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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 ships² 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 January 2001 and 28 February 2001.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 2,211, an increase of 16 since 31 January 2001.

3 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, the one issued during the current year being MSC/Circ.989.

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)."

² "Armed robbery against ships" is defined in the draft Code of Practice for the Investigation of the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships (MSC/Circ.984) (article 2.2) as follows:

"Armed robbery against ships means any unlawful act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of "piracy", directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such ship, within a State's jurisdiction over such offences."

ANNEX

**Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by
Member States or international organizations in consultative status**

N ^o	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. 990 ANNEX Page 1
									Action by the coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	SOON SING General cargo ship Malaysia 1810 8926999	02/02/01 05:35 LT	01°20'.80N 103°17'.90E Malacca Strait	Pirates attempted to board the ship while underway	-	Alert crew prevented boarding	Yes. VTS Johor and SAR Basarnas informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
2	SHAFINAZ RIA Tanker Malaysia 3368 8912687	02/02/01 05:35 LT	01°21'.20N 103°16'.80E Malacca Strait	Pirates attempted to board the ship while underway	-	Alert crew prevented boarding	Yes. VTS Johor and SAR Basarnas informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
3	MALAYSIA STAR I Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 9678 8303329	03/02/01 01:05 UTC	13°20'.51N 100°36'.17E Bangkok Bar anchorage (Thailand)	Eight armed robbers boarded the ship from a small craft while at anchor. Three robbers armed with crowbars broke open a container. Robbers jumped overboard when spotted	Container broken into	Duty Officer raised the alarm. Alert crew mustered on deck. Ships in the vicinity informed	Yes. Pilot Station and PRC informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	MORNES Bulk carrier Norway 5385 8914128	06/02/01 00:10 LT	05°05'.80N 097°53'.00E Ujung Peureulak, Malacca Strait	Several pirates suspected to be armed attempted to board the ship from a high speed boat at the port side stern	-	Duty AB noticed the pirates and prevented them from boarding. The Duty Officer transmitted a safety message by VHF to all ships in the vicinity	Yes. SAR Basarnas, Indonesia informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
5	CRANE NORTH Tanker Singapore 1957 7821829	07/02/01 04:00 LT	00°07'.80N 117°34'.40E Lhotuan Pilot Station (Indonesia)	An armed robber boarded the ship from a speed boat while at anchor. He was spotted and chased but jumped overboard and escaped in the speed boat	-	The Duty Second Officer spotted the armed robber and raised the alarm. Two ABs on anti-piracy watch gave chase	Yes. SAR Basarnas, Indonesia informed. Attempted to contact Coast Guard/Port control but not response	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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6	UNITANK Chemical tanker Panama 12961 7431167	13/02/01 02:45 UTC	17°02'.00N 082°23'.00E Kakinada Anchorage (India)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while underway	Mooring rope stolen	The Duty Officer raised the alarm and attempted to contact Port control	Yes. Coast Guard, Chennai informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
7	STAR SEA BIRD Bulk carrier Panama 24953 9146601	15/02/01 15:00 LT	02°49'.00N 101°03'.40E Malacca Strait	A pirate boat followed the ship unnoticed for more than an hour while underway. A Malaysian warship KD SRI INDERA SAKTI was in the vicinity and approached the pirate boat which fled	-	-	Yes. VTS Klang informed by the warship and SAR Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
8	OLYMPIC FLAME Chemical tanker Panama 3903 7818004	15/02/01 04:00 LT	19°42'.00N 092°27'.00E Bay of Bengal	A tug boat chased the tanker for more than an hour while underway and tried to go alongside from her stern side. The tug boat contacted the tanker via radio and asked her last port and type of cargo on board	-	The tanker zigzagged to prevent boarding	Yes. MRCC Yangon, the Navy and the Ministry of Transport informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
9	STAR SAPPHIRE Tanker Liberia 22620 8819093	16/02/01 18:15 LT	SPA Oil Pier, Sandakan (Malaysia)	Armed robbers were spotted climbing the anchor chain while berthed and when spotted jumped into the water and escaped in a small boat	-	Anti-piracy watch chased the armed robbers away	Yes. Authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	NAME NOT REPORTED Bulk carrier	16/02/01	Tarahan (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while berthed	Large amount of spare parts stolen	-	Yes. SAR Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
11	NAME NOT REPORTED Tug	21/02/01 21:30 LT	00°58'.00N 103°41'.00E Malacca Strait	Pirates boarded the tug while underway and robbed the crew	No serious injuries to crew	-	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	NAME NOT REPORTED Tug	22/02/01 23:20 LT	00°56'.60N 103°39'.12E Malacca Strait	Pirates boarded the tug while underway	No serious injuries to crew	-	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
13	BONITA LIGHT Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 20250 7932587	22/02/01 08:20 UTC	13°29'.80N 043°01'.00E Red Sea	Two high speed boats approached the ship while underway but turned away to another ship when evasive action taken	-	Alarm raised and evasive action taken	Yes. French Defence Forces in Djibouti informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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14	NAME NOT REPORTED	23/02/01 03:47 UTC	13°47'.00N 048°12'.00E Gulf of Aden (Yemen)	Armed robbers in a boat were chasing the ship	-	-	Message intercepted by another ship and relayed to IMB Piracy Reporting Centre who in turn informed the Authorities in Djibouti	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
15	NAME NOT REPORTED Tanker	27/02/01 23:45 LT	05°17'.50N 097°58'.40E Off Ujung Peureulak	Pirates attempted to board the ship while underway	-	Duty Officer raised alarm after spotting the boat, crew mustered and the ship altered course to prevent boarding	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
16	NAME NOT REPORTED Container ship	27/02/01 01:30 LT	02°20'.00S 105°34'.00E Bangka Strait (Indonesia)	Six robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while underway and escaped in a small boat when spotted	-	Alert crew raised alarm	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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