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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 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 October 1998 (MSC/Circ.877) and 30 November 1998.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,329, an increase of 22 since 31 October 1998.

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.835, MSC/Circ.839, MSC/Circ.841, MSC/Circ.844, MSC/Circ.869, MSC/Circ.870, MSC/Circ.873, MSC/Circ.874, MSC/Circ.875 and MSC/Circ.877.

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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	NEMESIS (correction to MSC/Circ.869, n°1) Fishing vessel Canada Cyprus 237 7366245		25 miles off the Egyptian coast	Pirates attacked the ship	Two crew members wounded	-	Yes, local authorities	United States	Investigation is being carried out
2	CALATAGAN Bulk carrier Philippines 12539 8201337	30/04/98	07° 08' 03 S 112° 40' 00 E (Indonesia)	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship	50 X 20 litres of paint stolen	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	SUNNY DIAMOND Tanker Panama 4341 8223921	04/06/98	Sandakan (Malaysia)	While berthed, pirates boarded the ship. They broke into provision locker and stole some items	US\$3,188 worth of items stolen	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	SEA EXPLORER II Container ship China 9085601	26/06/98	Guanata (Venezuela)	Two pirates armed with knives boarded the ship and threatened the chief officer when spotted. They escaped by boat	Seals of two containers broken and goods found missing	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	NAVAL GENT General cargo ship Malta 7341764	29/06/98	Mombasa (Kenya)	Pirates boarded the ship and off loaded sugar into a canoe. When a police officer fired warning shots, they jumped into the water and swam to shore	Sugar stolen	-	Yes, Police notified	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Police fired warning shots

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6	CHETTINAD TRADITION Bulk carrier India 26014 8317021	11/07/98	Tema (Ghana)	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship from a small boat	Mooring ropes stolen	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	RCL-A General cargo ship Thailand 8004765	25/07/98	Sandakan (Malaysia)	Six pirates armed with knives boarded the ship and held crew hostage at knife point	RM500 worth of rice stolen	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	SHEARER General cargo ship Bahamas 13521 8120832	03/08/98	Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)	While at anchor, armed pirates boarded the ship and attacked an able bodied seaman	Seaman attacked	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	MOAI Tanker Panama 27331 7393341	10/08/98	Kingston (Jamaica)	While at anchor, five pirates attempted to board the ship from a small boat	-	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
10	Name not reported Panama 7802	14/08/98	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship. Crew on watch spotted them and raised the alarm. Pirates jumped into the sea and escaped	Two lifebuoys and ropes stolen	Crew raised the alarm	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
11	PACTOL RIVER Tanker Liberia 18865 7932551	15/08/98	Callao (Peru)	While at anchor, about eight pirates, amongst twenty four, in two craft armed with knives and fire arms boarded the ship	Mooring ropes stolen	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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12	SKY BIRD General cargo ship Netherlands Antilles 2869 7701554	23/08/98	Conakry (Guinea)	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship and took two crew members hostage, dragged them to Master's cabin and took some cash	Master injured, two crew members held hostage and cash stolen	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
13	PACIFIC SPLENDOR Bulk carrier Bahamas 24791 8217518	06/09/98	04° 41' .02 N 098° 37' .02 E (Indonesia)	A high speed boat with 2-3 pirates on board attempted to board the ship but when the crew lit up the area by signal light, pirates turned away	-	Crew used signal light	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
14	LOUISA Chemical tanker Singapore 3672 6925111	08/09/98	22° 04' .08 N 118° 49' .08 E South China Sea	Pirates in camouflaged uniform and armed with automatic weapons boarded the ship, handcuffed all crew and locked them in a cabin. The ship was under pirates' control for almost six days and the crew was then released. Pirates changed the ship's name to "HOLLY" flying the Panama flag. LOUISA took shelter at Bitung port, Indonesia	All the ship's documents, cash, crew personnel effect and communication equipment stolen	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
15	ANTWERP BRIDGE	24/09/96	Douala (Cameroon)	While berthed, six pirates armed with knives boarded the ship and threatened two crew members	VHF radio damaged and duty officer's wrist watch stolen	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
16	TENYU General cargo ship Panama 2660 8514241	27/09/98	En route from Kuala Tanjong, Sumatra, to the Republic of Korea	Ship disappeared and fate unknown	-	-	Yes, Port Authorities, Customs and Trade officials notified	United States	Officials requested to provide information on the ship

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17	Name not reported Fishing vessel Malaysia	27/09/98	Bohayan Island Sabah (Malaysia)	Pirates armed with guns boarded the vessel and demanded the owner to hand over an outboard motor engine. When he refused and attempted to start the engine to flee, the pirates shot him dead	Owner shot dead	The deceased's two children jumped into the water and escaped	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
18	MA FOROE Cruise boat Papua New Guinea	11/10/98	Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea)	Five pirates, armed with knives, boarded the ship from a small boat. They threatened, punched and struck passengers with bottles	Passengers assaulted, money and valuables stolen	-	-	United States	-
19	BRITISH RESOLUTION Oil tanker Bermuda 7376654	29/10/98	Tabangao anchorage (Philippines)	Pirates boarded the ship but were disturbed by the watchkeepers	-	-	-	ICC - Piracy reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
20	SINGAPURA TIMUR Tanker Panama 1369 9146144	30/10/98 18:15 hrs	20° 27' .00 N 119° 52' .03 E South China Sea	Twelve pirates in two boats armed with guns boarded the ship and threatened the duty Officer. Pirates took ship's properties and crew money and threatened the crew not to make any radio call	Crew threatened and handcuffed. GMDSS Radio System, two sets of binoculars, two sets of electric safety lamps, crew money and valuables stolen	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
21	GLORY SELATAN	05/11/98	20° 07' N 118° 02' E South China Sea	About fifteen pirates wearing uniform forced the ship to stop. The Master managed to avoid them and altered course	-	-	-	ICC - Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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22	ERMINA General cargo ship Greece 500 6620228	07/11/98	Shengjin Port (Albania)	Four armed Albanian pirates boarded the ship. They locked the seven members of the crew in a cabin and stole some ship's equipment and crew's valuables	Ship's equipment and crew's valuables stolen	-	-	Greece	-
23	RUGIA Bulk carrier Malta 7170 8587510	09/11/98 22:00 hrs	Golden Grove anchorage, Georgetown (Guyana)	Five pirates boarded the ship and broke into the forecastle storeroom. Pirates were discovered by the crew and left shortly thereafter. A second attempt occurred probably from the same group of pirates but were repelled by the crew who sounded the alarm and fired rocket signals	Twenty-two pieces of twenty litres tins of paint and about 200m mooring ropes stolen	Crew sounded the alarm and fired rocket signals. Two more crew were patrolling the deck after the incident	Yes, Port Authority notified the Police	BIMCO	-

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