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REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

Issued monthly - Acts reported during June 2001

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 2001 and 30 June 2001, including a distinction between acts of piracy, 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 2,361, an increase of 52 since 31 May 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, MSC.4/Circ.1 and MSC.4/Circ.2.

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 1

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

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									Action by the coastal State
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1	NAME NOT REPORTED Supply ship	15/01/00	Six miles off Funiwa (Nigeria)	Robbers armed with rifles boarded the ship while underway	Personal belongings, a life raft, radio equipment, a computer and food stolen	-	-	ICS	-
2	NAME NOT REPORTED Barge	17/01/00	Near Port Harcourt (Nigeria)	Armed robbers boarded	Oil company barge hijacked	-	-	ICS	-
3	NAME NOT REPORTED Tug	18/01/00	Bayelesa State (Nigeria)	Armed robbers boarded	Tug hijacked	-	-	ICS	-
4	NAME NOT REPORTED Tug	18/01/00	Bayelesa State (Nigeria)	Armed robbers boarded	Tug hijacked	-	-	ICS	-
5	NAME NOT REPORTED Bulk carrier	19/01/00	Adang Bay (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while loading	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICS	-
6	ROBERT STOVE Bulk carrier Netherlands 34572 8110289	10/05/00	Chennai anchorage (India)	An armed robber boarded the ship from the stern while at anchor. When spotted he jumped overboard and fled in a waiting craft with six other people in it	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICS	-
7	SUPERCAT 5 Ferry	26/05/00	Between Dapitan and Cebu (Philippines)	A bomb exploded on the ferry	-	-	-	ICS	-
8	NAME NOT REPORTED Tanker	03/06/00	Kandla (India)	The oil line was tampered with while discharging diesel	A substantial spill was caused	-	-	ICS	-

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9	NAME NOT REPORTED Tanker	26/06/00	Parang, Mandanao (Philippines)	Armed robbers possibly seeking to extort money cut the ship's oil line while discharging fuel	Around 18,000 litres of oil spilled into Illana Bay	-	-	ICS	-
10	NAME NOT REPORTED General cargo ship Singapore 9900	26/08/00	03°05'.00N 102°09'.00E Malacca Strait	Two pirates boarded the ship while underway and left when spotted	-	Alarm raised	-	ICS	-
11	ACTUARIA Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 9923 8115605	13/10/00	22°08'.00N 091°42'.00E Chittagong anchorage (Bangladesh)	Three small boats carrying 10-12 robbers, some of them armed with shotguns, approached the ship while underway in the anchorage area	-	-	-	ICS	-
12	NAME NOT REPORTED	31/12/00	Malacca Strait	Robbers armed with knives and machetes boarded the ship while underway	-	-	-	ICS	-
13	SOUTH PACIFIC General cargo ship Philippines 230 8428002	31/12/00	Tanjung Piai, Johor State (Malaysia)	Around 20 robbers armed with pistols boarded the ship while at anchor. They appeared to have had some military training and might have originated from Batam Island (Indonesia)	Crew held hostage and several thousand Singapore dollars stolen	-	Yes. Local Marine Police informed	ICS	Local police investigated
14	PACIFIC 1 Tug Belize 223 6820024	31/12/00	Tanjung Piai, Johor State (Malaysia)	Around 20 robbers armed with pistols boarded the ship while at anchor. They appeared to have had some military training and might have originated from Batam Island (Indonesia)	Crew held hostage and several thousand Singapore dollars stolen	-	Yes. Local Marine Police informed	ICS	Local police investigated
15	KATERINA General cargo ship Cyprus 3984 7627637	31/01/01 04:25 hrs	Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)	A gang of armed robbers boarded the ship while at berth	Mooring rope stolen	-	-	BIMCO	-

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16	HANSA CENTAUR Container ship Liberia 16915 9148659	06/05/01 22:30 hrs	02°47'.00S 080°26'.65W Guayaquil anchorage (Ecuador)	Two small boats without lights approached the ship and ten armed robbers boarded. Shots were fired when one crewmember attempted to stop the boarding. Forty-five mins later the armed robbers left the ship	Nobody was injured despite shots being fired. The armed robbers managed to open and pilfer containers, loading the contents onto their two boats	General alarm sounded	Yes. Pilot station informed via channel 12	BIMCO	No assistance received from Coast Guard
17	POINTE CLAIRETTE Tanker Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 3239 9108867	12/05/01 02:30 LT	00 °17'.00N 009°27'.00E Owendo anchorage (Gabon)	Three robbers armed with pistols and knives boarded the tanker from a small boat which came alongside while berthed. One other armed robber remained in the boat	Watchman held on deck and two mooring ropes stolen	Alarm raised and ship's whistle sounded but did not scare off the boarders	Yes. Owendo Harbour Master informed	ICS	Harbour Master informed security
18	SCHATZIE Yacht Germany	16/05/01 16:30 UTC	Chacachacare Island, 8nm W of Trinidad, Gulf of Paria (Trinidad and Tobago)	Armed robbers boarded the yacht while underway and sailed off later in an unidentified boat towards Venezuela	Captain attacked and yacht ransacked	-	Yes. Caribbean Safety Network (8104.0kHz) informed	Venezuela	-
19	LOOTSGRACHT General cargo ship Netherlands 6073 8801618	16/05/01 03:00 hrs	Agadir (Morocco)	Eight robbers armed with knives and sticks boarded the ship while at berth. When spotted four of them fled	Watchman and shore watchmen threatened	Crew managed to detain the four remaining armed robbers until the local Police arrived	Yes. Local Police informed	BIMCO	Local Police arrived and took armed robbers into custody
20	CLIPPERVENTURE Tanker Liberia 18812 7913816	23/05/01 02:30	Belawan anchorage (Indonesia)	Five armed robbers boarded the ship and entered the forecastle	A fireman's outfit, a pair of boots, three axes, one safety flashlight and two pairs of safety gloves stolen	A double watch was kept. General alarm sounded, crew alerted and mustered	Yes. Inmarsat C distress alert issued	BIMCO	-
21	SCARLET TRADER Tanker Norway 17635 7359527	01/06/01 19:20 LT	Belawan (Indonesia)	Armed robbers broke into the forecattle of the tanker while berthed and escaped later	Paint stolen	Alarm raised and crew alert	Yes. SAR, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
22	NAME NOT REPORTED General cargo ship	04/06/01 01:00 LT	06°45'.00S 039°20'.00E Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania)	Two boats were spotted near the anchor chain each with 20 to 30 armed robbers and some trying to climb the chain. When spotted the boats fled	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered on forecattle	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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23	BUNGA MELOR SATU Bulk carrier Malaysia 24550 9070711	12/06/01 02:20 LT	06°46'.20S 039°20'.70E Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania)	About twenty armed robbers boarded the ship from the forecastle while at anchor. When spotted they jumped overboard and escaped	The crew managed to retrieve part of the cut mooring rope. Mooring rope stolen	Anti-piracy watch raised alarm and all crew mustered on deck. Eight crew members went forward and challenged the armed robbers who then threatened to attack the crew	Yes. Relevant authorities in Tanzania via Tanzanian embassy in London informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
24	TIGER BRIDGE Container ship Cyprus 16135 7920572	12/06/01 03:30 LT	Chennai port (India)	Six robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while at anchor. Later they jumped overboard and escaped in a boat	Crewmember threatened and 10 drums of paint stolen	Anti-piracy measures taken	Yes. Police and Coast Guard, Chennai, India informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Police boarded the ship for investigation
25	MIRI ENERGY Tanker Malaysia 2504 9044633	13/06/01 05:00 LT	01°27'.00N 106°16'.00E South China Sea	Second engineer came up to the poop deck from the engine room while underway and was confronted by pirates armed with long knives. When the pirates realized they had been spotted by the crew they left	Second engineer received a 2-3" cut on his head. He was blindfolded and tied up	Crew alert	Yes. SAR, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
26	NAME NOT REPORTED Tanker	14/06/01 23:20 LT	Chittagong anchorage (Bangladesh)	Robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker. When alarm raised they jumped overboard and escaped	Duty watchman threatened with a knife	Watchman managed to raise alarm. Crew mustered	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
27	ASEAN PREMIER Bulk carrier Singapore 9766 7607900	16/06/01 21:20 LT	Chittagong anchorage (Bangladesh)	Eight armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor. They later jumped overboard and escaped	2 coils of mooring ropes stolen	Duty AB spotted the armed robbers and informed the bridge. The Master sounded the alarm and mustered all crew	Yes. Coast Guard, Bangladesh informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
28	LOYALTY Tanker Panama 43363 8311493	17/06/01 03:20 LT	06°02.00S 105°56'.00E Jetty A, Tripolyta, Anyer (Indonesia)	Three armed robbers boarded whilst discharging cargo. When spotted they jumped into the water, got into a small boat and escaped	-	Duty AB on anti-piracy watch found the armed robbers in the engine room and raised the alarm	Yes. SAR, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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29	NAME NOT REPORTED	20/06/01 01:00 LT	06°02'.60S 106°54'.00E Tg. Priok anchorage (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship and entered the engine room	Engine spares stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
30	NAME NOT REPORTED	20/06/01 04:00 LT	Sandakan port (Malaysia)	Five armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and opened a container but escaped when spotted	Two boxes of biscuits stolen	Watchman challenged the armed robbers	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
31	NAME NOT REPORTED Tanker Panama 1313	22/06/01 04:28 UTC	08°59'.68N 013°51'.52W Off Guinea	Pirates boarded the tanker while underway	Captain and crew injured	-	Yes. RCCS Falmouth and Gris Nez informed	United Kingdom	-
32	ALDEBARAN Tanker Malta 50272 8315059	25/06/01 05:00 LT	06°00'.00S 105°56'.00E Pulau Ular Merak (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while at anchor and escaped when spotted	Ship's stores stolen	Crew spotted armed robbers	Yes. SAR, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
33	MSC ELENA Container ship Panama 11228 7121334	27/06/01 05:30 LT	Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania)	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship disguised as dock workers while berthed. They later escaped in a boat	Mooring rope stolen	Crew challenged armed robbers	Yes. Authorities and Coast Guard via Tanzanian embassy in London informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
34	ASPILOS Bulk carrier Malta 4291 8016990	27/06/01 05:00 UTC	Belawan anchorage (Indonesia)	Five robbers armed with long knives and handguns boarded the ship while at anchor	Watchman at forecastle threatened. Wrist watch, 100 litres of hydraulic oil and walkie talkie stolen	-	Yes. SAR, Djakarta and Belawan port authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
35	CAPRICE VENTURE Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 16973 9237395	27/06/01 04:45 LT	01°11'.60N 103°24'.60E Pu. Iyu Kecil (Indonesia)	Five robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while underway and then fled towards Brothers light house, (Indonesia)	Captain robbed of US\$4,000 and cigarettes	-	Yes. SAR, Djakarta and Marine Police HQ informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
36	KWAMGTUNG General cargo ship Hong Kong, China 17527 7516149	28/06/01	29°38'.70N 048°45'.20E Umm Qasr (Iraq)	Armed robbers broke into the forecastle store while at anchor	Fire-fighting equipment stolen	-	Yes. SAR, Basrah, Iraq informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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37	BATAVIA Oil tanker Panama 25825 9039547	30/06/01 02:30 LT	01°03'.00N 105°00'.00E Pulau Mapor Island (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship and escaped when spotted	-	Crew mustered and searched for armed robbers	Yes. Basarnas, Indonesia and other vessels in the vicinity informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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ANNEX 2

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	NAME NOT REPORTED Reefer	02/09/00	02°03'.00S 080°21'.00W Guayaquil Bay (Ecuador)	Armed robbers fired at the ship from a small boat. No attempt to board was made	-	-	-	ICS	-
2	NAME NOT REPORTED General cargo ship	03/12/00	12°31'.00N 045°00'.00E Gulf of Aden	Five small high-speed crafts with two pirates each approached the ship while underway and eventually left in the direction of Aden	-	Crew mustered	-	ICS	-
3	JULIA I Oil tanker Panama 5169 9182837	08/12/00	01°54'.00N 102°22'.00E Malacca Strait	Armed robbers in a speedboat approached the ship while underway	-	Crew alert and attempt to board foiled	-	ICS	-
4	NAME NOT REPORTED General cargo ship	11/12/00	12°51'.00N 046°02'.00E Gulf of Aden	Three pirates in a speed boat approached the ship while underway and left after action was taken by the crew	-	Crew took evasive action	-	ICS	-
5	NAME NOT REPORTED General cargo ship Bahamas 10100	20/12/00	01°15'.00N 103°19'.00E Malacca Strait	Four armed robbers approached the ship in a small unlit craft while underway	-	Crew directed searchlights on the boat and the armed robbers retreated	-	ICS	-
6	SIAM VEERA Oil tanker Thailand 1242 7607986	25/12/00	Balikpapan anchorage (Indonesia)	Several armed robbers in two small boats attempted to board the tanker while at anchor	-	Alarm raised and the attempt to board aborted	-	ICS	-
7	NORDCLOUD Container ship Cyprus 16252 9123520	11/05/01 19:40 LT	Guayaquil (Ecuador)	Two boats were acting suspiciously around the ship while underway. After about a 20 min chase the boats dropped back and disappeared	None	Chief Officer altered course to port, sounded the general alarm and informed the Master. Deck lights switched on and search light trained on boats	-	BIMCO	-

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8	CARAVAGGIO General cargo ship Malta 16992	06/06/01 07:12 LT	Pussur River, Mongla (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while clinker cement was discharged	Zinc anodes stolen	-	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
9	NAME NOT REPORTED General cargo ship	07/06/01 02:43 UTC	05°35'.27N 123°04'.73E South China Sea	Pirates attempted to board the ship from a boat while underway. They followed for 30 mins and then left	-	Alert crew prevented boarding	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	NAME NOT REPORTED Tanker	10/06/01 04:43 UTC	01°08'.00S 085°09'.00E Indian Ocean	Six to seven pirates in a light green boat about 12-15m long followed the tanker for about 55 mins while underway. Finally they changed course and retreated	-	-	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
11	NAME NOT REPORTED	11/06/01 11:30 UTC	14°14'.80N 042°43'.30E Abu Ali Channel, Southern Red Sea	Three speed boats each with about ten pirates approached the ship	-	Master took evasive action preventing boarding	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	NAME NOT REPORTED Bulk carrier	16/06/01 04:45 LT	Butterworth anchorage, Penang (Malaysia)	An armed robber tried to board the ship via the anchor chain from an unlit boat	-	Alarm raised preventing boarding	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
13	NAME NOT REPORTED	18/06/01 02:00 LT	02°10'.50N 101°42'.50E Malacca Strait	Pirates in an unlit red boat approached the ship while underway with the intention of boarding	-	Ship directed searchlights on the boat	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
14	STATHIS General cargo ship Panama 12811 8218718	29/06/01 04:45 LT	13°42'.50N 042°58'.00E Red Sea	Many pirates in two unlit speed boats approached the ship, one from the stern and the other from the bow. When spotted they followed for about another 30 mins then approached another ship	-	Crew mustered with fire hoses	Yes. French Maritime Defence Forces and other vessels via VHF radio informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
15	CAPE BYRON Container ship Cyprus 8944 9005833	30/06/01 01:00 LT	01°05'.00N 104°55'.00E Malacca Strait	About twenty pirates fully armed with heavy artillery and long knives attempted to board the ship while underway. When spotted they escaped	-	The OOW raised the alarm and pointed strong search lights on pirates	Yes. Basarnas, Indonesia informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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