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

### Issued monthly - Acts reported during October 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, the summary of a report on incidents received between 30 September 1999 (MSC/Circ.934) and 31 October 1999.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,577, an increase of 34 since 30 September 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, MSC/Circ.906, MSC/Circ.923, MSC/Circ.925, MSC/Circ.928, MSC/Circ.933 and MSC/Circ.934.

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<sup>1</sup> "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)."



## ANNEX

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

N <sup>o</sup>	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/Circ. 936 ANNEX Page 1
									Action by the coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	CHAUMONT  France 13654 7377048	16/01/99  22:50 LT	01°04'.80N 103°41'.90E Phillip Channel (Singapore)	Four to five robbers armed with machetes and large knives boarded the ship while underway. They entered the Captain's dining room where they found the second officer and the steward. They tied the hands of the mate, threatened him and asked where the Captain and money were. They fled when the alarm was raised	-	Alarm raised	Yes, VTS informed	France	-
2	MILLENIUM CONDOR Bulk carrier United Kingdom (Cayman Islands)  8005472	16/01/99	Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)	Five armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor. They held a duty crewman hostage and forced him to take them to the Captain. The Captain was able to communicate with the bridge by walkie-talkie and the robbers fled after tying up the hostage in a cabin toilet	-	-	-	United Kingdom (Cayman Islands)	-
3	EASTERN QUEEN Bulk carrier Panama 37550 9082922	30/04/99	04°02'.00S 115°59'.00E Pulau Laut (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Two mooring ropes and 42 tins of paint stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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4	NORDISLE Tanker Cyprus 57148 9150389	16/06/99 01:15 LT	Abidjan - Offshore terminal CBM-SIR-1 (Côte d'Ivoire)	Two watchmen noticed a total of 7 robbers armed with long knives and spears who suddenly appeared near the forecastle area. The watch officer was informed by walkie-talkie. The ship's whistle was sounded continuously and the armed robbers fled in two boats	Two ropes stolen	Whistle sounded and Abidjan Port Control informed - VHF	Abidjan Port Control and Port Police informed	BIMCO	Abidjan Police investigated
5	INDIAN GOODWILL General dry cargo ship India 14108 7627364	08/08/99	03°54'.80N 098°45'.26E Belawan harbour (Indonesia)	About 7 or 8 armed robbers boarded the ship while underway from a small boat. They broke open the forepeak store	160 litres of paint and ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
7	GOLDEN ASIA Chemical tanker Panama 3868 9110145	09/08/99	Merak Anchorage (Indonesia)	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while at anchor	-	Watchmen repelled the armed robbers	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	WUNSCHTRAUM Yacht United States	09/08/99	West of Gizo Guidal Canal, Honiara (Solomon Islands)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while underway	-	The crew managed to repel the armed robbers	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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8	FULL RICH Bulk carrier Liberia 24055 9074066	10/08/99	01°42'.00S 116°38'.00E (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship while at anchor	One crew member assaulted	Alert crew deterred the robbers	PRC- Relayed to Marine police and broadcast warning	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
9	LARGO General dry cargo ship Panama 5518 9016181	15/08/99	Samarinda (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and took one duty seaman hostage, tied his hands and robbed him	Valuables stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	ROSEWOOD General dry cargo ship India 3292 5363770	16/08/99	Muara Berau anchorage (Indonesia)	About ten armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor from a wooden boat which came alongside	22 drums of paint stolen	-	PRC- Relayed to Marine police and broadcast warning	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	PRC- Relayed to Marine police and broadcast warning
11	JAKARTA STAR I Container ship Cyprus 14920	19/08/99	05°46'.20S 108°44'.20E (Indonesia)	Armed robbers from a nearby boat boarded the ship while underway. They attempted to enter the bridge but, when spotted by the watch officer, they fired three shots with a gun	No injuries to crew or armed robbers. Bridge window shattered	Alarm raised	PRC- Relayed to Marine police and broadcast warning	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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12	PORTHOS General dry cargo ship Netherlands 2351 7639616	23/08/99	01°21'.00S 116°59'.00E Balikpapan (Indonesia)	Robbers on two boats armed with pistols attempted to board the ship while at anchor	-	Alarm raised	PRC- Relayed to Marine police and broadcast warning	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
13	PACIFIC HARMONY Tanker Singapore 49701 8818207	27/08/99	18°38'.00N 119°26'.00E South China Sea	A suspicious boat mounted with a gun on the fore deck attempted to come alongside the ship while underway. The Master sounded the alarm and informed all ships in the area via VHF channel 16 giving the pirate boat's position. No boarding took place	-	Alarm raised. All ships in the vicinity warned via VHF	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	PRC- Warning broadcast
14	RUBIN PEONY Bulk carrier Panama 69064 9172557	28/08/99	Tarahan (Indonesia)	About three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while at anchor and attempted to enter the wheel house but were seen by alert watchman. They escaped in a speed boat	-	Horn and alarm raised	PRC- Relayed to broadcast warning, informed marine police and harbour master	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
15	PACIFIC BRAVERY Tanker Panama 68300	30/08/99	01°21'.60S 116°58'.00E Balikpapan (Indonesia)	A boat with an unknown number of armed robbers attempted to come alongside the ship while at anchor	-	The duty policeman fired three warning shots	PRC - Relayed to broadcast warning, Marine police and Harbour Master	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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16	BEATRICE Tanker Panama 5257 9118903	01/09/99	Belawan port (Indonesia)	About six armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Paint stolen	Alarm raised	PRC- Relayed to broadcast warning, informed Marine police and Harbour Master	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
17	VEKUA Tanker Malta 10948 8517011	04/09/99	01°17'.50N 106°34'.50E (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while underway, assaulted one crew member and left on a high speed boat	One crew member injured	Alarm raised	PRC- Relayed to broadcast warning, informed Marine police and Harbour Master	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
18	SPIROS Tanker Liberia 59353 7358004	09/09/99	Tg. Priok Roads (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and entered the engine room. They held oiler as hostage and stole engine spares	One crew held hostage and engine spares stolen	Alarm raised	PRC- Relayed to broadcast warning, informed Marine police and Harbour Master	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
19	CONSTELLATION Yacht United Kingdom	11/09/99	Off the coast of Somalia	Pirates boarded the yacht while underway	One British crew member shot dead	-	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
20	HAMILTON General dry cargo ship Bahamas 13521 7706835	13/09/99	Rio Haina (Dominican Republic)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while berthed and tried to enter the Master's cabin	Crew's valuables stolen	-	PRC- Relayed to National SAR Agency via US Coast Guard	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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21	DIGNITY Tanker Singapore 8137 7910967	13/09/99	22°13'.40N 091°43'.10E Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and attempted to break open the fore-castle store	-	Alert crew raised the alarm and repelled the armed robbers	Port control informed. PRC-Relayed to broadcast warning, informed Coast Guard and navy	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
22	MAERSK ATLANTIC Container ship Singapore 14063	16/09/99	02°50'.00S 106°58'.00E Selat Leplia (Indonesia)	About five robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while underway and entered the Master's cabin	Master, Chief Mate, Duty AB taken hostage and threatened	-	PRC- Relayed to Marine police, Harbour Master and broadcast warning	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
23	ALAM AMAN Bulk carrier Malaysia 16927 8014772	16/09/99	05°55'.00S 105°57'.00E (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while underway and tied up the Master and the Chief Engineer	Ship's equipment, cash and valuables stolen	-	PRC- Relayed to Marine police, Harbour Master and broadcast warning	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
24	SINCERE SUCCESS Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 17130 9019030	16/09/99	05°34'.00S 113°08'.40E (Indonesia)	A pirate boat attempted to board the ship while underway	-	Alarm raised	PRC- Relayed to Marine police, Harbour Master and broadcast warning	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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25	ORIENTAL PRIDE General dry cargo ship Philippines 4887 9014482	16/09/99	03°13'.90S 116°13'.60E Kota Baru (Indonesia)	The watchman spotted about three armed robbers on the fore-castle of the ship while at anchor breaking open the paint locker. He informed the bridge via walkie-talkie and the general alarm was raised. The armed robbers panicked, jumped into the water and escaped	Paint locker broken open	Alarm raised. All crew mustered on deck	PRC- Relayed to Marine police, Harbour Master and broadcast warning	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
26	DUKE Tanker Singapore 16793 8014241	17/09/99	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor from a small boat from astern and broke open rope locker	Three mooring ropes stolen		Port control informed. PRC- Relayed to Coast Guard, Chittagong and broadcast warning	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
27	GEM OF VIZAG Bulk carrier India 48320 8614479	18/09/99	Chennai (India)	About four armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Mooring ropes and empty drums stolen	Alarm raised	Port control informed. PRC- Relayed to Coast Guard, Madras and broadcast warning	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
28	UNTERWALDEN Bulk carrier Switzerland 27552 9137428	21/09/99	Conakry roads (Guinea)	A boat followed the ship while underway. The robbers were armed with a long pole attached to a hook	-	Alarm raised	PRC - Relayed to National SAR Guinea	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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29	JOY WORLD General dry cargo ship Netherlands 3971 7624300	22/09/99	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Robbers armed with swords boarded the ship while at anchor	Armed robbers tried to attack the crew. Ropes stolen		Port control informed. PRC- Relayed to Coast Guard, Chittagong and broadcast warning	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
30	MARYLAKI Bulk carrier Malta 22118 8110100	22/09/99	Jakarta anchorage (Indonesia)	Armed robbers on a boat attempted to board the ship while at anchor using a hook and rope	-	Alert crew removed hook. Pirates left immediately. Alarm raised	PRC- Relayed to Marine police, Harbour Master and broadcast warning	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
31	CHESAPEAKE CITY Tanker United States 89279 7924968	25/09/99	Semangaka (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and entered the engine room. They escaped when the general alarm was raised	One crew member was assaulted	Alarm raised	PRC- Relayed to Marine police, Harbour Master and broadcast warning	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
32	YU JIA General dry cargo ship China 15210 7422843	25/09/99	Mullativu (Sri Lanka)	Armed robbers' boats fired rocket propelled grenades at the ship while underway causing some damage. The ship is now in Trincomalee harbour	One crew member slightly injured. Ship suffered damage to bridge and hull	-	MRCC China. PRC - Relayed to Sri Lankan navy	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
33	GREEN VALLEY Tanker Liberia 60959	26/09/99	Balikpapan (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor via anchor cable and fled when the crew raised alarm	-	Alarm raised	PRC- Relayed to Marine police, Harbour Master and broadcast warning	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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34	P&O NEDLLOYD CHILE Container ship Philippines 18037 8707434	30/09/99	Buenaventura (Colombia)	Robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the ship while drifting in anchorage	Ship's stores stolen	-	Coast Guard informed. PRC - Relayed to National SAR CC Coast Guard	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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