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24 Oct – 30 Oct 26

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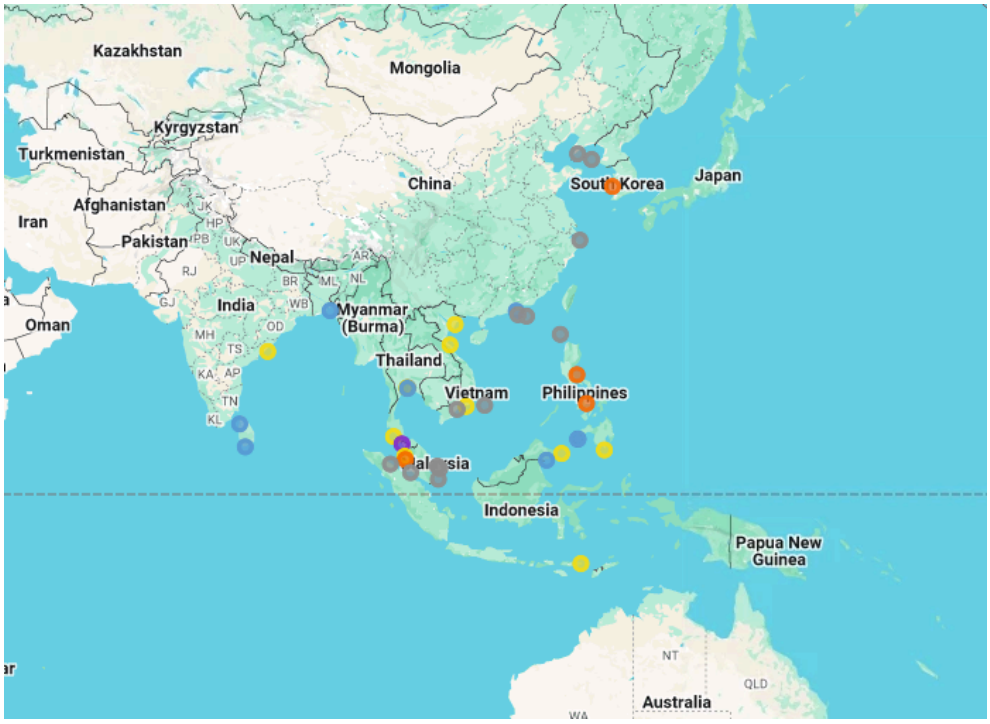
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 24 Oct – 30 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	0	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	14	4-6
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	9	7-8
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	15	9-12
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	3	13
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	14
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	21	15-19
Others	0	0	20

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

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SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

25 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Perak, Malaysia/ DB261026

On 25 Oct, a cargo vessel sank due to unknown causes off Perak, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there were 19 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://malaysiagazette.com/2026/10/25/kapal-mv-vivo-arya-karam-di-perak-19-kru-berjaya-diselamatkan/#google_vignette

24 Oct - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Small Boat/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Barangay Balangonan, Jose Abad Santos, Davao Occidental, Philippines/ DB261026

On 24 Oct, a small boat went adrift due to equipment failure off Barangay Balangonan, Jose Abad Santos, Davao Occidental, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BcxujoMd9/

26 Oct - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Small Boat/ 37 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Panglima Sugala, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB281026

On 26 Oct, a small boat went adrift due to equipment failure off Panglima Sugala, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 37 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DAFqoy7oi/

25 Oct - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Small Boat/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Talibura, Sikka Regency, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB281026

On 25 Oct, a small boat went adrift due to equipment failure off Talibura, Sikka Regency, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.detik.com/bali/nusra/d-8723625/kapal-mati-mesin-2-nelayan-sikka-terombang-ambing-di-laut

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27 Oct - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Phu Hai Port, Phu Thuy Ward, Lam Dong, Vietnam/ DB291026

On 27 Oct, a fishing vessel caught fire due to equipment failure at Phu Hai Port, Phu Thuy Ward, Lam Dong, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.vietnamplus.vn/lam-dong-chay-rui-tau-ca-dang-xuat-ben-hai-thuyen-vien-nhay-xuong-bien-post1144664.vnp?utm=

29 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ 1 Bulk Carrier/ 20 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Antarvedi, India/ DB301026

On 29 Oct, a bulk carrier ran aground due to bad weather off Antarvedi, India. SAR was conducted and there were 20 rescued,

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://theprint.in/india/coast-guard-rescues-all-crew-members-of-bulk-carrier-vessel-stranded-off-andhra-coast-during-cyclone/3085502/

29 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Small Boat/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Koh Rok Noi, Krabi Province, Thailand/ DB301026

On 29 Oct, a small boat sank due to unknown causes off Koh Rok Noi, Krabi Province, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were seven rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1LudNW8qkL/

28 Oct - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Barge/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Koh Sichang, Chon Buri Province, Thailand/ DB301026

On 28 Oct, a barge caught fire due to equipment failure off Koh Sichang, Chon Buri Province, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

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

28 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 1 Missing, 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Thien Cam, Ha Tinh Province, Vietnam/ DB301026

On 28 Oct, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Thien Cam, Ha Tinh Province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there was one dead, one missing and three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.bienphong.com.vn/tau-ca-gap-nan-1-ngu-dan-tu-vong-1-ngu-dan-mat-tich-post509124.html

28 Oct - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Do Son, Hai Phong, Vietnam/ DB301026

On 28 Oct, a fishing vessel went adrift due to bad weather off Do Son, Hai Phong, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.bienphong.com.vn/kip-thoi-cuu-nan-4-thuyen-vien-tren-tau-ca-gap-song-lon-troi-dat-tren-bien-do-son-post509107.html

Out of Reporting Period:

23 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Chemical Tanker, 1 Tug & Barge/ 22 Rescued/ Off Tamashima, Okatama Prefecture, Japan/ DB261026

On 23 Oct, a chemical tanker and a tug & barge collided due to unknown causes off Tamashima, Okatama Prefecture, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://news.yahoo.co.jp/articles/fe9ffe835aa5c1ade6217f223ea4fadfb63d6242

21 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ Off Tran De Fishing Port, Can Tho City, Vietnam/ DB261026

On 21 Oct, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Tran De Fishing Port, Can Tho City, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bo-doi-bien-phong-thanh-pho-can-tho-tiep-nhan-4-thuyen-vien-gap-nan-tren-bien-post508971.html

20 Oct - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 17 Rescued/ Off Erimomisaki, Hokkaido Prefecture, Japan/ DB261026

On 20 Oct, a fishing vessel caught fire due to unknown causes off Off Erimomisaki, Hokkaido Prefecture, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.sanyonews.jp/article/2007598?kw=1%E8%87%AA

14 Oct - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Calavite, Paluan, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB281026

On 14 Oct, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Calavite, Paluan, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Ejn2pAunT/

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

Incidents:

25 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Polillo, Quezon, Philippines/ DB271026

On 25 Oct, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested two foreign fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Polillo, Quezon, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18fBTeHPRK/

27 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Tago Island, Barangay Poblacion, Concepcion, Iloilo, Philippines/ DB281026

On 27 Oct, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested two local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Tago Island, Barangay Poblacion, Concepcion, Iloilo, Philippines.

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

29 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 4 Myanmar Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen, Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Segari Beach, Perak, Malaysia/ DB301026

On 29 Oct, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested four Myanmar fishermen due to license of fishermen and fishing in prohibited areas off
Segari Beach, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Hv6JV4UCB/

26 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Gaejado Island, ROK/ DB301026

On 26 Oct, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested a local fisherman due to license of fishermen off Gaejado Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=152221

Out of Reporting Period:

21 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 2 Thai Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Tanjung Belua, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB261026

On 21 Oct, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested one local and two Thai fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Tanjung Belua, Kedah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AB2QPw6E1/

19 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Warrior Reef, Torres Strait, Australia/ DB261026

On 19 Oct, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel due to fishing in prohibited areas off Warrior Reef, Torres Strait, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/Op-BROADSTAFF-Foreign-fishing-vessel-in-Torres-Strait-intercepted-by-ABF-.aspx#

22 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 7 Vietnamese Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Kuala Pahang, Malaysia/ DB271026

On 22 Oct, local authorities detained a Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested seven Vietnamese fishermen due to license of fishing vessel off Kuala Pahang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19m28GK173/

22 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Barangay Logbon, Romblon, Philippines/ DB271026

On 22 Oct, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested six local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Barangay Logbon, Romblon, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Fmouwq1gd/

14 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Cape Wessel, Northern Territory, Australia/ DB301026

On 14 Oct, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel and arrested foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel off Cape Wessel, Northern Territory, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/Crew-detained-after-suspected-illegal-foreign-fishing-off-Cape-Wessel,-NT.aspx

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

25 Oct - Domestic Products/ Crude Palm Oil (9,500 Liters)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Bangladesh/ Off Nalchira Ghat, Hatiya, Noakhali, Bangladesh/ DB261026

On 25 Oct, local authorities seized 9,500 litres of crude palm oil from a small boat off Nalchira Ghat, Hatiya, Noakhali, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tinyurl.com/bdzy5fhz

24 Oct - Drugs/ Meth (239.76kg) and Heroin (321.94kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Naotunna, Thalalla, Matara, Sri Lanka/ DB261026

On 24 Oct, local authorities seized 239.76kg of meth and 321.94kg of heroin from a small boat off Naotunna, Thalalla, Matara, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/over-475kg-of-methamphetamine-and-heroin-seized-at-naotunna-beach,-thalalla.html

26 Oct - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (38kg)/ Ashore/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Pandaraweli Beach, Silawathura, Sri Lanka/ DB271026

On 26 Oct, local authorities seized 38kg of kendu leaves at Pandaraweli Beach, Silawathura, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/navy-seizes-38kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves-in-silawathura.html

26 Oct - Natural Resources/ Lumber/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Philippines/ Off Barangay Baliwasan, Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB281026

On 26 Oct, local authorities seized lumber from a small boat off Off Barangay Baliwasan, Zamboanga City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1JdtsQ5SNF/

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26 Oct - Wildlife/ Elephant Ivory and Wildlife Remains (3,108.87kg)/ 1 Container Vessel/ From Zambia through Thailand to Unknown/ Laem Chabang Port, Chonburi, Thailand/ DB281026

On 26 Oct, local authorities seized 3,108.87kg of elephant ivory and wildlife remains from a container vessel at Laem Chabang Port, Chonburi, Thailand

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.dsi.go.th/en/Detail/5acd7843505d74ae4ec49ae696eeaac0

26 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (400 Reams)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Philippines/ Off Barangay Baliwasan, Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB291026

On 26 Oct, local authorities seized 400 reams of cigarettes from a small boat off Barangay Baliwasan, Zamboanga City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1QacAuiZ88/

28 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (200,000 Packs)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Sabah/ Off Kampung Titingan, Tawau, Sabah/ DB301026

On 26 Oct, local authorities seized 200,000 packs of cigarettes from a small boat off Kampung Titingan, Tawau, Sabah

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19Yi9Xc734/

27 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (2,230,000)/ 1 Speed Boat/ From Unknown to China/ Off Hong Kong, China/ DB301026

On 27 Oct, local authorities seized 2,230,000 cigarettes from a speed boat off Hong Kong, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_5734.html?p=1&y=&m=

Out of Reporting Period:

21 Oct - Drugs/ Yaba Tablets (50,000 Pieces)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Bangladesh/ Off Nazirpara, Shahpari Island, Teknaf, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB261026

On 21 Oct, local authorities seized 50,000 pieces of yaba tablets from a small boat off Nazirpara, Shahpari Island, Teknaf, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tinyurl.com/4w6axewz

20 Oct - Drugs/ Ketamine (1,160kg)/ 1 Tanker/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Tanjung Balai Asahan, North Sumatra, Indonesia/ DB261026

On 20 Oct, local authorities seized 1,160kg of ketamine from a tanker off Tanjung Balai Asahan, North Sumatra, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.scmp.com/news/asia/southeast-asia/article/3372054/malaysian-owned-tanker-carrying-us14-million-ketamine-seized-indonesia?module=perpetual_scroll_0&pgtype=article

20 Oct - Drugs/ Cocaine (120kg)/ 1 Container Vessel/ From Greece to Australia/ Melbourne, Australia/ DB261026

On 20 Oct, local authorities seized 120kg of cocaine from a container vessel at Melbourne, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.afp.gov.au/news-centre/media-release/three-people-charged-following-alleged-120-kg-cocaine-import-hidden

20 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (1,600 Master Cases)/ 1 Container Vessel/ From Unknown to Philippines/ Off Palauig, Zambales, Philippines/ DB271026

On 20 Oct, local authorities seized 1,600 master cases of cigarettes from a container vessel off Palauig, Zambales, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://tinyurl.com/4rybpe63

22 Oct - Fuel/ Diesel (3,500 Litres)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Sabah/ Off Kampung Halo, Semporna, Sabah/ DB281026

On 22 Oct, local authorities seized 3,500 litres of diesel from a small boat off Kampung Halo, Semporna, Sabah.

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

22 Oct - Fuel/ Petrol (275 Litres)/ Ashore/ From Unknown to Sabah/ Semporna Public Jetty, Sabah/ DB281026

On 22 Oct, local authorities seized 275 litres of petrol ashore at Semporna Public Jetty, Sabah.

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

22 Oct - Fuel and Domestic Products/ Petrol (180 Litres), LPG (2 Barrels), Cooking Oil (57 Packets)/ Adrift/ From Unknown to Sabah/ Off Boheayan, Semporna, Sabah/ DB281026

On 22 Oct, local authorities seized 180 litres of petrol, two barrels of LPG, and 57 packets of cooking oil adrift off Boheayan, Semporna, Sabah.

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

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

26 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Small Boat/ 9 Myanmar and 2 Thai/ From Unknown to Malaysia/ Off Kuala Sungai Padang, Malaysia/ DB281026

On 26 Oct, local authorities arrested nine Myanmar and two Thais from a small boat off Kuala Sungai Padang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2026/10/27/maritime-officer-killed-three-injured-during-pursuit-of-suspected-migrant-boat-off-perlis/240834#goog_rewarded

Out of Reporting Period:

21 Oct - Illegal Documentation/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Thai/ Off Tanjung Belua, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB261026

On 21 Oct, local authorities arrested two Thai from a fishing vessel off Tanjung Belua, Kedah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AB2QPw6E1/

22 Oct - Illegal Documentation/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 7 Vietnamese/ Off Kuala Pahang, Malaysia/ DB271026

On 22 Oct, local authorities arrested seven Vietnamese from a fishing vessel off Kuala Pahang, Malaysia

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19m28GK173/

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SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Incidents:

27 Oct - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Tanker/ No Impact/ Eastern Outer Port Limit (EOPL), SW of South China Sea/ DB271026

On 27 Oct, a 156,000-ton tanker identifying itself as a vessel transmitting AIS information under the Comoros flag (indicated IMO: 9248497), at position 1.910, 104.677 (EOPL – SW SCS), is using an IMO number referring to a false flag (Comoros False) in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

27 Oct - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 LPG Tanker/ No Impact/ East China Sea/ DB271026

On 27 Oct, a 47,194-ton LPG tanker identifying itself as a vessel transmitting AIS information under the Guatemala flag (indicated IMO: 9350422), at position 30.149, 122.290 (East China Sea), is using an IMO number referring to a false flag (Guatemala False) in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

27 Oct - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Tanker/ No Impact/ Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS)/ DB271026

On 27 Oct, a 57,000-ton tanker identifying itself as a vessel transmitting AIS information under the Curaçao flag (indicated IMO: 9229362), at position 2.737, 101.222 (SOMS), is using an IMO number referring to a false flag (Curaçao False) in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

27 Oct - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Tanker/ No Impact/ Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS)/ DB271026

On 27 Oct, a 5,000-ton tanker identifying itself as a vessel transmitting AIS information under the Indonesian flag (indicated IMO: 9478509), at position 3.790, 98.710 (SOMS), is using an IMO number referring to an unknown flag and another vessel name in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

27 Oct - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ No Impact/ South China Sea/ DB271026

On 27 Oct, a ship identifying itself as a vessel transmitting AIS information under the Mozambique flag (indicated IMO: 9179701), at position 21.666, 115.656 (South China Sea), is using an IMO number that does not exist in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

27 Oct - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Tanker/ No Impact/ South China Sea/ DB271026

On 27 Oct, a 60,000-ton tanker identifying itself as a vessel transmitting AIS information under the Zimbabwe flag (indicated IMO: 9238052), at position 21.840, 114.585 (South China Sea), is using an IMO number referring to a false flag (Tonga False) in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

27 Oct - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Bulk Carrier/ No Impact/ South China Sea/ DB271026

On 27 Oct, a 28,000-ton bulk carrier identifying itself as a vessel transmitting AIS information under the Curaçao flag (indicated IMO: 9187368), at position 13.176, 100.871 (South China Sea), is using an IMO number referring to a false flag (Sint Maarten False) in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

27 Oct - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Tanker/ No Impact/ South China Sea/ DB271026

On 27 Oct, a 160,000-ton tanker identifying itself as a vessel transmitting AIS information under the Mozambique flag (indicated IMO: 9410387), at position 19.548, 119.861 (South China Sea), is using an IMO number referring to a false flag (Mozambique False) in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

27 Oct - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Tanker/ No Impact/ South China Sea/ DB271026

On 27 Oct, a 60,000-ton tanker identifying itself as a vessel transmitting AIS information under the Mozambique flag (indicated IMO: 9290359), at position 3.302, 104.801 (South China Sea), is using an IMO number referring to a false flag (Mozambique False) in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

27 Oct - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Tanker/ No Impact/ South China Sea/ DB271026

On 27 Oct, a 58,000-ton bulk carrier identifying itself as a vessel transmitting AIS information under the Panama flag (indicated IMO: 9284594), at position 10.549, 107.013 (South China Sea), is using an IMO number referring to a false flag (Sint Maarten False) and another vessel name in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

27 Oct - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Tanker/ No Impact/ Yellow Sea/ DB271026

On 27 Oct, an 80,000-ton tanker identifying itself as a vessel transmitting AIS information under the Comoros flag (indicated IMO: 9321718), at position 38.431, 123.753 (Yellow Sea), is using an IMO number referring to a false flag (Comoros False) in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

27 Oct - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Tanker/ No Impact/ Yellow Sea/ DB271026

On 27 Oct, a 42,000-ton tanker identifying itself as a vessel transmitting AIS information under the Curaçao flag (indicated IMO: 9288265), at position 38.988, 122.020 (Yellow Sea), is using an IMO number referring to a false flag (Curaçao False) in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

27 Oct - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Tanker/ No Impact/ South China Sea/ DB271026

On 27 Oct, a 42,000-ton tanker identifying itself as a vessel transmitting AIS information under the Panama flag (indicated IMO: 9298296), at position 3.252, 104.858 (South China Sea), is using an IMO number referring to an unknown flag in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

27 Oct - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Tanker/ No Impact/ South China Sea/ DB271026

On 27 Oct, an 84,000-ton tanker identifying itself as a vessel transmitting AIS information under the Curaçao flag (indicated IMO: 9259745), at position 3.525, 104.567 (South China Sea), is using an IMO number referring to an unknown flag in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

27 Oct - Information Deception/ Fraudulent Registration/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ No Impact/ South China Sea/ DB271026

On 27 Oct, a ship identifying itself as a vessel transmitting AIS information under the Comoros flag (indicated IMO: 9166742), at position 11.042, 110.448 (South China Sea), is using an IMO number that does not exist in the GISIS database.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
FR ILO

Out of Reporting Period:

25 Aug - Underwater Infrastructure/ Underwater Telecom/ Internet Disruption/ Off Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea/ DB291026

On 25 Aug, PNG DataCo detected a fault on the Vanimo branch of the Kumul Domestic Submarine Cable System off Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://subtelforum.com/?p=31617

25 Aug - Underwater Infrastructure/ Underwater Telecom/ Internet Disruption/ Off Quy Nhon, Binh Dinh, Vietnam/ DB291026

On 25 Aug, the SJC2 and AAE-1 submarine cables serving Vietnam developed faults almost simultaneously, causing internet disruption off Quy Nhon, Binh Dinh, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://english.vov.vn/en/society/four-undersea-cables-hit-faults-vietnams-international-internet-slows-locally-post1328208.vov

09 Apr - Underwater Infrastructure/ Underwater Telecom/ Internet Disruption/ Off Kuakata, Barisal Division, Bangladesh/ DB291026

On 9 Apr, Bangladesh began an 80-hour repair of a shunt fault on the SEA-ME-WE 5 submarine cable, taking Singapore-bound circuits from the Kuakata, Bangladesh, landing station offline, causing internet disruption, off Kuakata, Barisal Division, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://subtelforum.com/bangladesh-smw-5-repairs-trigger-80-hour-disruption/

07 Mar - Underwater Infrastructure/ Underwater Telecom/ Communications Disruption/ Off Shalun, Tamsui, Taiwan/ DB291026

On 7 Mar, the Taiwan-Matsu No. 2 submarine cable failed completely 23.6km from Shalun, Tamsui, Taiwan, causing communication disruption.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://subtelforum.com/taiwan-matsu-no-2-repair-restores-dongyin-traffic/

09 Sep - Maritime Infrastructure/ Hacking - Malware/ Port of Tanjung Pelepas, Johor, Malaysia/ DB301026

On 9 Sep, shortly before midnight, a cybersecurity incident forced Malaysia's Port of Tanjung Pelepas, Johor, Malaysia, operated by AP Moller-Maersk and MMC Corporation, to halt terminal operations overnight.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://theloadstar.com/cyber-attack-halts-operations-at-malaysias-tanjung-pelepas-port/

24 Mar - Maritime Commercial/ Hacking - Others/Unk/ Tokyo, Japan/ DB301026

On 24 Mar, NYK Group, Japan, detected unauthorised third-party access to its marine fuel procurement system, resulting in the theft of personal information belonging to current and former employees and business partners. The system was restored on 27 Mar, and the breach was reported to Japanese authorities.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.nyk.com/english/news/2026/20260409_01.html

SECTION I: OTHERS

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Releasable to Maritime Industry

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.

PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES/ANALYST JOURNAL

2025

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

2024

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

2023

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.

2019

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.

SAFE AND SECURE SEAS FOR ALL

Note: Information herein were derived and compiled through the collaborative efforts of our International Liaison Officers (ILOs), utilising a combination of open-source news/reports and voluntary data-sharing from various internal and external sources such as Focal Points, OPCENs, and other maritime stakeholders.

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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