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REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

Issued monthly – Acts reported during November 2009

1 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 and, in addition, to issue, on a quarterly basis, composite reports accompanied by an analysis, on a regional basis, of the situation and an indication whether the frequency of incidents is increasing or decreasing and advising of any new feature or pattern of significance, the annex hereto provides, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, the summary of reports on incidents received between 31 October and 30 November 2009, including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships (annex 1) and attempted attacks (annex 2). Further and as instructed by the Committee (MSC 75/24, paragraph 18.41), the Secretariat has, since July 2002, started classifying 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.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 5,197, an increase of 34 since 31 October 2009.

¹ "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 sub-paragraph (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:

"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".

3 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, those issued (on an annual, quarterly and monthly basis) during the previous twelve months and up to 30 November 2009, being MSC.4/Circ.128, MSC.4/Circ.129, MSC.4/Circ.130, MSC.4/Circ.131, MSC.4/Circ.132, MSC.4/Circ.133, MSC.4/Circ.134, MSC.4/Circ.135, MSC.4/Circ.136, MSC.4/Circ.137, MSC.4/Circ.138, MSC.4/Circ.139, MSC.4/Circ.140, MSC.4/Circ.141 and MSC.4/Circ.142, MSC.4/Circ.143, MSC.4/Circ.144 and MSC.4/Circ.145.

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 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	MSC.4/Circ.146 ANNEX 1 Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	DELVINA Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 31261 9384796	05/11/2009 04:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 690 NM South of Mogadishu, Somalia 09° 40.70' S 045° 05.48' E	Pirates boarded and hijacked the ship taking 21 crew members hostage	The ship was hijacked and 21 crew members were taken hostage	SSAS activated	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	ALMEZAAN General cargo ship Panama 2086 7906710	07/11/2009	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, Somalia 04° 30.10' N 053° 08.00' W	Pirates hijacked the ship taking 17 crew members hostage. The ship was released on 11 December 2009 after payment of ransom	-	-	No	EU NAVFOR MSCHOA	-
3	FILITSA Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 14431 9136929	11/11/2009 01:05 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 1050 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia 00° 35.00' S 062° 40.00' E	Pirates boarded and hijacked the ship taking 22 crew members hostage. It is believe that the pirates sailed the ship to the Somali coast	Pirates hijacked the ship and took hostage 22 crew members hostage	SSAS activated	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	THERESA VIII Chemical tanker Kiribati 12726 8105923	16/11/2009 09:42 UTC	EAST AFRICA Off Somalia, Somalia 08° 00.11' S 045° 56.44' E	Pirates armed with machine guns attacked, boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. They took 28 crew members hostage and sailed the ship to the Somali coast	Pirates hijacked the ship and took 28 crew members hostage	SSAS activated	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	MARAN CENTAURUS Tanker Greece 156565	29/11/2009 12:12 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 970 NM ExN of Mogadishu, Somalia 03° 09.39' N 061° 30.30' E	Armed pirates hijacked the ship underway. They took hostage 28 crew members and sailed the tanker to the Somali coast	The ship was hijacked and 28 crew members were taken hostage	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	TEQUILA SUNRISE Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 19800 9402110	05/11/2009 03:20 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Ciwandan Anchorage, Indonesia 06° 00.60' S 105° 56.40' E	Four robbers in a small boat boarded the ship at anchor from the stern. The robbers tied up the duty A/B and took him to the engine-room where they tied up the duty oiler at knife point. They stole engine spares and escaped	Robbers tied up two duty crew and took them as hostages. Engine spares stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Maritime Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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2	AMYNTOR Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 17023 9515656	15/11/2009 21:00 LT	WEST AFRICA Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria 06° 12.80' N 003° 23.70' E	Robbers armed with guns and knives in a speedboat boarded the ship using bamboo sticks with hooks. They fired warning shots when the crew tried to remove the bamboo sticks. Eleven crew members were injured when they were hit with cable wires and kicked and punched. The robbers destroyed navigational equipment and stole crew's cash, personal property and ship's cash and escaped. The robbers were on board for more than two hours	Eleven crew members were injured. Some parts of the ship were damaged. Crew's cash, personal property and ship's cash were stolen	Raised alarm, activated SSAS and crew mustered	Yes Port control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	FLORINDA Bulk carrier Panama 32415 9423499	16/11/2009 01:20 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Off Pulau Mangkai, Indonesia 03° 12.40' N 105° 29.10' E	Ten robbers armed with knives and crowbars boarded the ship underway. They entered the bridge and threatened the duty officer and an A/B and ordered them not to sound the alarm. The robbers forced their way into the captain's cabin, tied his hands and threatened him with knives. They stole ship's cash and crew's personal belongings and escaped	Robbers threatened the duty officer and an A/B. They tied the Master's hands and threatened him with knives. Ship's cash and crew's personal belongings stolen	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	HIGH ENERGY Product tanker Panama 28245 9282510	19/11/2009 01:20 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 9 NM West of Pulau Mangkai, Indonesia 03° 09.70' N 105° 27.00' E	Robbers armed with knives and swords in a small fishing boat boarded the tanker underway. They tried to enter into the accommodation, but were unable as all doors were locked. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness they jumped overboard and escaped	-	Raised alarm and crew mustered. Informed ships in the vicinity	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	GULF JUMEIRAH Chemical tanker Bahamas 46488 9381823	21/11/2009 01:30	SOUTH CHINA SEA Balikpapan Outer Anchorage Indonesia 01° 21.40' S 116° 59.30' E	Three robbers boarded the ship at anchor using hooks attached to ropes. They stole ship's stores and escaped in a small boat	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes Local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	MARINERO Tug Philippines	21/11/2009 21:00 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Siocon Bay, Zamboanga, Philippines 07° 42.95' N 122° 06.51' E	Nine robbers in three motor boats armed with firearms approached the tug and barge SALVMAR-II, while at anchor. They took the tug boat's Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment, marine radio, the crew's mobile phones and some of the ship's provisions. They abducted the Master, the Chief Mate and the Chief Engineer. The remaining 11 crew members were left on board the tug	The tug boat's GPS equipment, handheld radio, VHF marine radio, crew's mobile phones and some ship's provisions were stolen. The Master, Chief Mate and Chief Engineer were abducted	-	Yes Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC	-

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7	CANCALE STAR Tanker Liberia 42010 9372858	24/11/2009 01:20 UTC	WEST AFRICA Off Cotonou, Benin	Eight to nine robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the ship at anchor via the poop deck. They attacked the poop deck watchman and forced the watchman to the bridge. Robbers demanded ship's cash, crew's cash and personal belongings. They beat up the Master and four crew members. Some crew members were tied up and forced to lie on the deck. The 3rd officer activated ship's alarm and SSAS alert. Hearing the alarm the robbers panicked and tried to escape. As they escaped they shot and killed the chief officer. One of the robbers was caught by the 2nd and 3rd officer and handed over to the Benin police. Most of the money was recovered from the robber that was caught	One crew member was killed and 4 crew members were injured. Crew's cash and personal property were stolen	SSAS activated, alarm raised and contacted port control	Yes Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	LR2 POSEIDON Tanker Hong Kong, China 59172 9378632	24/11/2009 01:22 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Balongan Anchorage, Indonesia 06° 13.00' S 108° 31.00' E	One robber armed with a knife attempted to board the tanker at anchor. Alert duty crew saw a hook stuck on poop deck. The robber tried to climb the rope. Duty watch immediately informed bridge and general alarm was raised and crew mustered. On hearing the alarm the robber escaped	Alarm raised and crew mustered	-	Yes Balongan port control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	GUNDULIC Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 27552 9137430	25/11/2009 00:30	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage No.1, Peru 12° 01.00' S 077° 12.00' W	During routine radio communications with deck watchmen, while the ship was at anchor, the chief officer did not get a response from the forward A/B. The bosun was instructed to check and found the A/B tied up with injuries to his head. Two masked men had attacked him from behind and tied him up. Meanwhile another robber boarded the ship. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped	Duty A/B was attacked and injured. Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm	Yes Port authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN PORT AREA

1	BRITISH SERENITY Chemical tanker Isle of Man (United Kingdom) 29214 9288837	13/11/2009 23:47 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Three robbers were seen at the forecastle of the tanker at anchor. Robbers were lowering ship stores into their boat when they were sighted. Master raised alarm. Robbers escaped with stolen stores	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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IN PORT AREA

2	GLORY I Bulk carrier Panama 17770 8010752	20/11/2009 05:00 LT	WEST AFRICA Port Harcourt, Nigeria	Three robbers in a tug armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. Two duty crew were threatened with knives. The robbers stole two drums. Duty crew ran and reported to shore security who came and managed to convince the robbers to return the drums by giving them some money	Robbers threatened two duty crew with knives and stole two drums. After negotiation, the drums were taken back	Alerted all crew and informed shore security	Yes Port security and harbour Master informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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ANNEX 2
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly attempted against ships reported by
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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	MSC.4/Circ.146 ANNEX 2 Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	HARRIETTE Bulk carrier United States 15531 7516993	02/11/2009 07:45 UTC	EAST AFRICA 335 NM South of Mogadishu, Somalia 03° 34.30' S 045° 40.10' E	Two skiffs with six armed pirates in each boat chased and fired upon the ship underway. Pirates were unable to hook their ladder onto the ship's side. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Fire hoses were activated. Pirates gave up attempt at boarding. Ship sustained bullet holes	Pirates fired upon the ship. Ship sustained bullet holes	Master manoeuvred the ship to hit the first skiff and then manoeuvred accordingly to prevent ladder being secured to ship's side. Crew activated fire hoses. SSAS activated	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	JO CEDAR Chemical tanker Netherlands 22627 8919049	02/11/2009 12:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 600 NM SSE of Mogadishu, Somalia 07° 52.70' S 047° 42.90' E	One skiff with five pirates chased and fired upon the tanker underway while two more skiffs stood by in the vicinity. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and moved away. Tanker sustained bullet holes	Pirates fired upon the ship. Tanker sustained bullet holes	Raised alarm and crew mustered. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	THEOFOROS I Bulk carrier 35241 8510049	05/11/2009 03:05 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 10.20' N 049° 14.10' E	Five armed pirates in a motorboat chased and fired rocket-propelled grenades upon the ship underway. They damaged the after part of the superstructure. Master raised alarm, contacted warships and took evasive manoeuvres. A warship arrived at the location and the pirates aborted the attack	Pirates fired upon the ship causing damage to the after part of the superstructure	Master raised alarm and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes Coalition warship	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	BBC THAMES General cargo ship Liberia 11864 9368340	05/11/2009 06:48 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 42.80' N 050° 56.10' E	A small speedboat was sighted at a distance of 4 NM while the ship was underway. When the boat passed the port beam of the ship, it immediately changed course and approached the ship from astern. Duty officer raised alarm, contacted warship for assistance and crew mustered. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. As the boat came closer, four pirates with guns were sighted. The pirates attempted to board the ship several times. Pirates aborted attempted attack	-	Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Duty officer raised alarm, contacted warship for assistance and crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

5	SEA DIAMOND General cargo ship Saint Kitts and Nevis 6303 7701938	07/11/2009 06:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 12° 37.32' N 047° 11.60' E	Six pirates armed with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades in a skiff fired upon the ship underway. Master raised alarm, contacted coalition warship, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. The pirates attempted to board the ship using a ladder, but were unable to due to the ship's freeboard and evasive action taken by the Master	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master raised alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	BW LION Tanker Hong Kong, China 158557 9258519	09/11/2009 08:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 990 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia 01° 09.15' S 061° 35.00' E	Ten pirates armed with rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns in two skiffs chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, deployed self protection measures and deterred the attempted boarding after two hours of being chased. Tanker sustained some damages	Pirates fired upon the tanker causing damages to the ship	-	Yes Coalition Forces	ReCAAP- ISC	-
7	NELE MAERSK Container ship Denmark 27733 9192442	10/11/2009 02:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 1000 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia 00° 43.70' S 061° 57.80' E	Pirates armed with rocket-propelled grenades and assault rifles in two skiffs chased and fired upon the ship underway. The skiffs approached the ship from the starboard side at approximately 25–30 knots and were spotted by extra bridge lookout at distance of 3 NM. At that time the skiffs were not yet picked up on radar. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, deployed self protection measures and deterred the attempted boarding after 30 mins of being chased	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and deployed self protection measures	Yes Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	FELICITAS RICKMERS Container ship Marshall Islands 24053 9128087	10/11/2009 04:10 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 540 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia 06° 33.00' S 048° 14.00' E	Pirates in two skiffs armed with rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master raised alarm, contacted coalition forces, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. The pirates continued firing with machine guns and made several attempts to board the ship. Crew activated fire hoses. After two hours of chase attempt was aborted	Pirates fired upon the ship causing damages	Raised alarm, contacted coalition forces, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

9	FENGLI 8 Bulk carrier Panama 38679 9041019	12/11/2009	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 14° 34.30' N 054° 14.40' E	Pirates armed with rifles in two skiffs attacked the ship underway. They chased and fired the ship. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, deployed self protection measures and deterred the boarding. Pirates aborted the attempted boarding after 3 hours of being chased	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master increased speed, sounded ship's whistle, took evasive manoeuvres, deployed self protection measures and crew activated fire hoses. SSAS activated	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
10	FULL STRONG Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 36586 9065388	12/11/2009 03:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 14° 36.10' N 054° 14.50' E	Pirates armed with assault rifles in skiffs attacked the ship underway. They fired upon the ship and attempted to board it. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, deployed self protection measures and deterred boarding	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master Ship speed, took evasive manoeuvres and deployed self protection measures	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
11	LADY JULIET General cargo ship Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 12296 8225204	16/11/2009 14:22 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 12° 50.00' N 047° 55.00' E	Pirates armed with guns in two speed boats chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master raised alarm, contacted warships, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Attempted boarding was aborted	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master raised alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes Coalition warship	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
12	MAERSK ALABAMA Container ship United States 14120 9164263	18/11/2009 03:28 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 600 NM NE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates armed with guns chased and fired upon the ship underway. Crew took anti-piracy measures. Pirates aborted attempted boarding	Pirates fired upon the ship	Crew took anti-piracy measures	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
13	RED SEA SPIRIT Bulk carrier Panama 10968 7718888	19/11/2009 19:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 37.90' N 047° 41.00' E	Pirates armed with guns in a boat chased and attempted to board the ship underway. Master raised alarm, called warships for assistance, took evasive manoeuvres and crew mustered. The pirates directed searchlight at the ship and suddenly opened fire and ordered the ship to stop, with allegation to conduct search. Master replied: "cannot stop" and continued with the evasive manoeuvres. Pirates finally gave up the chase after 40 minutes	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master raised alarm, No SSAS activated, called warships for assistance, took evasive manoeuvres and crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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14	MARGARITA Tanker Liberia 42331 9426594	20/11/2009 14:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 1020 NM off Mogadishu, Somalia 01° 25.00' S 062° 25.00' E	Six pirate boats with a mother vessel in sight chased and opened fire upon the ship underway. Two rocket-propelled grenades penetrated into port bridge door. Ship sustained damage. One crew member was injured. Pirates aborted the attempt after about three hours of chasing	Pirates fired upon the ship causing damage to bridge door. One crew member was injured	Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and directed water jets with fire hoses	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
15	ASPENDOS Bulk carrier Greece 40370 9275141	20/11/2009 17:35 UTC	EAST AFRICA 1200 NM East Coast of Somalia, 01° 20.00' S 062° 40.00' E	Eight pirates in one craft and four pirates in another craft, armed with machine guns and rocket -propelled grenades, chased the ship underway from the port and stbd sides. They fired the ship and attempted to board it. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took aggressive evasive manoeuvres, crew activated anti-piracy measures. Attempted boarding was aborted. Ship's bridge windows and accommodation were damaged by bullets	Pirates fired upon the ship causing damage to ship's bridge windows and accommodation	Master raised alarm, increased speed, took aggressive evasive manoeuvres and crew activated anti-piracy	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
16	SMITI Tanker India 149274 9281683	24/11/2009 13:03	EAST AFRICA Around 1100 NM East of Mogadishu Somalia 00° 29.00' N 063° 12.50' E	Four pirates in a skiff fired upon and attempted to board the ship underway. Ship sustained damages on stbd side of wheelhouse window. Pirates aborted the attempt after about 35 minutes of chasing	Pirates fired upon the ship. The ship sustained damage on stbd side of wheelhouse window	Raised alarm, crew mustered, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and activated SSAS	Yes MRCC Australia, MRCC Mumbai & MRCC Rome	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	NORNA N Chemical tanker Panama 26450 8006866	06/11/2009 02:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Chennai Anchorage, India 13° 04.90' N 080° 21.50' E	Four robbers in a boat attempted to board the ship at anchor from the forecastle. Duty crew sighted the robbers and raised the alarm. All crew mustered. On seeing crew alertness, the robbers escaped	-	Raised the alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	SPAR CETUS Bulk carrier Norway 25982 9154608	28/11/2009 09:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA East of Seram Islands, Indonesia 03° 42.00' S 132° 00.00' E	Four robbers in a white coloured speedboat approached the ship underway at 20-25 knots. Master raised alarm, sounded ship's whistle continuously and crew activated fire hoses. Master altered course several times to evade approach. The robbers made two attempts to get close and finally aborted the chase	-	Master raised alarm, altered course several times, sounded ship's whistle and crew activated fire hoses	Yes Indonesian Navy	ReCAAP ISC	-

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