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REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

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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 30 April and 31 May 2010, 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.

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."

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 5,394, an increase of 38 since 30 April 2010.

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 April 2010 being MSC.4/Circ.137, MSC.4/Circ.138, MSC.4/Circ.140, MSC.4/Circ.141, MSC.4/Circ.142, MSC.4/Circ.143, MSC.4/Circ.144, MSC.4/Circ.145, MSC.4/Circ.146, MSC.4/Circ.147, MSC.4/Circ.148, MSC.4/Circ.149, MSC.4/Circ.150, MSC.4/Circ.151, MSC.4/Circ.152, MSC.4/Circ.153 and MSC.4/Circ.154.

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.155 ANNEX 1 Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	AL-ASA'A Dhow Yemen	18/03/2010 15:00 LT	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden	Pirates hijacked the dhow with its nine crew members. They sailed the dhow to the Somali coast	The dhow was hijacked and nine crew members were taken hostage	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	MOSCOW UNIVERSITY Tanker Liberia 56076 9166417	05/05/2010 04:00 LT	ARABIAN SEA 12° 16.00' N 059° 30.00' E	Pirates in a skiff chased and opened fire at the tanker. Master took manoeuvres and contacted a warship for help. The tanker was hijacked and all crew had locked themselves in the steering gear room. Later a warship arrived at the location and dispatched a helicopter. The boarding team landed on board the tanker and rescued all 23 crew members safely. The pirates were arrested. The ship sustained some damage	The pirates opened fire at the ship and ship sustained damages	Crew locked themselves in a safe room. Shut down engines. Contacted warship for help	Yes Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	TAI YUAN No. 227 Fishing vessel 496	06/05/2010	ARABIAN SEA Off Somalia 01° 50.00' N 067° 50.00' E	Pirates hijacked the fishing vessel underway taking 28 crew members hostage. They sailed the ship to the Somali coast	The ship was hijacked and 28 crew members were taken hostage	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	GSL AFRICA Container ship Liberia 27300 9473626	08/05/2010 17:20 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Around 20 NM off Pulau Mangkai 03° 16.00' N 105° 25.00' E	Eight pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. They gained control of the bridge, stole ship's property and crew's personal belongings and escaped	Ship's property and crew's personal belongings were stolen	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	MARIDA MARGUERITE Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 13168 9445655	09/05/2010 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 14° 58.00' N 054° 57.00' E	While enroute from Antwerp (Belgium) to Kandla (India), the ship was hijacked with 22 crew members on board. The ship was carrying approximately 11,000 MT of chemicals	The ship was hijacked and 22 crew members were taken hostage	-	No	Mumbai Directorate General of Shipping and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	PANEGA Chemical tanker Bulgaria 4499 8511586	11/05/2010 15:36 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 12° 31.00' N 047° 08.00' E	Pirates hijacked the ship taking 15 crew members hostage. They sailed the ship to the Somali coast	The ship was hijacked 15 crew members were taken hostage	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	ELENI P Bulk carrier Liberia 37707	12/05/2010 05:56 LT	ARABIAN SEA Around 285 NM East of Kuria Muriya Island Oman 15° 55.00' N	Pirates hijacked the ship taking 23 crew members hostage. They sailed the ship to the Somali coast	The ship was hijacked and 23 crew members were taken hostage	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	THEODOR STORM Container ship Liberia 28270 9248679	13/02/2010 05:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Singapore OPL anchorage	Five robbers boarded the ship. They threatened the oiler with knives. Duty Officer activated alarm and crew mustered. Robbers escaped empty handed	-	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Singapore Operation Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and Liberia	-
2	MSC CHITRA Container ship Panama 33113 7814838	31/05/2010 03:30 LT	EAST AFRICA Dar Es Salaam Anchorage United Republic of Tanzania 06° 45.00' S 039° 20.00' E	Robbers boarded the ship. They assaulted the forward deck watchkeeper, threatened him at knife point and tied him to a pole. When there was no communication with the forward crew, other crew members were sent forward. Alarm raised and port control contacted. One unarmed security guard was sent on board the vessel. Investigation showed containers were broken into	Crew threatened and containers broken into	Alarm raised	Yes Port authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Sent an unarmed guard

IN PORT AREA

1	SANTA SURIA II General cargo ship Malaysia 10598 7628291	01/05/2010 04:04 LT	INDIAN OCEAN near river mooring 10, Chittagong, Bangladesh 22° 10.00' N 091° 44.00' E	Robbers boarded the ship and stole mooring ropes. Master raised alarm and informed Chittagong Port Authority and Bangladesh Coast Guard	Mooring ropes were stolen	Raised alarm and informed the Chittagong Port Authority and Bangladesh Coast Guard	No	ReCAAP ISC	-
2	SINAR BUSAN Chemical tanker Singapore 7687 9346483	02/05/2010 01:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Anyer Anchorage Indonesia	Six robbers in a boat armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor via the aft mooring station using a rope attached to a hook. They took hostage the duty watchkeeper and forced him to lead them into the engine-room. The robbers stole engine spares and escaped	Robbers took hostage the duty watchkeeper and stole engine spares	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and ReCAAP ISC	-
3	AMAZONEBORG General cargo ship Netherlands 11864 9333541	03/05/2010 23:00 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Palermo Terminal, Barranquilla Port, Colombia	Robbers boarded the ship at berth during cargo operation. The chief officer, from another ship berthed ahead, informed the gangway watchkeeper that robbers had just stolen ship property from his ship and were making their way out. The duty watchkeeper raised the alarm	-	Duty crew raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Colombian authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	OCEAN BEAUTY Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 15087 7509263	04/05/2010 02:00 LT	WEST AFRICA Lagos Outer Anchorage Nigeria 06° 17.90' N 003° 21.50' E	Seven robbers armed with rifles and knives boarded the ship during anchoring operations. They assaulted the Master and 3/O. The robbers damaged ship's equipment, robbed Master's and crew personal belongings and escaped	Master and 3rd Officer were injured. Crew's personal belongings were stolen. Ship's communication equipment was damaged	-	Yes The Nigerian High Commission, and Malaysia authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

5	PORTOROZ Bulk carrier Malta 24625 8403791	12/05/2010 19:00	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage No.1 Peru 12° 01.70' S 077° 12.10' W	Armed robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They took hostage one shore guard, pointed a gun to his head and threatened him. The other guard informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered at bridge. Local authorities informed. Robbers broke open the bosun's store door and escaped with ship's stores	One guard was threatened with a gun. Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	ARGO Refrigerated cargo carrier Lithuania 3999 8506737	16/05/2010 22:55 UTC	WEST AFRICA Douala outer anchorage Cameroon 03° 44.20' N 009° 24.59' E	About 10 robbers boarded the ship and opened fire with automatic weapons. The robbers kidnapped the Master and escaped	Master was kidnapped	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	NORTH SPIRIT General cargo ship Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 6395 8502042	17/05/2010 21:40 UTC	WEST AFRICA Douala outer anchorage Cameroon 03° 44.00' N 009° 25.00' E	23 robbers armed with guns boarded the ship at anchor. Crew property and cash were stolen. The robbers kidnapped the Master and chief engineer	Robbers stole crew property. Master and Chief Engineer were kidnapped	-	Yes Local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	CAPSTONE Bulk carrier Panama 39996 9209128	18/05/2010 17:00 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Taboneo anchorage Indonesia 03° 43.00' S 114° 28.00' E	Five robbers on a boat boarded the ship at anchor. Master immediately reported to the local authorities via VHF and mustered all crew on bridge. Local authorities managed to arrive on time and detain the robbers	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes Maritime Police, Indonesian Navy	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	MCC MELAKA Container ship Liberia 16281 9123532	26/05/2010 01:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Chittagong Anchorage 'B' Bangladesh	About 10 robbers in a long wooden boat boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew sighted the robbers and raised alarm. The robbers escaped upon seeing the crew alertness	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Contacted port authority and PFSO	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.155 ANNEX 2 Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	EW KILIMANJARO Refrigerated cargo carrier Liberia 6514 8807466	21/11/2009	WEST AFRICA 34 miles off Conakry Guinea 09° 19.00' N 014° 16.00' W	Four pirates chased the ship underway. Master increased speed, sounded general alarm, activated SSA and turned on all lights. Fire hoses were used against the pirates and crew mustered. The pirates fired several shots to the ship. After one hour of chase they abandoned attempted boarding	-	Increased speed, sounded general alarm, activated SSA and turned on all lights. Fire hoses were used against the pirates and crew mustered	No	Liberia	-
2	MARK TWAIN Container ship 35581 9303754	17/12/2009 01:53 LT	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 13° 53.00' N 051° 02.00' E	Pirates in two skiffs chased the ship underway. They were detected on the radar at 15.4 NM distance. Master changed course and pirates abandoned attempted boarding	-	-	No	Liberia	-
3	MSC SHANGHAI Container ship Liberia 65483 9295373	16/03/2010 20:26 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Underway from Suez to Singapore 12° 13.50' N 063° 14.10' E	During passage from Suez to Singapore, an illuminated target was detected. Master decreased speed. Later on the same target came close to the ship and then disappeared	-	-	No	Liberia	-
4	PISCES STAR Oil tanker Liberia 11630 9237773	22/03/2010 05:34 UTC	EAST AFRICA 1000 NM from Somalia 15° 41.10' N 068° 16.30' E	Pirates chased the ship. Master raised alarm, altered course and speed	-	Alarm raised, altered course and speed	No	Liberia	-
5	NA	01/05/2010 04:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 12° 04.00' N 044° 04.00' E	Pirates fired upon the ship underway. The Yemeni coast guard exchanged fire with the pirates and the pirates abandoned attack	Pirates fired at the vessel	-	Yes Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	PU 2417 Tug Singapore 288 9570527	01/05/2010 21:20 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Off Tg. Gelang 03° 38.00' N 103° 45.00' E	Pirates in a boat attacked the tug towing barge PU 3314 and attempted to board it. The crew fired rocket parachute flares at the pirate boat. The tug also sent a distress message on VHF Ch. 16 requesting for help. A Malaysian warship in the area responded to the distress call and dispatched a helicopter to render assistance to the crew and tug. The pirates escaped before the helicopter arrived	-	Sent a distress message on VHF 16 requesting for help. Crew fired rocket parachute flares at the pirate boat	Yes Maritime authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and ReCAAP ISC	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

7	OCEAN TRADER Bulk carrier Republic of Korea 24235 8518003	05/05/2010 14:20 LT	EAST AFRICA 350 miles SE of Mombasa Kenya 09° 46.14' S 041° 16.54' E	Pirates armed with guns and rocket-propelled grenades fired at the ship on route to Durban, South Africa. The ship departed from Mombasa, Kenya, on 3 May 2010. Armed security guards on board the ship responded to attack. The pirates gave up attempted boarding	Pirates fired at the ship	Master immediately informed the authorities	No	Republic of Korea and ReCAAP ISC	-
8	STAR SEA RAINBOW Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 24953 9172961	08/05/2010 16:45 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA 20 NM Off Pulau Mangkai 03° 22.30' N 105° 27.20' E	Six pirates in a wooden boat approached and attempted to board the ship underway. Alert duty crew noticed the boat and raised alarm. Ship's whistle sounded, deck lights switched on and crew mustered. Pirates abandoned attempted boarding. Security message transmitted via VHF to warn other ships in the vicinity	-	Raised alarm, sounded ship's whistle, switched on deck lights and crew mustered	Yes Marine Police and Navies of Malaysia and Indonesia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	APOSTOLOS II Bulk carrier Bahamas 22072 9260158	10/05/2010 05:03 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN Around 1140 NM East of Mogadishu 00° 02.00' N 065° 00.00' E	Pirates in skiffs chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master enforced anti-piracy preventive measures. Pirates abandoned attempted boarding	Two windows broken and damages to the ship's structures	Raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
10	KUMANO General cargo ship Panama 20087 9333761	12/05/2010 13:28 UTC	EAST AFRICA 16 NM from TSS Entrance, Gulf of Aden 12° 27.70' N 043° 43.40' E	The ship was attacked by pirates in skiffs with three persons on board. The Master noticed another four skiffs with pirates and ladders in the vicinity. Master immediately raised alarm, increased speed, activated fire hoses and called naval warships in the vicinity. Finally, the ship managed to evade the attack	-	Raised alarm, increased speed, activated fire hoses	Yes Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
11	MSC PEGGY Container ship Panama 32696 8208672	12/05/2010 16:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA 150 NM East of Lindi United Republic of Tanzania 09° 58.00' S 042° 15.00' E	Pirates in skiffs chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres and enforced anti-piracy measures. Later, pirates abandoned attempted boarding	Pirates fired at the ship	Master took evasive manoeuvres and enforced anti-piracy measures	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
12	NORD SINCERE Bulk carrier Panama 17018 9544384	20/05/2010 16:00 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN 1400NM East of Mogadishu 00° 46.20' N 068° 26.40' E	Five heavily armed pirates in a skiff fired upon the ship underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres and managed to evade the attack	Pirates fired at the ship	Master took evasive manoeuvres and managed to evade the attack	Yes UKMTO Dubai	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

13	TI GUARDIAN Tanker Hong Kong, China 162361 9011246	21/05/2010 02:30 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN Off Somalia Malaysia 05° 34.00' N 070° 58.00' E	Eight pirates in a skiff chased and attempted to board the ship underway. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, sounded whistle and raised alarm. After chasing about 45 minutes, pirates abandoned attempted boarding	-	Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, sounded whistle and raised alarm	Yes UKMTO, Marlo Bahrain, & MRCC Mumbai	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
14	NORDNEPTUN Product tanker Cyprus 42432 9277773	25/05/2010 02:29 UTC	EAST AFRICA North of Zanzibar Island 05° 39.00' S 039° 29.00' E	Two skiffs with five pirates in each, armed with guns fired upon the ship underway. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and enforced anti-piracy measures. Pirates abandoned attack	Pirates fired at the tanker	Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and enforced anti-piracy measures	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
15	KING DARIUS Tanker Marshall Islands 42010 9407251	25/05/2010 14:07 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 14° 25.60' N 054° 22.30' E	Pirates armed with guns in a skiff chased and attempted to board the ship underway. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and raised alarm. Pirates abandoned attempted boarding	-	Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and raised alarm	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
16	AVENUE BEAUTY Bulk carrier Malta 10784 9470143	30/05/2010 20:58 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 13° 06.00' N 048° 42.00' E	Six or seven pirates armed with machine guns in a speed boat chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master raised alarm, contacted warships, crew mustered and activated fire hoses. Pirates attempted to board the ship using aluminium ladder, but failed and later abandoned attempted boarding. A warship sent a helicopter to the location	-	Raised alarm, contacted warships, crew mustered and fire hoses activated	Yes Coalition warship	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Warship despatched a helicopter

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	ALINA XXIII Tanker Indonesia 53772 9006904	21/01/2010 15:30 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Malaysia 01° 14.56' N 104° 05.19' E	Four robbers in a boat attempted to board the tanker underway. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and flashed spot lights. Robbers abandoned attempted boarding	-	Master increased speed, carried out evasive manoeuvres and flashed spot lights	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	MARCAJAMA Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 14473 9113458	29/05/2010 05:51 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Port Au Prince Anchorage Haiti 18° 34.00' N 072° 23.00' W	Six robbers armed with knives attempted to board the ship at anchor. Alert crew raised alarm and crew mustered. Robbers abandoned attempted boarding and escaped	-	Alert crew raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

1	FRANZISKA BOLTEN Bulk carrier Liberia 29231 9483451	11/08/2009 LT	WEST AFRICA Tin Can Island, Iagos Nigeria	A robber tried to board the ship by climbing the mooring rope. The deck Watchman saw the robber and alerted the crew. Robber escaped empty handed	-	Watchman alerted the crew	No	Liberia	-
2	ATLANTIC MERMAID Refrigerated cargo carrier Liberia 10464 9045936	02/05/2010	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Puerto Bolivar inner anchorage Ecuador	Five robbers in a boat armed with round steel stakes and knives approach the ship from stern with intention to board it. Crew was alerted. Lights were turned on and robbers abandoned attempted boarding	-	Crew was alerted and lights were switched on	Yes Police Marine and local agent	Liberia	-

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