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



For the period of 19 – 25 Feb 22, the number of incidents reported by the IFC within the AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	3	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	27	5-10
Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	8	11-12
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	12	13-15
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	3	16
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	17
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	1	18
Others	0	19

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

25 Feb - Boarding / Sea theft/ No Injury / BW CHEETAH/ Tanker/ Singapore-flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB250222

1. POCC informed that a Singapore-flagged tanker, BW CHEETAH, reported two unauthorised personnel boarded the vessel when transiting along Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°15'13.8"N 104°08'45.0"E) on 25 Feb 22 at 0240 (UTC + 8).

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: BW CHEETAH
- b. Callsign: 9V2345
- c. IMO: 9635834
- d. MMSI: 563877000
- e. Flag: Singapore
- f. Type: Tanker
- g. Ship Owner: BW Group Ltd
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Hafnia Pools Pte Ltd
- i. LPOC: Singapore
- j. NPOC: Solomon Islands

3. The ship raised the alarm and sighted two perpetrators fled. All crew are safe, and a breathing compressor was reported stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC to Solomon Islands.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to ship company for evidence of the boarding and incident details.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Port Operation Control Centre (POCC)

25 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ No Injury/ Fishing Vessel/ Anchored/ Rizhao, Shandong, China/ DB250222

On 25 Feb, two people were arrested for boarding a fishing vessel and stealing goods off Rizhao, Shandong, China.

IFC Comments:

The publishing date of this incident is used as the actual incident date is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

http://www.ccg.gov.cn//2022/95110_0223/1252.html

<https://weibo.com/6586732953/LgPCJBPOS>



Out of reporting period:

18 Feb – Boarding / Sea theft/ No Injury / DELTA EURYDICE/ Tanker/ Liberia-flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait / DB210222

1. POCC informed that a Liberia-flagged tanker, DELTA EURYDICE, reported two unauthorised personnel sighted in the engine room when transiting along Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°15'01.8"N 104°02'06.0" E) on 18 Feb 22 at 2050 (UTC + 8).

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: DELTA EURYDICE
- b. Callsign: D5JI2
- c. IMO: 9700706
- d. MMSI: 636017106
- e. Flag: Liberia
- f. Type: Crude Oil Tanker
- g. Ship Owner: Starlet Maritime Ltd
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Delta Tankers Ltd
- i. LPOC: Libya
- j. NPOC: Thailand

3. The perpetrators disembarked to a small boat and fled upon being sighted. All crew are safe, and nothing reported stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and had continued her voyage to Thailand.

IFC Comments:

The ship master updated that there were no photos of evidence and provided brief descriptions of the two unarmed perpetrators and small boat used. This is the 10th incident that happened in Singapore Strait.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Port Operation Control Centre (POCC)
IFC Voluntary Community Reporting (VCR)



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

23 Feb – Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ General Cargo Ship/ Two Dead, Eight Missing, Nine Rescued/ SAR/ Off Vung Tau, Viet Nam/ DB250222

On 23 Feb, the local authorities conducted a SAR after a general cargo ship experienced engine failure. The crew members abandoned the ship and went into life rafts of which nine were rescued, two were found dead, eight crew members are still missing.

IFC Comments:

Viet Nam ILO shared the four following vessels involved in SAR operation; SAR 413 (Viet Nam MRCC), CSB 8005 (Viet Nam Coast Guard) and two civilian ships named Hai Duong 56, Hai Duong 59 are at scene to coordinate the SAR efforts.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2022/02/24/freighter-heavily-listed-19-crew-about-to-abandon-sar-under-way-south-china-sea/>
<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/227056/casualties#325106>

23 Feb – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ One Dead, Two Rescued/ Off Mukkam Coast, Bhogapuram Mandal, India/ DB250222

On 23 Feb, a man died after his fishing vessel capsized in waters off Mukkam Coast, Bhogapuram Mandal, India. Two other fishermen with him sustained injuries.

IFC Comments:

The publishing date of this incident is used as the actual incident date is unknown.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/visakhapatnam/fisherman-dies-2-suffer-injuries-as-boat-capsizes/articleshow/89759515.cms?from=mdr>

22 Feb – Mechanical Failure/ Engine Failure/ Container Ship (Fully Cellular)/ Off Balo, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB250222

On 22 Feb, a container ship had an engine malfunction in the water off Balo, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia and had to conduct anchoring.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/382014/casualties#325145>

23 Feb – Missing/ Engine Failure/ Speed Boat/ Two Missing/ SAR/ Off Timika, New Guinea, Indonesia/ DB240222

On 23 Feb, the local authorities conducted a SAR after a speedboat with two passengers went missing off Timika, New Guinea, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://papua.tribunnews.com/2022/02/23/masalah-mesin-speed-boat-bermuatan-dua-penumpang-dan-karaka-hilang-kontak-di-perairan-puriri>

<https://tabaos14.com/baca/bawa-karaka-dari-asmad-menuju-timika-satu-speed-boat-hilang-kontak.html>

22 Feb – MOB/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ One Missing/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Gelang, Balok, Malaysia/ DB240222

On 22 Feb, the local authorities conducted a SAR after a Russian national was reported missing after falling into the sea from an oil tanker off Tanjung Gelang, Balok, Malaysia.

IFC Comments:

Malaysia ILO provided the details of the tanker.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2022/02/773952/russian-crew-missing-sea-after-falling-oil-tanker>

<https://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=2054917>

21 Feb – Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ One Dead, One Missing, One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Migiwiya Estuary, Kokonao Village, Mimika, Indonesia/ DB240222

On 21 Feb, the local authorities conducted a SAR after three crew members of a long boat went missing in the water of Migiwiya Estuary, Kokonao Village, Mimika, Indonesia. One was rescued while one was found dead on 23 Feb while one other crew member is still missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.medcom.id/nasional/daerah/Wb7X40dk-tim-sar-kembali-temukan-korban-tenggelam-di-muara-kokonao-mimika-barat>

<https://harianpapuanews.id/baca/15208-satu-korban-perahu-tenggelam-di-kokonao-ditemukan-meninggal-dunia.html>

21 Feb – MOB/ Bad Weather/ Container Ship/ One Dead/ SAR/ Taichung Port, Taiwan/ DB240222

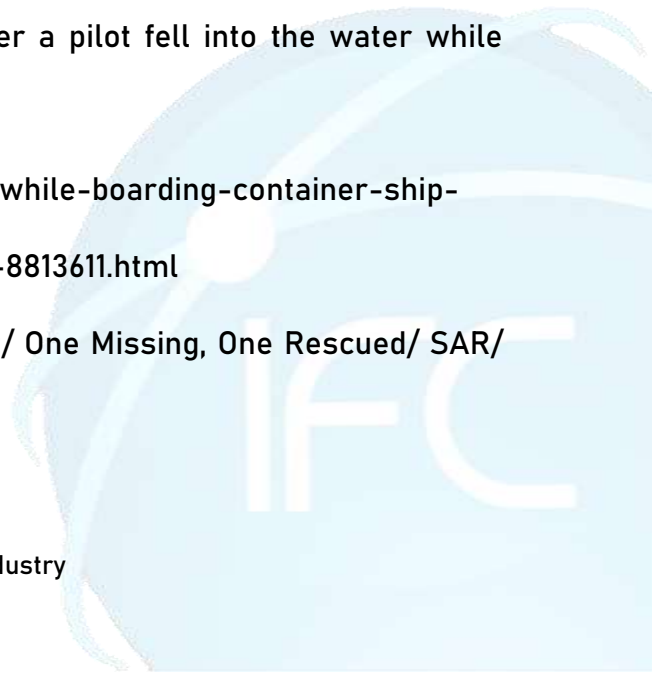
On 21 Feb, the local authorities conducted a SAR after a pilot fell into the water while boarding a container ship at Taichung Port, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2022/02/22/pilot-fell-while-boarding-container-ship-died-taichung-port/>

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Blue-Ocean-8813611.html>

19 Feb – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ One Missing, One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Pelindung, Pahang, Malaysia/ DB240222



On 19 Feb, the local authorities conducted a SAR for two crew members after a small boat capsized due to unknown reasons off Tanjung Pelindung, Pahang, Malaysia. One has been rescued by another fishing while a rescue operation for the missing fisherman is still being conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2022/02/773952/russian-crew-missing-sea-after-falling-oil-tanker>

21 Feb - Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ Off Kavaratti, Laccadives Islands, India/ DB230222

On 21 Feb, a tanker approaching Kavaratti port in India ran aground near the port entrance. It is expected that the tanker can be refloated with the high tide around midnight.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2022/02/21/tanker-in-load-aground-laccadives/>
<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/13417578/casualties#325025>

19 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Small Boat/ Two Rescued/ SAR/ Off Barangay Tambler, General Santos City, Philippines/ DB230222

On 19 Feb, the local authorities conducted a SAR and rescued two crew members after a small boat experienced water ingress and sunk off Barangay Tambler, General Santos City, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/HeadquartersMaritimeGroup/posts/1333882507074494>

21 Feb - MEDEVAC/ Unknown Illness/ Trawler/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Galle Lighthouse, Sri Lanka/ DB220222

On 21 Feb, the local authorities rescued one ill fisherman from the high seas off Galle Lighthouse, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2022/02/21/202202211045/>

20 Feb - Vessel Detained/ Invalid Documentation/ Tug/ Off Miri River Estuary, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB220222

On 20 Feb, the local authorities detained a tugboat off the Miri River estuary, Malaysia with four crew members who failed to provide any documents related to the tugboat.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/317220067098392>

20 Feb - Grounding (Allision)/ Bad Weather/ Bulk Carrier vs Container Ship/ Off Taichung port, Taiwan/ DB220222

On 20 Feb, a bulk carrier ran aground after drifting and allided with a berthed container ship due to a storm.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Xiang-Fu-9129029.html>

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2022/02/20/bulk-carrier-brokoe-off-moorings-collided-with-container-ship-ran-aground-taiwan/>

19 Feb – Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Small Boat/ Eight Rescued/ SAR/ Off Rompin, Pahang, Malaysia/ DB210222

On 19 Feb, the local authorities conducted a SAR and rescued eight crew members after a small boat experienced water ingress and sunk off Rompin, Pahang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2022/02/773029/two-hours-afloat-sea-being-rescued>

Out of reporting period:

16 Feb – MEDEVAC/ Head Injury/ Unknown Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Fangchenggang, Guangxi, China/ DB250222

On 16 Feb, the local authorities conducted a SAR after a foreign ship called for medical assistance after a crew member suffered head injuries after a dispute. The incident took place off Fangchenggang, Guangxi, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

http://www.ccg.gov.cn//2022/95110_0223/1251.html

23 Dec – Adrift/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Malaita, Solomon Islands/ DB230222

One banana boat and 10 passengers onboard were found by Korean Trawler off Malaita, Solomon Islands on 23 Jan 2022 after the boat had been drifting since 23 Dec 2021. Local authorities had conducted a SAR several times to find them.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://postcourier.com.pg/missing-png-boat-found-in-solomon/>

18 Feb – Adrift/ Damaged Power Generator/ Container Ship/ Off Pulau Pom Pom, Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB220222

On 18 Feb, a cargo ship lost it manoeuvrability due to damaged power generator and went adrift off Pulau Pom Pom, Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Danum-171-9159086.html>



<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/kapal-kontena-alami-kerosakan-hanyut-di-perairan-pulau-pom-pom-347676>

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/278990/casualties#324926>

18 Feb – MEDEVAC/ Critical Condition/ Unknown Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Beypore, Kerala, India/ DB220222

On 18 Feb, the local authorities rescued one crew member who was in critical condition and required immediate medical attention.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/Prodef_blr/status/1494667680565325824

16 Feb – MEDEVAC/ Head Injury/ General Cargo Ship/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Fangchenggang, Guangxi, China/ DB220222

On 16 Feb, a crew member on a general cargo ship who fell into a coma due to an accident was rescued off Fangchenggang, Guangxi, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://weibo.com/6586732953/Lgl5UF6Pp?pagetype=profilefeed>

17 Feb – Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Barge/ Off Ujong Kareung Beach, Meulaboh, Indonesia/ DB210222

On 17 Feb, a barge ran aground due to huge waves caused by a storm near Ujong Kareung Beach, Indonesia. Another vessel has been dispatched to tow the barge.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/399488/casualties#324821>

17 Feb – Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ General Cargo Ship/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Weihai, China/ DB210222

On 17 Feb, the local authorities conducted a SAR after a general cargo ship capsized due to unknown reasons off Weihai, China. 12 crew members were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritimebulletin.net/2022/02/18/chinese-freighter-capsize-12-crew-rescued-yellow-sea/>

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Ming-Yang-Zhou-179-11750672.html>

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/9999761/casualties#324844>

17 Feb – Adrift/ Engine Failure/ Small Boat/ Six Rescued/ SAR/ Off Little Coco Island, Akbar Town, Basilan, Philippines/ DB210222

On 17 Feb, the local authorities conducted a SAR and rescued six crew members after a small boat experienced engine failure off Little Coco Island, Akbar Town, Basilan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1556162/6-boat-passengers-rescued-off-basilan-waters>
https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=327856226046403&id=100064660843959

17 Feb - Others/ Bad Weather/ Three Rescued/ SAR/ Penang First Bridge, Malaysia/
DB210222

On 17 Feb, the local authorities conducted a SAR and rescued three fishermen after they got trapped under the Penang First Bridge due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/315529673934098>

15 Feb - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Drill Ship/ SAR/ Off Hambantota, Sri Lanka/
DB210222

On 15 Feb, the local authorities conducted a SAR after a drill ship caught fire in the generator room. The incident took place off Hambantota, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.seasearcher.com/vessel/378461/casualties#324810>

15 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Unknown Rescued/ Off
Thirukkivil, Sri Lanka/ DB210222

On 15 Feb, a fishing vessel sank due to unknown reasons off Thirukkivil, Sri Lanka. All crew members were safely rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://hydrobharat.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/navarea-warnings/navarea_warnings_in_force.pdf

10 Feb - Sunk-Capsized (Collision)/ Operational Error/ Fishing Vessel Vs Fishing Vessel/
11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Qushan, Zhejiang, China/ DB210222

On 10 Feb, the local authorities conducted a SAR and rescued 11 crew members after two fishing vessels collided due to operational error off Qushan, Zhejiang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://weibo.com/6586732953/Lg0y1t3av?pagetype=profilefeed>

08 Feb - Vessel Detained/ Falsified Documentation/ Container Ship/ Off Kandla, Kutch,
India/ DB210222

On 08 Feb, the local authorities detained a container ship after it had showed falsified documentation off Kandla, Kutch, India.



News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202202190321>



SECTION D: ILLEGAL/ UNREGULATED/ UNREPORTED FISHING (IUUF)

23 Feb – Poaching/ Two Indian Fishing Vessels Detained/ 22 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Kovilan Lighthouse, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB250222

On 23 Feb, the local authorities seized two fishing vessels and 22 fishermen for illegal fishing off Kovilan Lighthouse, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2022/02/24/202202241000/>

https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/sri-lankan-navy-arrests-22-indian-fishermen-for-alleged-poaching-122022400475_1.html

22 Feb – Poaching/ Two Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 15 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Tok Bali, Kelantan, Malaysia/ DB240222

On 22 Feb, the local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested 15 fishermen for illegal fishing off Tok Bali, Kelantan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/crime-courts/2022/02/773867/15-foreign-fishermen-nabbed-encroaching-malaysian-waters>

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/318484760305256>

<https://www.airtimes.my/2022/02/23/15-nelayan-vietnam-kaut-hasil-laut-negara-rm3juta-ditahan/>

19 Feb – Poaching/ One Indian Fishing Vessel Detained/ Six Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Kovilan Lighthouse, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB210222

On 19 Feb, the local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested six fishermen for illegal fishing off Kovilan Lighthouse, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2022/02/19/202202191015/>

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/lankan-navy-captures-six-tn-fishers/articleshow/89694617.cms>

http://www.colombopage.com/archive_22A/Feb19_1645255727CH.php

<http://www.adaderana.lk/news/80707/six-indian-fishermen-arrested-for-poaching-in-sri-lankan-waters>

Out of reporting period:

15 Feb – Local/ No Fishing Vessel Detained/ One Local Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Sipangkot Island, Tawi Tawi, Philippines/ DB220222

On 15 Feb, the local authorities arrested one local fisherman for possession of blasting agents and time fuses which were intended for dynamite fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/HeadquartersMaritimeGroup/posts/1330406697422075>

18 Feb – Local/ Two Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Tanjung Tembungo Tuaran, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB210222

On 18 Feb, the local authorities detained two fishing vessels for illegal fishing off Tanjung Tembungo Tuaran, Sabah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2022/02/18/two-vessels-caught-for-illegal-fishing/>

17 Feb – Local/ Three Fishing Vessels Detained/ Four Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Kurung Tengar, Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB210222

On 17, the local authorities detained three fishing vessels and arrested four fishermen for illegal fishing off Kurung Tengar, Kuala Perlis, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/315525113934554>

15 Feb – Local/ No Fishing Vessel Detained/ Two Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Thoduwawa, Sri Lanka/ DB210222

On 15 Feb, the local authorities arrested two fishermen in possession of a live turtle and illegal fishing in Iranawila beach, Thoduwawa, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.lk/news/2022/02/16/77883/>

10 Feb – Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Seven Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Beruwala, Sri Lanka/ DB210222

On 10 Feb, the local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested seven fishermen in possession of illegally harvested dried shark fins off Beruwala, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.lk/news/2022/02/11/202202111645/>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

23 Feb – Drugs/ Cannabis (400kg)/ Trawler/ Off Thotupalawatta, Hendala, Sri Lanka/ DB250222

On 23 Feb, the local authorities seized 400kg of cannabis from a trawler off Thotupalawatta, Hendala, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2022/02/23/202202231945/>

23 Feb – Drug/ Kratom (500kg)/ Small Boat/ From Indonesia to Thailand/ Off Songkhla, Thailand/ DB250222

On 23 Feb, the local authorities seized 500kg of Kratom leaves from a small boat which was going from Indonesia to Thailand. The seizure took place off Songkhla, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

3rd Royal Thai Naval Area Command

20 Feb – Fuel/ Diesel (24,800 Litres)/ STS Transfer/ Off Pengkalan Kubor, Malaysia/ DB230222

On 20 Feb, the local authorities seized 24,800 litres of diesel from STS Transfer off Pengkalan Kubor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/NTFpage/posts/452714979977937>

<https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/jenayah/2022/02/jual-diesel-subsidi-di-tengah-laut/?fbclid=IwAR3eVvS6sV9BWKZF33Kc7KCsPaC4L9p9jcqo-gZ96lGmRACg9MVIFZqoCRk>

20 Feb – Drugs/ Meth (10kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Off Vembar, Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB220222

On 20 Feb, the local authorities seized 10kg of meth from a fishing vessel going from India to Sri Lanka. The seizure took place off Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/10-kg-of-crystal-methamphetamine-drug-being-smuggled-to-sri-lanka-seized-by-tn-police/articleshow/89719164.cms>

Out of reporting period:

18 Feb – Tobacco/ Cigarettes (2,027 Master Cases)/ Unknown Vessel/ From China to Philippines/ Port of Cagayan de Oro, Philippines/ DB250222

18 Feb - Drugs/ Cannabis (400kg)/ Small Boat/ From India to Sri Lanka/ Off Keechankuppam, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB220222

On 18 Feb, the local authorities seized 400kg of cannabis from a small boat going from India to Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2022/02/21/law-order/273081/bid-smuggle-400-kg-cannabis-tn-foiled>

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Tiruchirapalli/bid-to-smuggle-400-kg-ganja-to-sri-lanka/article65062840.ece>

16 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (602 Cartons and 30 Packets)/ Supply Ship/ To Singapore/ Off Penjuru Terminal, Singapore/ DB220222

On 16 Feb, the local authorities seized 602 cartons and 30 packets of cigarettes from a supply ship going to Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/courts-crime/ship-carrying-duty-unpaid-cigarettes-off-singapore-waters-intercepted-by-the-authorities-0>

<https://singaporeuncensored.com/vessel-with-602-cartons-of-duty-unpaid-cigarettes-caught-by-ica-police/>

14 Feb - Domestic Products/ Frozen Meat (10 Tons)/ Speed Boat/ From China to Macau/ Off Macau/ DB220222

On 14 Feb, the local authorities seized 10 tons of frozen meat from a speed boat going from China to Macau.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.macaubusiness.com/two-arrested-for-smuggling-ten-tons-of-meat/>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

22 Feb – Human Smuggling/ Seven Filipino Migrants Going to Malaysia/ Two Small Boat/ Off Pulau Siamil, Malaysia/ DB250222

On 22 Feb, the local authorities expelled seven migrants attempting to enter Malaysia using two small boats. The migrants were escorted back to the national border.

IFC Comments:

Malaysia ILO updated that all illegal migrants are from Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/NTFpage/posts/454016759847759>

23 Feb – Human Smuggling/ 11 Migrants going from Philippines to Malaysia/ Bherhala Island, Sandakan, Sabah, Malaysia/ DB240222

On 23 Feb, the local authorities came across 11 migrants off Sandakan, Sabah, Malaysia going from Philippines to Malaysia on a small boat. The authorities escorted the boat out of the borders.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2022/02/23/marine-police-escort-boatload-of-illegal-immigrants-back-to-the-philippines>

16 Feb – Invalid Documentation/ One Myanmar Migrant/ Off Batu Maung, Malaysia/ DB210222

On 16 Feb, the local authorities arrested one Myanmar migrant after being caught without any valid identification documents off Batu Maung, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/315530747267324>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

21 Feb - CYBSEC/ Ransomware/ Denial Of Service/ Jawaharlal Nehru Port Container Terminal/ Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India/ DB240222

On 21 Feb, India's state owned container terminal suffered a ransomware attack on its computer system. The authorities had to divert the ships to other terminals located near Mumbai. The incident took place at Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/indian-container-terminal-diverts-ships-due-to-ransomware-attack>



SECTION I: OTHERS

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IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

The IFC advises:

1. All mariners to 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 on 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 in the course of your normal business. The IFC would like to remind mariners to be mindful of national and international laws, company and other policy requirements and also 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 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.

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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.



Note: Information herein were derived from various internal and external sources such as Focal Points, OPCENs and other maritime stakeholders. Seafarers should remain vigilant 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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