



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

### Issued monthly - Acts reported during May 1999

1 In pursuance of the Maritime Safety Committee's instruction to the Secretariat to issue monthly reports of all incidents of piracy<sup>1</sup> 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 30 April 1999 (MSC/Circ.906) and 31 May 1999.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,479, an increase of 24 since 30 April 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, MSC/Circ.904 and MSC/Circ.906.

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<sup>1</sup>The following definition of piracy is contained in article 101 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS):

“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).”



# ANNEX

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

N°	Ship's name Type of ship Flag Gross tonnage IMO n°	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/Circ. 923 ANNEX Page 1	
									Action by the coastal State	10
1	EASTERN QUEEN Bulk carrier Panama 37550 9082922	30/01/99 22:00 hrs	04°02' .00S 105°59' .00E Tanjung Layar, Borneo (Indonesia)	While at anchor, armed robbers boarded the ship	Two mooring ropes and forty-two tins of paint stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-	-
2	MARINE MASTER General dry cargo ship Panama 5590 7706354	17/03/99	09°10' .00N 097°10' .00E Andaman Sea, off the West coast of Thailand	While sailing, the ship was approached by two fishing vessels and a speed boat with twenty pirates on board. Some of the pirates were in army uniforms and all of them had machine guns or pistols and wore face masks. The crew were pushed into the two fishing vessels accompanied by five pirates in each vessel. On 21 March 1999, all the sixteen members of the crew were forced into small inflatable rafts and were later rescued by fishing vessels passing by	Ship missing	-	-	ICC-IMB	-	-
3	MIHALIS P Bulk carrier Greece 37324 8005927	26/03/99	Tarahan (Indonesia)	While at anchor, armed robbers boarded the ship	One mooring rope stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-	-

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4	MIHALIS P Bulk carrier Greece 37324 8005927	27/03/99	Tarahan (Indonesia)	While at anchor, armed robbers boarded the ship	-	-	-	ICC-IMB	-	-
5	PARASKEVI Bulk carrier Greece 19669 7906277	28/03/99 22:00 hrs	08°09' 00N 050°43' 00E Off the coast of Somalia (Somalia)	The ship was attacked by armed robbers who shot from two speed boats and left after 15 minutes of shooting	No serious damage occurred	The master sounded the alarm and sent a distress signal. The crew remained in the accommodation. The ship was put on full speed	-	Greece	-	-
6	MIHALIS P Bulk carrier Greece 37324 8005927	28/03/99	Sunda Strait (Indonesia)	While sailing, robbers armed with knives boarded the ship and tried to take control of the bridge	-	The crew chased the armed robbers away	-	ICC	-	-
7	HORNESTRAND General dry cargo ship Denmark (DIS) 808 8023931	28/03/99 00:20 LT	Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)	While at anchor, one armed robber boarded the ship unnoticed and removed a hatch box from the CO2 room. When spotted by the officer on watch, the armed robber threatened him with a knife but left when the rest of the crew arrived on the scene	Hatch box containing shackle stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-	-

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8	ANNA OLDENDORFF Bulk carrier Liberia 11263 9084267	01/04/99 03:00 LT	07°01'.30N 121°50'.54E Off Zamboanga Peninsula (Philippines)	An armed robbers' boat attempted to come alongside the ship but the crew on the bridge directed the Aidis light at it. The boat went away	-	All the crew mustered on deck and all deck lights were switched on	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-	
9	MELROSE Gas carrier-LPG Bahamas 1999 7106944	08/04/99 01:15 hrs	Benny anchorage (Nigeria)	While underway, about fifteen robbers armed with guns and wearing commando uniforms attempted to board the ship	-	Crew raised the alarm followed by long blast on the whistle	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-	
10	GAS AL AHMADI Gas carrier-LPG Kuwait 42904 7401174	10/04/99 20:00 hrs	01°16'.00N 104°09'.00E Singapore Straits	While underway, pirates in a speed boat attempted to board the ship	-	-	Yes, VTC Singapore informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-	
11	SPIC PEARL Chemical tanker India 13514 7431181	11/04/99 16:30 UTC	12°39'.00N 047°57'.00E Off Somalia (Somalia)	While underway, an armed robbers' boat started firing at the ship	Bridge port hole smashed	-	Yes, Bahrain Radio informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-	
12	SINFA General dry cargo ship Singapore 8937 7109037	14/04/99 21:00 hrs	Dumai anchorage, Sumatra (Indonesia)	While at berth, armed robbers boarded the ship	One liferaft stolen	-	Yes, Port Control informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-	

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13	CROWLEY AMERICAS Container ship Germany 23897 9124378	19/04/99	Port of Guayaquil (Ecuador)	Armed robbers boarded the ship unnoticed and broke into a container	Forty-one cartons of automatic lamps and shoes stolen	-	Yes, Port authority informed	BIMCO	-
14	AUBISQUE Chemical tanker Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 6165 7625627	20/04/99 20:00 LT	At anchor in the mouth of the Congo River, Moita Seca (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	While at anchor, four armed robbers dressed in military clothes in a wooden pirogue with outboard motor fired at the ship	The ship made to the open sea	-	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	-	-
15	CHEM UNITY Oil tanker Panama 4697 7016852	20/04/99 15:00 UTC	Bintulu anchorage, Sarawak (Malaysia)	While at anchor, about four armed robbers boarded the ship	Three tins of paint, one flashlight and one turnbuckle stolen	-	Yes, Port Control informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
16	Name not reported Tug	22/04/99	Forcados (Nigeria)	Three armed robbers boarded the ship	-	-	Yes, Port authority informed	BIMCO	An intervention of the Nigerian Military Forces stopped the attack
17	MCC VANTAGE Container ship Cyprus 5400 7422893	23/04/99 02:30 LT	Penang, inner anchorage (Malaysia)	While at anchor, armed robbers boarded the ship, opened one container and started throwing goods from it into a waiting boat	Goods from one container stolen	Crew on alert	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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18	RATHROWAN Tanker Norway (NIS) 2920 9004815	26/04/99 23:50 LT	02°56'.00S 106°58'.00E 4 NM East of Lepar Island (Indonesia)	While sailing, six Indonesian speaking robbers armed with parangs boarded the ship and entered the bridge. They tied up the second mate and bosun and went to the Master's cabin to steal the ship's cash	The bosun had a slight knife cut on his arm and was hit a few times. US\$3,500 in cash, one camera, a wristwatch and sunglasses stolen	-	-	BIMCO	-	
19	MONTERREY Bulk carrier Netherlands 31430 8509387	26/04/99 19:35 LT	13°14'.70N 100°44'.70E 4.5 NM North-West of Ko Si Chang (Thailand)	While at anchor, armed robbers boarded the ship unnoticed and broke into the forecandle	50 container securing turnbuckles stolen	-	Yes, RCC Bangkok Port Control informed	BIMCO	-	
20	ATLAS Bulk carrier Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 23525 7927740	27/04/99 19:30 UTC	Samarinda anchorage, Borneo (Indonesia)	While at anchor, five armed robbers boarded the ship and attacked the officer on duty	One crew member injured. Mooring ropes stolen	-	Yes, Port Control contacted but no response	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-	
21	COSMIC CHALLENGER Container ship Philippines 7388 8920153	27/04/99 22:15 LT	03°18'.00N 112°55'.00E Bintulu, Sarawak (Malaysia)	While at anchor, robbers armed with knives and guns boarded the ship and attempted to steal mooring ropes	-	Crew chased away the armed robbers	Yes, Bintulu Port Authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Port patrol boat arrived on scene and personnel went on board to assist	

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22	PEORIA Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 36615 9105891	28/04/99 22:00 UTC	Tanjung Bara anchorage, Kalimantan (Indonesia)	While at anchor, armed robbers boarded the ship	Ship's properties stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-	
23	SIDRELA Bulk carrier Bahamas 22009 8316285	28/04/99 22:15 LT	00°45' 19S 104°29' 08E Off Sumatra (Indonesia)	While sailing, armed robbers boarded the ship and overpowered the third officer on the bridge. They came to the Master's cabin and threatened to kill him if an alarm was raised. They forced the Master to open the safe	US\$9,926 and a gold bangle stolen	-	-	BIMCO	-	
24	PAE BALI	01/05/99 05:30 LT	02°24' 00S 105°39' 50E Selat Bangka (Indonesia)	While underway, armed robbers in three small boats attempted to go alongside the ship	-	The duty chief officer and AB thwarted the attempt	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-	

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