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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 2001 and 31 May 2001.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 2,309, an increase of 20 since 30 April 2001.

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 current year being MSC/Circ.989, MSC/Circ.990, MSC/Circ.992 and MSC.4/Circ.1.

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 draft Code of Practice for the Investigation of the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships (MSC/Circ.984) (article 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

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	MSC.4/Circ. 2 ANNEX Page 1
									Action by the coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	GRUNDUN II Panama	08/04/01	Douala (Cameroon)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and attacked the crew on watch	One crewmember sustained head injuries	-	Yes. Authorities in Cameroon informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
2	GREAT PRESTIGE Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 27251 9148623	05/05/01 23:15 LT	16°02'.00N 113°42'.70E South China Sea	Five speed boats chased the ship while underway with the intention of boarding	-	Anti-piracy measures taken preventing boarding	Yes. MRCC Hong Kong and Vietnam informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
3	MAGDA Bulk carrier Malta 17122 7701794	08/05/01 01:55 LT	Sugar Terminal Recife (Brazil)	Ten robbers armed with pistols and machine guns boarded the ship while berthed and escaped later	Duty crew taken hostage and some tied up, threatened and injured. The armed robbers then ransacked the crew's cabins, broke down the doors and stole ship's cash, equipment and personal effects	The 3rd Officer managed to run away, raise the alarm and send a distress message	Yes. Brazilian Authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Police came onboard for investigation
4	GIHOCK Container ship Malaysia 6377 8120856	09/05/01 03:45 LT	Penang anchorage (Malaysia)	Five robbers armed with long knives and crowbars boarded the ship while at anchor and jumped overboard when spotted	Contents of containers stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Marine Police HQ, Bukit Aman informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Investigation conducted by the Police
5	ASPILOS Bulk carrier Malta 37600 8016990	09/05/01 03:30 LT	Semarang anchorage (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship during loading operations while at anchor	Locker broken into and a large amount of ship's stores and equipment stolen	-	Yes. SAR, Basarnas, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	MARINE UNIVERSAL Bulk carrier Panama 20925 8123030	11/05/01 02:55 LT	Lagos anchorage (Nigeria)	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while at anchor. They later jumped overboard and escaped	One crewmember taken hostage and thrown overboard but managed to hold on to the railings. Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Port control and Naval HQ informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	No action taken
7	TOP BEAUTY Bulk carrier Liberia 38646 9200380	11/05/01 17:00 UTC	06°07'.00S 125°28'.00E Banda Sea	One pirate boarded the ship while underway and jumped overboard when spotted	-	Alert crew spotted pirate and chased him away	Yes. SAR, Basarnas, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8	PRINCESS OF PENANG Tanker Panama 5463 7810478	12/05/01 04:30 LT	Belawan anchorage (Indonesia)	Four to five armed robbers in a speedboat boarded the tanker while at anchor and entered the paint store. They escaped when spotted	A member of crew saw the armed robbers and was threatened with a knife. Ship's stores stolen	Duty crew reported the incident to the bridge	Yes. Port authority and SAR, Basarnas, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
9	PACIFIC CHAMPION Tug United Kingdom 1313 8022925	15/05/01 02:00 LT	13°05'.20N 080°20'.90E Off Chennai anchorage (India)	Six armed robbers, dressed in sarongs, climbed onboard the ship while at anchor and were found in the accommodation area. Two of them were armed with knives. When challenged, two of them ran back to the boat. The watchman threw a boat hook at the remaining armed robbers and they too fled back to their boat, taking the boat hook with them	Boat hook taken	Duty watchman chased the armed robbers	Yes. Port Control and Coast Guard Chennai informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	LADY NIL Chemical tanker Turkey 16241 8011744	22/05/01 02:44 LT	Bandar Imam Khomeyni (Iran (Islamic Republic of))	Armed robbers, unnoticed by the crew, boarded the ship while at anchor. Footprints on deck indicated they came through the hawse pipe	Ship's equipment and stores stolen	-	Yes. MRCC/SAR Tehran informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
11	COOK SPIRIT Tanker Bahamas 53156 8700498	22/05/01 10:27 LT	Lawi Lawi, Balikpapan (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	One liferaft and 3 mooring ropes stolen	-	Yes. Port authorities, SAR Djakarta and Marine Police HQ informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	JAG RAHUL Bulk carrier India 22248 8028725	22/05/01 00:30 UTC	05°15'.54N 003°17'.60E Lagos Pilot Station (Nigeria)	Four armed robbers boarded the ship from the stern while at anchor. They tried to access the rope store and when spotted they jumped overboard into a waiting boat	None	Anti-piracy watch on rounds when the armed robbers were spotted. The bridge was informed which raised the alarm and alerted all crew	Yes. Naval HQ via Nigerian Embassy, Kuala Lumpur informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
13	CLIPPERVENTURE Chemical tanker Liberia 18812 7913816	23/05/01 03:45 LT	Belawan anchorage (Indonesia)	Three armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and escaped when spotted	Breathing apparatus stolen	Duty Officer spotted the armed robbers and raised the alarm	Yes. SAR Djakarta and Marine Police HQ informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
14	ABLE PILOT Ro-ro-cargo ship Malaysia 7049 7714533	26/05/01 05:30 LT	06°02'.80S 106°53'.40E Cargo anchorage, Tg. Priok (Indonesia)	Four to five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship from the poop deck while at anchor. They were spotted and a fight broke out. They jumped overboard and escaped	One crewmember injured in the head	Crew chased armed robbers	Yes. Priok Port Control and SAR, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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15	VILLE DE TANYA Container ship France 36045 9143166	26/05/01 16:25 LT	29°50'.00N 032°34'.00E Suez Canal, outer anchorage (Egypt)	Armed robbers were found at the forward stores and others attempting to climb onboard the ship with a hook ladder while anchoring. Two more armed robbers were found in the accommodation area. They threatened the crew and escaped	Crew threatened	Duty crew used walkie-talkies to give the alert and repelled armed robbers by means of fire hoses	Yes. Suez Port Control and Suez Canal authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
16	PETRO AVANCE Tanker Singapore 3321 9034224	28/05/01 01:05 LT	Vung Tau anchorage Viet Nam	Two armed robbers were spotted lowering ropes into the water while at anchor. They cut the mooring rope, jumped overboard and escaped in their speed boat	Mooring rope stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. MRCC Viet Nam informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
17	TIGER METRO Container ship Cyprus 16135 7920560	28/05/01 02:12 LT	Chennai anchorage (India)	Two armed robbers attempted to board the ship from a boat while at anchor. When spotted they escaped	-	Crew raised the alarm and chased armed robbers away	Yes. Port police and Coast Guard, Chennai informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Police arrived onboard to investigate
18	DEHKHODA General cargo ship Iran (Islamic Republic of) 13014 7613909	29/05/01 06:00 LT	Tg. Priok anchorage (Indonesia)	Three armed robbers were spotted onboard the ship while at anchor. They jumped overboard and escaped when the alarm was raised	-	Alarm raised	Yes. SAR, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
19	SETO Bulk carrier Panama 77307 9105451	31/05/01 04:00 LT	Chennai Roads (India)	A boat was found on the ship's starboard side while at anchor. Five robbers, one armed with a long knife were attempting to remove a mooring rope. When spotted they jumped overboard and escaped in their unlit motorboat	Mooring ropes stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered on deck	Yes. SAR, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
20	HALLA NO.5 Bulk carrier Panama 5286 9064281	31/05/01 20:00 LT	Jetty No.5, Mongla (Bangladesh)	Ten robbers armed with knives were spotted on board the ship, while berthed, lowering a mooring rope into a small boat. They jumped overboard and escaped when the alarm was raised	Watchman assaulted and mooring rope stolen	Watchman raised the alarm after confronting the armed robbers	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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