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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 28 February 1999 (MSC/Circ.902) and 31 March 1999.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,433, an increase of 38 since 28 February 1999.

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.899, MSC/Circ.902 and MSC/Circ.903.

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

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1	LYNX Bulk carrier Bahamas 15950	1/1/99	Kukubdia, Chittagong (Bangladesh)	While at anchor, about 15 pirates armed with knives boarded the ship from two boats	One crew held at knife point. Four mooring ropes stolen	Crew sounded the alarm	-	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	SINAR LOMBOK Container ship Panama 9949	5/1/99	06° 59' 00 N 103° 30' 00 E South China Sea	While underway, four wooden boats approached the ship and one metal hull boat came close to navigation firing at the bridge with shotgun	Ship hit by bullets	Advised all ships in the vicinity to be cautious	Yes, Thai Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	FU YUNG SIAN Tanker China 750	6/1/99	Off Lantau (China)	While underway, a speed boat with armed men approached the ship. They claimed to be mainland customs officers and hijacked the ship	Six crew members and fuel oil worth \$350,000 hijacked with the ship	-	Yes, Hong Kong, China Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Investigation carried out with another tanker in the vicinity
4	PRESNYA Tanker Cyprus	9/1/99	01° 14' 06 N 104° 02' 00 E Singapore Strait	While underway, three motor boats approached the ship	-	Search lights and fire pump activated	Yes, Singapore Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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5	PETRO CONCORD Tanker Singapore 7134	11/1/99	01° 09' .00 N 103° 47' .00 E Singapore Straits	While underway, a speed boat approached the ship and about 6 to 8 pirates were seen climbing onboard	-	Crew raised the alarm	Yes, VTIS Singapore informed which relayed to Singapore Coast Guard and Indonesian Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coast Guard boarded the ship and found no pirates
6	JURONG BEGONIA Container ship Singapore 8203	11/1/99	Phillip Channel	While underway, pirates boarded the ship. They stole crew's wrist watch but panicked when foot step noise was heard	AB held hostage and wrist watch stolen	Crew raised the alarm	Yes, Singapore VTIS informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Singapore Coast Guard boarded and searched the ship in vain
7	BACO LINER 3 Trading vessel Germany	14/1/99	Awodi Olifield (Nigeria)	While at anchor, six pirates armed with machetes, hammers and rifles boarded the ship from a speed boat	Crew injured. Ship's and crew's properties stolen	-	-	Germany	-
8	Name not reported Fishing craft Malaysia	15/1/99	Port Dickson (Malaysia)	While fishing, pirates boarded the craft and threw the two crew members into the water	Craft and fish worth \$750 stolen	-	Yes, Malaysian Police informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Police immediately sent a patrol to the scene

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9	VIRA BHUM Container ship Singapore 8412	15/1/99	05° 42' 00 S 105° 24' 00 E (Indonesia)	While underway, five pirates boarded the ship, tied up the crew on the bridge and robbed the Master and other crew members of cash and valuables	Crew member held hostage; US\$2,348 in cash and valuables stolen	-	Yes, Indonesian Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
10	SHORYU EMMY Chemical tanker Panama 4540	15/1/99	01° 03' 00 N 103° 38' 00 E Singapore Straits	While underway, pirates boarded the ship and held the crew hostage	Crew held hostage. Cash and valuables stolen	-	Yes, Singapore Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
11	CUMBRIAN EXPRESS	15/1/99	Phillip Channel	While underway, pirates boarded the ship and tied up the third engineer	-	Crew raised the alarm	Yes, VTIS Singapore informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
12	CHAUMONT Tanker France (T.A.A.F.) 131654	16/1/99	01° 04' 08 N 103° 41' 00 E Phillip Channel	While underway, about five pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship and held the crew hostage	-	-	Yes, VTIS Singapore informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
13	NORDANA BENEFACTOR Container ship Bahamas 13237	16/1/99	Genoa (Italy)	While berthed, an armed robber boarded the ship and attacked the Master	-	Crew members captured the robber and handed him over to the Police	Yes, local Police contacted	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Police arrested the robber and interviewed the crew

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14	ARMALA Tanker Malta 22806	18/1/99	01° 03' 00 N 103° 41' 00 E Singapore Straits	While underway, five armed pirates boarded the ship	Master injured and ship's cash stolen	-	Yes, Singapore and Indonesian Authorities informed by the Piracy Centre	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
15	TN DIAMOND Tanker Malta 22806	23/1/99	Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship from canoes and then fled	-	Alert crew brandished pipes and iron bars	Yes, Port Control informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Port Control acknowledged but no action was taken
16	NANSHIN Tanker Panama 1457	26/1/99	01° 21' 44 N 104° 25' 03 E Singapore Straits	While underway, pirates boarded the ship	Ship's cash worth US\$20,000 stolen	-	Yes, Singapore Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
17	FALCON Tanker Singapore 4093	26/1/99	03° 02' 03 S 106° 59' 0.8 E (Indonesia)	While underway, pirates boarded the ship, held crew hostage and robbed them	US\$8,500 stolen from the ship's safe as well as crew's cash and valuables	-	Yes, Indonesian Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
18	ENERGY PEGASUS Bulk carrier	31/1/99	03° 25' 00 S 118° 05' 00 E (Indonesia)	While underway, a pirate boat approached the ship. The boat moved away when the crew shined the Aldis light	-	Crew switched on the Aldis light	Yes, Indonesian Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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19	LOULWAT QATAR Tanker Qatar 40993	31/1/99	06° 45' 32 S 039° 19' 80 E (Tanzania)	Six to eight pirates boarded the ship	An old inflated liferaft, one coil nylon mooring rope and wire mooring rope stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
20	APOLLO DELAPAN General cargo ship Panama 6369	16/2/99 02:00 LT	Samarinda (Indonesia)	While waiting for cargo, ten pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship	One wrist watch and a new pair of shoes stolen	-	Yes, Indonesian Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ISF	-
21	THOR SEA General cargo ship Thailand 10572	16/2/99 03:15 LT	00° 08' 00 N 117° 34' 06 E Bontang (Indonesia)	While at anchor, six pirates boarded the ship	-	-	Yes, Port Control and Agent informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
22	CAPE IRIS Bulk carrier Panama 75871	22/2/99	Guaiba Island (Brazil)	While berthed, four pirates armed with shotguns and hand-guns boarded the ship	US\$13,468 in cash, gold rings, gold necklaces, camera and wrist watch stolen	-	Yes, Local Authorities informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
23	Name not reported	22/2/99	Conakry (Guinea)	While at anchor, armed pirates boarded the ship and started firing at the bridge	-	-	BIMCO has appealed to the Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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24	ANDHIKA ADINUGRAHA Tanker Panama 13258	24/2/99 05:00 LT	01° 05' .00 N 103° 43' .00 E Singapore Straits	While underway, four pirates armed with swords and knives boarded the ship and entered the Master's cabin. They threatened the Master at knife point and tied him up	Master's cash and ship's mobile phone stolen	-	-	ISF	-
25	EGLANTINE Ro-ro ship Luxembourg 10335	25/2/99	Haiphong (Vietnam)	While berthed, pirates boarded the ship unnoticed	Two mooring ropes stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
26	YA SAMADU General cargo ship Panama 9194	26/2/99	03° 02' .00 S 107° 18' .06 E (Indonesia)	While underway, a dinghy attempted to board the ship	-	Crew sounded the alarm	Yes, Indonesian Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
27	STOLT EFFICIENCY Chemical tanker Liberia 22000	26/2/99	Belawan (Indonesia)	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship and broke into the paint store	Paint stolen	-	Yes, Indonesian Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
28	ANEMIS Liberia 4189	28/2/99	03° 00' .00 S E.Lepar Island (Indonesia)	While underway, about five pirates boarded the ship	Cash and valuables stolen	-	Yes, Indonesian Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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29	GEORGE General cargo ship Bahamas 11420	1/3/99	Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)	While at anchor, about twenty-five pirates boarded the ship and broke open the forecastle store	Paint and mooring rope stolen	-	Yes, Port Control contacted	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
30	KIMANIS	2/3/99	Bangkok bar (Thailand)	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship, jumped into the water when spotted by the duty officer and escaped in an unfit small boat	-	The duty officer spotted the pirates	Yes, Thai Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
31	DESTINY Tanker Singapore 23333	3/3/99	Ko Si Chang (Thailand)	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship	Two mooring ropes stolen	-	Yes, Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Marine Police patrol boat arrived on scene
32	BELUGA Bulk carrier Malta 15548	6/3/99	Bintulu Port, Sarawak (Malaysia)	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship and escaped in a boat	920 litres of paint stolen	-	Yes, Port Control contacted	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
33	FORTUNATO LPG tanker Panama 3651 8011043	8/3/99 03:15 hrs	08° 48' 00 S 013° 15' 00 E Off Luanda (Angola)	Pirates boarded the ship	Some ship's properties stolen	-	Yes, Port Authorities informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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34	CAROLA Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 2610	10/3/99	Dakar (Senegal)	While underway, a pirate boat approached the ship and some pirates boarded by means of ropes	-	-	Yes, Dakar Control informed by VHF	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
35	FIONA	12/3/99	01° 14' 02 N 104° 00' 00 E Singapore Straits	While underway, pirates boarded the ship and robbed the Master	Electronic diary and US\$350 stolen	-	Yes, Singapore Port Master informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
36	MAERSK TELUK Bulk carrier Singapore 37086	12/3/99	02° 04' 00 S 117° 17' 04 E Samarinda (Indonesia)	While berthed, pirates boarded the ship	Mooring ropes stolen	-	Yes, Local Authorities and Police informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
37	FORTUNE 22 Bulk carrier Liberia 91188	15/3/99	06° 26' 04 S 105° 08' 05 E (Indonesia)	While underway, two pirate boats attempted to come alongside with the intent to board the ship. When the ship altered course to avoid the boarding, one pirate boat collided with the ship	Ship's hull damaged	-	Yes, Indonesian Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
38	IVORY BAY General cargo ship Panama 5470	21/3/99 21:00 UTC	00° 59' 80 S 117° 17' 80 E Samarinda (Indonesia)	While anchored, ten pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship and attacked the AB on patrol	Three mooring ropes stolen	-	-	ISF	-

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