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REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

Issued monthly - Acts reported during November 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 October 2000 (MSC/Circ.976) and 30 November 2000.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 2,055, an increase of 38 since 31 October 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, MSC/Circ.973, MSC/Circ.974 and MSC/Circ.976.

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. 977 ANNEX Page 1
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1	FUJI MOUNTAIN Refrigerated cargo carrier Panama 6545 8811857	11/10/00	Davao anchorage, Mindanao (Philippines)	Armed robbers threw hand grenades and explosives at the ship while at anchor	Ship's hull damaged	-	Yes. Coast Guard informed via agents	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
2	ARIES FOREST Bulk carrier Panama 19925	25/10/00	Davao anchorage, Mindanao (Philippines)	Armed robbers in a motorized canoe threw explosives at the ship while at anchor	Ship damaged	-	Yes. Coast Guard informed via agents	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
3	OOCL SAN FRANCISCO Container ship Hong Kong, China 67500 9199268	03/11/00 23:35 LT	04°04'.00N 099°25'.00E Malacca Strait	The ship's crew noticed a boat about one mile away while underway. As it drew nearer it sped up towards the bow of the ship with the suspects' intention of boarding	-	Anti-piracy measures taken preventing boarding	Yes. SAR Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	SEA MUSE Bulk carrier Cyprus 20815 7602998	03/11/00 03:25 LT	Sandakan anchorage (Malaysia)	A small boat approached the ship's bow while at anchor. One armed robber boarded while seven other armed robbers remained in the boat. Robbers fled when alarm raised	-	Two of the crew noticed the armed robbers and alerted the bridge. The duty officer raised the alarm	Yes. Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
5	SIMUNYE Chemical tanker Australia 28077 9111058	04/11/00 01:35 LT	03°17'.00S 109°41'.00E	A fast moving target was detected approximately 2.5nm astern of the ship while underway. The boat trailed the ship for 40 mins but then headed for another ship in the area	-	Evasive manoeuvres taken and other ships in the vicinity informed by VHF	Yes. SAR Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	PRETTY PROSPERITY Bulk carrier Republic of Korea 27663 9129031	04/11/00 02:00 LT	Tanjung Priok anchorage (Indonesia)	Four to five armed robbers boarded the ship while waiting for berthing instructions	Two liferafts and some ship's stores stolen	-	Yes. SAR Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
7	ALMORIA	05/11/00	Davao anchorage, Mindanao (Philippines)	Ship was attacked by rocket propelled grenades from a motorized canoe while at anchor	-	-	Yes. Coast Guard informed via agents	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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8	THOR KIRSTEN General cargo ship Denmark 1167 8702422	05/11/00 05:10 LT	01°45'.90N 102°32'.00E Malacca Strait	The Duty Officer spotted a red boat 10 metres long with six pirates alongside the starboard quarter of the ship. Some of the pirates were already onboard and fled when spotted by the crew	-	Duty Officer raised alarm and fired one shot in the air. Crew mustered	Yes. SAR Djakarta and MRCC Port Klang informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
9	GLORY SELATAN VIII General cargo ship Panama 1668 8405103	05/11/00 03:55 LT	01°49'.50N 102°23'.20E Malacca Strait	Nine pirates between 20 and 40 years old armed with two guns, three long knives and some short knives boarded the ship while underway and then escaped on a high-speed boat with two motor engines	Crew's cash and personal belongings stolen	Anti-piracy was manned but the ship's freeboard was low	Yes. SAR Djakarta and MRCC Port Klang informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	TORM ALEXANDRA General cargo ship Malta 3972 8912821	05/11/00 03:30 GMT	09°10'.50N 013°44'.70W Off Conakry (Guinea)	About eight to ten robbers armed with machine guns boarded the ship	Ship's cash (US\$ 3,500), ship's property and crew's personal belongings stolen	Distress alert transmitted on INMARSAT C	Yes. Director General of Security, Guinea and RCC Sierra Leone via Embassy in UK informed	Malta ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
11	JAMES General cargo ship Philippines 239 8944868	05/11/00	Davao anchorage, Mindanao (Philippines)	Ship was attacked by rocket propelled grenades from a motorized canoe while at anchor	-	-	Yes. Coast Guard informed via agents	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	STOLT KENT Chemical tanker United Kingdom 12141 9141417	06/11/00 03:05 Hrs	Copesul Terminal, Rio Grande (Brazil)	Five armed robbers boarded the ship and attacked the cargo control room and crew's accommodation	Crew held at gunpoint. Personal belongings and contents of safe stolen and cabins ransacked	General alarm sounded after armed robbers had left and crew mustered	Yes. Port Control informed via VHF	United Kingdom	Immigration officers arrived on board and started an investigation
13	FORTUNA AUSTRALIA Bulk carrier Malta 15473 8401004	06/11/00 01:28 LT	01°56'.50N 102°19'.00E Malacca Strait	About 10-20 armed pirates boarded the ship via the stern while underway	All of the crew taken hostage and cash and valuables stolen	-	Yes. SAR and MRCC Klang informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
14	SMIT SULAWESI Tug Bahamas 747 8222161	06/11/00 03:40 LT	10°34'.70N 097°23'.90E Andaman Sea	An unlit boat followed the ship while underway	-	Altered course towards open sea and switched on all deck lights	Yes. MRCC and Marine Department, Myanmar informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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15	BANGA BONIK Container ship Bangladesh 5883 8126159	09/11/00 03:00 LT	01°46'.00N 102°27'.00E Malacca Strait	About 15-20 pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the ship while underway	Master injured and five crew taken hostage. Crew's cash and personal belongings and ship's cash and property stolen	-	Yes. MRCC, Marine Police, SWASLA and VTS Klang informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
16	BUNGA MAWAR Chemical tanker Malaysia 18543 8618877	09/11/00 01:30 LT	Chittagong "A" anchorage (Bangladesh)	Two armed robbers boarded the ship from the stern while at anchor but were spotted by the anti-piracy watch. The armed robbers jumped overboard and escaped	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
17	MAERSK TAIKUNG Bulk carrier Singapore 38337 8806503	09/11/00 03:25 LT	Chennai anchorage (India)	Anti-piracy watch spotted six armed robbers on the poop deck trying to steal mooring ropes from the ship while at anchor. The robbers escaped when spotted by the crew	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes. Coast Guard and Police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
18	NCC NAJD Chemical tanker Panama 8198 8412924	12/11/00 12:20 LT	06°01'.60S 106°53'.90E Tg. Priok anchorage, Jakarta (Indonesia)	Five armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor. They entered the engine room while the crew were having their lunch	Valuable engine spare parts stolen	-	Yes. SAR Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
19	KARIA Indonesia	13/11/00	Anowra Thana, Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Several security guards injured and goods worth millions of takas stolen	-	Yes. Coast Guard, local police and Bangladesh High Commission informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Police detained three armed robbers
20	NAGA Oil tanker Bahamas 52716 715442	13/11/00 03:00 LT	Cilacap (Indonesia)	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the ship while at berth but were spotted by the duty crew and escaped by jumping into the water and into an awaiting motor boat	-	-	Yes. SAR Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
21	JU253 Barge	14/11/00 10:40 LT	05°47'.00N 077°02'.56E Off the coast of India	A large boat with four pirates came alongside the ship while underway and towing a barge. The pirates boarded the barge but when spotted jumped into the boat and escaped	Mooring ropes stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes. MRCC, Mumbai informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
22	MOSEL Container ship Cyprus 22738 9077288	14/11/00 13:20 LT	11°03'.60N 062°44'.00E Indian Ocean	A boat approached the ship while underway and crossed the bow when course was altered	-	Course altered and preventative measures taken. Called on VHF but no response	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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23	MAS ECO CHALLENGE Bulk carrier Malaysia 12876 8029507	15/11/00 21:30 UTC	Outer anchorage A, Chittagong (Bangladesh)	About six to eight robbers believed to be armed with deadly weapons attempted to board the ship from two boats	-	The Master raised the alarm and crew mustered on deck preventing boarding	Yes. Coast Guard, Bangladesh, Chittagong Port Control on VHF and Navy informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Navy patrolled
24	BUNGA MAWAR Chemical tanker Malaysia 18543 8618877	15/11/00 11:15 UTC	Vegetable Oil Terminal, Jetty No. 3, Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Duty Engineer heard a knocking sound at the stern port while berthed and alerted the Duty Officer to investigate. When the Duty Officer and crew arrived at the poop deck they noticed a motor boat speeding off from the stern of the ship. Shore watchmen were not reliable	Zinc anode on rudder missing	Crew alerted	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
25	JAAMI Multi purpose ship Bangladesh 9648 7712145	16/11/00 14:00 UTC	01°06'.00N 102°09'.00E Malacca Strait	Several speed boats came close to the ship while underway, but suspects failed to board	-	Crew alerted	Yes. MRCC Klang, SWASLA and Marine Police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
26	ECO ELHAM General cargo ship Iran (Islamic Republic of) 8027 7384754	16/11/00 07:00 UTC	04°21'.00N 049°42'.00E Off the coast of Somalia	A suspicious boat which looked like a fishing trawler chased the ship for about two hours while underway	-	Evasive measures taken preventing boarding	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
27	LAEMTHONG GLORY Bulk carrier Thailand 9077 7533006	17/11/00	22°10'.20N 091°45'.90E Chittagong (Bangladesh)	A boat with about eight armed robbers approached the ship while at anchor. One of the armed robbers climbed on board and on being challenged by the crew threatened them and fled	One mooring rope stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
28	ASEAN VICTORY Bulk carrier Singapore 12916 8126056	18/11/00 17:30 UTC	05°29'.00S 105°17'.00E Panjang Pilot Station anchorage (Indonesia)	Eight robbers armed with knives boarded the ship from the forecandle while at anchor and escaped when alarm raised	Duty oiler taken hostage in engine room. Spare parts stolen	Duty bosun raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes. SAR Djakarta and Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
29	LANIA Oil tanker Panama 137712 8808642	18/11/00 21:56 LT	01°16'.00N 104°07'.00E Strait of Singapore	A small unlit boat came alongside on starboard side of the ship just below the gangway and was spotted by the Duty Officer. The pirates abandoned the plan to board	-	Duty Officer informed the deck duty crew. Aldis lamp flashed at boat to prevent boarding	Yes. Coast Guard, Singapore, MPA Singapore and VTIS East informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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30	JULIA I Oil tanker Panama 5169 9182837	20/11/00 23:35 LT	01°44'.42N 102°31'.75E Malacca Strait	About twenty pirates boarded the ship while underway and escaped in a speedboat	3 officers taken hostage, crew's belongings and cash (US\$ 7,000) stolen	-	Yes. SAR Djakarta and VTS Klang informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
31	HANG TUO 2001 Tug China 848 8828800	22/11/00 02:30 UTC	08°49'.00N 076°13'.00E 25 NM off Quilon, India	Five speedboats approached and boarded the barge that was being towed by the tug. They returned an hour later	Spares stolen	-	Yes. Coast Guard HQ informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
32	AGIOS FANOURIOS General cargo ship Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 9640 7808413	23/11/00 03:30 UTC	05°44'.00N 095°17'.00E 3 miles off Pulau We (Indonesia)	Three boats chased the ship while underway. Several other boats joined them and approached the ship	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered preventing boarding	Yes. SAR Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
33	PONTPOROS Bulk carrier Cyprus 16912 8318609	25/11/00 14:00 UTC	Port of Nacala (Mozambique)	Whilst discharging, duty crew spotted a stevedore armed with a knife	Mooring rope stolen	Duty crew chased the armed robber who was caught by other stevedores and handed over to the police	Yes. Embassy of Mozambique in USA and local police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
34	SEA BANIAN Bulk carrier Panama 26136 9176668	25/11/00 12:30 UTC	22°09'.00N 091°45'.00E Chittagong anchorage (Bangladesh)	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the ship while at anchor from a small wooden boat. When spotted by the crew, the armed robbers jumped into the sea and escaped in the boat with eight accomplices	One mooring rope stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered with knives and steel pole	Yes. Coast Guard Bangladesh and Chittagong Port Control informed. Port Control tried to call the Bangladesh Navy but got no response	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
35	Name not reported Sailing boat France	26/11/00 05:30 UTC	12°17'.00N 044°52'.00E Gulf of Aden	Seven pirates in three speedboats tried to board the sailing boat twice	-	Evasive action taken to prevent boarding	Yes. French Maritime Defence Forces, Djibouti informed. Distress message sent but no response	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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36	YUHSHO Gas carrier-LPG Panama 44694 9172739	28/11/00 15:30 UTC	25°03'.50N 056°27'.90E 5.8 NM from Kalba breakwater (United Arab Emirates)	Four armed robbers attempted to board the ship from a small craft 7 - 8 metres long while at anchor. They threw two hooks with a line over the midship side near the ship's gangway	-	Alarm raised. Anti-piracy officer and crew used high pressurized jet water to chase away the armed robbers	Yes. Coast Guard, Dubai, UAE informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
37	CONQUEST VENTURE	30/11/00 02:45 UTC	Panjang anchorage (Indonesia)	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship and escaped when spotted by the crew	-	Duty Officer raised alarm, crew mustered and anti-piracy measures taken	Yes. SAR Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
38	ETERNAL OIL II Oil tanker Singapore 13621 9159828	30/11/00 21:18 UTC	01°42'.00N 102°34'.00E Malacca Strait	Pirates boarded the ship while underway and escaped in a speedboat	Cash (US\$ 500) and ship's stores stolen	-	Yes. Marine Police HQ and SAR Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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