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REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

Issued monthly - Acts reported during August 2000

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 31 July 2000 (MSC/Circ.972) and 31 August 2000.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,908, an increase of 28 since 31 July 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, MSC/Circ.968, MSC/Circ.969 and MSC/Circ.972.

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**

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. 973 ANNEX Page 1
									Action by the coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	ARROW Oil tanker Malta 50163	01/08/00 04:42 UTC	13°44'.20N 042°57'.80E Red Sea	Pirates in speed boats approached the ship while underway from three sides. One boat carrying six pirates tried to block the ship's passage	-	Anti-piracy measures prevented the boarding	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
2	CLOUD Oil tanker Malta 48643 7371264	01/08/00 22:30 LT	Kochi anchorage (India)	About eight armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor via anchor chain. The 3rd Officer spotted the robbers who threw a stick at him before escaping	One mooring rope stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Port Control informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Port Control assured the arrival of a navy boat
3	PAC BINTAN Container ship Liberia 2518 9201114	02/08/00	Bangka Straits (Indonesia)	Six armed robbers boarded the ship while underway. They were spotted by the 3rd Engineer before escaping	-	General alarm raised	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	ACTURIA Container ship Panama 35417 8115605	02/08/00 06:35 LT	Chittagong anchorage (Bangladesh)	Eight armed robbers in a fishing boat approached the ship while at anchor and two of them managed to board the ship	-	Anti-piracy watch chased armed robbers away	Yes. Port Control informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
5	CONTSHIP ACTION Container ship Germany 31207 9122215	03/08/00 04:00 LT	00°11'.00N 103°38'.00E Malacca Strait	Several pirates in two high speed boats approached the ship while underway. A trawler-like ship was acting as mother ship for the small boats	-	Ship altered course, crew was alerted and searchlights were used	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	ALAM PROGRESO Bulk carrier Malaysia 22155 7612929	05/08/00 16:45 UTC	10°45'.80N 110°27'.80E South China Sea	Two speed boats approached the vessel's starboard side (Aft and abeam)	-	Alarm raised. Water jets used to foil attempt	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
7	AMETHYST General cargo ship Panama 1200 8125727	09/08/00 01:30 LT	Chittagong Anchorage (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers fired shots at the watchman and another crew member while ship was at anchor and fled when other ships in the vicinity came to the aid of the ship	-	Crew resisted	Yes. Port Authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	The ship was given priority berthing
8	CAPE SCOTT Container ship Liberia 10917 9134696	10/08/00	Laem Chabang (Thailand)	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship while at anchor	Paint locker broken into	Alarm raised	Yes. Royal Thai Navy and Royal Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	The Navy Marine Police conducted an investigation

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9	ALI EKINCI Bulk carrier Turkey 23436 8103236	10/08/00 02:40 LT	01°53'.50N 102°21'.00E Malacca Strait	Five pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship while underway. They disembarked into a boat and headed towards Indonesian waters	Crew's cash and personal valuables stolen	-	Yes. SAR, Djakarta and Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	DREAMTIME Yacht Australia	11/08/00 08:10 UTC	13°01'.00N 043°12'.90E Red Sea	Three speed boats approached the ship very closely	-	Assistance requested via VHF 16	Yes. French Navy in Djibouti contacted	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	A French Navy frigate was dispatched to assist the yacht
11	OCEANIC ENTERPRISE Bulk carrier Panama 38205 9086978	11/08/00 14:50 LT	Bab El Mandeb Straits Red Sea	Four pirates in a small fast boat tried to block the ship's passage while underway and followed close to ship side with the intention to board. The boat escaped heading to North Traffic Lane when the pirates noticed the alert crew	-	Crew alerted to standby on deck	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	SEA WISDOM Bulk carrier Panama 14599 9143714	13/08/00 03:25 LT	06°01'.67S 105°54'.37E Selat Sunda (Indonesia)	Three armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and entered the engine room workshop where they were spotted by the duty AB	Spare parts stolen	Alarm raised	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
13	NAND KISHORE Oil tanker India 12327 8011641	14/08/00 22:35 LT	10°00'.07N 076°04'.58E Kochi (India)	Three out of five armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor from a wooden boat	Duty AB held at gunpoint and threatened. Two mooring ropes stolen	Alarm raised. Crew mustered	Yes. Port Control informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	A Coast Guard boat searched for the armed robbers
14	TK GLORIA Bulk carrier Panama 26062 9100293	15/08/00 01:30 LT	03°12'.00S 116°17'.00E Pulaut Laut (Indonesia)	Three armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and escaped in their motor boat when spotted	One six-person liferaft and welden pump stolen	Anti-piracy measures	Yes. SAR Services informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
15	HARMONY 8 Tug	15/08/00 02:30 LT	02°04'.00N 102°15'.00E Malacca Strait	Five pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship while underway and held the crew hostage	Crew tied up and Chief Officer injured. Ship's stores, crew's cash and personal effects stolen	-	Yes. VTIS Port Klang informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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16	PROGRESO I Bulk carrier Panama 17350 7405742	15/08/00 04:00 LT	Conakry (Guinea)	Nine robbers armed with shot guns approached in a wooden speed boat and attempted to board the ship while at anchor	-	Alarm raised. Signal flares fired	Yes.Coast Guard informed by PRC via Malaysian Embassy in Conakry	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
17	BELICIA Oil tanker Panama 2362 7921289	16/08/00 09:50 LT	05°35'.00N 097°38'.00E Malacca Strait	Four speed boats approached the ship while underway	-	General alarm raised, crew mustered and fire hoses prepared. All ships in the vicinity warned on Channel 16	Yes. SAR Services informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
18	OOCL AUTHORITY Container ship Panama 16705 9159878	18/08/00	Tanjung Priok (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and broke open bosun store while crew members were attending customs at port side	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
19	BUNGA KELANA DUA Oil tanker Malaysia 57017 9131125	19/08/00	Vung Tau (Viet Nam)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor using a makeshift rope ladder and attempted to steal ropes. They escaped in a motor boat when spotted by the crew	-	Alarm raised	Yes. MRCC informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
20	NEPLINE TERATAI Container ship Malaysia 2696 8408430	19/08/00 04:20 LT	10°46'.00N 106°44'.00E Ho Chi Minh (Viet Nam)	Five robbers armed with metal bars boarded the ship while berthed from a boat and escaped in their boat	Two crew members threatened. Safety equipment and ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
21	LIBERTY SPIRIT Bulk carrier United States 35944 8500549	23/08/00 23:00 LT	Kutbdia Anchorage, Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Five armed robbers boarded the ship from stern while at anchor from a fishing boat and while the crew was busy	-	Anti-piracy measures. Crew chased robbers away	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
22	EFFY N Bulk carrier Cyprus 24681 8200474	24/08/00	Kandla Anchorage (India)	Three armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor from a wooden boat and escaped when spotted	-	Alarm raised. Crew mustered	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
23	ANTARA DUA Ro-ro-cargo ship Malaysia 4347 7401980	24/08/00 00:50 LT	01°46'.70N 102°27'.40E Malacca Strait	Eight pirates armed with knives boarded the ship while underway from a motor boat and escaped heading towards Bengkalis island (Indonesia)	Cash (US\$26,400) stolen	-	Yes. VTIS Port Kelang, MECC and Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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24	ASEAN PROVIDENCE Oil tanker Singapore 13332 7371862	24/08/00 01:40 LT	01°45'.00N 102°32'.00E Malacca Strait	Pirates in a boat approached the ship while underway with the intention to board. It is believed that the same pirates were involved in the attack against Antara Dua that took place an hour earlier	-	Search lights directed at pirates' boat	Yes. VTIS Port Kelang informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
25	SANMAR SYMPHONY Chemical tanker India 28017 8320523	25/08/00 14:30 LT	Situbondo, Java (Indonesia)	Two fast boats, one heading for the bow and the other for the stern, approached the ship while underway before heading to the opposite direction when spotted	-	Ship's deck lights switched on and course altered	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
26	KOTA CAHAYA General cargo ship Singapore 9870 8807569	26/08/00 15:50 LT	03°05'.00N 102°08'.60E Malacca Strait	Two out of five pirates boarded the ship while underway as their boat came alongside the ship and escaped when spotted by the crew	-	Alarm raised	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
27	RECIFE Container ship Panama 17156 9014092	27/08/00 04:30 LT	05°25'.20N 100°21'.00E Penang (Malaysia)	Three armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and escaped in two small wooden boats when spotted	Containers' seals removed	Alarm raised. Crew mustered at their station	Yes. Port Control and Police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
28	PAULINA Bulk carrier Panama 7881 7610763	27/08/00 23:15 LT	Vung Tau Anchorage (Viet Nam)	One armed robber attempted to board the ship while at anchor via the anchor chain and escaped in a boat when spotted by the crew	-	Alarm raised	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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