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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 piracy¹ 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 reports on incidents received between 29 February 2000 (MSC/Circ.941) and 31 March 2000.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,751, an increase of 51 since 29 February 2000.

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.940 and MSC/Circ.941.

¹ "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

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1	PIONEER SPIRIT General cargo ship Malta 12233 9037044	17/12/99 01:35 LT	Abidjan, Outer Anchorage (Côte d'Ivoire)	Nine robbers armed with knives approached in three small boats and boarded the ship while at anchor using grappling hooks	One mooring rope stolen	Watchman spotted armed robbers. Alarm raised	Yes, port authority informed	BIMCO	Three officers were sent on board to investigate the incident
2	SINAR JAVA Container ship Singapore 10756 8415677	03/01/00	Colombo Anchorage (Sri Lanka)	Robbers armed with guns boarded the ship while at anchor	Cargo from containers stolen	Alarm raised	Yes, Sri Lankan Navy and MRCC informed	BIMCO ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Army watchman fired at the armed robbers' boat
3	GEMINI Oil tanker Singapore 17125 7372634	04/01/00	Muara Karang, Jakarta (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while berthed	Two crew members taken hostage. Ship's equipment stolen	-	Yes, port authority and SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	ARIEL Bulk carrier Viet Nam 19279 7621188	04/01/00	Mongla Anchorage (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	A crew member held hostage. Ship's equipment stolen	-	Yes, Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
5	NAGA Oil tanker Bahamas 52716 7823918	05/01/00	Lawi Lawi Anchorage (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while at anchor	-	Anti-piracy measures	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	PARIS Container ship Liberia 18000 8902137	07/01/00	Tanjung Priok Anchorage (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while berthed	Several spare parts stolen from the engine stores	-	Yes, Tanjung Priok authorities and Harbour Master informed	BIMCO	-
7	JULIE TIDE Tug Vanuatu 744 8127414	08/01/00	08°10'.00N 102°41'.00E Gulf of Thailand	Pirates attempted to board the ship while at anchor	-	Anti-piracy measures	Yes, Thai MRCC informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
8	NOBLE STAR Bulk carrier Panama 38364 9159543	12/01/00	Kosichang (Thailand)	Armed robbers attempted to board the ship while underway	-	Anti-piracy measures	Yes, Thai MRCC informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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9	SATURN II Bulk carrier Panama 35586 8000549	12/01/00	01°46'.00N 102°32'.00E Malacca Strait	Five pirates armed with guns approached in a small boat and attempted to board the ship while underway	-	Anti-piracy measures	Yes, SAR authority and Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	IBNU Oil tanker Panama 22367 9043988	16/01/00 03:50 LT	01°45'.00N 102°35'.00E Malacca Strait	Four pirates boarded the ship while underway and broke into the Chief mate's cabin	Chief mate was threatened and had his hands tied up and his belongings stolen together with two ship's radios	Chief mate broke free and raised the alarm	Yes, SAR authority, Singapore Coast Guard and Malaysian Marine Police informed	BIMCO ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
11	HADIYAH Oil tanker Kuwait 75029 8619467	16/01/00	06°09'.80N 091°42'.10E SW of Nicobar Islands	Pirates boarded the ship while underway	Ship's equipment stolen	-	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	BANDUNG ACE General cargo ship Panama 7633 9100542	16/01/00	Sungai Pakning (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while underway	Ship's cash and crew's personal effects stolen	-	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
13	OCEAN ELLIE Bulk carrier Cyprus 10421 9118238	17/01/00	Kota Baru Anchorage (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with guns boarded the ship while at anchor	AB threatened. Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
14	MUSSANDAM	17/01/00	01°37'.00N 102°57'.00E Malacca Strait	Pirates in a speed boat attempted to board the ship while underway	-	Search lights directed at the boat	Yes, Coast Guard and SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
15	NASIA Bulk carrier Cyprus 92300 8406078	17/01/00 02:00 LT	Sepetiba (Brazil)	Five to six robbers armed with guns boarded the ship while at anchor	\$3600 in cash, ship's stores and crew's personal effects stolen	-	Yes, Septiba port authorities and RCC informed	BIMCO ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
16	SMIT-LLOYD 31 Tug Bahamas 1089 8213897	19/01/00 03:40 LT	Olibiri (Nigeria)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while underway	Three crew members suffered cuts and bruises	-	Yes, RCC Lagos informed	BIMCO ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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17	HANJIN BREMEN Container ship Greece 37134 9001045	20/01/00	04°37'.00N 098°43'.00E Malacca Strait	Pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship while underway	Crew threatened. Crew's and Captain's personal effects stolen	-	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
18	TAN LONG General cargo ship Viet Nam 4414 8223763	20/01/00	Tanjung Priok (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship while at anchor	Two crew members held hostage. Ship's equipment stolen	-	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
19	VALIANT Oil tanker Liberia 54962 8920854	21/01/00	01°13'.25N 103°33'.85E Malacca Strait	Pirates in a small boat attempted to board the ship while at anchor	-	Anti-piracy watch	Yes, SAR authority, Marine Police and Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
20	SEABULK LINCOLN 6 Tug 1089	22/01/00 04:00 LT	6 miles off Funiwa (Nigeria)	Armed robbers fired at the ship while underway	Ship's starboard side and a portable diesel fuel tank damaged	-	Yes, RCC Lagos informed	BIMCO ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
21	EQUITY Chemical tanker Panama 7150 8407539	22/01/00	Mombasa Anchorage (Kenya)	Two armed robbers approached in two canoes and boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores and equipment stolen	-	Yes, Kenyan authorities informed through the United States Embassy	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
22	ARKTIS MARINER General cargo ship Denmark (DIS) 6285 9103362	22/01/00 03:00 LT	Abidjan, Inner Anchorage No.4 (Côte d'Ivoire)	Two armed robbers boarded the ship	The watchman was threatened with a knife and tied up with a rope and his watch, shoes and portable VHF radio were stolen. One mooring rope was damaged by a machete cut	The watchman raised the alarm as soon as he managed to free himself	Yes, Abidjan Port Control informed	BIMCO	-
23	SUN SUMA General cargo ship Bahamas 26204 7631511	23/01/00 22:45 LT	Fazendinha (Brazil)	Four robbers armed with crow bars boarded the ship while at anchor	40 drums of paint stolen	-	Yes, RCC Rio de Janeiro informed	BIMCO ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
24	CONTSHIP CHAMPION Container ship Germany 31206 9137909	23/01/00	Suez Canal, Outer Anchorage (Egypt)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes, RCC Egypt informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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25	DAIHUNG Oil tanker Slovenia 18055	25/01/00	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	-	Anti-piracy measures	Yes, Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
26	DING AN General cargo ship China 4494 8113982	26/01/00	Dumai Port (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while berthed	An oiler slightly injured	-	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
27	RED MARTIN I Supply ship Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 1329 7402532	26/01/00 01:15 UTC	04°03'.00N 005°56'.00E Off Nigeria	Seven pirates armed with machine- guns boarded the ship	Master and second engineer suffered minor injuries. Large amount of the ship's equipment together with crew's personal effects stolen	-	-	BIMCO	-
28	GUR MAIDEN General cargo ship Bahamas 9886 7510913	27/01/00	Chittagong Anchorage (Bangladesh)	About thirty-two armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Four mooring ropes, one rubber hose, two cargo clusters and four cargo slings stolen	-	-	BIMCO	-
29	SEAGLORY Bulk carrier Cyprus 16827 7600172	28/01/00	Belawan (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while at anchor	-	Crew prevented the armed robbers from stealing anything	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
30	SWIFT Heavy load carrier Netherlands Antilles 22835 8113554	30/01/00	Escravos river (Nigeria)	Armed robbers in a fast motor launch opened fire and attempted to stop the ship while underway	-	Yes, Pilot station contacted	Yes, RCC Lagos informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
31	COURAGEVENTURE Chemical tanker Liberia 18812 7913804	31/01/00 23:05 LT	01°13'.00N 103°30'.00E TSS after "Raffles" Off Singapore	A fishing boat towing a speed boat was spotted by the third officer. The speed boat was released from the fishing boat and headed directly towards the ship at high speed. The boat approached about 25 meters off ship's port quarter and then altered course and disappeared	-	Crew was alerted by public address system, ALDIS lamp was directed at the boat and the Anti-piracy deck patrol was present at the poop deck. Ship's whistle was blown constantly	Yes, vessel traffic info service (VTIS - W sector 7) on VHF informed	BIMCO	-

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32	MARITIME WISDOM Bulk carrier Singapore 38379 9036791	31/01/00	Adang Bay (Indonesia)	Armed robbers attempted to board the ship while at anchor	-	Anti-piracy measures	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
33	PILIN-21	06/02/00	11°69'.60N 095°04'.80E E of Andaman Islands	Pirates boarded and hijacked the ship while underway	Ship hijacked. All 12 crew were set adrift in a life raft but were later saved by a passing Russian tanker and landed at Calcutta, India. They received medical treatment and were repatriated by the Thai Embassy back to Thailand	-	Yes, MRCC Bangkok informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
34	KAPITAN IVANCHUK Bulk carrier Malta 19683 7301790	07/02/00	Mongla (Bangladesh)	Six robbers armed with long knives attempted to board the ship while at anchor	-	Duty Second Officer spotted the armed robbers and informed bridge. Alarm raised	Yes, Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
35	ARTEMIS Container ship Panama 7565 9037240	09/02/00	Belawan (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship while at anchor	-	Anti-piracy watch spotted the armed robbers. Alarm raised	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
36	EASTERN POWER Bulk carrier Vanuatu 36540 8819225	13/02/00 23:30 LT	03°12'.50S 116°20'.00E Pulau Laut Coal Terminal Anchorage (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and broke into the forecastle store	Ship's stores and equipment stolen	-	Yes, Terminal authority informed	Vanuatu ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
37	MIYUKI Chemical tanker Singapore 2025 9010113	13/02/00	Merak port (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while at anchor	Duty engineer threatened and held hostage. Ship's equipment stolen	Aniti-piracy measures	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
38	MARINER Research ship Panama 1655 5179208	17/02/00	Tanjung Priok (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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39	KURUSHIMA SEA Bulk carrier Cyprus 15045 8323719	18/02/00	Jakarta (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while berthed	Ship's stores stolen	Anti-piracy watch spotted and chased away the armed robbers	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
40	FLORA General cargo ship Bahamas 6935 8807674	19/02/00	Muara Jawa (Indonesia)	Ten robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while at anchor	AB threatened and taken hostage. Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
41	O-VIOLET	22/02/00	Kandla (India)	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship while berthed	Ship's stores stolen	Anti-piracy measures	Yes, Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
42	ORCHID Oil tanker Singapore 4688 9082166	22/02/00	Vungtau (Viet Nam)	Armed robbers in a motor boat boarded the ship while berthed	Ship's stores stolen	The duty watchman spotted the armed robbers trying to cut a mooring rope and informed the duty policeman on board. The policeman fired warning shots in the air and the armed robbers fled	Yes, MRCC Viet Nam informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
43	CHANGSHA General cargo ship Panama 18391 9003847	23/02/00	Jakarta (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	-	-	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
44	AMALFI Bulk carrier Panama 19706 7603289	24/02/00 02:00 LT	Belawan Anchorage (Indonesia)	Seven armed robbers approached in a small boat and attempted to board the ship while at anchor	-	Anti-piracy measures	Yes, Port Control and Pilot Station informed	BIMCO	-
45	HOLY ISLAND Bulk carrier Cyprus 14192 7700958	24/02/00	Matadi (Congo)	About one hundred to one hundred twenty armed robbers approached from shore and boarded the ship while berthed	Ship's cargo stolen	Crew chased the armed robbers away	Yes, RCC authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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46	CLIPPER ITAJAI General cargo ship Bahamas 15992 7813183	29/02/00 02:00 LT	08°37'.70S 013°17'.30E Off Luanda port (Angola)	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship while at anchor	A six-person life raft stolen	Duty Officer and Deck Watchman spotted the armed robbers. Alarm raised	Yes, Local authorities informed	BIMCO	-
47	THOR SKIPPER General cargo ship Thailand 10572 8311431	01/03/00 02:50 LT	Surabaya (Indonesia)	Armed robbers threw stones at the ship while underway	A crew member slightly injured, 3 stern mooring ropes burnt	Sea-water sprayed to put out fire	Yes, Pilot Station informed	BIMCO	-
48	ALIKRATOR Bulk carrier Bahamas 16518 8029167	02/03/00	Newark (United States)	Robbers armed with guns boarded the ship	Cash stolen	-	Yes, Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
49	TINA V Bulk carrier Panama 55012	02/03/00	Tanjung Priok (Indonesia)	Armed robbers attempted to board the ship while at anchor from 2 boats	-	Anti-piracy measures	Yes, SAR authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
50	DOMIAT Bulk carrier Egypt 24105 8203397	06/03/00 04:00 LT	00°59'.80S 117°17'.00E Samarinda port, Outer Anchorage (Indonesia)	Three fast boats approached the ship while at anchor. Robbers armed with axes and iron rods entered the paint locker	Four mooring ropes and paint stolen	-	Yes, Local Police Department informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Two Police Officers were sent on board to investigate the incident
51	WORLD KUDOS Oil tanker Greece 49827 7912862	12/03/00 12:45 UTC	12°57'.00N 055°00'.00E 40 miles NE of Socotra Island	A small vessel followed the ship while underway and made several attempts to come alongside	-	Evasive actions including an increase in speed, heavy wheel movements and the hoses were put under pressure to repel boarding attempts. Informed all ships in the vicinity	Yes, MRCC Pakistan informed	BIMCO	-

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