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IFC OPS FEATURE 03/25 – AUTHORITIES ARREST 11 PAX INVOLVED IN RECENT SEA ROBBERIES/THEFTS IN INDONESIAN WATERS

1. On 9 and 10 Jul 2025, the Indonesian authorities successfully arrested 11 pax suspected to be behind a recent spate of sea robbery/theft incidents in the Phillip Channel (see **Photos** below).

Photos: Indonesian Authorities Arrested Members of a Suspected Sea Robbery Group, Based on CCTV Footage Provided by Affected Shipping Companies



(Photo Sources: [Alamudin/detikSumut](#),¹ Indonesian Navy)

2. Post incidents, the IFC received CCTV footage and photographs from affected shipping companies, and promptly shared the evidence with regional authorities via our network of International Liaison Officers and OPCEN linkages, enabling partners like the Indonesian Navy and Riau Islands Regional Police's Water Police Directorate (POLRI) to take effective action on land. The CCTV evidence shared by our shipping partners were particularly useful, clearly showing the faces, equipment, and modus operandi of the perpetrators involved. This helped the authorities identify and arrest the perpetrators, and possibly conclude with successful prosecution eventually.

3. This outcome is a strong testament to the (a) competency and commitment of the Indonesian Navy and partner enforcement agencies like the POLRI to ensure regional maritime security; and (b) important role and contributions by the shipping community in strengthening deterrence and enforcement efforts. Cooperation is key! Together, we can keep our seas Safe and Secure for All!

¹ <https://www.detik.com/sumut/hukum-dan-kriminal/d-8010651/komplotan-bajak-laut-ditangkap-saat-beraksi-jarah-kapal-asing-di-kepri/amp>