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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 31 May 2002 and 30 June 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 2,708, an increase of 30 since 31 May 2002.

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.4/Circ.13, MSC.4/Circ.14, MSC.4/Circ.15, MSC.4/Circ.16, MSC.4/Circ.17, MSC.4/Circ.18 and MSC.4/Circ.19.

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	MSC.4/Circ. 20 ANNEX 1 Page 1
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1	ALTIS P Bulk carrier Greece 13661 7526194	23/04/2002	Port of Santos (Brazil)	About eight masked robbers from a speedboat boarded the ship, while at anchor. They threatened Master and crew and escaped with their loot	Cash, valuables, mobile phone and the Master's key stolen	-	Yes. Local port and police authorities informed	Greece	Responded immediately and began investigation
2	NA Bulk carrier Panama	11/05/2002	Samarinda anchorage (Indonesia)	Seven robbers in a motor launch came alongside and boarded the ship, while at anchor. They broke open the forecastle store and when spotted by the duty A/B, they jumped overboard and escaped	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. SAR informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
3	PAULINA Bulk carrier Panama 7881 7610763	28/05/2002 03:30 LT	Bintulu anchorage (Malaysia)	Robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor. They broke open the forecastle store and when spotted, jumped overboard and escaped	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Marine Police Headquarters, MECC, Lumut and MRCC, Klang, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	ACTIVE Bulk carrier Malta 7918 9177765	01/06/2002 23:20 LT	Outer Roads, Barranquilla (Colombia)	Ten robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor. They broke into forward lockers and escaped in a big speedboat when spotted	180 litres paint, 6 pcs. life jackets and 1 set fire hose with nozzle stolen	Raised alarm and alerted crew	Yes. Local Authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
5	WESTERN ISLAND Bulk carrier Norway 24954 9144304	01/06/2002 04:40 LT	Jetty No. 7, Douala Port (Cameroon)	Four robbers disguised as stevedores boarded the ship, while berthed. They assaulted the duty A/B, dragged him to poop deck and broke into the engine room and steering gear flat. The police guard engaged by the ship was missing during the incident and it is thought he may have colluded with the intruders	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Police/Agent informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	No response
6	NA Fishing vessel Malaysia	01/06/2002	Malacca Strait	Pirates hijacked the ship, while underway. Ship and crew of five were taken to Indonesian waters. Full report is being awaited	Fishing nets and boat stolen	-	Yes. Marine Police, Malaysia and the SAR/Indonesian Navy informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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7	WESTERN ISLAND Bulk carrier Norway 24954 9144304	02/06/2002 06:20 LT	Jetty No. 7, Douala Port (Cameroon)	Several robbers armed with knives threatened and robbed the third officer as he went to quayside to read ship's draft, while ship was berthed	Walkie talkie stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Agent/Port Authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	No response
8	DENEB General cargo ship Denmark 1175 8012841	03/06/2002 23:00 LT	Georgetown (Guyana)	Robbers boarded the ship, with pilot embarked onboard, while underway and escaped when spotted	Ropes stolen	-	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
9	FORTUNE TRADER General cargo ship Singapore 4569 8005745	03/06/2002 06:20 LT	Outer Anchorage, Kakinada (India)	Armed robbers boarded the ship via anchor chain, while at anchor. They broke into forecastle locker and escaped	Mooring ropes stolen	-	Yes. Local Authority and the Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	JO CHIARA D Chemical tanker Italy 11320 9230012	05/06/2002 23:00 LT	Barranquilla port (Colombia)	Three robbers boarded the ship, while berthed and broke open portside locker. When spotted by the duty A/B, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped	-	Alarm raised	Yes. Authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
11	C.S. Valiant Bulk carrier	09/06/2002 03:00 LT	Chittagong 'B' anchorage (Bangladesh)	Seven robbers in a boat, armed with knives, boarded the ship from the stern, while at anchor. They threatened the duty AB and later escaped when spotted	Duty AB threatened with knives and ropes stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. The Navy, Port Control and Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	No response received from Port Control and the Navy
12	DENEB General cargo ship Denmark 1175 8012841	09/06/2002 05:00 LT	Muneshwers Wharf, Georgetown (Guyana)	Robbers boarded the ship, while berthed and escaped when spotted	Ropes stolen	-	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
13	SEABOARD COSTA RICA Ro-Ro-cargo ship Panama 19802 8200591	12/06/2002 00:50 LT	Cristobal anchorage, Area 'B' (Panama)	A motorised banca approached the ship from the port bow, while at anchor and one man boarded the ship via anchor chain. Port Control was informed by Master and was advised to sound the whistle continuously and the banca with four men later sped off towards Punta Shelter	-	Raised alarm and continuously sounded whistle	Yes. Port Control and US Coast Guard, Panama, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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14	BAVARIA General cargo ship Antigua and Barbuda 2550 9116797	14/06/2002 10:00 LT	Gentil Port (Gabon)	Several robbers armed with knives boarded the ship, while berthed, during cargo operations. They threatened crew and later escaped	Captain and duty crew threatened; ship's walkie talkie stolen	-	Yes. Port Control, Local Police Station and the RSC authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
15	HALIA Oil tanker United Kingdom (Isle of Man) 28277 9047362	14/06/2002 03:00 LT	Balikpapan anchorage (Indonesia)	Robbers boarded the ship via anchor chain during heavy rain and transshipment operations, while at anchor. They broke into forward lockers and later escaped	Liferaft and ropes stolen	-	Yes. Local authorities, SAR and Marine Authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
16	KIM SHUN Oil tanker Cambodia 935 7724887	14/06/2002 11:00 LT	OPL Changi point, Singapore Straits	The ship was anchored at Changi point and when the owners arrived to replace some crew, the ship was missing. A search was carried out without any success	Ship and crew missing	-	Yes. Philippine Navy and Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
17	PANAGIA TINOU Bulk carrier Cyprus 14921 8412467	15/06/2002 09:30 LT	11°45'.00N 050°30'.00E Alula Cape, North Somalia Somalia	Thirteen robbers armed with guns boarded the ship, while at anchor, due to engine breakdown. Master was threatened and he handed over USD7,000. Entire crew was taken hostage and locked in the mess room. One of the robbers thought to be their leader and claiming to be an officer of authority, seized the entire crew passports which he sent ashore whilst the robbers remained onboard	23 crew members taken hostage; USD7,000 stolen and ship hijacked	Master informed owners	Yes. Owners informed RCC, Larnaca, Cyprus; French Navy Headquarters, Paris, Spanish Navy, German Navy Headquarters, United States Navy and French Maritime Forces, Djibouti, also informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Several NATO warships in the vicinity rendered assistance
18	NATALIE BOLTEN General dry cargo ship Liberia 10132 9232199	15/06/2002 22:00 LT	01°25'.60S 048°31'.00W Inner Anchorage, Belem (Brazil)	Five armed robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor. They tied up the forecastle duty A/B and covered his face. When spotted by the 2nd watchman, they escaped	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and informed harbour master	Port Authority and RCC, Brazil, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Harbour master did not respond to call for assistance
19	SAN FERNANDO Container ship Liberia 15859 9084607	15/06/2002 02:05 LT	Lagos anchorage (Nigeria)	Robbers attempted to board the ship via anchor chain, while at anchor. When spotted by the duty A/B, the robbers escaped in a wooden boat	-	Alarm raised	Yes. Navy Communication Centre informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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20	SM 88 Tug Singapore 216 9211626	17/06/2002 12:00 LT	06°16'.40N 121°30'.60E Near Jolo Island (Philippines)	Eight armed robbers, in military uniform, fired two shots at the tug, while underway and boarded. They later escaped in their speedboat taking hostage some crew members. IMB has notified the Philippine authorities and further details are awaited	Master, C/O, 2/O and C/E taken hostage; VHF radio and walkie-talkie stolen	Reported to owners	Yes. Philippine Navy and Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Naval officers boarded tug and interviewed crew members
21	DORIC TRIDENT Bulk carrier Greece 21205 8307698	18/06/2002 01:45 LT	03°42'.00S 116°25'.00E Sebuku anchorage (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with long knives from a wooden boat boarded the ship from forecandle, via anchor chain, while at anchor. They broke into forecandle locker and when spotted, jumped overboard and escaped in their wooden boat	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes. SAR/NAVY informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur/Fax from Master	-
22	OBI WAN Bulk carrier Malta 26736 8308771	23/06/2002 21:45 LT	Samarinda roads, Borneo (Indonesia)	Five robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship, while at anchor. They threatened the duty A/B, broke into the forecandle locker and later escaped	Ship's stores and a liferaft stolen	Attempt to contact port control was unsuccessful; Reported to flag	Yes. SAR/NAVY and Kuala Lumpur informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur/Malta Maritime Authority	-
23	ALAKNANDA Bulk carrier India 28739 8321046	25/06/2002 18:48 UTC	01°53'.00S 116°39'.00E Apar Bay anchorage (Indonesia)	About fifteen robbers from two motor boats boarded the ship via the forecandle deck by throwing a hook attached to a long rope, while at anchor. When spotted, they threatened crew, broke open the forecandle store and later escaped in the two motor boats	Mooring lines stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	No port control in the area but SAR/NAVY informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
24	AMER ANNAPURNA Refrigerated cargo carrier Liberia 10298 8520513	27/06/2002	Georgetown port (Guyana)	Two robbers from a boat boarded the ship, while berthed. When spotted by the alert crew and the pilot onboard fired two warning shots, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped	-	Raised alarm and pilot fired warning shots	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
25	GATI 2 General dry cargo ship India 5548 8519459	28/06/2002 20:05 LT	Chittagong B (Bangladesh)	Ten robbers in a boat approached the ship and three robbers boarded the ship via the stern, while at anchor. When spotted, they jumped overboard and escaped	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Port Control and Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	GINA 1 Tanker Singapore 112 9133800	01/06/2002 07:45 LT	13°14'.80N 042°56'.50E 25 NM from Northern Entrance to Straits of Bab Al Mandeb, Gulf of Aden	Several speedboats approached the ship, while underway. As the boats closed in with increasing speed, the ship took evasive measures and the boats abandoned attempt	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Law enforcement informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
2	MAERSK TIMONEL Bulk carrier Philippines 36708 9074470	04/06/2002 20:25 LT	Bontang Pilot Boarding Ground (Indonesia)	Seven robbers in a motor boat attempted to board the ship from forecastle, while at anchor and abandoned attempt when spotted	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Pilot Station and the authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Pilot station advised ship to be vigilant and maintain anti-piracy watch when calling this port
3	JULIANA Chemical tanker Malaysia 4409 8419374	12/06/2002 14:00 LT	Chittagong anchorage (Bangladesh)	While mooring with pilot onboard, the mooring gang requested to pay out more on mooring line forward and aft. At 14:00 hrs., C/O reported that approximately 100M on PORT and STBD lines were cut and 2/O reported 100M cut on offshore line. Mooring men employed by the Chittagong Port Authority cut and spliced mooring lines and paint red as ship's crew did. Incident was reported to Port Control and ships calling at the port of Chittagong are advised not to come alongside unless their safety is assured by the Port Authority	Mooring lines stolen	-	Yes. Port Control and the Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	POLAR BIRD General dry cargo ship Norway 5632 8403533	18/06/2002 01:45 LT	Bontang pilot boarding ground (Indonesia)	Five robbers in a speedboat attempted to board the ship from anchor chain, while at anchor, waiting for pilot and abandoned attempt when spotted. A second attempt at 03:00LT was also abandoned due to alert crew	-	Raised alarm and directed searchlights on robbers	Yes. SAR/NAVY informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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5	PRABHU JIVESH Bulk carrier India 22009 8307076	27/06/2002 01:30 LT	Tg. Priok, Djakarta (Indonesia)	Eight robbers armed with long knives from an unlit boat attempted to board the ship, while at anchor, using a hook attached to a long line. They abandoned attempt when spotted by the duty AB	-	Raised alarm, mustered crew and directed ALDIS lamp at the robbers	Yes. SAR/NAVY informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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