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**IFC OPS FEATURE 01/24 – INDONESIAN NAVY ARRESTS SEVEN SEA ROBBERS
IN WATERS NORTH OF BINTAN AND BATAM, INDONESIA**



Photo Credit: Indonesian Navy (TNI AL)

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1. On 28 Aug 24, the TNI AL foiled an ongoing sea robbery attempt on a Tug & Barge, in waters north of Bintan and Batam islands, Indonesia. Upon receiving reports of the suspicious activities from passing ships, the TNI AL's Joint Task Force and Fleet One Quick Response (F1QR) Team responded promptly to conduct an inspection on the reported Barge, catching the perpetrators red handed.
2. The F1QR Team arrested all seven perpetrators and brought them back to land for further investigations. The Team also seized the perpetrators' equipment, which included a speedboat with a 40 PK outboard engine, poles, ropes with hooks, and sacks. Upon interrogation, the seven perpetrators confessed to having attempted similar acts on ships anchored in or transiting through the waters north of Bintan and Batam islands previously.
3. The IFC commends the TNI AL's prompt response to the incident, and continued commitment to conduct enforcement efforts on land and at sea. We would also like to take the

opportunity to encourage the shipping community to remain vigilant when transiting the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, and to promptly report suspicious activities to local authorities and inform the IFC. Photos and video evidence would be vital to assist authorities in investigations and successful prosecution.

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