

MARSEC Weekly Report

17 Oct – 23 Oct 26

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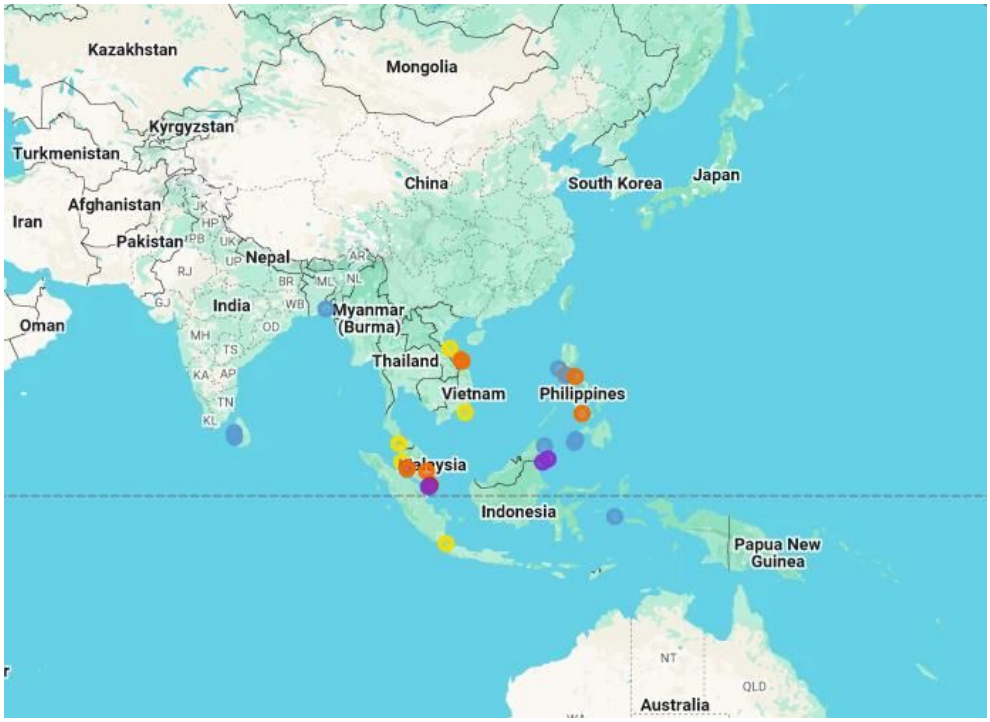
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 17 Oct – 23 Oct 26, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Updates	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery, and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	0	1	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	17	4-7
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	12	8-10
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	15	11-14
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	6	15-16
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	17
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	18
Others	0	0	19

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SECTION A: THEFT, ROBBERY AND PIRACY AT SEA (TRAPS)

Incidents:

17 Oct - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB231026

1. Information Fusion Centre received information from POCC that an unauthorised boarding occurred onboard a barge, towed by Singapore-flagged tugboat, while transiting the Eastbound lane of TSS (1°14'26.4"N 104°00'46.8"E) on 17 Oct 26, at around 15:25 (UTC+8).

2. Ship master reported all crew were accounted for and no injuries were reported. The vessel was en route to its next port of call in Vietnam when the incident occurred.

IFC Comments:
RFI has been sent to the shipping company for incident details.
The Indonesian ILO commented that the relevant Indonesian authorities have been informed and are currently awaiting further details and evidence for follow-up. All vessels experiencing emergencies in Indonesian waters of the Singapore Strait are requested to contact Batam VTS on VHF Channel 67 (West), 74 (Central), or 71 (East).

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)

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SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

17 Oct – Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ 1 Tanker/ Off Pulau Pangkor, Perak, Malaysia/ DB191026

On 17 Oct, local authorities detained a tanker due to unauthorised anchoring off Pulau Pangkor, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FJnQP1Ktr/

21 Oct – Collision-Grounding/ Human Error/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 261 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kuala Perlis Passenger Ferry Terminal, Perlis, Malaysia/ DB221026

On 21 Oct, a passenger vessel ran aground due to human error Kuala Perlis Passenger Ferry Terminal, Perlis, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there were 261 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tinyurl.com/y479s8w5

21 Oct – Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cua Ron, Quang Tri, Vietnam/ DB221026

On 21 Oct, a fishing vessel sank after running aground off Cua Ron, Quang Tri, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.bienphong.com.vn/tau-ca-gap-nan-gan-cua-roon-4-thuyen-vien-boi-vao-bo-an-toan-post508894.html

20 Oct – Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 420 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Merak Port, Cilegon City, Banten, Indonesia/ DB221026

On 20 Oct, a passenger vessel caught fire due to unknown causes off Merak Port, Cilegon City, Banten, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 420 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://news.detik.com/berita/d-8716551/420-penumpang-selamat-penyebab-kmp-batumandi-terbakar-masih-diselidiki

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21 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 4 Missing/ SAR/ Off Sư Tử Trắng Oil Platform, Vietnam/ DB231026

On 21 Oct, a fishing vessel sank due to unknown causes off Sư Tử Trắng Oil Platform, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were four missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://vishipel.com.vn/tau-ca-bth-80712-ts-chim-4-thuyen-vien-mat-tich.htm

Out of Reporting Period:

14 Oct - Adrift/ No Fuel/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pulau Tioman, Pahang, Malaysia/ DB191026

On 14 Oct, a fishing vessel was adrift after running out of fuel off Pulau Tioman, Pahang, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19uZTGTcFy/

13 Oct - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Research Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Khok Kham Subdistrict, Mueang Samut Sakhon District, Samut Sakhon Province, Thailand/ DB191026

On 13 Oct, a research vessel was adrift due to equipment failure off Khok Kham Subdistrict, Mueang Samut Sakhon District, Samut Sakhon Province, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were 11 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Go4w7cWNC/

12 Oct - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Aceh, Indonesia/ DB191026

On 12 Oct, a fishing vessel went missing due to unknown causes off Aceh, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19cyBvZEvi/
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1E1WhWjTTf/

03 Oct - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Sabang, Aceh Province, Indonesia/ DB191026

On 3 Oct, a fishing vessel went missing of Sabang, Aceh Province, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there was one missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1L2jcHSEg3/

15 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Pantai Ngalur, Tulungagung, Indonesia/ DB201026

On 15 Oct, a fishing vessel went missing due to bad weather off Pantai Ngalur, Tulungagung, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there was one missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.antaranews.com/berita/5789857/perahu-terbalik-dihantam-ombak-nelayan-gurita-hilang-di-tulungagung

14 Oct - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ Off Nhat Le, Quang Tri, Vietnam/ DB201026

On 14 Oct, a fishing vessel caught fire due to equipment failure off Nhat Le, Quang Tri, Vietnam. There were five rescued by a passing fishing vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.bienphong.com.vn/cuu-vot-5-thuyen-vien-troi-dat-tren-bien-sau-vu-chay-chim-tau-ca-post508749.html

14 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 10 Rescued/ Off Manapad, Thoothukudi, India/ DB201026

On 14 Oct, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather off Manapad, Thoothukudi, India. There were 10 rescued by a nearby fishing vessel while one mortal remains were later recovered.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil-nadu/2026/Oct/16/tamil-nadu-overloaded-country-boat-topples-off-manapad-10-fishers-rescued-1-dies

14 Oct - Missing/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Cidaun District, Indonesia/ DB201026

On 14 Oct, a fishing vessel went missing due to bad weather off Cidaun District, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there was one missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.antaranews.com/berita/5788509/diduga-dihantam-ombak-tinggi-nelayan-hilang-di-laut-selatan-cianjur?utm_source=antaranews&utm_medium=desktop&utm_campaign=related_news

13 Oct - Missing/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Banggai Laut Regency, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB201026

On 13 Oct, a small boat went missing due to bad weather off Banggai Laut Regency, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.antaranews.com/berita/5790745/sar-evakuasi-lima-penumpang-perahu-hilang-kontak-di-perairan-banggai

13 Oct - Missing/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Run Island, Central Maluku, Indonesia/ DB201026

On 13 Oct, a small boat went missing due to bad weather off Run Island, Central Maluku, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://ambon.antaranews.com/berita/347649/tiga-malam-hanyut-di-laut-akibat-kabut-tebal-nelayan-malteng-ditemukan-selamat

12 Oct - Missing/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Missing/ SAR/ Off Watu Murep Beach, Indonesia/ DB201026

On 12 Oct, a fishing vessel went missing due to bad weather off Watu Murep Beach, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.antaranews.com/berita/5783989/gelombang-tinggi-dua-nelayan-hilang-di-perairan-pacitan?utm_source=antaranews&utm_medium=desktop&utm_campaign=related_news

13 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Thuan An Ward, Hue City, Vietnam/ DB231026

On 13 Oct, a fishing vessel collided with another fishing vessel due to unknown causes off Thuan An Ward, Hue City, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there was one dead and three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://vnexpress.net/thuyen-danh-ca-va-cham-truoc-cang-mot-nguoi-tu-vong-5131914.html

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SECTION D: ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND UNREGULATED FISHING (IUUF)

Incidents:

18 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 7 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Phu Vinh Commune, Hue City, Vietnam/ DB191026

On 18 Oct, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested seven local fishermen due to fishing illegally off Phu Vinh Commune, Hue City, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bo-doi-bien-phong-thanh-pho-hue-bat-giu-3-tau-ca-khai-thac-thuy-san-trai-phep-post508812.html

17 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Chan May, Lang Co Commune, Hue City, Vietnam/ DB191026

On 17 Oct, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested two local fishermen due to illegally exploiting marine resources off Chan May, Lang Co Commune, Hue City, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bo-doi-bien-phong-thanh-pho-hue-bat-giu-3-tau-ca-khai-thac-thuy-san-trai-phep-post508812.html

18 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 7 Vietnamese Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Merchung, Pekan, Pahang, Malaysia/ DB211026

On 18 Oct, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested seven Vietnamese fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Merchung, Pekan, Pahang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19mY7MET2b/

18 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Barangay Bulakan, Looc, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB211026

On 18 Oct, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested five local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Barangay Bulakan, Looc, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19eS83GT3r/

21 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Barangay Daan Banua, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental, Philippines/ DB221026

On 21 Oct, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested one local fisherman due to illegal fishing operations off Barangay Daan Banua, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1KSU6pPwAv/

19 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 8 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel, License of Fishermen/ Off Kuala Selangor, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB221026

On 19 Oct, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested eight local fishermen due to operating without valid permit for passenger transport and fishing off Kuala Selangor, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19SJwbPtDi/

19 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 15 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulong Rowena, Barangay Balesin, Polillo, Quezon, Philippines/ DB231026

On 19 Oct, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested 15 local fishermen due to unauthorised fishing off Pulong Rowena, Barangay Balesin, Polillo, Quezon, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tribune.net.ph/2026/10/20/15-fishermen-apprehended-in-polillo-operation

Out of Reporting Period:

16 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 9 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Cavite City, Cavite, Philippines/ DB191026

On 16 Oct, local authorities detained three local fishing vessels and arrested nine local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Cavite City, Cavite, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1LP9qHVeFt/

14 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 12 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Panay, Capiz, Philippines/ DB201026

On 14 Oct, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested 12 local fishermen due to unauthorised fishing off Panay, Capiz, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.dailyguardian.com.ph/blog/12-arrested-for-illegal-baklad-fishing-in-capiz

14 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested, 1 Escaped/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Off Suleng Waseng, Solor, East Flores Regency, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB211026

On 14 Oct, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen while one escaped due to the seizure of illegal fishing gear off Suleng Waseng, Solor, East Flores Regency, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://flores.tribunnews.com/flores-timur/66519/ditpolairud-polda-ntt-amankan-kapal-diduga-bom-ikan-dan-tiga-orang-di-perairan-solor#goog_rewarded

13 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ License of Fishermen, Fishing in Prohibited Areas, Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Off Davao Oriental, Philippines/ DB231026

On 13 Oct, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel due to unauthorised fishing, fishing in prohibited areas and seizure of illegal fishing gear off Davao, Oriental, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1E4sMJBcVH/

13 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ License of Fishermen/ Off Davao Occidental, Philippines/ DB231026

On 13 Oct, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel due to unauthorised fishing off Davao Occidental, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1E4sMJBcVH/

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

17 Oct - Natural Resources/ Crude Palm Oil (4 Tons)/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ From Unknown to Sabah/ Off Sandakan, Sabah/ DB191026

On 17 Oct, local authorities seized 4 tons of palm oil from a cargo vessel off Sandakan, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1C2x5fLYm8/

19 Oct - Domestic Products/ Red Sugar (15,000kg)/ 1 Landing Craft/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Hatiya Upazila, Noakhali, Bangladesh/ DB201026

On 19 Oct, local authorities seized 15,000kg of red sugar from a landing craft off Hatiya Upazila, Noakhali, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tinyurl.com/ycyhjf39

17 Oct - Natural Resources/ Logs (8,388.51m³)/ 1 Tugboat/ From Unknown to Indonesia/ Off Buru Island, Maluku, Indonesia/ DB201026

On 17 Oct, local authorities seized 8,388.51m³ of logs from a tugboat off Buru Island, Maluku, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/701/kri-posepa-870-tangkap-kapal-pembawa-kayu-di-pulau-buru

19 Oct - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (157kg)/ Adrift/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Negombo Lagoon, Sri Lanka/ DB211026

On 19 Oct, local authorities seized 157kg of Kendu leaves in Negombo lagoon, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/navy-seizes-smuggled-kendu-leaves-stock-in-negombo.html

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19 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (25 Master Cases and 35 Reams)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Philippines/ Off Stanvac, Barangay Campo Islam, Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB211026

On 19 Oct, local authorities seized 25 master cases and 35 reams of cigarettes from a small boat off Stanvac, Barangay Campo Islam, Zamboanga City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CEayU1Twc/

20 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Taiwan to Philippines/ Off Barangay Lipay, Palauig, Zambales, Philippines/ DB221026

On 20 Oct, local authorities seized cigarettes from an unknown vessel off Barangay Lipay, Palauig, Zambales, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2327759/4-containers-with-smuggled-cigarettes-found-at-zambales-pier

20 Oct - Natural Resources/ Lumber (3,494.2 Board Feet)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Philippines/ Barangay Lower Portholland, Maluso, Basilan, Philippines/ DB221026

On 20 Oct, local authorities seized 3,494.2 board feet of lumber from a small boat at the wharf of Barangay Lower Portholland, Maluso, Basilan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DdmkysWYw/

21 Oct - Fuel/ Diesel (3,000 Litres)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Philippines/ Off Barangay NBBS, Navotas City, Philippines/ DB231026

On 21 Oct, local authorities seized 3,000 litres of diesel from a small boat off Barangay NBBS, Navotas City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/HeadquartersMaritimeGroup/posts/pfbid0ZxNyUPSg1T8C2dWSCtstcrL468LcvYmErjwW1VmzcsPC2UBYBeoF5CeAq7XWowefl

21 Oct - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (2,400kg)/ 2 Dhows and 2 Small Boats/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Udappuwa, Puttalam, Sri Lanka/ DB231026

On 21 Oct, local authorities seized 2,400kg of Kendu leaves from two dhows and two small boats off Udappuwa, Puttalam, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/smuggling-attempt-of-kendu-leaves-foiled;-2-indian-dhows-and-2-local-dinghies-seized.html

Out of Reporting Period:

16 Oct - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (125kg)/ Ashore/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Periyapadu, Puttalam, Sri Lanka/ DB191026

On 16 Oct, local authorities seized 125kg of Kendu leaves along the coast off Periyapadu, Puttalam, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/duplicate-of-suspect-arrested-with-30-foreign-electronic-cigarettes.html

15 Oct - Fuel and Domestic Products/ Diesel (750 Litres), Marine Produce (2,050kg), LPG Cylinders (10)/ 3 Fishing Vessels, 1 Other Vessel (Logging Boat)/ From Unknown to Sabah/ Off Sandakan, Sabah/ DB191026

On 15 Oct, local authorities seized 750 litres of diesel, 2,050kg of marine produce, and 10 LPG cylinders from three fishing vessels and a logging boat off Sandakan, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
http://capitalpost.com.my/maritim-sandakan-tahan-10-individu-rampas-barangan-rm508352/

01 Oct - Domestic Products/ Replica Gun (5), BB Pellets (6 Packets, 1 Bottle), and 72 Caps (40 Packets)/ From Unknown to Singapore/ Pasir Panjang Scanning Station, Singapore/ DB211026

On 1 Oct, local authorities seized five replica guns, six packets and one bottle of BB pellets, and 40 packets of 72 caps at Pasir Panjang Scanning Station, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/teen-assisting-in-investigations-after-attempt-to-smuggle-controlled-weapons-ammunition-into-spore

14 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes/ 1 Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Yllana Bay, Barangay White Beach, Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur, Philippines/ DB221026

On 14 Oct, local authorities seized cigarettes from a small boat off Yllana Bay, Barangay White Beach, Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BqxocXDHb/

21 Sep - Domestic Products/ Rice (7,500 Tons)/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ From Vietnam to Philippines/ Off Davao City, Philippines/ DB221026

On 21 Sep, local authorities seized 7,500 tons of rice from a cargo vessel off Davao City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://journal.com.ph/boc-da-navy-lauded-by-sen-pangilinan-for-seizure-of-%E2%82%B1700-m-worth-of-rice/

17 Sep - Domestic Products/ Rice (12,500 Tons)/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ From Vietnam to Philippines/ Off Davao City, Philippines/ DB221026

On 17 Sep, local authorities seized 12,500 tons of rice from a cargo vessel off Davao City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://journal.com.ph/boc-da-navy-lauded-by-sen-pangilinan-for-seizure-of-%E2%82%B1700-m-worth-of-rice/

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

20 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Small Boat/ 54 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Tanjung Karang, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB211026

On 20 Oct, local authorities arrested 54 Indonesian migrants from a small boat off Tanjung Karang, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1cLJjKHvdc/

19 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Small Boat/ 4 Indonesian Migrants/ From Sebatik Island to Malaysia/ Off Sebatik Island, Nunukan, Celebes Sea/ DB211026

On 19 Oct, local authorities arrested four Indonesian migrants from a small boat off Sebatik Island, Nunukan, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://radartarakan.jawapos.com/nunukan/2610190021/keberangkatan-empat-cpmi-nonprosedural-ke-tawau-berhasil-digagalkan

17 Oct - Illegal Documentation/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 5 Filipino/ Off Singamata, Semporna, Sabah/ DB221026

On 17 Oct, local authorities arrested five Filipino off Singamata, Semporna, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tinyurl.com/2vbas33w

20 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ 12 Vietnamese Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Lumba Island, Kasu Village, Belakang Padang District, Batam City, Indonesia/ DB231026

On 20 Oct, local authorities arrested 12 Vietnamese migrants in Lumba Island, Kasu Village, Belakang Padang District, Batam City, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://rri.co.id/batam/regional/2834438/tni-al-gagalkan-keberangkatan-ilegal-12-wna-vietnam-di-batam

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Out of Reporting Period:

16 Oct – Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Small Boat/ 21 Bangladesh, 4 Myanmar, 2 Thai Migrants/ From Unknown to Malaysia/ Off Pantai Kurung Tengar, Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB201026

On 16 Oct, local authorities arrested 21 Bangladesh, four Myanmar and two Thai migrants off Pantai Kurung Tengar, Kuala Perlis, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CA4mD7U6n/

14 Oct – Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Speed Boat/ 3 Indonesian Migrants/ From Unknown to Malaysia/ Off Kuala Tumpat, Malaysia/ DB231026

On 14 Oct, local authorities arrested three Indonesian migrants from a speed boat off Kuala Tumpat, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.kosmo.com.my/2026/10/22/14-pati-dicekup-menyelinap-ikut-sungai/

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

Out of Reporting Period:

16 Oct – Maritime Pollution/ Oil Spill/ No Impact/ Eastern Outer Port Limit (EOPL), SW of South China Sea/ DB201026

On 16 Oct, a 3.46km long pollution (oil spill or oily water discharge) was observable on the Sentinel-2 satellite image at position 2.083, 104.570 (EOPL).

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
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SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

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SECTION I: OTHERS

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IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

The IFC advises:

1. All mariners report any maritime security incidents timely to the nearest coastal state and inform the IFC at the earliest possible time.

2. All mariners are strongly recommended to be vigilant, in particularly when operating in IFC identified hotspots (Sulu-Celebes seas, Eastbound Lane of Traffic Separation Scheme in Singapore Strait, Jakarta Port in Indonesia and South Harbor Anchorage in Philippines).

3. All mariners are advised to adopt Ship Protection Measures recommended in the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia (e.g., illuminating the accommodation block and poop deck, deploying sentries and increase frequency of security rounds).

4. All mariners to take note of the description of the perpetrators and to take photos of the perpetrators if possible. Where available, CCTV footage capturing the incident should be provided to the coastal state authorities for follow-on investigation.

5. All mariners are advised to participate in IFC Voluntary Community Reporting (VCR) as depicted in MARSEC Chart Q6112 and Q6113. In case of any doubt, incident at sea, suspicious approach or unusual observed activity at sea, please contact the IFC Duty Officer:

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The IFC seeks your observations during your normal business. The IFC would like to remind mariners to be mindful of national and international laws, company and other policy requirements and health and safety obligations, whilst recording these observations. The reporting of such events to IFC does not absolve you of your obligations towards coastal/ port/ flag authorities.

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IFC Infographic on CCTV Footage and Photo Evidence of Sea Robbery Incidents in the Singapore Strait
IFC Recommended Measures to Deter Unauthorised Boardings in Singapore Strait
IFC Spot Commentary 02/25 – Phillip Channel - 3 TRAPS Incidents in One Night on 5 Jun 2025
IFC Spot Commentary 01/25 – Observations of TRAPS Incidents in the Phillip Channel in 2025

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IFC Spot Commentary 03/24 –Phillip Channel – 3 TRAPS Incidents in One Night
IFC Spot Commentary 02/24 – Observations of TRAPS Incidents in the Phillip Channel in 2024
IFC Spot Commentary 01/24 – Singapore Strait – 3 TRAPS Incidents in One Night

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IFC Spot Commentary 01/23 – Observations of Three TRAPS Incidents in One Night, Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait

2022

IFC Spot Commentary 01/22 – Observations of Sea Theft Incidents Involving Tugs and Barges in Waters off Tanjung Piai and Eastbound Lane of Singapore Strait in 2022

2021

IFC Spot Commentary 01/21 - Observations of Sea Robbery and Sea Theft in Manila South Harbour Anchorage, Philippines

2020

Spot Commentary 2/20 - Observations of Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Eastbound Land of Singapore Strait
Analyst Journal 2/20 - Observations of Rohingya Migrants' Movement within the IFC Area of Interest (AOI)
Analyst Journal 1/20 - Sea Robberies, Sea Thefts and Attempted Actions in the Singapore Strait and Approaches
IFC SPOT COMMENTARY 01/20 - Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Manilla and Batangas anchorage.

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IFC Spot Commentary 3/19 – Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Singapore Strait and Approaches
IFC Spot Commentary 2/19 - Observations of TRAPS incidents in the Southern Approaches-South China Sea (SCS) since 31 May to 26 Sep 2019
IFC Spot Commentary 1/19 – Observations of TRAPS incidents in the area off Tg Piai, Malaysia/Western Approaches-Singapore Strait since 1 January to 27 May 2019

2018

IFC Spot Commentary 4/18 – Observations between 5 to 8 December for incidents in the Sulu-Celebes Sea/Eastern Sabah
IFC Spot Commentary 3/18 – Kidnapping Incident of Two Crew on Fishing Vessel "DWIJAYA 1", Off Semporna.
IFC Spot Commentary 2/18 – Attempted Actions on Tugboat "EVER ALPHA", Pulau Tambisan, Malaysia.
IFC Spot Commentary 1/18 – Observations on Sea Theft and Robberies recorded in Singapore Strait and its approaches – January to December 2017.

2017

IFC Spot Commentary 5/17 – Abduction of 5 Local Fishermen off Poblacion coast, Pangutaran, Sulu, Philippines.
IFC Spot Commentary 4/17 – Attempted Piracy / Oil Siphoning Incident on Oil Tanker MT MGT 1, Malaysia.
IFC Spot Commentary 3/17 – Abduction of Crew from SUPER SHUTTLE TUGBOAT 1, Basilan Strait.
IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 – Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.
IFC Spot Commentary 1/17 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

2016

IFC Spot Commentary 2/16 - Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.
IFC Spot Commentary 1/16 – Kidnapping at Sea by Armed Groups in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

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Given that IFC's information-sharing mechanism relies heavily on availability of reports online and voluntary contributions, certain data gaps or "blind spots" may exist in terms of trending and analysis. Areas that have no or limited reported incidents should thus not be assumed to be "incident free"; likewise, in comparison, areas with high reported incident numbers should not be assumed to be "danger areas". We applaud all partners who have stepped up enforcement efforts and openly reported the incidents for shared awareness. Seafarers should remain vigilant at all times, especially in areas where the threat level is assessed to be of concern in accordance with the IFC's Assessments via its Weekly Report or Spot Commentaries.

Ships should apply the appropriate security measures (such as Tugs and Barge Guide, Guide for Tankers Operating in Asia, or Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia). Ship masters should also be aware and refer to the Maritime Security Charts Q6112 and Q6113, both published by the UK Hydrographic Office.

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