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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 piracy[1] and armed robbery against ships[2] 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 March 2002 and 30 April 2002, including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships (Annex 1) and attempted attacks (Annex 2).

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 2,650, an increase of 24 since 31 March 2002.

3 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, the previous ones issued during the current year being MSC.4/Circ.13, MSC.4/Circ.14 and MSC.4/Circ.15.

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[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.922(22), annex, paragraph 2.2), as follows:

"Armed robbery against ships means any unlawful act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of "piracy", directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such ship, within a State's jurisdiction over such offences."

ANNEX 1

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

Nº	**Ship's name** Type of ship Flag Gross tonnage IMO No.	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	Action by the coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	ADVANTAGE General cargo ship United States 18296 7515339	29/03/2002 04:30 LT	Berth No. 18, Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)	Robbers in an unlit boat boarded the ship, using grappling hooks, while at anchor and escaped when spotted	Ship's stores stolen	Rasied alarm and chased robbers away	Yes. Local authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
2	CLOVER STAR Bulk carrier Republic of Korea 10982 7701330	29/03/2002 20:30 LT	Berth No. 2, Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Five robbers removed zinc anodes attached to ship's side, while at anchor. When spotted, their boat took cover under the pier before escaping	Zinc anodes stolen	Raised alarm and directed searchlights on the boat	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
3	PETCHMANEE Bulk carrier Thailand 12583 7602871	30/03/2002 22:50 UTC	Tema anchorage (Ghana)	About thirteen robbers in a long wooden fishing boat boarded the ship, via anchor chain, while at anchor and escaped when spotted	-	Raised alarm and chased robbers away	Yes. Local authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	TORM COTE D'IVOIRE General cargo ship Cyprus 4180 9137820	02/04/2002 02:16 UTC	00º37'.80S 008º48'.70E Port Gentil roads (Gabon)	About thirty robbers armed with rifles and long knives boarded the ship, while at anchor and attacked the master with rifle butt	Master seriously injured; ship's equipment and certificates, seamen's books and certificates and contents of twelve containers stolen	-	Yes. The Navy and Ministry of Transport informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
5	UMKA Tug Russian Federation 2723 8418435	03/04/2002 02:30 UTC	08º55'.00N 076º05'.00E Off Quilon port (India)	Eight robbers in two boats approached the barge and three of them boarded and later escaped	Mooring ropes stolen	-	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	CHARLOTTE C General cargo ship United Kingdom 2999 9197480	03/04/2002 03:30 UTC	06º18'.00N 003º24'.00E Lagos anchorage (Nigeria)	Robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor. Duty A/B who raised an alarm was attacked by one robber with a knife and empty bottles thrown at him and he ran into accommodation for safety. The robbers later escaped in a small boat	Mooring lines and rescue boat outboard motor engine stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Port Control and Navy Communication Centre informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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7	ORONTES Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 25000 9234680	05/04/2002 01:00 LT	03º55'.60N 098º46'.50E Belawan anchorage (Indonesia)	Three robbers boarded the ship, via anchor chain, while at anchor and broke into the forward locker. When spotted by alert crew, they jumped overboard and escaped in a boat	30 x 20 litre paint drums stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. SAR, Indonesia and Pilot/Port authorities informed via VHF radio. Local agent also informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	
8	OXFORDSHIRE Gas carrier-LPG United Kingdom (Isle of Man) 22289 9142150	09/04/2002 02:00 LT	Bontang anchorage (Indonesia)	Robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and broke into forecastle store	Ropes stolen	-	Yes. Local police, SAR, Djakarta and Indonesian Navy informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
9	SF2-2754 Fishing vessel Malaysia 80.2	10/04/2002	Bintawa Jetty, Kuching Sarawak (Malaysia)	The ship was hijacked after departing from Kuching and is at Pemangkat, Kalimantan, Indonesia; the owners are negotiating for its release	Ship hijacked	-	Yes. Owners informed Malaysian Consulate	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	ARGO General cargo ship Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 1599 7107704	12/04/2002 04:40 LT	Chittagong roads (Bangladesh)	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship, while at anchor. When spotted by the duty officer, they jumped overboard and escaped in a motor boat	Mooring ropes stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
11	NA Fishing vessel Malaysia	17/04/2002	Malacca Strait	Pirates armed with rifles in a large boat hijacked the ship, while underway and held 12 crew hostage. They demanded a ransom of RM30,000 and released crew when ransom was paid	Twelve crew held hostage and RM$120,000 paid as ransom. Four trawlers hijacked	-	Yes. Police report obtained	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	BAYTUR Bulk carrier Turkey 30447 9222601	18/04/2002 23:15 LT	05º42'.90S 116º39'.30E Adang Bay anchorage (Indonesia)	A robber armed with a knife boarded the ship from a fishing boat. When spotted he jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting boat which had three others inside	Ship's stores stolen	Raied alarm and mustered crew	Yes. SAR, Basarnas, Indonesia, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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13	NA Fishing vessel Panama	24/04/2002	Brujas, Bay of Panama	Six robbers armed with revolvers and a mini Uzi boarded the ship and later escaped with their loot	Captain and Engineer shot in the stomach and leg respectively and one crew member sustained head injuries. 1,200 pounds fishing products stolen	-	Yes. Panama Maritime Security Council and Panama Consulate in Houston, United States, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
14	ALLORO Tanker Panama 42237 9162033	24/04/2002 02:10 LT	Senipah (Indonesia)	Two robbers were noticed on the forecastle by the duty officer, while at anchor and escaped when spotted	One life raft, two coils rope and a life jacket stolen	Raised alarm, mustered crew and sounded whistle	Yes. Relevant authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
15	ASSETS VICTORY General cargo ship Singapore 3847 8015532	26/04/2002	02º06'.30N 111º19'.60E Tanjung Manis, Sarawak (Malaysia)	Robbers boarded the ship and broke into the store, while at anchor and later escaped	Paints stolen	-	Yes. Relevant authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
16	JO CLIPPER Chemical tanker Netherlands 19889 7907611	26/04/2002 04:00 LT	Berth IOI, Sandakan (Malaysia)	Robbers boarded the ship from the seaside, while at anchor. They broke into the forward store room by removing the watertight door from its hinges and later escaped in a boat	Paint stolen	-	Yes. Agent, MRCC and Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
17	SABINE EAGLE Tanker United States 17735 8101630	27/04/2002 13:00 UTC	Chittagong anchorage 'A' (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor and when spotted, jumped overboard and escaped	Emergency towing apparatus pick-up line and a float stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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1	ENALIOS TITAN Tanker Malta 49648 7718785	31/03/2002 09:00 UTC	14º49'.90N 051º52'.40E Gulf of Aden (Yemen)	Three speedboats with three masked pirates in each, approached the tanker, while underway and attempted to come alongside. They abandoned attempt when spotted	-	Raised alarm, mustered crew and activated fire hoses	Yes. MRCC/Coast Guard, Yemen, and Yemeni Embassy, Kuala Lumpur, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
2	SALAMANCA Bulk carrier Panama 26084 9214850	16/04/2002 08:00 UTC	Callao anchorage (Peru)	Two robbers in a speedboat approached the ship, while at anchor and one of them attempted to board the ship via anchor. When spotted by the alert crew, abandoned attempt	-	Anti-piracy preventive measures	Yes. Relevant authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
3	IDEE FIXE Bulk carrier Malta 27681 8322923	17/04/2002 10:30 LT	14º08'.00N 049º39'.00E Off Mukalla (Yemen)	Pirates in six fast boats attempted to board the ship, while underway and after about 30 minutes they abandoned attempt	-	Alert crew mustered and fire hoses activated	Yes. Relevant authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	SVITZER MERIDIAN Special purpose ship Bahamas 2255 8101331	18/04/2002 08:48 LT	12º22'.60N 044º12'.90E Gulf of Aden	Six pirates in a boat, seven metres long, approached the ship, while underway. When spotted they changed course and moved away	-	Crew directed pressurised fire hoses and fired a signal flare	Yes. Relevant authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
5	SEABOARD PIONEER General cargo ship Cyprus 12993 9190080	25/04/2002 00:30 UTC	01º10'.00S 081º20'.00W Guayaquil (Ecuador)	A fast-speed boat with three men onboard approached the ship from the starboard side, while at anchor and later abandoned attempt when spotted	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Relevant authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	DUNCAN ISLAND Refrigerated cargo carrier Bahamas 14061 9059638	26/04/2002 21:30 LT	02º10'.00S 081º20'.00W Manta, Guayaquil (Ecuador)	A speed boat crossed the ship's bow, turned and approached the starboard bow very closely, while underway. When spotted they abandoned attempt	-	Sounded whistle and switched on lights	Yes. Relevant authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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7	ZHAO SHAN Bulk carrier Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 22263 7602467	28/04/2002 10:30 LT	14º50'.00N 041º55'.00E Red Sea	A boat with twenty pirates came close abeam to ship, while underway, attempting to board. The ship altered course and took evasive measures which prevented boarding	-	Crew mustered, altered course and activated fire hoses	Yes. Relevant authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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