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

### **Issued monthly - Acts reported during June 2000**

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 reports on incidents received between 31 May 2000 (MSC/Circ.968) and 30 June 2000.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,803, an increase of 43 since 31 May 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, MSC/Circ.941, MSC/Circ.943, MSC/Circ.945 and MSC/Circ.968.

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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

Nº	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. 969 ANNEX Page 1
									Action by the coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Name not reported	04/04/00 03:03 LT	Belawan Anchorage (Indonesia)	Three to five armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and escaped in a small wooden boat	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered on deck. Master warned other vessels in the vicinity	Yes. Local Authorities informed	BIMCO	No response
2	RAS DINELSEN Container ship Egypt	18/04/00 13:00 LT	Abidjan Port (Côte d'Ivoire)	Armed robbers cut the mooring ropes while the ship was loading	Cabins ransacked	Enforced and increased watch for better protection	Yes. Abidjan Port Authorities informed	Egypt	Recommendation to increase watchmen
3	WHITE MOUNTAIN Container ship Panama 7254 8223971	19/04/00 05:05 LT	02°47'.00S 080°26'.10W Guayaquil (Ecuador)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor using the anchor chain	Cover on pipe of anchor chain and securing of doors of paint locker in forecandle were damaged. Ropes and paint stolen from stores	General alarm sounded	Yes. Port Control and Agents informed	BIMCO	-
4	KAPITAN IVANCHUK Bulk carrier Malta 19683 7301790	22/04/00 09:45 LT	Jayman Reach Anchorage, Mongla (Bangladesh)	Robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while at anchor. The fact that only vessels which did not employ local watchmen were attacked, was reported	One crew member injured. Cable of welding machine, gas welding torch handle complete with 3/8" socket and nuts and 3/8" twin hose 30m with fittings stolen	The crew tried to prevent the armed robbers from boarding	Yes. Mongla Port Authorities informed through Agent	BIMCO	-
5	JAG KANTI Bulk carrier India 22183 7506182	24/04/00 20:30 LT	00°03'.00N 117°42'.00E Bontang Anchorage (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	A crew member on patrol duty for anti-piracy watch was attacked, tied up, threatened and stabbed in the stomach. 400 litres of paint, a fireman's outfit and one complete set of bellows type breathing apparatus stolen	Alarm raised. Injured seaman hospitalized	Yes. The Local Police through Local Agents and IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia informed	BIMCO	All ships in the region alerted
6	SPEAR Bulk carrier Panama 37955 8100961	26/04/00 07:00 UTC	Sepetiba (Brazil)	Five armed robbers boarded the ship while berthed	Captain and crew attacked. No injury	-	-	BIMCO	-

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7	NORDPARTNER Container ship Cyprus 14366 9057161	27/04/00 23:30 LT	Guayaquil (Ecuador)	Three armed robbers boarded the ship while underway and escaped using a speed boat	The seals on 4 containers were broken, the contents of which appeared to have been pilfered	Alarm sounded and anti-piracy watch gathered on main deck	Yes. Port Agent, Harbour Master and Pilot Station informed	BIMCO	-
8	ALEXANDRA Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 7361 9012795	28/04/00 19:15 LT	10°16'.00N 064°34'.20W Guanta Anchorage (Venezuela)	Four or more armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and broke into two reefer containers	Two reefer containers were opened and 22 cases of frozen shrimps worth USD 8,250 stolen	-	Yes. Local Authorities: Harbour Master, Pilot Station and Venezuelan National Guard informed	BIMCO	-
9	CAPE CORNWALL Bulk carrier Liberia 23609 8124319	30/04/00 20:30 LT	13°13'.40N 100°51'.60E 2 miles off Ko Si Chang Harbour (Thailand)	Three armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor from a 10m long wooden boat and tried to enter the forecastle before they escaped	-	Alarm raised	-	BIMCO	-
10	COLLEEN SIF Container ship Singapore 8908 8912455	01/05/00 23:20 LT	Santos roads (Brazil)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Four containers were broken into, the contents of which were pilfered. A gunshot was fired	Alarm raised	Yes. Pilot station and Port Agents informed	BIMCO	-
11	RICHMOND PARK Chemical tanker Liberia 15163 8128200	01/05/00 01:30 LT	Pisco (Peru)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while moored alongside jetty	Mooring and towing equipment stolen	None	Yes. Local Agent informed	BIMCO	Attempt to recover the stolen equipment
12	GEFION General cargo ship Philippines 7170 8509399	06/05/00	Santos Outer Roads (Brazil)	About 5 to 8 armed robbers boarded the ship using the mooring ropes	Various personal effects of the crew and about USD 2,000 in cash stolen	-	Yes. Federal Police informed	BIMCO	Investigation carried out
13	GAZ LION Gas carrier-LPG Panama 9327 7223077	06/05/00 03:00 LT	Chittagong Anchorage (Bangladesh)	Robbers armed with big knives boarded the ship while at anchor after a previous unsuccessful attempt. It was reported that the robbers were called 'ALI BABAS'	Rope and rudder anodes stolen	The deck watch was alerted	Yes. The Master called Port Control but got no reply	BIMCO	One Navy boat on patrol
14	CLIPPER EAGLE Bulk carrier Bahamas 11807 8908832	13/05/00	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	A small boat carrying 4 robbers armed with crowbars approached the ship while berthed. One of the armed robbers dived into the water to remove zinc anodes welded to ship's side	Zinc anodes removed	Alarm raised	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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15	ERYA 3	15/05/00 23:08 LT	01°11'.00N 103°58'.00E about 2 cables off the Bata Ampar port breakwater (Indonesia)	About 10 armed robbers approached in several small crafts and boarded the ship using hooks and ropes. They may have been responsible for the jammed frequency which disrupted the provision of assistance	-	-	Yes. Batam Radio contacted	BIMCO, ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Batam Radio attempted to co- ordinate assistance but was faced with jammed frequency
16	MERIDIAN STAR Oil tanker Malaysia 2467 9002362	16/05/00	05°50'.30N 115°37'.30E  Off Malaysia	Five pirates approached in two wooden speed boats and attempted to board the ship while underway	-	Alarm sounded and water spray activated	Yes. Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
17	KOTA SABAS Container ship Singapore 12549 7427697	16/05/00	Chennai Anchorage (India)	Two armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	-	The 3rd Officer discovered the robbers and alerted the other crew members	Yes. Police and Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	The Police arrived and advised to maintain the anti- piracy watch
18	SPIRIT OF JUNO Yacht	16/05/00	13°24'.00S 114°45'.00E Christmas Rise	Pirates in a 100m sailing yacht approached the yacht while underway	-	Evasive manoeuvres	Yes. Australian MRCC informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Australian MRCC investigated the case
19	BUNGA CENDERAWASIH Bulk carrier Malaysia 18453 8618231	17/05/00	Belawan (Indonesia)	Five armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and managed to escape	Ship's stores stolen	The Master noticed the armed robbers and informed the bridge staff. Alarm raised	Yes. RCC informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
20	PACIFIC CHALLENGER General cargo ship Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 8922 7411882	17/05/00 03:30 LT	Luanda Anchorage (Angola)	Eight to nine robbers armed with long knives, swords and iron rods boarded the ship while at anchor	The crew suffered serious injuries after they were tied up and beaten severely. One crew member was unconscious for 2 hours, another was about to be thrown into the water but his pleas for mercy were headed. 4 fire hoses, 1 television set, 1 video player and heaving lines were among the items stolen	Fire alarm and whistle sounded	Yes. Port Authorities called via VHF channel 16	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur, BIMCO	No reply received

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21	FOUR CUTTER Oil tanker United Kingdom (Cayman Islands) 40037	22/05/00	Anyar (Indonesia)	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship from the stern while berthed and managed to escape in a small boat	-	The duty Watchman alerted the crew members	Yes. RCC informed	ICS	-
22	MAJOR SHAITAN SINGH PVC Oil tanker India 37885 8316613	23/05/00	Kochi Oil Terminal (India)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while berthed	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes. Police and Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
23	PAULINA Bulk carrier Panama 7881 7610763	25/05/00	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Three armed robbers boarded the ship while berthed	One bag of sugar stolen	Duty AB and officer alerted the other crew members	Yes. Army informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Two armed robbers were arrested and one jumped overboard and escaped
24	Name not reported Fishing vessel Hong Kong, China	26/05/00	Sai Kung (Hong Kong, China)	Armed robbers boarded the boat while fishing	The fisherman and his wife were assaulted	-	Yes. Local Police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
25	ENCOUNTER Chemical tanker Panama 7195 8307959	28/05/00	02°00'.00N 102°14'.80E Malacca Strait	About five pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship while underway and attempted to break into the Captain's cabin	-	The Master informed bridge and alarm was raised	Yes. VITS Klang and Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
26	COSMOS JUPITER Oil tanker Panama 135525	29/05/00	01°47'.00N 102°28'.00E Malacca Strait	About ten pirates in an unlit boat came alongside on the starboard quarter of the ship while underway	-	Alarm raised	Yes. Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
27	CLARITA Bulk carrier Panama 27655 8804098	31/05/00	01°47'.00N 102°28'.00E Malacca Strait	Pirates in a fast unlit speed boat approached the ship while underway but abandoned attempt as alarm was raised	-	The crew on anti- piracy watch and duty Officer noticed the pirates and raised alarm on bell and whistle and switched on deck lights	Yes. VITS Klang informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
28	ARDEAL General cargo ship Romania 6036 8612043	01/06/00	Mongla Anchorage (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers attempted twice to board the ship while at anchor but failed due to crew alertness	The Captain reported that almost all signal rockets were used up	The alert crew foiled both attempts	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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29	HARIS Bulk carrier Cyprus 16074 7433086	01/06/00	Panjang Anchorage (Indonesia)	Six robbers armed with knives came alongside at forecastle, secured to the anchor chain and attempted to board the ship while at anchor	The Watchman was terrorized	Alarm raised	Yes. RCC informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
30	CHANGI Oil tanker Singapore 4943 7501443	01/06/00	Malacca Strait	Pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship while underway and entered the Captain's cabin	Captain taken hostage. Cash and ship's equipment stolen	The Captain alerted the bridge about the presence of the pirates after he freed himself. Alarm raised	Yes. RCC informed	ICS	-
31	ACTUARIA Oil tanker Panama 35417 8115605	01/06/00	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	A wooden boat containing 6 armed robbers approached the ship while berthed. The armed robbers slipped below the ship's overhanging stern and tried to break off the zinc anodes	-	The crew threw stones and other material at the armed robbers	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
32	MAERSK TENNESSEE Container ship United States 18859 9064267	02/06/00 02:00 LT	Guayaquil (Ecuador)	Reported to have broadcasted on VHF that armed robbers boarded the ship while sailing	Property stolen from cabins and containers	-	-	BIMCO	-
33	DUBAI PRIDE Oil tanker Bahamas 9094 8905787	02/06/00	Abidjan Anchorage (Côte d'Ivoire)	Two armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Crew attacked, one crew member injured. Ropes stolen	Anti-piracy measures	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
34	MSC ANDES General cargo ship Liberia 18000 8902125	02/06/00 00:30 LT	Guayaquil (Ecuador)	About 12 armed robbers in a motor launch approached the ship with the intention to board from the stern while all guards were on forecastle and main deck	-	The ship's searchlight was directed at the armed robbers's launch, which then left the vicinity	Yes. Guayaquil Harbour Master informed	BIMCO	-
35	STATE OF TRIPURA General cargo ship India 14166 7627376	03/06/00	18°52'.00N 118°44'.00E South China Sea	Pirates in a sophisticated unnamed boat attempted to board the ship while underway	-	-	Yes. MRCC Hong Kong, China informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
36	STEAMERS ARIES Oil tanker Singapore 6723	03/06/00 15:15 LT	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Several armed robbers in three wooden boats made three attempts to board the ship	-	Anti-piracy measures	Yes. Navy, Port Control and Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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37	ASIA HARMONY General cargo ship Singapore 4724 9167679	03/06/00	Chittagong Anchorage (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers in a wooden boat attempted three times to board the ship while at anchor	-	The Watchman and crew foiled the attempts	Yes. Navy, Port Control and Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
38	IRAN VOJDAN General cargo ship Iran (Islamic Republic of) 9891 7360760	03/06/00	Chennai Anchorage (India)	Two unlit boats carrying five armed robbers each attempted to board the ship while at anchor	-	The Watchman spotted the armed robbers and alerted the bridge. Anti- piracy measures taken	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
39	PIONEER SKIPPER General cargo ship Malta 12233 9037032	05/06/00 01:15 LT	Panjang Anchorage, Sumatra (Indonesia)	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship while at anchor and entered the engine room	One oiler attacked and his watch broken. Spare parts stolen	General alarm was sounded and crew carried out a search	Yes. Shore Station and other ships contacted but no reply was received	BIMCO	-
40	TRANSPORTER Heavy load carrier Netherlands Antilles 6714 9204714	06/06/00 02:15 LT	Chennai Eastern Breakwater (India)	Six armed robbers in a speed boat came alongside to port side of the ship and 3 of them boarded and tried to gain access to the accomodation quarters	-	The AB on watch noticed the armed robbers and informed the duty Officer who raised the general alarm. The crew mustered at emergency stations	Yes. Port Control and Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	A Police launch was sent to investigate at 03:00 hrs
41	CHU HONG General cargo ship Panama 7828 9073177	09/06/00 22:20 LT	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship from the stern and threw the end of two rope lines into the water. The rope lines were slowly dragged from a small wooden boat	Duty AB threatened and 2 mooring ropes stolen	Anti-piracy measures	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
42	SLS PACER	10/06/00 07:52 LT	Tanjung Priok (Indonesia)	Eight robbers armed with steel pipes boarded the ship from the stern. Robbers left vessel as alarm was raised	-	Alarm was raised with ship's whistle and general alarm bell	Yes. RCC informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
43	CHETTINAD GLORY Bulk carrier India 19864 8307090	20/06/00 02:45 LT	Chittagong anchorage (Bangladesh)	Six robbers armed with knives boarded the ship while at anchor and entered the rope store	Duty seaman threatened and ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised by the duty seaman and all crew mustered on deck	Yes. Navy and Port Control informed	Bangladesh	-

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