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



For the period of 02 - 08 Dec 23, 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)	1	16	4-8
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	10	9-11
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	1	18	12-16
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	1	3	17-18
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	2	19
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	1	20
Others	0	0	21

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)

Information Update:

18 Nov - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Chemical Tanker/ 16 Rescued/ Off Badoc Island, Ilocos Norte, Philippines/ DB041223
(Information Update on DB221123)

It was updated that the vessel washed ashore on 1 Dec hundreds of miles away in Viet Nam. The Provincial Boarder Guard Command was puzzled by an uncrewed vessel grounding on its coastline.

The authorities were investigating reports of a large vessel drifting off the coast of Cu Lao Cham island, located offshore from Da Nang on the central Vietnamese coast. The vessel appeared abandoned and was driven onto the rocky coast by strong waves. The bow of the vessel was damaged by the grounding, and it became lodged along the coastline.

The Vietnamese Boarder Guard, however, reported that it was impossible to board the vessel because of its position and the strong waves. Other than the damage to the bow during the grounding, the vessel, however, appears to be in good condition.

"Currently, there are no crewmembers aboard the vessel, and we have not yet ascertained the remaining cargo and fuel on the ship. Authorities are actively implementing surveillance and protection measures to restrict public access to the ship," the leadership of the Border Guard Command of Quang Nam Province reported.

The Philippines Coast Guard is also honoring the crew of a Chinese containership for its brave actions in saving the crew from the vessel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://maritime-executive.com/article/abandoned-tanker-grounds-in-vietnam-after-drifting-from-the-philippines>

<https://maritime-executive.com/article/quick-action-of-chinese-containership-saves-crew-from-rafts-off-philippines>

Incidents:

06 Dec - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Vessel/ Unauthorised Anchorage/ Off Pulau Besar, Malacca, Malaysia/ DB081223

On 6 Dec, a cargo vessel was detained for unauthorised operation off Pulau Besar, Malacca, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/12/07/kapal-kargo-dari-panama-ditahan-berlabuh-tanpa-kebenaran/>

05 Dec - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Kavar, Karnataka, India/ DB081223

On 5 Dec, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure in Kavar, Karnataka, India. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.deccanherald.com/india/karnataka/coast-guard-provides-assistance-to-fishing-boat-in-distress-2798587>

05 Dec - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier vs Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Mindoro, Philippines/ DB081223

On 5 Dec, a bulk carrier collided with a fishing vessel in Mindoro, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1215080>

02 Dec - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ SAR/ Pulau Asam, Karimun Regency, Indonesia/ DB081223

On 2 Dec, a tanker went aground due to an unknown cause in Pulau Asam, Karimun Regency, Indonesia. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.batamnews.co.id/berita-107348-tanker-mt-liberty-muatan-minyak-mentah-kandas-di-perairan-pulau-asam-karimun-ksop-siaga.html>

06 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Dead, 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Miyazaki, Japan/ DB071223

On 6 Dec, a fishing vessel capsized due to an unknown cause off Miyazaki, Japan. SAR was conducted and there were two dead and four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.asahi.com/articles/ASRD65RZDRD6TNAB00B.html>

05 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Quang Binh, Viet Nam/ DB071223

On 5 Dec, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Quang Binh, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/van-de-quan-tam/cuu-nan-2-tau-ca-mac-can-tai-cua-bien-nhat-le-20231206160252185.htm>

05 Dec - Collision-Grounding/ Collision-Grounding/ Passenger Ferry vs Tanker/ Muara Banyuasin, Palembang, Indonesia/ DB071223

On 5 Dec, a passenger ferry collided with a tanker in Muara Banyuasin, Palembang, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.wowbabel.com/lokal/59811105230/kmp-darma-sentosa-tabrakan-dengan-kapal-tenker-di-muara-banyuasin-tak-ada-korban-jiwa>
<https://bangka.tribunnews.com/2023/12/06/kapal-penumpang-dari-tanjung-kalian-tabrakan-di-muara-banyuasin-kemarin-malam>

04 Dec - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Ship/ Off Tanjung Sedili Kechi, Malaysia/ DB061223

On 4 Dec, a cargo ship was detained due to unauthorised operation off Tanjung Sedili Kechi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/12/05/three-foreign-ships-detained-by-mmea-for-illegal-anchoring-in-johor-waters>

04 Dec - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Ship/ Off Tanjung Penawar, Malaysia/ DB061223

On 4 Dec, a cargo ship was detained due to unauthorised operation off Tanjung Penawar, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/12/05/three-foreign-ships-detained-by-mmea-for-illegal-anchoring-in-johor-waters>

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<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/12/05/three-foreign-ships-detained-by-mmea-for-illegal-anchoring-in-johor-waters>

04 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Beypore, Kerala, India/ DB051223

On 4 Dec, a fishing vessel sank due to an unknown cause in Beypore, Kerala, India. SAR was conducted and there were 14 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://twitter.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/1731667751792775437>

03 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Bali Strait, Indonesia/ DB051223

On 3 Dec, a fishing vessel sank due to equipment failure in Bali Strait, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://balisore.com/perahu-tenggelam-di-selat-bali-enam-nelayan-penginuman-berhasil-dievakuasi/>

03 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ Off Phan Thiet, Viet Nam/ DB051223

On 3 Dec, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Phan Thiet, Viet Nam. There were six rescued by another fishing vessel operating in the vicinity.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baobinhthuan.com.vn/phan-thiet-song-lon-1-tau-ca-bi-chim-khi-dang-hoat-dong-tren-bien-115139.html>

02 Dec - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Unknown Vessel/ 400 Missing/ Andaman Sea/ DB041223

On 2 Dec, an unknown vessel went adrift due to equipment failure in Andaman Sea There were 400 missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.unhcr.org/asia/news/press-releases/unhcr-seeks-urgent-action-provide-lifesaving-rescue-sea-boats-adrift-andaman>

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02 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Unknown Vessel/ 7 Dead, 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Balangcaddi Island, South Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB041223

On 2 Dec, an unknown vessel sank due to bad weather in Balangcaddi Island, South Sulawesi, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were seven dead and eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/sulsel/berita/d-7069085/nahas-kapal-bawa-15-penumpang-tenggelam-dihantam-ombak-di-perairan-pangkep>

<https://www.detik.com/sulsel/berita/d-7069533/polisi-akan-periksa-nakhoda-kapal-tenggelam-tewaskan-7-orang-di-pangkep>

Out of Reporting Period:

01 Dec - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Dummulapeta, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, India/ DB041223

On 1 Dec, a fishing vessel caught fire due to an unknown cause in Dummulapeta, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, India. SAR was conducted and there were 11 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/andhra-pradesh/2023/dec/02/boat-catches-fire-in-andhra-11-fishers-rescued-2638100.html>



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

Incidents:

06 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB081223

On 6 Dec, local authorities detained one Indian fishing vessel and arrested eight foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel in Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/07/202312070800/>

06 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Indian Fishing Vessels Detained/ 13 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Kovilan, Kankasanthurei, Sri Lanka/ DB081223

On 6 Dec, local authorities detained three Indian fishing vessels and arrested 13 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel in Kovilan, Kankasanthurei, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/07/202312070800/>

05 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Fuzhou, China/ DB081223

On 5 Dec, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Fuzhou, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://mbd.baidu.com/newspage/data/landingsuper?context=%7B%22nid%22%3A%22news_9494698890480305233%22%7D&n_type=1&p_from=4

03 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Bay of Bengal, Myanmar/ DB071223

On 3 Dec, local authorities detained one foreign fishing vessel and arrested eight foreign fishermen for fishing non-permitted species in the Bay of Bengal, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Myanmar Navy Headquarter

02 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ 7 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Bay of Bengal, Myanmar/ DB071223

On 2 Dec, local authorities detained one foreign fishing vessel and arrested seven foreign fishermen for fishing non-permitted species in the Bay of Bengal, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Myanmar Navy Headquarter

04 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Hongdo, ROK/ DB051223

On 4 Dec, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for fishing in prohibited areas off Hongdo, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://news.kbs.co.kr/news/pc/view/view.do?ncd=7832991&ref=A>

03 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Hongdo, ROK/ DB051223

On 3 Dec, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for fishing with illegal gear and fishing in prohibited areas off Hongdo, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://news.kbs.co.kr/news/pc/view/view.do?ncd=7832991&ref=A>

03 Dec - Poaching/ Unreported Fishing/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 16 Fishermen Arrested/ Misreporting Catches/ Off Chagwi Island, ROK/ DB051223

On 3 Dec, local authorities detained two Chinese fishing vessels and arrested 16 fishermen for misreporting catches off Chagwi Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.newsis.com/view/?id=NISX20231204_0002544953&cID=10813&pID=10800

Out of Reporting Period:

30 Nov - Poaching/ Unreported Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ Misreporting Catches/ Off Gageo Island, ROK/ DB041223

On 30 Nov, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for misreporting catches off Gageo Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20231203022800054?input=1195m>

26 Nov - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Detained/ 20 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ North Natuna, Indonesia/ DB041223

On 26 Nov, local authorities detained one Vietnamese fishing vessel and arrested 20 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel in North Natuna, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://megapolitan.antaranews.com/berita/270723/wn-vietnam-ditetapkan-sebagai-tersanga-penangkapan-ikan-ilegal>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Information Update:

28 Nov - Natural Resources/ Gold (8kg)/ Small Boat/ To India/ Off Rameswaram Pamban, India/ DB041223
(Information Update on DB291123)

It was updated that there was 8kg of gold onboard the small boat.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/customs-seizes-eight-kg-of-gold-smuggled-from-sri-lanka/articleshow/105599503.cms>

Incidents:

07 Dec - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (410,000 Sticks)/ Small Boat/ To Thailand/ Hat Lek, Khlong Yai District, Trat, Thailand/ DB081223

On 7 Dec, local authorities seized 410,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a small boat in Hat Lek, Khlong Yai District, Trat, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100064569764497/posts/pfbid0355GXoLhqUwfDgiWi7B2m4sjJ1yCatBWJzvRuGDh3agcNTSkCX9K98iV2BfEAupaHl/?d=w&mibextid=qC1gEa>

06 Dec - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (130,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Ca Mau, Viet Nam/ DB081223

On 6 Dec, local authorities seized 130,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off Ca Mau, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/bo-tu-lenh-vung-canhsat-bien-4-bat-giu-tau-van-chuyen-dau-d-o-trai-phep>

06 Dec - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (70 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ To China/ Off Dongshan County, China/ DB081223

On 6 Dec, local authorities seized 70 tons of frozen goods onboard a cargo vessel off Dongshan County, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.fj.chinanews.com.cn/news/2023/2023-12-07/538191.html>

06 Dec - Domestic Products/ Bird's Nest, Mobile Phones, Tablets and Computers (12 Boxes)/ Speed Boat/ Off Sai Kung, Hong Kong/ DB081223

On 6 Dec, local authorities seized 12 boxes of bird's nest, mobile phones, tablets and computers onboard a speed boat off Sai Kung, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hk01.com/%E7%AA%81%E7%99%BC/969265/11%E6%BC%A2%E8%A5%BF%E8%B2%A2%E8%B5%B0%E7%A7%81%E9%81%87%E6%9F%A5-%E6%A3%84%E8%B2%A8%E7%99%BB%E8%88%B9%E9%80%83%E9%80%B8-%E6%B0%B4%E8%AD%A6%E6%B5%B7%E9%97%9C%E6%AA%A2-410%E8%90%AC%E7%87%95%E7%AA%A9%E9%9B%BB%E5%AD%90%E7%94%A2%E5%93%81>

06 Dec - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (350 Bottles)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Cuddalore Port, India/ DB071223

On 6 Dec, local authorities seized 350 bottles of alcohol onboard a small boat in Cuddalore Port, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://m.dinamalar.com/detail.php?id=3497711>

05 Dec - Drugs/ Yaba (180,000 Pills)/ Small Boat/ From Myanmar to Bangladesh/ Cox's Bazar's Teknaf Upazila, Bangladesh/ DB061223

On 5 Dec, local authorities seized 180,000 pills of yaba onboard a small boat in Cox's Bazar's Teknaf Upazila, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/18-lakh-yaba-pills-seized-teknaf-752174>

04 Dec - Drugs/ Meth (2 Tons)/ Tug/ From Thailand to Philippines and Australia/ Bang Pakong, Chachoengsao, Thailand/ DB061223

On 4 Dec, local authorities seized two tons of meth onboard a tug in Bang Pakong, Chachoengsao, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thesun.my/world/thai-police-bust-drug-smuggling-operation-seize-2-tonnes-of-crystal-meth-AL11834657>

<https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2023/43861/ice-drug-bust-2-tons-bound-australia-and-philippin/>

03 Dec - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (30,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Tho Chu Island, Viet Nam/ DB041223

On 3 Dec, local authorities seized 30,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off Tho Chu Island, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/cuc-nghiep-vu-va-phap-luat-canhsat-bien-bat-giu-phuong-tien-van-chuyen-trai-phep-hang-hoa-tren-bien>

03 Dec - Tobacco/ Tendu Leaves (465kg)/ Ashore/ Keerimundalama Lagoon, Sri Lanka/ DB041223

On 3 Dec, local authorities seized 465kg of Tendu leaves in Keerimundalama Lagoon, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2023/12/03/202312032130/>

03 Dec - Drugs/ Meth (0.056kg)/ Speed Boat/ Off Batu 3 Jalan Apas Waters, Tawau, Sabah/ DB041223

On 3 Dec, local authorities seized 0.056kg of meth onboard a speed boat off Batu 3 Jalan Apas Waters, Tawau, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2023/12/04/lelaki-miliki-dadah-jenis-syabu-ditahan>

02 Dec - Wildlife/ Birds (190 Animals) and Chicken (30 Animals)/ Unknown Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Bakauheni Port, Lampung, Indonesia/ DB041223

On 2 Dec, local authorities seized 190 birds and 30 chickens onboard an unknown vessel in Bakauheni Port, Lampung, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.beritasatu.com/nusantara/2784714/kskp-bakauheni-gagalkan-upaya-penyelundupan-ratusan-ekor-burung-dilindungi>

02 Dec - Domestic Products and Fuel/ Cooking Oil (120 Boxes) and Petrol (10 Barrels)/ Ashore/ From Malaysia/ Off Kuala Bibang Beach, Semporna, Sabah/ DB041223

On 2 Dec, local authorities seized 120 boxes of cooking oil and 10 barrels of petrol off Kuala Bibang Beach, Semporna, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2023/12/03/ppm-gagalkan-cubaan-seludup-keluar-minyak-masak-petrol-gagal>

Out of Reporting Period:

11 Nov - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (180,000 Sticks)/ Small Boat/ To China/ Fang Cheng Gang, China/ DB081223

On 11 Nov, local authorities seized 180,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a small boat at Fang Cheng Gang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://mbd.baidu.com/newspage/data/landingsuper?context=%7B%22nid%22%3A%22news_9551189504541686162%22%7D&n_type=1&p_from=4

11 Nov - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (680,000 Sticks)/ Small Boat/ To China/ Fang Cheng Gang, China/ DB081223

On 11 Nov, local authorities seized 680,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a small boat at Fang Cheng Gang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://mbd.baidu.com/newspage/data/landingsuper?context=%7B%22nid%22%3A%22news_9551189504541686162%22%7D&n_type=1&p_from=4

07 Nov - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (3 Tons)/ Speed Boat/ To China/ Fang Cheng Gang, China/ DB081223

On 7 Nov, local authorities seized three tons of frozen goods onboard a speed boat at Fang Cheng Gang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://mbd.baidu.com/newspage/data/landingsuper?context=%7B%22nid%22%3A%22news_9551189504541686162%22%7D&n_type=1&p_from=4

11 Nov - Drugs/ Meth (5kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Bengkalis, Riau Province, Indonesia/ DB071223

On 11 Nov, local authorities seized 5kg of meth onboard a small boat in Bengkalis, Riau Province, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/336701>

01 Dec - Wildlife/ Birds (11 Animals)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Yos Sudarso Port, Ambon, Indonesia/ DB051223

On 1 Dec, local authorities seized 11 birds onboard a small boat in Yos Sudarso Port, Ambon, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://ambon.antaranews.com/berita/192855/bksda-maluku-amankan-11-ekor-satwa-dilindungi-di-pelabuhan-ambon>

30 Nov - Drugs/ Cocaine (22kg)/ Bulk Carrier/ Paradip Port, Odisha, India/ DB041223

On 30 Nov, local authorities seized 22kg of cocaine onboard a bulk carrier in Paradip Port, Odisha, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/odisha-paradip-international-cargo-terminal-port-220-cro-e-cocaine-seized-drugs-2470091-2023-12-01>

<https://twitter.com/cgstcusbsr/status/1730553796869435674>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Information Update:

02 Dec - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 139 Rohingya Migrants/ To Indonesia/ Meulee, Sabang Island, Indonesia/ DB071223
(Information Update on DB041223)

It was updated that there were 139 Rohingya migrants.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2023/12/06/indonesians-protest-against-rohingya-refugees-clash-with-police/>

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2019/07/31/court-rejects-ex-buskers-lawsuit-on-compensation-for-false-arrest-accusation.html>

IFC Comments:

The Myanmar ILO highlighted that The Republic of the Union of Myanmar reaffirmed the term "Bengali", and the term "Rohingya Migrants" refers to "Illegal Migrants". And Myanmar authorities had announced that these were illegal migrants who are called Bengalis, not Burmese migrants.

Incidents:

06 Dec - Illegal Documentation/ Small Boat/ 5 Filipino Migrants/ Off Pulau Bohoyan, Kunak, Sabah/ DB071223

On 6 Nov, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested five Filipino migrants off Pulau Bohoyan, Kunak, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02VBp8bTTfwMQXHmcAtoiQU7USdcdKaBs46nMCuSekwTvvX6iPwQ7Jph4uQNNvTD6RI&show_text=true&width=500

02 Dec - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 170 Rohingya Migrants/ To Indonesia/ Meulee, Sabang Island, Indonesia/ DB041223

On 2 Dec, local authorities detained an unknown vessel and arrested 170 Rohingya migrants in Meulee, Sabang Island, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/some-170-rohingya-land-indonesia-latest-boat-arrival-2023-12-02/>

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02 Dec - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 400 Rohingya Migrants/ Andaman Sea/ DB041223

On 2 Dec, local authorities detained an unknown vessel and arrested 400 Rohingya migrants onboard an unknown vessel in Andaman Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.unhcr.org/asia/news/press-releases/unhcr-seeks-urgent-action-provide-lifesaving-rescue-sea-boats-adrift-andaman>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

06 Dec - MIE/ Sea Sand/ Cargo Ship/ Off Tien Giang, Viet Nam/ DB071223

On 6 Dec, a cargo ship was sand mining off Tien Giang, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://antv.gov.vn/phap-luat-3/canh-sat-bien-lien-tiep-bat-giu-tau-cho-cat-khong-ro-nguon-goc-F7821E863.html>

04 Dec - MIE/ Sea Sand/ Cargo Ship/ Off Tien Giang, Viet Nam/ DB061223

On 4 Dec, a cargo ship was sucking sand from the sea off Tien Giang, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/bo-tu-lenh-vung-canh-sat-bien-3-bat-giu-tau-khai-thac-cat-trai-phep-tren-bien>



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Incident:

06 Dec - Malware/ Information Technology/ Austal USA/ Data Theft/ USA/ DB071223

On 6 Dec, there was data theft on Austal USA in the USA.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://maritime-executive.com/article/hackers-claim-to-have-stolen-data-from-u-s-naval-shipyard-austal-usa>



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.

PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES/ANALYST JOURNAL

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 Tug boat "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.



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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