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## **REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS**

### **Issued monthly**

1 In pursuance of the Maritime Safety Committee's instruction to the Secretariat to issue monthly reports of all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships 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, summaries of reports on incidents received between 31 August 1998 (MSC/Circ.874) and 30 September 1998.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,285, an increase of 7 since 31 August 1998.

3 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by MSC/Circ.577 and addenda 1 to 13, MSC/Circ.679, MSC/Circ.698, MSC/Circ.701, MSC/Circ.703, MSC/Circ.708, MSC/Circ.711, MSC/Circ.712, MSC/Circ.713, MSC/Circ.716, MSC/Circ.717, MSC/Circ.719, MSC/Circ.722, MSC/Circ.724, MSC/Circ.757, MSC/Circ.764, MSC/Circ.766, MSC/Circ.767, MSC/Circ.769, MSC/Circ.770, MSC/Circ.779, MSC/Circ.782, MSC/Circ.784, MSC/Circ.786, MSC/Circ.791, MSC/Circ.793, MSC/Circ.817, MSC/Circ.820, MSC/Circ.821, MSC/Circ.823, MSC/Circ.826, MSC/Circ.830, MSC/Circ.831, MSC/Circ.835, MSC/Circ.839, MSC/Circ.841, MSC/Circ.844, MSC/Circ.869, MSC/Circ.870, MSC/Circ.873 and MSC/Circ.874 .

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## ANNEX

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

No.	Name of ship Type of ship Flag Gross tonnage IMO number	Date Time	Position of the incident*	Details of the incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and the crew	Was incident reported to the coastal authority? If so, to whom	Reporting State or international organization	Action taken by the Coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	<b>MARIBEL</b> (correction to MSC/Circ. 873) Chemical tanker Netherlands Norway	09/05/98	Kandla (India)					ICC-IMB	
2	<b>STAR TRONDANGER</b> (correction to MSC/Circ.873) Bulk carrier Netherlands Norway	11/05/98	Surabaya (Indonesia)					ICC-IMB	
3	<b>SEA HOPE</b> Bulk carrier Panama 26,572	19/08/98 06:25 hrs	01° 10' N 103° 40' E Near Raffles lighthouse (Indonesia)	Pirates in a speed boat followed the ship and attempted to board her	None	Master increased the speed to avoid boarding	Yes, Royal Malaysian Police, Singapore Radio and Indonesian Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB	No assistance needed as the Master reported that pirates aborted the attempt
4	<b>PAOLA II</b> Tanker Bahamas 52,105	21/08/98 21:00 hrs	01° 11' N 103° 25' E (Indonesia)	While underway, about five pirates boarded the ship and attacked the Chief Cook and Mechanic and injured them. They broke in Master's cabin	Chief Cook injured and US\$ 3,500 stolen	-	Singapore Coast Guard and Indonesian Police informed	ICC-IMB	-
5	<b>AGIOS GEORGIOS</b> Greece 574	02/09/98 02:00 hrs	Port of Freetown (Sierra Leone)	Four pirates armed with knives boarded the ship and assaulted the crew in order to seize the vessel	-	Crew managed to overpower one pirate and handed him over to the Police	Yes, local Police informed	Greece	-

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6	SPYROS Tanker Greece 53829	06/09/98 03:00 hrs	01° 27' S 116° 47' E Baikpapan (Indonesia)	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship through anchor chain	Three mooring ropes stolen			ICC-IMB	-
7	TRADEWIND OCEAN	09/09/98 04:30 hrs	Kingston, Georgetown (British Guyana)	Six pirates armed with knives boarded the ship. The AB tried to stop them but was chased with the knife	Four hoses and two lifebuoys stolen	The AB tried to stop the pirates and called for help	-	ICC - IMB	-
8	MERCURY STAR Bulk carrier Panama 36074	13/09/98 19:30 hrs	05° 31' 5" S 105° 19' 5" E Teluk Lampung (Indonesia)	Three armed pirates boarded the ship. They almost stabbed the Oiler on duty who managed to call for help. Pirates escaped by a standby motorized boat	Engine spare parts stolen	Crew chased the pirates away	-	ICC - IMB	-
9	GILL Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 11153	15/09/98 01:00 hrs	At anchor Tema Road (Ghana)	Twelve pirates boarded the ship and cut wishbones of padlocks. The Watchman tried to stop them but they blocked him with sticks and knives. Crew raised the alarm and the pirates jumped into the a boat and got away	980 litres of paints and thinners were stolen	Watchman tried to stop the pirates and the crew raised the alarm	Yes, Port Control Authorities and all ships informed	ICC - IMB	-

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