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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 2,427, an increase of 32 since 31 July 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, MSC.4/Circ.3 and MSC.4/Circ.5.

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. 6 ANNEX 1 Page 1
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1	MAKO Supply ship Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 1089 8113669	24/06/2001 14:50 LT	Luanda entrance buoy (Angola)	A speedboat with three robbers armed with knives and steel bars came alongside the ship while proceeding at 5.5 knots. Two of them boarded and jumped overboard when spotted by the crew. They tried to board one more time but their attempt failed	Watchman attacked	Alert crew rushed on deck when the armed robbers boarded	Yes. The Master informed Sonils and Panalpina by VHF radio and RCC Angola informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Police came and searched the area
2	ARTEMIS Container ship Panama 7565 9037240	04/07/2001 02:06 LT	Chittagong anchorage (Bangladesh)	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship from the aft poop. Later they escaped by jumping overboard	Two mooring ropes and one speaker phone stolen	Crew mustered	Yes. Anti-piracy centre, Kuala Lumpur and local Coast Guard informed	BIMCO	-
3	VIRGINIA Bulk carrier Greece 28029 9223186	17/07/2001 04:10	Tanjung Priok anchorage (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship and broke lock of the locker at the fore end	A pump, nozzles and sanders stolen	-	Yes. Agent and Authorities informed	BIMCO	Reports and statements taken
4	KOTA MAHA Multi purpose ship Cyprus 17700 8119716	22/07/2001 02:50 UTC	Tema anchorage (Ghana)	Seven to eight robbers armed with knives boarded the ship and were discovered on forecastle deck. When spotted they escaped	Deck watch attacked by armed robbers but managed to run away. Two mooring ropes stolen	Deck watch reported the incident by VHF to bridge. Duty Officer sounded general alarm and ship's whistle. All crew mustered	Yes. Tema port Authority	BIMCO	Security Forces alerted by port Authority
5	PATRICIA Tanker	03/08/2001 00:50 LT	Belawan anchorage (Indonesia)	Six robbers armed with knives boarded the ship while at anchor. When spotted they jumped overboard and escaped in their boat	Watchman assaulted and tied up. He was threatened with a knife and had valuables taken. Robbers entered the forecastle store and stole ship's paint	Alarm raised	Yes. Port Control and Coast Guard informed but no response. SAR/PUSKODAL, Indonesia, also informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	NAME NOT REPORTED Yacht	07/08/2001	Near Santa Rosalia, Baja Mexico (Mexico)	Two armed robbers boarded the yacht while underway	Skipper seriously injured and robbed of cash and valuables	-	Yes. Defence attaché at the Mexican Embassy in Kuala Lumpur informed who in turn informed the Naval/Coast Guard, Mexico	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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7	MOL OUEME Container ship Panama 24724 9187344	07/08/2001 02:00 LT	Tema anchorage (Ghana)	Two robbers armed with handguns and knives boarded the ship while at anchor. They later escaped	The armed robbers assaulted the watchman on the foredeck, tied up his hands and legs and made him lie face down on the deck. Crew's valuables and ship's equipment stolen	When the Duty Officer failed to receive a response on the VHF radio from the watchman on the foredeck, he asked the other duty watchmen to investigate. The Duty AB found the watchman lying on the deck tied up and informed the bridge. The alarm was raised	Yes. Embassy of Ghana at Kuala Lumpur informed for onward relay to Authorities in Ghana	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
8	KIANI SATU General cargo ship Panama 16660 9149811	07/08/2001 05:20 LT	Sandakan anchorage loading point, Sabah (Malaysia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor. They cut off the padlocks and broke the flat bars of the forepeak store and paint store	Paint stolen	-	Yes. Local police, Sandakan and Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
9	JASMINE Bulk carrier Panama 26070 9132923	09/08/2001 22:20 LT	01°24'.00N 104°28'.00E Singapore Strait	About six pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship while underway	Four Officers and members of the crew were taken hostage and had valuables (total US\$1900) stolen	Captain raised alarm	Yes. PUSKODAL, SAR, Djakarta, MPA Singapore and MRCC Port Klang informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	KILCHEM ACID Chemical tanker Cyprus 5011 7714648	09/08/2001 02:20 LT	Belawan port (Indonesia)	Eight to ten robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while at anchor. They broke open the store and started throwing paint and ship's stores overboard. When alarm was raised, they jumped overboard and escaped in their boat	Duty AB assaulted and ship's stores stolen	The AB informed the OOW who raised the alarm and alerted all crewmembers	Yes. Port Authority informed but there was no response. SAR and PUSKODAL, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
11	MAGNA ENERGY Bulk carrier Panama 11435 8400581	09/08/2001	Alongside Bangkok wharf No. 21D (Thailand)	Three armed robbers boarded the ship while loading and made their way to the bridge breaking the right side sliding door	One GPS receiver and two binoculars stolen	Precautions had been taken to prevent boarding. Doors were locked and guards placed on watch. Armed robbers intercepted but escaped by motorbike	Yes. Police informed	ICS	Police notified

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12	BELLAVIA Container ship Liberia 15520 8712491	11/08/2001 19:55 UTC	29°39'.00N 048°43'.70E 52 NM from Umm Qasr port (Iraq)	Pirates on a wooden fishing boat boarded the ship. They broke off the forward paint locker's padlock and later escaped	Several cans of paint stolen	-	Yes. RCC Kuwait informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
13	ASEAN SKIPPER Bulk carrier Singapore 9766 7607900	13/08/2001 11:00 LT	Tg. Priok anchorage (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship and entered the engine room. When spotted they jumped overboard	A large number of engine spares stolen	Crew spotted armed robbers	Yes. Port Authorities, PUSKODAL and SAR, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
14	SAMOTHRAKI Tanker Greece 27793 8618891	15/08/2001 01:10 LT	Rio Haina port (Dominican Republic)	Two teams of armed robbers boarded the ship from the riverside using grapnel hooks. One of the teams attacked the forecastle area while the other attacked the accommodation. One of the armed robbers broke into a lifeboat. Once the alarm was raised they fled	Fireworks stolen	Alarm raised and crew responded immediately and effectively	Yes. Rio Haina port Authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
15	CLIPPER CHEPSTOW Multi purpose ship Bahamas 6714 9169873	16/08/2001 02:00 LT	Dar Es Salaam outer anchorage (Tanzania)	Twenty armed robbers boarded the ship and left within 20 minutes	Three mooring ropes stolen	Anti-piracy measures in place. Crew locked themselves in the accommodation	Yes. Port Authorities and Tanzanian High Commission in London informed for onward relaying to Tanzanian Authorities	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	No action taken
16	GRACE CAMELLIA Chemical tanker Singapore 4509 8323587	18/08/2001 02:00 LT	01°40'.00N 104°30'.00E Singapore strait	Twelve pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship while underway. They later fled in their speedboat	The Captain and four crewmembers taken hostage. Crew's personal belongings, ship's handphone, camera and cash stolen	-	Yes. MPA Singapore, MRCC Port Klang and SAR, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
17	KESTREL Tanker Liberia 30337 7391927	20/08/2001 03:30 LT	Abidjan port (Côte d'Ivoire)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor. They later escaped	Duty crew member threatened. His walkie- talkie and wristwatch stolen. Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes. Naval Base, Abidjan informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
18	DENISE C Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 26862 9169330	20/08/2001 05:10 LT	20 NM off Lagos (Nigeria)	Six pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship while drifting and later escaped	2 mooring ropes stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered on deck to scare off the armed robbers	Yes. Port control, the National Maritime Authority, Nigeria and ships in the vicinity informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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19	HEREFORD Ro-ro-cargo ship Bahamas 22116 7500839	23/08/2001 05:00 LT	Freetown port (Sierra Leone)	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship while at berth. One of them broke into one of the containers. When spotted they jumped into the water and escaped	Duty AB threatened with a knife. Container broken and part of the cargo stolen	Duty 2nd Officer spotted the armed robbers while making a routine check and frightened them off	Yes. Sierra Leone Embassy in United States informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Chief Officer's request for assistance from the port's security personnel refused
20	ANEMONE General cargo ship Greece 10274 7724679	26/08/2001 14:00 UTC	20°22'.00N 071°23'.00E Gulf of Kambhat (India)	Armed robbers in two fishing boats boarded the ship while under tow	Ship's stores stolen	The tug towing the ship raised the alarm but failed to foil the boarding	Yes, PRC relayed message to the MRCC Mumbai and Coast Guard HQ	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
21	ANEMONE General cargo ship Greece 10274 7724679	28/08/2001 03:28 UTC	20°37'.00N 071°40'.00E Indian Ocean (India)	Armed robbers from two fishing boats boarded the ship while under tow	-	Alarm raised	Yes. Indian Coast Guard and MRCC Mumbai informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
22	NORD TRAVE Bulk carrier Cyprus 39027 9224697	28/08/2001 04:30 LT	Inner anchorage Balikpapan (Indonesia)	Three armed robbers boarded the ship from a boat, while at anchor awaiting pilot for departure, before jumping overboard and escaping when spotted by the crew. There were also two more boats with several more persons in it. It was suspected that they were trying to board the ship	Mooring rope stolen	Anti-piracy watch spotted the robbers and informed the bridge which raised the alarm and alerted crew members	Yes, PRC relayed message to the PUSKODAL Naval HQ and SAR Jakarta	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
23	KOTA MANIS General cargo ship Marshall Islands 18936 8714918	29/08/2001 23:15 LT	Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)	While berthed, two robbers boarded the ship using a pole hooked to ship's railing. They jumped overboard when spotted by the crew and boarded two rowing boats with four other persons	-	-	Yes, PRC relayed message to the Naval HQ	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
24	GIWIN General cargo ship Malaysia 2593 7425560	30/08/2001 02:30 LT	01°24'.02N 104°39'.80E Singapore Strait	About eight to ten pirates armed with knives boarded the ship, while underway, from a boat	Captain and Chief engineer injured. 10,000 USD and personal belongings stolen	-	Yes, MPA Singapore informed and PRC relayed message to the SAR Jakarta, PUSKODAL Jakarta, Singapore Police Coast Guard and MECC/Marine Police HQ Malaysia	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	BALTIMAR VENUS General cargo ship Bahamas 2854 8807375	20/03/2001 02:00 Hrs	Salaverry (Peru)	Robbers armed with guns in four motor boats circled the ship while anchored outside Salaverry, due to heavy swells. One of them approached attempting to reach the ship using a grapple hook. They eventually went away	-	2nd Officer sounded alarm and ship's whistle. When searchlight directed on boats noted registration mark "SY064"	Yes, Harbour Master informed	BIMCO	-
2	VIRGINIA Bulk carrier Greece 28029 9223186	15/07/2001 01:00	Tanjung Priok anchorage (Indonesia)	Eight armed robbers in two motorboats came astern and starboardside and attempted to board the ship using hooks. They were spotted and fled	-	Alarm raised	Yes, Agent and authorities informed	BIMCO	Reports and statements taken
3	BUDI AMAN Container ship Malaysia 11982 8715467	01/08/2001 01:08 LT	Chittagong anchorage (Bangladesh)	Six armed robbers in a motorboat came alongside the ship while at anchor. They attempted to board but were spotted by the crew	-	Search lights directed on armed robbers	Yes, Coast Guard, Bangladesh informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	GLORY SELATAN VIII General cargo ship Panama 1668 8405103	02/08/2001 12:00 LT	14°55'.00N 119°45'.00E South China Sea	About 7 to 9 speed boats circled the ship while underway for about 3 hours and ordered the ship to stop	The pirates threatened the ship with objects that looked like bombs	Alarm raised and crew mustered with pressure fire hoses at the ready, which prevented boarding	Yes, Coast Guard, Manila informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
5	THOR INGER General cargo ship Denmark 1167 8714621	04/08/2001 02:30 LT	Balikpapan anchorage (Indonesia)	Armed robbers attempted to board the ship while at anchor but were spotted	No injuries suffered by crew	Watchman and two hired policemen spotted the armed robbers. The policemen fired warning shots in the air and the armed robbers retaliated with two shots and sped away in their boat	Yes, PUSKODAL and SAR, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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6	FABIAN SCHULTE Container ship Germany 15929 9138264	10/08/2001 00:10 LT	01°28'.00N 104°32'.00E Singapore Strait	A small wooden boat with four pirates approached the ship on the port side while underway. Another boat with another four pirates approached from the starboard side. When spotted both boats retreated	-	Alarm raised and all deck lights switched on and all crew alerted	Yes, PUSKODAL, SAR Djakarta, MPA Singapore and MRCC Port Klang informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
7	SEAGULL SPIRIT Chemical tanker Panama 744 8504454	17/08/2001 07:20 UTC	04°35'.00N 095°05'.00E Indian Ocean	Five pirates in a small boat fired on the ship while underway. They asked the Master to stop the engine and followed for a few minutes then fled	-	Increased speed	Yes, PUSKODAL and SAR, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
8	CEC PIONEER Container ship Denmark 2815 9015682	31/08/2001 09:15 LT	12°43'.00N 043°19'.00E 5 NM NW Off Mayyun Perim Island, Gulf of Aden (Yemen)	Twenty four armed robbers in four small fast fibre glass boats, tried to board the ship, while underway	-	The ship raised alarm, zig zagged course, increased speed and mustered all crew on deck	Yes, emergency piracy message sent via Inmarsat C and PRC relayed message to the Embassy of Yemen for onward transmission	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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