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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 21 – 26 Aug, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	2	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	20	5-9
Illegal/ Unregulated/ Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	5	10-11
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	17	12-15
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	16
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	17
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	18
Others	0	19

SECTION A: THEFT, ROBBERY AND PIRACY AT SEA (TRAPS)

21 Aug – Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ No Injury/ GOOD LUCK I/ Bulk Carrier/ Liberia-Flagged/ Underway/ Westbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB230821

1. IFC received information from POCC that an unauthorised boarding occurred onboard a Liberia-flagged bulk carrier, GOOD LUCK I, while transiting along westbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (01 18.00N 104 14.8E) on 21 Aug 21 at 0300 (UTC+8).

2. Vessel Details

- a. Name: GOOD LUCK I
- b. Call sign: D5HN3
- c. IMO: 9249269
- d. MMSI: 636016734
- e. Flag: Liberia
- f. Type: Bulk Carrier
- g. Ship Owner: Pantheon Trading Co
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Drastirios Ship Management
- i. LPOC: China
- j. NPOC: Singapore

3. Incident Details

Ship master reported 4 perpetrators boarded her vessel. Two of the perpetrators were holding knives and one of them threatened the engineer. The crew conducted checks and investigation onboard. All crew accounted for, no casualties and some spare parts were reported missing. No further assistance is required, and the vessel continues to proceed to her NPOC, Singapore. Singapore Police Coast Guard will investigate.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to the company for evidence of boarding. 24 events reported in the Singapore strait in 2021, compared to 20/16 events respectively in 2020/2019 during the same period. Armed perpetrators have been reported in 11 of the 24 incidents in the Singapore Strait since the beginning of the year (compared to 2/0 events respectively in 2020/2019 during the same period).

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
POCC

Outside of reporting period:

20 Aug – Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ No Injury/ NEFELI/ Bulk Carrier/ Bahamas-Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB230821

1. IFC received information from POCC that an unauthorised boarding occurred onboard a Bahamas-flagged bulk carrier, NEFELI, while transiting along Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (01 15N 104 06.5E) on 20 Aug 21 at 2220 (UTC+8).

2. Vessel Details

- a. Name: NEFELI
- b. Call sign: C6AW8
- c. IMO: 9291432
- d. MMSI: 311000177
- e. Flag: Bahamas
- f. Type: Bulk Carrier
- g. Ship Owner: Pleione Shipping Co Ltd
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Nomikos Corp
- i. LPOC: Singapore
- j. NPOC: Viet Nam

3. Incident Details

Ship master reported 4 perpetrators armed with knives boarded the vessel and confronted a crew in the engine room. The alarm was raised, and the crew conducted checks onboard. All crew accounted for, no casualties and some spare parts were reported stolen. The master did not report the incident immediately to the local authorities and continue to proceed to her NPOC.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to the company for evidence of boarding.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

POCC



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

25 Aug – Water Ingress/ Rough Seas/ Cargo Ship/ Four Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tabai Island, Trang Province, Thailand/ DB260821

A cargo ship suffered water ingress due to rough seas off Tabai Island, Trang Province, Thailand on 25 Aug. Four crew were rescued by local authorities.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Thailand - Maritime Enforcement Command Center 3rd Area Command

23 Aug – Mechanical Failure (Water Ingress)/ Damaged Valve/ Fishing Vessel/ Five Rescued/ SAR/ Off Dongfang City, China/ DB260821

A damaged valve on a fishing vessel lead to water ingress off Dongfang City, China. Five crew were rescued by local authorities.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://weibo.com/ttarticle/p/show?id=2309404673828730044995#_0

21 Aug – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Yacht/ SAR/ Off Kampung Torong Logong, Pulau Gaya, Malaysia/ DB260821

A yacht caught on fire off Kampung Torong Logong, Pulau Gaya, Malaysia on 21 Aug. Local agency have controlled the flames.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/156829/BERITA/Semasa/Bot-mewah-terbakar>

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2021/08/21/luxury-yacht-damaged-in-fire/>

22 Aug – MOB (Collision)/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat vs Buoy/ One Dead, Three Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pulau Lalang, Malaysia/ DB240821

A small boat collided with a buoy off Pulau Lalang, Malaysia on 22 Aug. One missing person was found dead while three were rescued by local fishing vessels.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/08/24/man-who-fell-off-boat-found-drowned>

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1995257>

21 Aug – Violent Confrontation/ Cause Unknown/ Government Vessel vs Fishing Vessels/ Off Katchatheevu, Sri Lanka/ DB240821

Violent confrontation occurred between a government vessel and fishing vessels off Katchatheevu, Sri Lanka on 21 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/indian-fishing-boats-damaged-in-stone-pelting-by-sri-lankan-navy-official/articleshow/85530318.cms>

22 Aug – Vessel Detained/ Unauthorized Anchoring/ Tanker/ Off Sekinchan, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB230821

A tanker was detained by local authorities off Sekinchan, Selangor, Malaysia on 22 Aug for unauthorized anchoring.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/08/22/norway-registered-tanker-detained-for-illegal-anchoring-off-sekinchan>
<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/4243376999087516>

21 Aug – Vessel Detained/ Invalid Documentation/ Tug/ Off Kemena River Estuary, Bintulu, Malaysia/ DB230821

A tug was detained off Kemena River Estuary, Bintulu, Malaysia on 21 Aug due to invalid documentation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/4242824315809451>
<https://www.theborneopost.com/2021/08/22/mmea-detains-tugboat-off-muara-sungai-kemena-in-bintulu-for-allegedly-operating-using-expired-shipping-license/>

Outside of reporting period:

16 Aug – Violent Confrontation/ Internal Dispute/ Fishing Vessel /Two Dead/ Off Muara Tabuan, Malaysia/ DB260821

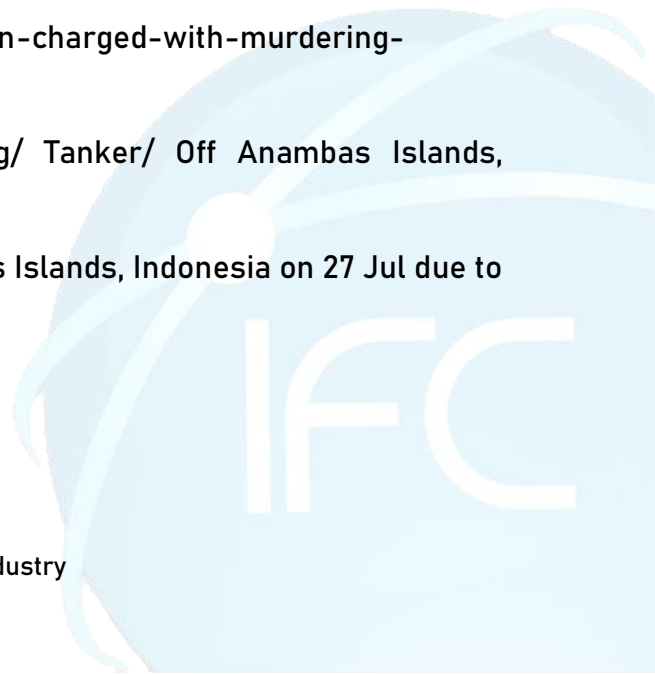
A violent confrontation due to an internal dispute on board a fishing vessel off Muara Tabuan, Malaysia lead to two dead on 16 Aug

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/bunuh-dua-rakan-sekerja-kerana-sering-dibuli-314479>
<https://www.theborneopost.com/2021/08/24/indonesian-charged-with-murdering-countrymen-assaulting-boat-skipper/>

27 Jul – Vessel Detained/ Unauthorized Anchoring/ Tanker/ Off Anambas Islands, Indonesia/ DB260821

A tanker was detained by local authorities off Anambas Islands, Indonesia on 27 Jul due to unauthorized anchoring.



News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.metrotvnews.com/play/NrWCRzox-tni-al-tangkap-kapal-tanker-mt-strovolos-buronan-kamboja-di-perairan-anambas>

<https://detaknews.co.id/2021/08/24/di-duga-lakukan-tindak-pidana-pelayaran-kri-john-lie-358-amankan-mt-strovolos/>

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2021/08/25/tanker-with-40000-tons-of-crude-wanted-by-cambodia-arrested-in-indonesia/>

19 Aug – Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead/ SAR/ Off Koh Nok, Thailand/ DB250821

One found dead after a fishing vessel went missing off Koh Nok, Thailand on 19 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://dmcrth.dmcr.go.th/mcra7/detail/12203/>

16 Aug – Sunk-Capsized/ Rough Seas/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead, Seven Missing, Five Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kotawaringin Regency, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB250821

One dead, seven missing and five rescued from a fishing vessel that sank due to rough seas off Kotawaringin Regency, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia on 16 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kompas.id/baca/nusantara/2021/08/18/km-putri-ayu-3-tenggelam-di-kumai-tujuh-orang-masih-dalam-pencarian/>

18 Aug – MEDEVAC/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Shantou Haimen Port, China/ DB240821

One fisherman was medically evacuated from a fishing vessel off Shantou Haimen Port, China on 18 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://weibo.com/ttarticle/p/show?id=2309404673270837543074>

18 Aug – Allision (Water Ingress)/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel vs Reef/ Off Haiwei Port, Changjiang, China/ DB240821

A fishing vessel allided with a reef and cause water ingress off Haiwei Port, Changjiang, China on 18 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://weibo.com/ttarticle/p/show?id=2309404673270837543074>

13 Aug – Grounding (Allision)/ Unfamiliarity at Sea/ Two Fishing Vessels vs Reef/ SAR/ Off Nansha, China/ DB240821

Two fishing vessels allided with a reef and grounded off Nansha, China on 13 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://weibo.com/ttarticle/p/show?id=2309404673270837543074>

11 Aug - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Chapora, India/ DB240821

A fishing vessel sank off Chapora, India on 11 Aug. 10 crew were rescued by local authorities.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/goa/10-fishermen-rescued-off-chapora-coast/articleshow/85285409.cms>

19 Aug - Mechanical Failure (Grounding)/ Engine Failure/ Cargo Ship/ Off Kaafu Atoll, Maldives/ DB230821

A cargo ship grounded off Kaafu Atoll, Maldives on 19 Aug due to engine failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Navios-Amaryllis-9423487.html>

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2021/34969/bulk-carrier-aground-kaafu-atoll-reefs-maldives/>

<https://en.sun.mv/68565>

19 Aug - Vessels Detained/ Lack of Documents/ Four Yachts/ Off Manila International Container Terminal, Philippines/ DB230821

Four yachts were detained by local authorities for lack of documents off Manila International Container Terminal, Philippines on 19 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Philippines National Coast Watch System

<https://www.philstar.com/nation/2021/08/21/2121445/4-chinese-yachts-caught-without-papers>

<https://mb.com.ph/2021/08/20/pcg-flags-4-yachts-illegally-moored-at-mict/>

18 Aug - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Unknown Vessel/ One Missing/ SAR/ Off Tok Bali, Malaysia/ DB230821

SAR operations ongoing for one missing person off Tok Bali, Malaysia on 18 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/4241036869321529>

18 Aug - Missing/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead, One Missing/ SAR/ Off Dinawan Island, Kinarut, Malaysia/ DB230821

One dead and one missing after fishing vessel encountered bad weather off Dinawan Island, Kinarut, Malaysia on 18 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/4242824315809451>

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2021/08/22/mmea-detains-tugboat-off-muara-sungai-kemena-in-bintulu-for-allegedly-operating-using-expired-shipping-license/>

16 Aug – MEDEVAC/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Goa, India/ DB230821

Local authorities medically evacuated one crew from a bulk carrier off Goa, India on 16 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/others/goa-coast-guard-evacuates-ailing-sailor-from-brazil-bound-bulk-carrier-101629363044706.html>



SECTION D: ILLEGAL/ UNREGULATED/ UNREPORTED FISHING (IUUF)

23 Aug – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ 31 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Naic, Cavite, Philippines/ DB260821

One fishing vessel with 31 fishermen was detained for illegally fishing with trawling gear off Naic, Cavite, Philippines on 23 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2021/08/25/pcg-nabs-31-fishermen-for-illegal-fishing-in-naic-cavite/>

Outside of reporting period:

20 Aug – Local/ Five Fishing Vessels Detained/ 31 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Ternate, Cavite, Philippines/ DB260821

Five fishing vessels with 31 fishermen were detained for illegally fishing off Ternate, Cavite, Philippines on 20 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2021/08/22/31-fishermen-arrested-for-illegal-fishing-in-cavite/>

28 Jul – Poaching/ One Malaysian Fishing Vessel Detained/ Four Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Belawan, Indonesia/ DB250821

One Malaysian fishing vessel detained, and four foreign fishermen arrested for illegal fishing off Belawan, Indonesia on 28 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kkp.go.id/djpsdkp/artikel/32960-propeller-kapal-pengawas-sempat-terlilit-tali-kkp-ringkus-kapal-pencuri-ikan-asal-malaysia>

20 Aug – Local/ Five Fishing Vessels Detained/ 31 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Ternate, Cavite, Philippines/ DB230821

Five fishing vessels with 31 crew were detained for illegally fishing with air compressors off Ternate, Cavite, Philippines on 20 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2021/08/22/31-fishermen-arrested-for-illegal-fishing-in-cavite/>

17 Aug – Poaching/ Two Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 39 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Natuna Islands, Indonesia/ DB230821

Two foreign fishing vessels with 39 crew were detained for illegally poaching off Natuna Islands, Indonesia on 17 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kkp.go.id/artikel/33486-kkp-tangkap-dua-kapal-asing-pelaku-illegal-fishing-di-laut-natuna-utara>

<https://kastara.id/21/08/2021/kkp-tangkap-dua-kapal-asing-pelaku-illegal-fishing-di-laut-natuna-utara/>

<https://jakarta.poskota.co.id/2021/08/21/kkp-tangkap-2-kapal-asing-di-laut-natuna-utara?halaman=2>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

24 Aug – Domestic Products/ Turmeric (449kg)/ Adrift/ Off Arippu, Sri Lanka/ DB260821

449kg of turmeric were seized by local authorities off Arripu, Sri Lanka on 24 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2021/08/25/202108251235/>

23 Aug – Domestic Products/ Turmeric (428.4kg)/ Adrift/ Off Arippu, Sri Lanka/ DB260821

428.4kg of turmeric were seized by local authorities off Arripu, Sri Lanka on 23 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2021/08/25/202108251235/>

22 Aug – Domestic Products/ Turmeric (500kg)/ Two Small Boats/ Off Ippantivu Island, Sri Lanka/ DB260821

500kg of turmeric were seized by local authorities from two small boats off Ippantivu, Sri Lanka on 22 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2021/08/25/202108251235/>

21 Aug – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (8.9 million sticks)/ From China to Chile/ Off Kwai Tsing, Hong Kong/ DB260821

8.9 million Sticks of cigarettes that was to be smuggled from China to Chile was seized by local authorities off Kwai Tsing, Hong Kong on 21 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/publication_press/press/index_id_3275.html

24 Aug – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (117 Boxes)/ Cargo Ship/ To Thailand/ Off Sikao District, Trang Province, Thailand/ DB250821

Local authorities seized 117 boxes of cigarettes from a cargo ship being smuggled to Thailand off Sikao District, Trang Province, Thailand on 24 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

THAI-MECC 3rd Area Command



21 Aug – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (330,000 Sticks)/ Adrift/ To Malaysia/ Off Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB250821

Local authorities seized 330,000 sticks of cigarettes being smuggled to Malaysia off Terengganu, Malaysia on 21 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/08/23/mmea-finds-rm350000-worth-of-contraband-cigs-on-t039ganu-islet>

21 Aug – Domestic Products/ Turmeric (235kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Oluthuduwai, Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB230821

Local authorities seized 235kg from an unknown vessel off Oluthuduwai, Mannar, Sri Lanka on 21 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2021/08/21/202108211145/>

Outside of reporting period:

29 Jul – Domestic Products/ Onions (2,500 bags)/ Unknown Vessel/ Port of Davao, Philippines/ DB240821

Local authorities seized 2,500 bags of onions from an unknown vessel off Port of Davao, Philippines on 29 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bworldonline.com/charges-filed-vs-onion-smugglers-caught-in-subic-davao-ports/>

13 Jul – Domestic Products/ Onions/ Unknown Vessel/ Port of Subic, Philippines/ DB240821

Local authorities seized onions from an unknown vessel off Port of Subic, Philippines on 13 Jul.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

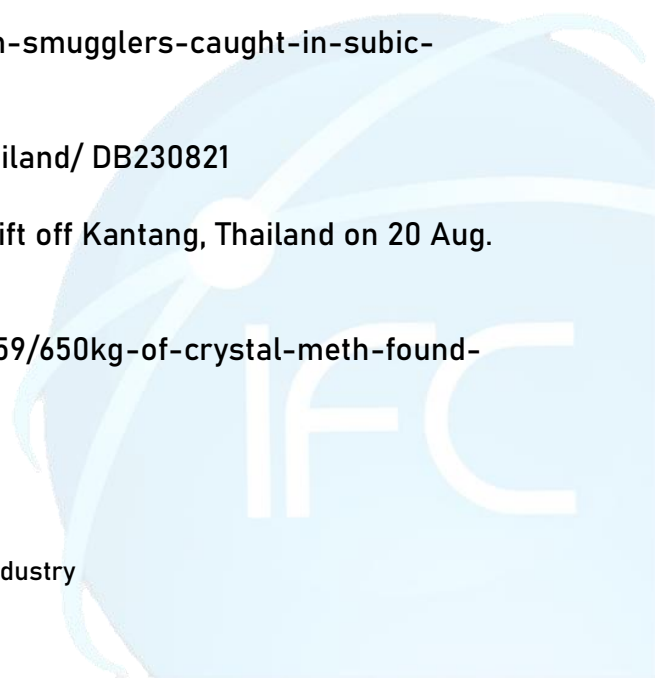
<https://www.bworldonline.com/charges-filed-vs-onion-smugglers-caught-in-subic-davao-ports/>

20 Aug – Drugs/ Meth (650kg)/ Adrift/ Off Kantang, Thailand/ DB230821

Local authorities retrieved 650kg of meth that was adrift off Kantang, Thailand on 20 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2168959/650kg-of-crystal-meth-found-floating-off-trang>



19 Aug – Drugs/ Cannabis (168.75kg)/ Dinghy/ Off Thondamanaru, Sri Lanka/ DB230821

Local authorities seized 168.75kg of cannabis from a dinghy off Thondamanaru, Sri Lanka on 19 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2021/08/20/202108201140/>

19 Aug – Domestic Products/ Turmeric (650kg)/ Dinghy/ Off Ippantivu, Sri Lanka/ DB230821

Local authorities seized 650kg of turmeric from a dinghy off Ippantivu, Sri Lanka on 19 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2021/08/20/202108201140/>

19 Aug – Wildlife/ Cats (200)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Tainan City, Taiwan/ DB230821

Local authorities seized 200 cats from a fishing vessel off Tainan City, Taiwan on 19 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://taiwanenglishnews.com/coast-guard-intercepts-cat-smugglers-off-south-taiwan-coast/>

<https://taiwanenglishnews.com/animal-lovers-left-stunned-after-learning-154-illegally-imported-cats-already-euthanized/>

19 Aug – Wildlife, Others/ Arowana (10 boxes), Coral (4 boxes), Grouper (67)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Hong Kong/ DB230821

Local authorities seized 10 boxes of arowana, 4 boxes of coral and 67 groupers from a fishing vessel off Hong Kong on 19 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3145812/3-hong-kong-men-arrested-over-hk18-million-fish>

13 Aug – Drugs/ Meth (218.8kg)/ Speedboat/ From Thailand to Indonesia/ Off Berueh Island, Aceh, Indonesia/ DB230821

Local authorities seized 218.8kg of meth that was smuggled from Thailand to Indonesia by a speedboat off Berueh Island, Aceh, Indonesia on 13 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.detik.com/berita/d-5688945/bnn-gagalkan-penyelundupan-324-kg-sabu-asal-thailand-di-aceh/amp>

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/2021-08/19/c_1310137125.htm



12 Aug – Drugs/ Meth (105.4kg)/ Speedboat/ From Thailand to Indonesia/ Off Idi Rayeuk, Aceh, Indonesia/ DB230821

Local authorities seized 105.4kg of meth that was smuggled from Thailand to Indonesia by a speedboat off Idi Rayeuk, Aceh, Indonesia on 12 Aug.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.detik.com/berita/d-5688945/bnn-gagalkan-penyelundupan-324-kg-sabu-asal-thailand-di-aceh/amp>

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/2021-08/19/c_1310137125.htm

26 Apr – Tobacco, Domestic Products/ Cigarettes (2.3 million), Shredded tobacco (45,000kg), Liquor (9,600 bottles)/ Three Unknown Vessels/ Off Ningbo, China/ DB230821

Local authorities seized 2.3million cigarettes, 45,000kg of shredded tobacco and 9,600 bottles of liquor from three unknown vessels off Ningbo, China on 26 Apr.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://weibo.com/ttarticle/p/show?id=2309404672404000735818#_0

http://ningbo.customs.gov.cn/ningbo_customs/470749/470751/3824291/index.html

http://www.legaldaily.com.cn/index/content/2021-08/20/content_8585347.htm



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

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SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

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SECTION I: OTHERS

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IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

IFC advises:

1. All mariners to report any incidents timely to the nearest coastal state and to the IFC at the earliest possible time.
2. Ships moving at slow speed or are choosing to remain at anchor in areas where sea robbery/theft is regularly reported should remain vigilant and adopt necessary and/or added security measures.
3. All mariners to take note on the description of the perpetrators and to take photos of the perpetrators if possible. Where available, CCTV footage capturing the incident should be provided to the coastal state authorities for follow-on investigation.
4. Shippers and Seafarers operating in the Sulu-Celebes seas are strongly recommended to be vigilant and to establish contact with the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia Authorities to report their presence. Please refer to IFC Spot Commentary 4/18 for the latest assessment of the situation in that affected area.
5. Shippers are advised to take note that the threat of terrorist activity in the maritime domain remains a possibility in the region due to ISIS and the Al-Qaeda. The possibility of this threat was previously quoted in Al-Qaeda's online magazine "Resurgence", which called for the disruption of global trade and shipping through acts of piracy, among other tactics. Shippers are therefore advised to exercise vigilance and to adopt self-defensive measures as stated in the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, especially when transiting narrow choke points and areas which are known to have experienced incidents of sea robbery/piracy.



PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES/ANALYST JOURNAL

2020

Spot Commentary 2/20 - Observations of Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Eastbound Land of Singapore Strait

Analyst Journal 2/20 - Observations of Rohingya Migrants' Movement within the IFC Area of Interest (AOI)

Analyst Journal 1/20 - Sea Robberies, Sea Thefts and Attempted Actions in the Singapore Strait and Approaches

IFC SPOT COMMENTARY 01/20 - Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Manila and Batangas anchorage.

2019

IFC Spot Commentary 3/19 - Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Singapore Strait and Approaches

IFC Spot Commentary 2/19 - Observations of TRAPS incidents in the Southern Approaches-South China Sea (SCS) since 31 May to 26 Sep 2019

IFC Spot Commentary 1/19 - Observations of TRAPS incidents in the area off Tg Piai, Malaysia/Western Approaches-Singapore Strait since 1 January to 27 May 2019

2018

IFC Spot Commentary 4/18 - Observations between 5 to 8 December for incidents in the Sulu-Celebes Sea/Eastern Sabah

IFC Spot Commentary 3/18 - Kidnapping Incident of Two Crew on Fishing Vessel "DWIJAYA 1", Off Semporna.

IFC Spot Commentary 2/18 - Attempted Actions on Tug boat "EVER ALPHA", Pulau Tambisan, Malaysia.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/18 - Observations on Sea Theft and Robberies recorded in Singapore Strait and its approaches - January to December 2017.

2017

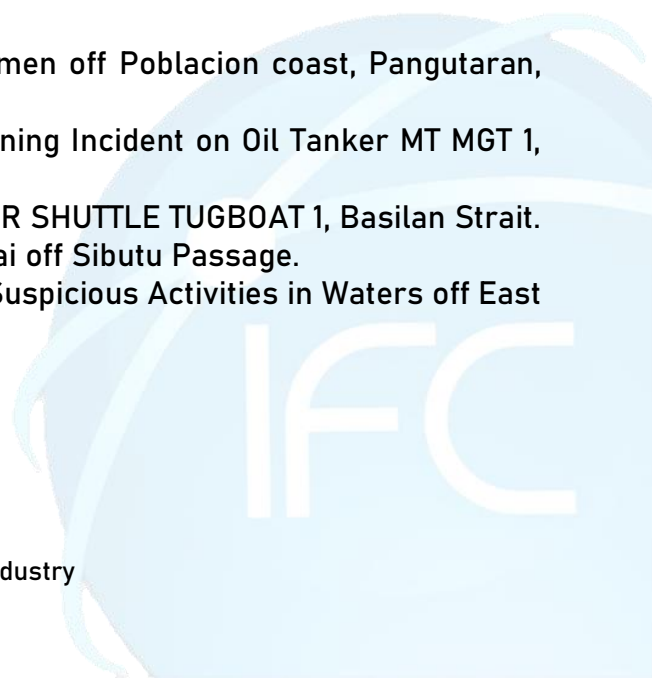
IFC Spot Commentary 5/17 - Abduction of 5 Local Fishermen off Poblacion coast, Pangutaran, Sulu, Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 4/17 - Attempted Piracy / Oil Siphoning Incident on Oil Tanker MT MGT 1, Malaysia.

IFC Spot Commentary 3/17 - Abduction of Crew from SUPER SHUTTLE TUGBOAT 1, Basilan Strait.

IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 - Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/17 - Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.



2016

IFC Spot Commentary 2/16 - Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/16 - Kidnapping at Sea by Armed Groups in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.



Note: Information herein were derived from various internal and external sources such as Focal Points, OPCENs and other maritime stakeholders. Seafarers should remain vigilant especially in areas where the threat level is assessed to be of concern in accordance with the IFC's Assessments via its Weekly Report or Spot Commentaries. Ships should apply the appropriate security measures (such as Tugs and Barge Guide, Guide for Tankers Operating in Asia, or Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia). Ship masters should also be aware and refer to the Maritime Security Charts Q6112 and Q6113, both published by the UK Hydrographic Office.



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