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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 June 2001 and 31 July 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 2,395, an increase of 34 since 30 June 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, MSC.4/Circ.2 and MSC.4/Circ.3.

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

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. 5 ANNEX 1 Page 1
									Action by the coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	JAAFAR Syrian Arab Republic	01/01/200	Off Somalia	Pirates hijacked the ship while underway and demanded a ransom for the release of the fifteen members of the crew and of the ship. Having been released the crew and the ship arrived in a Syrian port	-	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
2	NAME NOT REPORTED Fishing vessel Myanmar	20/01/200	Andaman Sea (Thailand)	Armed robbers boarded the trawler while fishing and robbed the crew of their catch. They set fire to the vessel before jumping overboard and seized another trawler	Ship damaged and catch stolen	-	Yes, Thai Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB	The Thai Marine Police arrested the armed robbers near Ranong and seized a shotgun and some ammunitions
3	FEEDER 6 Container ship Vanuatu 5311 7628318	20/02/200 02:07 LT	Tg. Priok (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
4	P&O NEDLLOYD Container ship Germany 21583 9162253	12/04/200	Tema anchorage (Ghana)	Robbers armed with guns and long knives boarded the ship while at anchor and took two watchmen hostage on the forecastle deck. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped when the alarm was raised	Ship's stores stolen	The duty officer on the bridge tried to contact the watchmen and raised the alarm	-	ICC-IMB	-
5	ARBEEY JAYA High speed craft Indonesia	25/04/200	Kampi Island, Pankalan Susu (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with guns and grenades hijacked the ship while underway and held three Japanese personnel hostage for a ransom	Fate of hostages unknown	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
6	JUBILEE General cargo ship Panama 3588 7530717	27/04/200	Bay of Bengale near Calcutta	About two hundred pirates seized the ship while sailing to Calcutta and demanded the Captain to sail to Diamond Harbour to discharge the cargo	-	The Captain refused to co- operate with the pirates	Yes, coastal Authorities informed	ICC-IMB	Ship rescued and escorted by the Police
7	NAME NOT REPORTED Fishing vessel Malaysia	05/05/200	Takbai (Thailand)	Armed robbers sank the vessel while underway	Master shot dead and six remaining members of crew picked up by nearby fishing vessels	-	-	ICC-IMB	-

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8	MIRNA General cargo ship Bangladesh 13544 7908794	14/05/200 21:00 LT	Chittagong anchorage (Bangladesh)	One armed robber boarded the ship while at anchor using a hook attached to a rope and entered the forecastle. He jumped overboard and escaped when spotted by the crew	Ship's property stolen	Anti-piracy watch	-	ICC-IMB	-
9	ISPRINSEN Yacht United Kingdom 166	22/05/200	Hurghada (Egypt)	The yacht went missing after the owner hired a man to repair the yacht while at anchor	Yacht missing	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
10	MONALISA Chemical tanker Singapore 3802 8113748	24/05/200 13:10 LT	Belawan (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship while at anchor. They held the duty cadet hostage and jumped overboard when spotted by officers conducting a search	-	Alarm raised	-	ICC-IMB	-
11	LA BULLE Yacht Antigua and Barbuda	24/05/200 10:30 LT	Bahia Reyes Punta Icaro (Dominican Republic)	Three robbers armed with a 45mm caliber automatic pistol and shotguns in a boat boarded the yacht while at anchor. The robbers entered and ransacked the accomodation before leaving	Cash stolen	-	Yes, local Authorities informed	ICC-IMB	-
12	BALTIMAR OKEANOS Container ship Bahamas 3790 9034224	28/05/200 01:05 LT	Vung Tau (Vietnam)	Four armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor using hooks tied to ropes and broke open the forecastle store. The robbers escaped in an ulit boat when spotted by the crew	Ship stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes, port Authority informed	ICC-IMB	-
13	NAME NOT REPORTED Fishing vessel Malaysia	14/06/200	Waters of Sabah (Malaysia)	Armed robbers hijacked the vessel for ransom while underway	-	The owners negociated with the hijackers and got the vessel released after paying an unknown amount of money	-	ICC-IMB	-
14	NAME NOT REPORTED Barge Malaysia	14/06/200	Waters of Sabah (Malaysia)	Armed robbers hijacked the barge for ransom while underway	-	The owners negociated with the hijackers and got the barge released after paying an unknown amount of money	-	ICC-IMB	-

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15	SELAYANG Oil tanker Malaysia 2270 8025020	19/06/200	Near Pulau Iyu Kecil Malacca Strait	About twenty pirates hijacked the tanker, while under way from Port Dickson to Labuan, Malaysia. Approximately nine of the pirates disembarked from the ship in Durian Straits, Indonesia	All crew's hand were tied up during the incident. Crew of fourteen and cargo of gas oil kept safe and intact on board after the incident	-	Yes, Indonesian Navy informed	ICC-IMB	The Indonesian Navy detained the ship on 27 June near Samarinda and towed it to Balikpapan, Indonesia. Ten pirates were held at the Naval Base for further investigations
16	SEA TRUST Oil tanker Panama 1313 7916820	23/06/200 04:15 LT	Conakry roads (Guinea)	Robbers armed with guns and long knives boarded the ship while at anchor and assaulted three officers before escaping	Captain and two officers injured. Cash from the safe, crew's valuables and ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
17	NAME NOT REPORTED Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 21478	24/06/200	Toamasina (Madagascar)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while berthed and opened containers	Cargo stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
18	TIRTA NIAGA IV Oil tanker Indonesia 2863 8848020	25/06/200	04°54'.00N 097°57'.00E Malacca Strait	Pirates boarded the ship while being under repair at anchor. They abducted the Master and the Second Officer ashore and demanded ransom for their release. The ship arrived safely to Penang, Malaysia after the incident	Master still kept captive	Following negotiations, the Second Officer was released	-	ICC-IMB	-
19	FEEDER 6 Container ship Vanuatu	30/06/200 04:30 LT	Tg. Priok anchorage (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and escaped when spotted by the anti-piracy watch	Engine spare parts stolen	Alarm raised	-	ICC-IMB	-
20	SHENG QIANG Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 26062 9144536	01/07/200 01:25 LT	01°03'.00N 104°57'.00E South China Sea	Six robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship and escaped when spotted by the crew	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes. Basarnas, Indonesia informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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21	CARLISLE Tanker Panama 43733 8413851	02/07/200 04:00 LT	5 miles from breakwater, Lagos Roads (Nigeria)	Three armed robbers with long knives boarded the ship from the port quarter while at anchor. When the alarm was raised they fled by climbing down a rope into a speed boat	The AB was hit and threatened with a knife. The armed robbers snatched his walkie talkie, wrist watch and safety shoes	The AB on watch spotted the armed robbers and challenged them	Yes. Port Control and the Nigerian Naval HQ were informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
22	OBI WAN Bulk carrier Malta 26736 8308771	06/07/200 03:45 LT	Lagos Road (Nigeria)	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while at anchor. When they heard the alarm the armed robbers escaped in a boat	Duty AB was threatened with a knife, hit at the waist and his walkie talkie and watch were stolen. Crew's valuables stolen	Duty AB challenged the armed robbers. Alarm raised	Yes. Port Control informed and message relayed to the Naval HQ in Lagos	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
23	CSK EMINENCE Bulk carrier Singapore 39963 9138082	12/07/200 03:00 LT	Ciaging Port (Indonesia)	Four robbers armed with guns and knives entered the engine room while berthed. They later escaped by motorcycles parked on the jetty	Duty Oiler taken hostage and spares worth US\$20,000 stolen	Duty AB noticed two of the armed robbers carrying sacks leaving the ship	Yes. SAR Jakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
24	TIGER METRO Container ship Cyprus 16135 7920560	12/07/200 18:15 UTC	13°05'.80N 080°20'.50E Chennai anchorage (India)	Five armed robbers in an unlit motor boat came alongside the ship while at anchor. Three of the robbers armed with knives boarded the ship during heavy rain. When spotted they jumped overboard	Crewmember chased by armed robbers carrying a long knife. Ship's equipment stolen	Vigilant crew spotted armed robbers and raised alarm	Yes. Coast Guard, Chennai, India and Port Control informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Police boarded to investigate at 18:50 UTC
25	SIN YOU General cargo ship Malaysia 499 7109520	14/07/200 18:00 LT	02°05'.75N 109°31'.02E 8-10 miles from Tg. Datu Light House, Kalimantan (Indonesia)	Armed robbers from a fishing boat boarded the ship while underway. They demanded ransom and threatened to take the ship to Pontianak in Kalimantan if they failed to pay them	Ship hijacked until money was collected. Ringgit 1,000 taken. Crew and ship released	-	Yes. MRCC Kuching and SAR Jakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
26	ZAGARA Tanker Italy 10851 7412783	16/07/200 15:30 UTC	Chittagong Roads (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Three mooring ropes stolen	-	Yes. Port Control and Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
27	PISCES EXPLORER Bulk carrier United Kingdom 22992 8223579	19/07/200 19:30 LT	Panjang (Indonesia)	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the ship from a small boat and entered the engine room while berthed. They later escaped	Duty motorman taken hostage and threatened with a knife. Engine spares stolen	The duty watchman noticed the two armed robbers carrying two bags and escaping	Yes. SAR Jakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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28	JAMAR CHEMICAL Oil tanker Panama 26113 8609515	21/07/200 05:18 LT	Abidjan (Ivory Coast)	Two boats approached the ship while heaving anchor to proceed to outer port limits. One robber armed with a long knife boarded the ship despite the anti-piracy watch. The Master raised the alarm and mustered all crew on deck. Five more armed robbers boarded the ship and threatened the crew members. The robbers managed to cut two life buoys and threw them into the waters and escaped	Two life buoys stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes, PRC relayed message to the Ivory Coast Navy	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
29	NAME NOT REPORTED United Kingdom (Isle of Man)	23/07/200 02:30 LT	Panjang (Indonesia)	Three armed robbers boarded the ship while berthed and tied the duty motorman up before escaping in a small boat	Generator spare parts stolen	-	Yes, PRC relayed message to the SAR Jakarta and Puskodal Jakarta	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
30	MATRU KRIPA Bulk carrier India 24647 8413253	24/07/200 01:15 LT	Tg. Priok, Jakarta (Indonesia)	Six armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and entered the engine room where they tied up the watchkeeper	Engine spare parts stolen	-	Yes, PRC relayed message to the Puskodal Naval Headquarters	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
31	AL DHABIYYAH Oil tanker United Arab Emirates 19245 8100442	26/07/200 22:45 LT	Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania)	One robber armed with a knife boarded the ship while at anchor. He jumped overboard and escaped in a small boat when spotted by the officer of the watch	One mooring line stolen	Alarm raised	Yes, PRC relayed message to the Authorities in Tanzania	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 Oil tanker Indonesia	04/05/200	Lhokseumawe, Exxon Mobil Jetty (Indonesia)	Armed robbers fired a rocket grenade at the tanker while berthed and missed their shot	None	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
2	IDC-1 Bulk carrier Turkey 13377 8307624	02/07/200 03:35 LT	13°25'.70N 043°02'.40E Red Sea	Three unlit speed boats with three pirates in each boat came very close to the ship while underway. When they saw the alert crew they aborted their attempt to board	-	Alert crew	Yes. Authorities at French Defence Forces at Djibouti and Port of Aden informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
3	WARRIOR Chemical tanker Bahamas 15133 7218553	12/07/200 21:45 LT	Belawan anchorage (Indonesia)	Six robbers armed with big knives tried to board the ship via the anchor chain. They fled when spotted	-	Anti-piracy watch spotted the armed robbers, raised the alarm and threw hand flares at them	Yes. Port Control and SAR Jakarta, Indonesia informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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