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

### Issued monthly - Acts reported during September 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 August 2000 (MSC/Circ.973) and 30 September 2000.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,920, an increase of 12 since 31 August 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, MSC/Circ.972 and MSC/Circ.973.

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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. 974 ANNEX Page 1
									Action by the coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	GREAT PEACE Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 26094 9116333	04/09/00 04:00 LT	Port Owendo (Gabon)	Armed robbers boarded the ship but fled when spotted by crew	-	The crew apprehended one of the robbers and handed him over to the Port Authorities	Yes. Owendo Port Authority informed	Hong Kong, China	Not known
2	CHAMPION TRADER Oil tanker Norway (NIS) 18092 7504055	16/09/00 04:30 LT	Kandla (India)	Two armed robbers boarded the ship while discharging but escaped in an awaiting boat accompanied by three other accomplices when discovered by the duty AB on the forecandle	Padlock on the forward store forced open. Forward bell and six saddles stolen	-	Yes. Coast Guard, Mumbai informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
3	LIBRA GAS Gas carrier-LPG Panama 3449 8902797	18/09/00 20:24 LT	Sri Racha (Thailand)	Two armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor but jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting boat when discovered by the anti-piracy watch	-	Alarm raised	Yes. MRCC Thailand informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	BRITISH SKILL Oil tanker United Kingdom (Bermuda) 66034 8011809	18/09/00 12:30 UTC	07°04'.00N 108°06'.00E South China Sea	Pirates in an unlit, unidentified craft approached the ship while underway with the intention to board	-	Lights directed at craft	Yes. MRCC Vietnam informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
5	ANDHIKA ADHIRAKSHA Oil tanker Panama 4260 8518194	21/09/00 23:05 LT	02°00'.00N 102°11'.00E Malacca Strait	Five pirates armed with short guns and long knives boarded the ship while underway and forced the Master to open the ship's safe	Ship's cash and crew's belongings stolen. One crew member injured	-	Yes. MRCC Port Klang, Malaysia and SAR Djakarta, Indonesia informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	KELSO Oil tanker Hong Kong, China 3493 9005182	21/09/00 04:05 LT	Bontang (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and tried to open the forecandle store but escaped via the starboard side anchor chain and fled in an awaiting boat with seven other accomplices when spotted by duty AB	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered on deck. All ships in the vicinity informed	Yes. SAR Djakarta, Indonesia informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
7	ZI YUN SHAN General cargo ship China 19674 7522667	21/09/00 03:15 LT	01°46'.00N 102°30'.00E Malacca Strait	Pirates attempted to board from starboard quarter while ship was underway but escaped in a speedboat when spotted by the crew	-	Alarm raised	Yes. VTIS Klang, Malaysian Marine Police and SAR Djakarta, Indonesia informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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									Action by the coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8	STENA CONSTELLATION Oil tanker Liberia 132206 7370246	22/09/00 01:30 LT	01°51'.50N 102°20'.00E Malacca Strait	Five pirates armed with short guns and long knives boarded the ship while underway, tried to break the wheelhouse door and held two crew members hostage	Ship's walkie-talkie and fire extinguisher stolen	One crew member persuaded the pirates to release the hostages	Yes. MRCC Port Klang, Malaysia and SAR Djakarta, Indonesia informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
9	DEAUVILLE Gas carrier-LPG Bahamas 3617 9113939	23/09/00 00:45 LT	N.W. Kalimantan (Indonesia)	One large vessel detached itself from a group of fishing boats and approached the ship while underway. The suspicious craft lit up searchlights and called on VHF to stop the ship but fled after the Master tried to identify the vessel	-	Master verified identity of the vessel	Yes. PRC and MRCC Kuching, Malaysia, MRCC Port Klang, Malaysia and SAR Djakarta, Indonesia informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	A. HAZER Bulk carrier Malta 25635 7727891	24/09/00 02:30 LT	Samarinda Muara Berau (Indonesia)	While heaving up anchor, crew noticed that the starboard life raft was missing	One life raft missing	-	Yes. SAR Djakarta, Indonesia informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
11	STORM WIND Bulk carrier Cyprus 22527 7379149	24/09/00 03:00 LT	Sandakan (Malaysia)	Robbers armed with knives tried to open the paint locker during the unloading operation. Duty Officer noticed twelve accomplices in two motor boats near the anchor chain who fled after a rocket was fired at them. The boats were spotted again two hours later but escaped after a second rocket was fired at them	-	Duty Officer fired rockets upon the armed robbers	Yes. Port Agent and MRCC Port Klang, Malaysia informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	PENANG GLORY Container ship Panama 15560 7611597	25/09/00 01:25 LT	01°05'.04N 105°03'.40E Off Indonesia	Pirates in an unlit, unidentified craft approached the ship while underway with the intention to board from stern but the attempt was aborted and the craft headed towards other vessels in the vicinity	-	Anti-piracy measures prevented boarding	Yes. SAR Djakarta, Indonesia informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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