onboard returned fire. SSAS activated and Co. Security Officer informed.	No	Marshall Islands ICC- IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
	3 AFRICAN BEAUTY Tanker Panama 28277 9047386	05/05/2016 15:52 UTC	WEST AFRICA Approx. 43nm SW of Bayelsa Coast Nigeria 03° 50.90' N 005° 24.90' E	Pirates in two speed boats chased the tanker underway. Armed security team onboard opened fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack. All crew safe. Nigerian authority notified.	-	Alarm raised, crew mustered and the armed security team onboard opened fire	Yes Nigerian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
	4 HARLEY Product tanker Marshall Islands 29083 9133082	07/05/2016 15:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Approx. 58nm SW of Bayelsa Coast Nigeria 03° 42.00' N 005° 10.00' E	Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a FRP boat approached, fired upon and attempted to board the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and all nonessential crew mustered in the citadel. A ladder was sighted on the boat. Seven Nigerian Navy guards onboard returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack. All crew reported safe.	Pirates fired upon the tanker.	Master raised the alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The armed guard onboard returned fire. Antipiracy watch in	Yes Nigerian Navy	Marshall Islands ICC- IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

place.

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		4	3	0	1	0	9	10
IN INTERNATIONAL								
5 SHAAMIT LPG tanker Singapore 47347 9726114	10/05/2016 20:05 LT	ARABIAN SEA Approx. 110 NM off West Coast of India India 21° 16.80' N 067° 18.20' E	While the vessel was transiting from Singapore to Ras Laffan, the ship's radar picked up three targets (two targets from port bow and one target on starboard bow) approached towards the vessel. Due to darkness, the crew could not visually see anything on these targets. The duty officer then switched on the deck search light, sounded the ship's whistle, monitored the track of suspicious craft and placed extra lookout. The suspected boats aborted the approached when the vessel initiated anti-piracy actions.		Switched on the deck search light, blown the ship's whistle, placed extra look out and informed the UKMTO.	Yes Flag State and Indian Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	Indian Coast Guard aircraft and ships sanitised the area, and contacted some merchant vessels in the vicinity to inquire on whether or not they sighted some suspicious craft/skiffs in the vicinity at the given time.
6 MISS GAUNT Tug Netherlands 538 7716957	25/05/2016 18:15 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Approx. 40nm off Kochi India	A 15-metre wooden boat with 5 persons on board slowly approached the tug boat while sailing. The wooden boat stayed 20 metres away from the tug boat for a duration 30-35 minutes but did not made any approach after seeing some crew on the deck of the tug boat. The master further reported that the suspects, although in Indian clothing, spoke 'Varsi' which is not an Indian language.	-	-	Yes Indian Coast Guard (ICG)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	The ICG conducted the investigation and it revealed that the case of "MISS GAUNT" is not an incident and is classified as mistaken identity by the master since the vessel was passing through the area of dense fishing.

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IN	TERRITORIAL WA	ATERS							
1	MSC TASMANIA Container ship Panama 34231 9008574	16/05/2016 05:12 UTC	ARABIAN SEA Gulf of Aden Yemen 14° 45.00' N 050° 58.00' E	A ship underway spotted five skiffs approaching from astern. Master raised the alarm, increase speed and crew mustered. As the skiffs closed to five cables from the ship a ladder was noticed in one approaching skiff. Armed team onboard the ship fired warning shots. Master contacted the authority and a nearby Japanese warship dispatched its helicopter, which resulted in the skiffs aborting and moving away.	-	Master raised the alarm, increase speed and crew mustered. Armed team onboard fired warning shots	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The Japanese warship dispatched its helicopter to assist
IN	PORT AREA								
1	YADANABON STAR Container ship Liberia 16801 9122057	15/05/2016 02:42 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong 'C' Anchorage Bangladesh 22° 06.00' N 091° 45.00' E	Seven robbers in a small boat came alongside and attempted to board the anchored container ship. Alert crew spotted the robbers and informed the D/O who in turn raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and fled.	-	Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded, crew mustered and maintain the anti- piracy Watch	Yes Port control and Bangladesh Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP Focal Point (Bangladesh)	BCG despatched ship to patrol the area

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