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



For the period of 14 – 20 Oct 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)	3	2	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	1	14	5-8
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	15	9-12
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	15	13-16
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	4	17-18
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	19
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	20
Others	0	0	21

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

Information Updates:

16 Oct - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Tanker, Panama-Flagged/ Minor Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB201023
(Information Update on DB161023)

It was updated that the stolen items are one starting air motor and spare kits, eight sets of connecting bearings, ten sets of main bearings, four pieces of main bearing bolts and nuts, four pieces of side bolts, six pieces of connecting rod metal bush, six rocker assembly, four pieces of push rod, six pieces of indicator cock assembly, six pieces of indicator valve, 12 pieces of exhaust valve seat, 12 pieces of exhaust valve spindle, 12 pieces of intake valve seat, 12 pieces of indicator valve spindle, ten pieces of injector spare kits, 12 sets of piston rings set, eight sets of fuel pump parts and o/h kits, seven pieces of micro switch, one set of main lube oil pump parts, three sets of tachometer, three pieces of turbo charger o/h kit and 8 pieces of connecting rod bolts.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Ship Master

14 Oct - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB191023
(Information Update on DB161023)

It was updated that all four perpetrators are males carrying backpacks; some were carrying knives. Based on CSO's assessment and information gathered, footmark was visible on the shipside at the starboard quarter of the vessel, and the robbers probably boarded the vessel using rope and hook. There was no confrontation; as soon as the perpetrators were sighted by the ship crew, alarm was raised, and all the perpetrators fled. The perpetrators were estimated to be onboard for a period of 20 to 30 minutes.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
CSO

16 Oct - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Tanker, Panama-Flagged/ Minor Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB171023
(Information Update on DB161023)

It was updated that there were a total of five perpetrators. It was also updated that five crew members were tied up.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)

Incidents:

16 Oct - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Tanker, Panama-Flagged/ Minor Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB161023

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving a Panama-Flagged tanker, as the vessel transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore (1°04'49.2"N 103°42'27.0"E) on 16 Oct 23 at 03:10 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted 5-6 armed perpetrators (armed with knives and poles) in the engine room. Four crew were tied up, of which one crew was hit on the head but there was no visible injury. No medical assistance is required.

2. Ship master reported that starter motors, ball bearings, piston and cables were missing. The vessel is currently enroute to NPOC, Hong Kong.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to shipping company for incident details

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)

14 Oct - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB161023

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving the Marshall Islands-flagged tanker, as the vessel transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore (1°03'12.0"N 103°38'30.0"E) on 14 Oct 23 at 01:00 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted 4 unarmed perpetrators in the engine room.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and some engine spares were stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to her NPOC, Singapore.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to shipping company for incident details

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Information Update:

16 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Dead, 78 Rescued, 13 Missing/ SAR/ Spratly Islands, South China Sea/ DB191023
(Information Update on DB181023)

It was updated that 78 fishermen were rescued, and 13 fishermen are missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2023/10/19/two-dead13-fishermen-missing-at-sea>

Incidents:

18 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Off Tsushima-cho, Uwajima City, Japan/ DB191023

On 18 Oct, a fishing vessel capsized after it collided with another fishing vessel off Tsushima-cho, Uwajima City, Japan. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.yahoo.co.jp/articles/25681a8c3c4b1a9021ddd461941ece7f7fa1805e>

18 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 2 Missing, 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cilacap, Indonesia/ DB191023

On 18 Oct, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather off Cilacap, Indonesia. SAR is still ongoing and there was one dead, two missing and six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://jambi.tribunnews.com/2023/10/18/perahu-terbalik-saat-menarik-jaring-ikan-di-cilacap-1-tewas-2-abk-hilang>

16 Oct - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Ship/ Failure to Submit Change of Skipper's Documentation/ Gunung Ayer, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB181023

On 16 Oct, a cargo ship was detained for unauthorised operation in Gunung Ayer, Sarawak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2023/10/17/kapal-kargo-muatan-pasir-tiada-bukti-pertukaran-nakhoda-ditahan?fbclid=IwAR1Jv6b37WQzvCr9U2x-XgQ7natI8DTIOtUQBKn-lExFxT7_jfkawH_vlc

16 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Nias Sibolo Island, Indonesia/ DB181023

On 16 Oct, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather in Nias Sibolo Island, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there was one missing and one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://metrorakyat.com/2023/10/hendak-mencari-gurita-2-nelayan-di-nias-selatan-dihantam-ombak-1-orang-nelayan-belum-ditemukan/>

16 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Dead, 40 Rescued, 12 Missing/ SAR/ Spratly Islands, South China Sea/ DB181023

On 16 Oct, two fishing vessels sank due to bad weather in Spratly Islands, South China Sea. SAR is ongoing, and there were two dead, 40 rescued and 12 missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://vmrcc.gov.vn/tin-tuc/02-tau-ca-bi-chim-huy-dong-toi-da-luc-luong-tim-kiem-13-ngu-dan-con-mat-tich-1400.html>

15 Oct - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Ship/ Off Tanjung Sirik, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB171023

On 15 Oct, a cargo ship was detained for unauthorised operation off Tanjung Sirik, Sarawak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100064312044774/posts/pfbid0ugcKdsF63ayh7xyupEr7dxwPnRnXwTC577ZecGUyqnmAifkrQNoC3dzikmMwQ7TjL/?mibextid=cr9u03>

Out of Reporting Period:

12 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel vs Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Shishi Xiangzhi Pier, China/ DB191023

On 12 Oct, a fishing vessel collided with another fishing due to an unknown cause off Shishi Xiangzhi Pier, China. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://qz.fjsen.com/2023-10/15/content_31431933.htm

13 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel vs Cargo Ship/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Luozhou Island, China/ DB181023

On 13 Oct, a fishing vessel collided with a cargo ship due to an unknown cause off Luozhou Island, China. SAR was conducted, and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1779814768933938311&wfr=spider&for=pc>

09 Oct - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Unknown Vessel/ South China Sea, Malaysia/ DB171023

On 9 Oct, an unknown vessel caught fire due to an unknown cause in South China Sea, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)

05 Oct - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Other Vessel/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Waters near Chencuo Village, Fujian, China/ DB171023

On 5 Oct, two engineering ships went adrift due to bad weather in waters near Chencuo Village, Fujian, China. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://m.chinanews.com/wap/detail/chs/sp/10089731.shtml>

20 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Human Error/ Fishing Vessel/ 26 Rescued/ SAR/ Waters near Huangchengshan Island in Yangjiang, Guangdong, China/ DB171023

On 20 Sep, a fishing vessel went aground due to human error in waters near Huangchengshan Island in Yangjiang, Guangdong, China. SAR was conducted and there were 26 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
http://www.legaldaily.com.cn/army/content/2023-09/25/content_8906356.html

13 Oct - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Supply Ship/ Illegal Anchorage/ Off Kemaman, Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB161023

On 13 Oct, a supply ship was detained for unauthorised operation off Kemaman, Terengganu, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.kosmo.com.my/2023/10/15/kapal-bekalan-panama-bersauh-tanpa-kebenaran-ditahan-maritim-malaysia/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=kosmo+online&fbclid=IwAR1XBv4mUoWHBWxlr--KOLXkM2bI5_SXvp85F4-2y_rAdD0U8AiNcp8xGyQ_aem_AU-w8edY6_K2M31nhaVpc-MY_hFkiT5RI24M0YM6PQnFhODIxz50ahcE96DJCFxCVRk

13 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Da Nang, Viet Nam/ DB161023

On 13 Oct, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Da Nang, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and there were 14 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baochinhphu.vn/kip-thoi-cuu-nan-tau-ngu-dan-gap-su-co-102231014092618853.htm>

13 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Collision-Grounding/ Cargo Ship vs Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Naozhou Island, China/ DB161023

On 13 Oct, a supply ship collided with a fishing vessel off Naozhou Island, China. SAR was conducted and there was one missing and one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.xhby.net/index/202310/t20231015_8119343.shtml



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

Incidents:

18 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Thailand Fishing Vessels Detained/ 18 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and License of Fishermen/ Off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB201023

On 18 Oct, local authorities detained three Thailand fishing vessels and arrested 18 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishermen off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100064312044774/posts/pfbid03R8xb9kwozAzew332ia5td71VWuNdmUC9eqcohmAmhg2XNZVgVfHWcMxhWqyHtCnI/?mibextid=cr9u03>

18 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ Illegal Carrying of Vessel Monitoring System/ Off Kien Giang, Viet Nam/ DB191023

On 18 Oct, local authorities detained one fishing vessel for illegally carrying monitoring devices off Kien Giang, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.baokiengiang.vn/thoi-su/bat-giu-tau-ca-nhan-giu-ho-7-thiet-bi-giam-sat-hanh-trinh-17208.html>

17 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB191023

On 17 Oct, local authorities seized illegal fishing gear in Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/10/17/202310171130/>

17 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessels Detained/ 31 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Baengnyeong Island, ROK/ DB191023

On 17 Oct, local authorities detained two Chinese fishing vessels and arrested 31 fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas off Baengnyeong Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.yna.co.kr/view/AKR20231018152100065?input=1195m>

16 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 5 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Mong Cai, Viet Nam/ DB171023

On 16 Oct, local authorities detained five fishing vessels for fishing with illegal gear off Mong Cai, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bat-giu-5-tau-khai-thac-thuy-san-trai-phep-post467569.html>

14 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Indian Trawlers Detained/ 12 Foreign Fisherman Arrested/ Off Delft and Kachchativu Islands, Sri Lanka/ DB161023

On 14 Oct, local authorities detained three Indian trawlers and arrested 12 foreign fishermen off Delft and Kachchativu Islands, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/10/15/202310151100/>

14 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indian Trawlers Detained/ 15 Indian Fisherman Arrested/ Off Island of Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB161023

On 14 Oct, local authorities detained two Indian trawlers and arrested 15 foreign fishermen off Island of Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/10/15/202310151100/>

13 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ South Kuala Kurau, Perak, Malaysia/ DB161023

On 13 Oct, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested six foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen in South Kuala Kurau, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://berita.rtm.gov.my/index.php/semasa/71181-dua-buah-bot-enam-warga-myanmar-ditahan-maritim-malaysia?fbclid=IwAR0nUa35pL_NoqkW0WBM4EmtcGeJvg7JJ8MxxTJBpwXFCeA8qEydT5PrOIY_aem_AU-JcBL1sY73mSRqE2L23GyXngApWC3vWLFjNFYwzQuClxpbFReb9oU-vbQNHZ03Zu8

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0X2vM1Wfu1Sz4ZqHUf9vf2QBFFXaxC5ANmWi51B5gFP7rnHYZei5yo8pPqZNzpjNEl>

Out of Reporting Period:

04 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 8 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Near Hengsha Waterway, Shanghai, China/ DB171023

On 4 Oct, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested eight fishermen for fishing with illegal gear near Hengsha Waterway, Shanghai, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1779192661769961632&wfr=spider&for=pc>

28 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ No. 3 Anchorage of the Yangtze Estuary, Shanghai, China/ DB171023

On 28 Sep, local authorities detained one local fishing vessels and arrested four foreign fishermen for fishing with illegal gear in No. 3 Anchorage of the Yangtze Estuary, Shanghai, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1779192661769961632&wfr=spider&for=pc>

12 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ West Kendi Island, Penang, Malaysia/ DB161023

On 12 Oct, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen in West Kendi Island, Penang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/629051/berita/semasa/tangkap-ikan-di-kawasan-larangan-lima-nelayan-myanmar-ditahan>

12 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Kuala Gula, Perak, Malaysia/ DB161023

On 12 Oct, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested three foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Kuala Gula, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid029iYxot1BWKnLDjjUjvyvua2QcV6SfAw5MvFS9JkAxcIMfHooSNpzWQzw4K1CXxvBl>

07 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Released/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB161023

On 7 Oct, local authorities released one fishing vessel and ten foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC

03 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Released/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB161023

On 3 Oct, local authorities released one fishing vessel and eight foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC

03 Oct - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Released/ 11 Foreign Fishermen Released/ License of Fishing Vessel and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Northwest Australia, Australia/ DB161023

On 3 Oct, local authorities released one fishing vessel and 11 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishing in prohibited areas in Northwest Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Australia MBC



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

18 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes/ Small Boat/ To Malaysia/ Bachok, Kelantan, Malaysia/ DB191023

On 18 Oct, local authorities seized cigarettes onboard a small boat in Bachok, Kelantan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fpermalink.php%3Fstory_fbid%3Dpfbid02mxXApoaw2w3GPpL4AQDVHnnEswxzS5t6Uqh6772C3kNKXWUhdqY5xRdwTLAU6xl%26id%3D10006891102033&show_text=true&width=500

17 Oct - Wildlife/ Turtles (11)/ Small Boat/ From East Java/ West Bali, Indonesia/ DB181023

On 17 Oct, local authorities seized 11 turtles onboard a small boat in West Bali, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://denpasar.kompas.com/read/2023/10/17/143006778/petugas-gabungan-gagalkan-penyelundupan-11-ekor-penyu-hijau-ke-bali>

16 Oct - Domestic Products/ Mushrooms (2,464kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From China to Taiwan/ Off Lieyu Island in Kinmen County, Taiwan/ DB181023

On 16 Oct, local authorities seized 2,464kg of mushrooms onboard a fishing vessel off Lieyu Island in Kinmen County, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.rti.org.tw/news/view/id/2183638>

16 Oct - Drugs/ Meth (4kg), Heroin (1kg) and Hashish (5kg)/ Small Boat/ Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Urumalei, Talaimannar, Sri Lanka/ DB171023

On 16 Oct, local authorities seized 4kg of meth, 1kg of heroin and 5kg of hashish onboard a small boat off Urumalei, Talaimannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/10/16/202310161330/>

15 Oct - Drugs/ Meth (150,000 Pills)/ Small Boat/ From Myanmar to Bangladesh/ Naf River, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB171023

On 15 Oct, local authorities seized 150,000 pills of meth onboard a small boat in Naf River, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.unb.com.bd/category/Bangladesh/bgb-recovers-150000-yaba-pills-in-coxs-bazar/123795>

14 Oct - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (28,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Kien Giang, Viet Nam/ DB161023

On 14 Oct, local authorities seized 28,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off Kien Giang, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://congthuong.vn/hai-doan-28-phat-hien-tau-van-chuyen-28000-lit-dau-khong-ro-nguon-goc-278805.html>

Out of Reporting Period:

13 Sep - Domestic Products/ Frozen Beef (25 Tons)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Nanpeng Island, China/ DB201023

On 13 Sep, local authorities seized 25 tons of frozen beef onboard a fishing vessel off Nanpeng Island, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1777911376374784398&wfr=spider&for=pc>

31 Jul - Drugs/ Amphetamine (52kg) and Marijuana (3kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Malaysia to Taiwan/ Port of Taipei in New Taipei's Bali District, Taiwan/ DB201023

On 31 Jul, local authorities seized 52kg of amphetamine and 3kg of marijuana onboard an unknown vessel in Port of Taipei in New Taipei's Bali District, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://focustaiwan.tw/society/202310190024>

13 Oct - Drugs/ Meth (9kg)/ Passenger Ship/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Kelanang Beach, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB161023

On 13 Oct, local authorities seized 9kg of meth onboard a passenger ship off Kelanang Beach, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/maritim-malaysia-tahan-14-pati-rampas-9-kg-syabu-441627>

13 Oct - Domestic Products/ Frozen Food (130 Tons)/ Fishing Vessel/ Rudong, Nantong, Jiangsu, China/ DB161023

On 13 Oct, local authorities seized 130 tons of frozen food onboard a fishing vessel in Rudong, Nantong, Jiangsu, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://finance.sina.com.cn/jjxw/2023-10-14/doc-imzrauac0367374.shtml>

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1779827123245056704&wfr=spider&for=pc>

12 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (8,000,000 Sticks)/ Container Vessel/ From Taiwan to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customs House Inspection Yard, Hong Kong/ DB161023

On 12 Oct, local authorities seized 8,000,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a cargo vessel at Kwai Chung Customs House Inspection Yard, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.hkcd.com.hk/hkcdweb/content/2023/10/13/content_8604506.html

10 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (32,000,000 Sticks)/ Barge/ Tuen Mun Public Cargo Handling Area, Hong Kong/ DB161023

On 10 Oct, local authorities seized 32,000,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a barge at Tuen Mun Public Cargo Handling Area, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1766043367189045874&wfr=spider&for=pc>

02 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (17,000 Cartons)/ Speed Boat/ To China/ Qiongzhou Strait, China/ DB161023

On 2 Oct, local authorities seized 17,000 cartons of cigarettes onboard a speed boat in Qiongzhou Strait, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hinews.cn/news/system/2023/10/13/033057013.shtml>

09 Aug - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (25,920 Litres)/ Container Vessel/ To Malaysia/ North Port, Port Klang, Malaysia/ DB161023

On 9 Aug, local authorities seized 25,920 litres of alcohol onboard a cargo vessel at North Port, Port Klang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.chinapress.com.my/20231012/%E5%85%B3%E7%A8%8E%E5%B1%80%E6%9F%A5%E8%B4%A7%E6%9F%9C-%E4%BB%93%E5%BA%93-%E8%B5%B7%E8%8E%B7%E8%B5%B0%E7%A7%81-%E5%86%B7%E5%86%BB%E9%B8%A1-%E7%83%9F-%E9%85%92/>

08 Aug - Domestic Products/ Frozen Goods (56,000kg)/ Container Vessel/ To Malaysia/
North Port of Port Klang, Malaysia/ DB161023

On 8 Aug, local authorities seized 56,000kg of frozen goods onboard a container vessel at North Port of Port Klang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bharian.com.my/berita/kes/2023/10/1164248/kastam-rampas-ayam-beku-arak-rokok-seludup-rm46-juta>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

18 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 9 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Tanjung Rhu, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB201023

On 18 Oct, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested nine Indonesian migrants off Tanjung Rhu, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100064312044774/posts/pfbid02ijJxAWLK5RTt7zRZLMV6rnFZ9nMUEbZn7UdRf39HFbHU1CcdJkQqmuc3mAGM92MI/?mibextid=cr9u03>

16 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 36 Rohingya Migrants/ From Bangladesh to Indonesia/ Aceh, Indonesia/ DB201023

On 16 Oct, local authorities detained an unknown vessel and arrested 36 Rohingya migrants in Aceh, Indonesia.

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.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kompas.id/baca/nusantara/2023/10/16/36-orang-pengungsi-rohingya-terdampar-di-bireuen-kapal-tak-ditemukan>

14 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Speed Boat/ 8 Filipino Migrants/ From Philippines to Sabah/ Off Terusan, Semporna, Sabah/ DB161023

On 14 Oct, local authorities detained a speed boat and arrested eight Filipino migrants off Terusan, Semporna, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://sabah.kupikupifm.my/ppm-tahan-juragan-8-pati/?fbclid=IwAR0jiLPH21aP4zi7dANmZrByxU0jLvohlVxSMsBtvwBa4GJ7kV0q7Nvqhnc_aem_AU8z6BmDLw_abKzVp0hrBs2c-L5USHE5WA6hr2W3nRh0_ef7zr9QRRMGV0csPZeJ61U
<https://borneobulletin.com.bn/malaysian-marine-police-foils-illegal-entry-attempt/>

Out of Reporting Period:

13 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Passenger Ship/ 11 Indonesian and 3 Pakistani Migrants/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Kelanang Beach, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB161023

On 13 Oct, local authorities detained a passenger ship and arrested 11 Indonesian and three Pakistani migrants off Kelanang Beach, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.astroawani.com/berita-malaysia/maritim-malaysia-tahan-14-pati-rampas-9-kg-syabu-441627>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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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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