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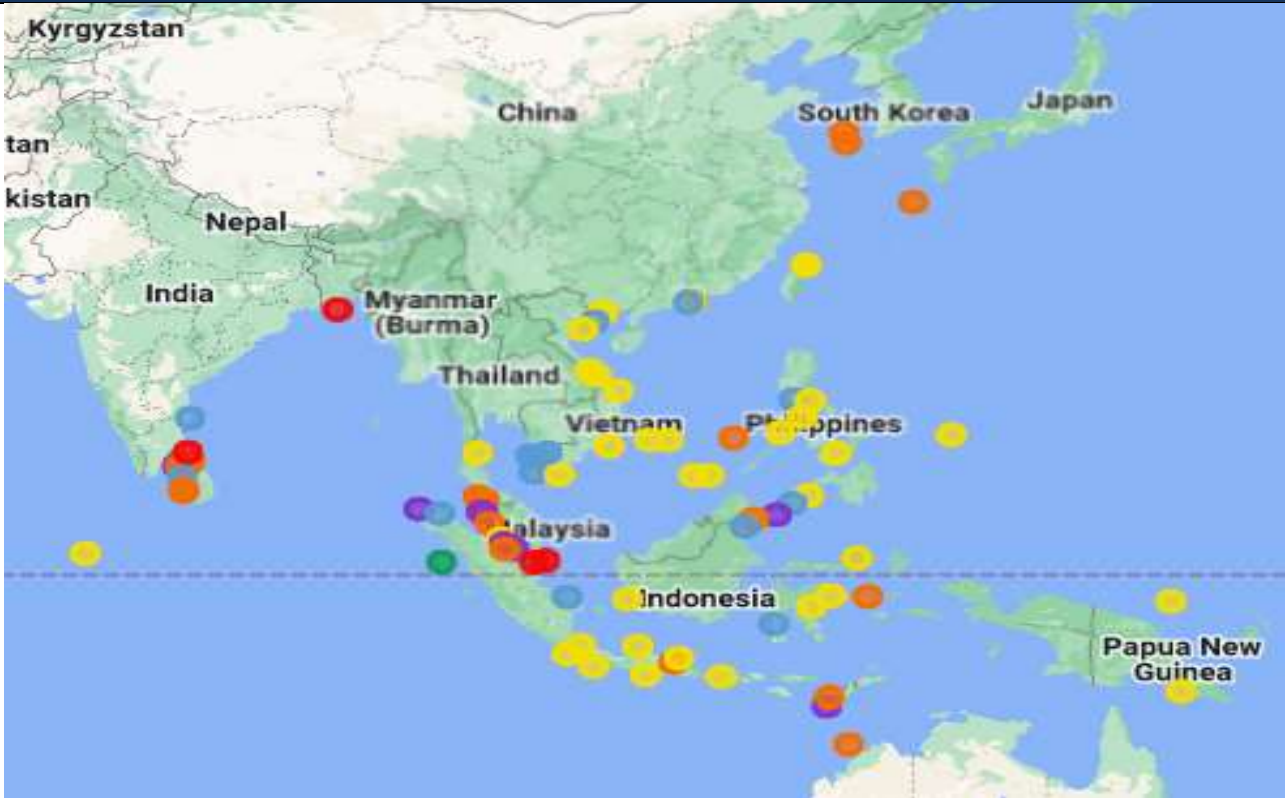
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 18 – 24 Feb 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)	1	4	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	1	38	5-13
Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	25	14-19
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	18	20-24
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	9	25-27
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	28
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	29
Others	0	0	30

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

Information Updates:

18 Feb - Hijacked/ Sea Robbery/ Fishing Trawler/ 1 Dead, 5 Missing, 3 Rescued/ Off Kuakata Coast, Patuakhali District, Bangladesh/ DB240223
(Information Update on DB210223)

The Bangladesh Rapid Action Battalion updated that of the nine missing fishermen, one died, three were rescued, while five remain missing. They also arrested four of the perpetrators in Upazila, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://barta24.com/details/national/174533/attack-on-fishermen-in-bay-of-bengal>

Incidents:

23 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Bulk Carrier, Panama-Flagged/ Minor Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB230223

1. POCC informed that six perpetrators armed with knives boarded the steering gear compartment of a Panama-flagged bulk carrier at (1°08'06.0"N, 103°29'16.8"E) on 23 Feb at 01:30 (UTC + 8). The six perpetrators were sighted by a 3rd Engineer and a technician. The 3rd Engineer attempted to chase the perpetrators away by throwing tools at them; he suffered a minor injury as he got some tools thrown at him too.

2. The ship master reported that all the perpetrators have left the ship and all crew members are accounted for. However, he noted that some scrap metal parts have been stolen. His crew is currently conducting security rounds onboard. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue to her NPOC, Singapore.

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to the ship company for more incident details.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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



18 Feb - Hijacked/ Sea Robbery/ FB BHAI BHAI, Fishing Trawler/ 9 Injured/ Off Kuakata Coast, Patuakhali District, Bangladesh/ DB210223

1. On 18 Feb, eight to ten perpetrators, aboard a fishing vessel, attacked the fishing trawler FB BHAI BHAI off Kuakata Coast, Patuakhali District, Bangladesh. There were 18 fishermen onboard the FB BHAI BHAI at the time of the incident.

2. Nine of the fishermen were stabbed and shot and thrown overboard, while the other nine were taken hostage. Eventually, the perpetrators looted everything (fishing nets, ropes, and other goods) from the fishing trawler before fleeing. The authorities have arranged for the rescue of the fishermen.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://bdnews24.com/bangladesh/24yyh44v75>

18 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier/ No Injury/ Japan-Flagged/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB200223

1. POCC informed that a Japan-Flagged bulk carrier reported six perpetrators in the engine room when transiting along Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°16'13.0"N 104°13'47.0"E) on 18 Feb 23 at 0420 (UTC +8).

2. Ship master reported that all crew were safe, and nothing was reported missing. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

Out of Reporting Period:

15 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Fishing Vessel, India Flagged/ Serious Injury/ Underway/ Off Thopputhurai, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB220223

1. On 15 Feb, six Tamil Nadu fishermen were brutally attacked with machetes and robbed by a group of Sri Lankan men while fishing off Thopputhurai, Tamil Nadu, India.

2. The boat's owner, who tried to defend his crew, sustained severe sprains to his left arm, especially to his fingers. The perpetrators ransacked the boat and stole fish, GPS equipment, and batteries.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/tamil-nadu-fishermen-attacked-sri-lankans-robbed-cm-stalin-seeks-intervention-2337624-2023-02-21>

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

NSTR



SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Information Updates:

18 Feb - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Missing/ SAR/ Off Malakal Island, Palau/ DB220223
(Information Update on DB210223)

UK ILO updated that five Taiwanese fishing vessels have been deployed to conduct SAR operations.

PCG ILO updated that the Philippine Coast Guard has not received any requests to conduct SAR operations.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://focustaiwan.tw/society/202302200023>

Incidents:

23 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 44 Rescued/ SAR/ Banggai Laut Regency, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB240223

On 23 Feb, a passenger vessel went adrift due to an equipment failure. SAR was conducted and 44 were rescued off Banggai Laut Regency, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/257369>

23 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision/ Fishing Vessel vs Trawler/ 1 Missing, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Sementa, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB240223

On 23 Feb, a fishing vessel collided with a trawler off Sementa, Selangor, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and one remain missing will one was rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thesundaily.my/home/selangor-maritime-search-continues-for-fisherman-missing-in-sementa-waters-KA10675609>



22 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 3 Rescued/ Off Cua Viet, Quang Tri, Viet Nam/ DB240223

On 22 Feb, two fishing vessels capsized due to bad weather and three were rescued off Cua Viet, Quang Tri, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vov.vn/xa-hoi/quang-tri-hai-tau-ca-bi-chim-3-ngu-dan-roi-xuong-bien-duoc-cuu-song-post1003446.vov>

22 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Rach Goc Estuary, Viet Nam/ DB240223

On 22 Feb, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather off Rach Goc estuary, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and one remain missing and two were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vishipel.com.vn/thuyen-vien-mat-tich-do-tau-ca-chim-o-vung-bien-phia-nam.htm>

18 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 1 Dead, 5 Rescued/ Off Ko Tao Island, Thailand/ DB240223

On 18 Feb, a small boat capsized due to bad weather off Ko Tao Island, Thailand. SAR was conducted with one dead and five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thethaiger.com/news/national/body-floating-near-koh-tao-identified-as-myanmar-woman>

22 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Passenger Ferry/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kepulauan Seribu, Indonesia/ DB230223

On 22 Feb, nine were rescued after passenger ferry sank off Kepulauan Seribu, Indonesia due to water ingress.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://wartakota.tribunnews.com/2023/02/22/km-bahtera-2-karam-di-perairan-kepulauan-seribu-abk-dan-penumpang-dipastikan-selamat>



22 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ Off Quang Ngai, Viet Nam/ DB230223

On 22 Feb, four were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Quang Ngai, Viet Nam due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vov.vn/xa-hoi/tau-ca-quang-ngai-bi-chim-o-hoang-sa-4-ngu-dan-roi-xuong-bien-post1003471.vov>

https://afamily-vn.translate.goog/tau-ca-quang-ngai-bi-chim-o-hoang-sa-4-ngu-dan-roi-xuong-bien-2023022309001525.chn?_x_tr_sl=vi&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=sc

22 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Mong Cai, Viet Nam/ DB230223

On 22 Feb, three were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Mong Cai, Viet Nam due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/cuu-tau-ca-cua-ngu-dan-gap-nan-post459026.html>

21 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Thuan An Beach, Viet Nam/ DB230223

On 21 Feb, one went missing while two were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Thuan An Beach, Viet Nam due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.vov.vn/xa-hoi/tau-ca-va-3-ngu-dan-gap-nan-tren-bien-1-nguoi-mat-tich-post1003257.vov>

21 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Off Spratly Islands, South China Sea/ DB230223

On 21 Feb, a fishing vessel went adrift off Spratly Islands, South China Sea due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vishipel.com.vn/tau-ca-phu-yen-hong-may-gan-quan-dao-truong-sa.htm>



20 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tsing Yi, Hong Kong/ DB230223

On 20 Feb, one went missing while four were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Tsing Yi, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.singtao.ca/6180108/2023-02-20/news-%E9%9D%92%E8%A1%A3%E6%B5%B7%E9%9D%A2%E6%BC%81%E8%88%B9%E6%B2%89%E6%B2%92+4%E4%BA%BA%E7%8D%B2%E6%95%91%E5%85%A7%E5%9C%B0%E6%BC%81%E6%B0%91%E5%A4%B1%E8%B9%A4/?variant=zh-hk>

20 Feb - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ 2 Unknown Vessels/ Off Madai Kunak, Lahad Datu, Malaysia/ DB220223

On 20 Feb, the local authorities detained two vessels off Madai Kunak, Lahad Datu, Malaysia for unauthorised operations.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0iZhWvpiYvfddWoswdyUMxtHmT7vy3z8aiIsZ5MgUVCrLfFx7fzbuYyd8kDhsy9mMl>

20 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Lamon Bay, Quezon, Philippines/ DB220223

On 20 Feb, five were rescued after a cargo vessel sank off Lamon Bay, Quezon, Philippines due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2023/02/20/cargo-boat-sinks-in-quezon-captain-crew-rescued/>
<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1732333/6-rescued-from-sinking-boat-in-waters-off-quezon-province>

20 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Fire-Explosion/ Cargo Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Maavah, Maldives/ DB220223

On 20 Feb, four were rescued after a cargo vessel sank off Maavah, Maldives due to a fire.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.sun.mv/81069>

19 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Oriental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB220223

On 19 Feb, five were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Oriental Mindoro, Philippines due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1732551/pcg-rescues-5-fishermen-from-sunken-boat-in-mindoro>

18 Feb - Equipment Failure/ Missing Rudder/ Bulk Carrier/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Mui Ne beach, Viet Nam/ DB220223

On 18 Feb, nine were rescued after a bulk carrier lost her rudder off Mui Ne beach, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/tau-phuc-an-01-gap-su-co-tren-bien-da-duoc-lai-keo-vao-vinh-mui-ne-an-toan-post458969.html>

20 Feb - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tra Co Beach, Viet Nam/ DB210223

On 20 Feb, four were rescued after a fishing vessel caught fire off Tra Co Beach, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://vov.vn/xa-hoi/bo-doi-bien-phong-tra-co-cuu-nan-ngu-dan-bi-chay-tau-tren-bien-post1002899.vov>

19 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Small Boat/ Off Keelung, Taiwan/ DB210223

On 19 Feb, a small boat capsized after it collided with a large ship off Keelung, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGuTjAvQsmM>

19 Feb - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Keelung, Taiwan/ DB210223

On 19 Feb, a fishing vessel caught fire off Keelung, Taiwan due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://tw.news.yahoo.com/%E5%85%AB%E6%96%97%E5%AD%90%E6%BC%81%E8%88%B9%E9%9B%BB%E7%B7%9A%E8%B5%B0%E7%81%AB-%E6%BF%83%E7%85%99%E7%9B%B4%E7%AB%84%E8%88%B9%E5%93%A1%E6%80%A5%E6%95%91%E7%81%AB-011000617.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guc e_referrer_sig=AQAAAMRK4qYQxrODy7tbtLVsDPTA8RThSF6UovWNCt1QXM6DkX0uJaMTv0SVWNox06TFVbKhWID9UEUtizwgcvrfo5cgRy7l9dvq0AV6afA-7rDOJcbclXHTF2Hy4oT1fk1Ajsx83zFyWIVeP7v3Vd09yiTB7wKJGrRo9Ht9mfKZja9
<https://news.cts.com.tw/cts/life/202302/202302202144570.html>

18 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ba Lat, Viet Nam/ DB210223

On 18 Feb, two were rescued after a fishing vessel capsized off Ba Lat, Viet Nam due to water ingress.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thanhvien.vn/nam-dinh-cuu-nan-thanh-cong-hai-thuyen-vien-bi-chim-tau-troi-dat-tren-bien-185230220113752667.htm>

18 Feb - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 6 Missing/ Off Malakal Island, Palau/ DB210223

On 18 Feb, six went missing onboard a fishing vessel off Malakal Island, Palau.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://focustaiwan.tw/society/202302200023>

19 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Spratly Island, South China Sea/ DB200223

On 19 Feb, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Spratly Island, South China Sea. SAR was conducted and three were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/bien-dao-viet-nam/tau-471-vung-4-hai-quan-lai-keo-tau-ca-kh-98246-ts-bi-hong-may-ve-dao-da-tay-20230219161341967.htm>

18 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Pacitan Waters, Indonesia/ DB200223

On 18 Feb, a fishing vessel capsized due to bad weather off Pacitan Waters, Indonesia. There was one missing and SAR is ongoing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://suryamalang.tribunnews.com/2023/02/18/diterjang-ombak-besar-nelayan-asal-sukabumi-hilang-di-pacitan-kapal-terbelah-dua>

Out of Reporting Period:

17 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Cargo Vessel/ Batuangus Beach, North Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB240223

On 17 Jan, a cargo vessel sank off Batuangus Beach, North Sulawesi, Indonesia after colliding with a reef.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://manado.tribunnews.com/2023/01/18/klm-cahaya-irfan-diduga-angkut-ratusan-bal-cabo-dari-malaysia-ini-penjelasan-bea-cukai-bitung>

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/January2023/5qH9j7ZitiXFQZkfKXhi.pdf>



13 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Passenger Vessel/ Bangsal Harbor, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB240223

On 13 Jan, a passenger vessel was detained due to an unauthorised operation at Bangsal Harbor, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/February2023/4DR2IJD9quykEMQXJjkW.pdf>

<https://kicknews.today/hukrim/oknum-nahkoda-kapal-cepat-bangsals-ke-tiga-gili-dibekuk-polisi/>

08 Jan - Adrift/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Rancabuaya Beach, Garut Regency, Indonesia/ DB240223

On 8 Jan, a fishing vessel went adrift off Rancabuaya Beach, Garut Regency, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pikiran-rakyat.com/jawa-barat/pr-016099849/kapal-misterius-terdampar-di-pantai-rancabuaya-garut-polisi-beberkan-penyelidikan-terkini>

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/February2023/4DR2IJD9quykEMQXJjkW.pdf>

09 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Landing Craft/ Off Karimunjawa Island, Indonesia/ DB230223

On 9 Feb, a landing craft ran aground off Karimunjawa Island, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Lct-Serasi-lx-l1774150.html>

07 Feb - Missing/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Missing/ SAR/ Off Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea/ DB230223

On 7 Feb, four went missing in a fishing vessel off Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thenational.com.pg/families-of-missing-fishermen-hoping-for-results/>

15 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ SAR/ Off Ketapang, West Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB220223

On 15 Feb, a cargo vessel ran aground off Ketapang, West Kalimantan, Indonesia due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/56997/TNI-AL-SELAMATKAN-ABK-DUA-KAPAL-YANG-KANDAS-DAN-RUSAK-DI-PERAIRAN-KETAPANG/>

15 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Tug/ SAR/ Off Ketapang, West Kalimantan, Indonesia/ DB220223

On 15 Feb, a tug went adrift off Ketapang, West Kalimantan, Indonesia after experiencing equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/56997/TNI-AL-SELAMATKAN-ABK-DUA-KAPAL-YANG-KANDAS-DAN-RUSAK-DI-PERAIRAN-KETAPANG/>

15 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cam Ranh, Khanh Hoa, Viet Nam/ DB220223

On 15 Feb, 11 were rescued after a cargo vessel went adrift off Cam Ranh, Khanh Hoa, Viet Nam due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baohaiquanvietnam.vn/tin-tuc/tau-991-cuu-ho-thanh-cong-tau-hang-3000-tan-cung-11-thuyen-vien>

15 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Morowali, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB220223

On 15 Feb, 11 were rescued after a small boat capsized off Morowali, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/56976/TNI-AL-BERHASIL-EVAKUASI-ROMBONGAN-BUPATI-MOROWALI-YANG-ALAMI-LAKA-LAUT/>

15 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Panimbang, Banten, Indonesia/ DB220223

On 15 Feb, three were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Panimbang, Banten, Indonesia due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bantennews.co.id/tiga-nelayan-yang-terdampar-di-pulau-sangiang-berhasil-dievakuasi/>

15 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Panimbang, Banten, Indonesia/ DB220223

On 15 Feb, three were rescued after a fishing vessel sank off Panimbang, Banten, Indonesia due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bantennews.co.id/tiga-nelayan-yang-terdampar-di-pulau-sangiang-berhasil-dievakuasi/>

14 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 5 Rescued/ Off Basilan, Philippines/ DB220223

On 14 Feb, five were rescued after a small boat capsized off Basilan, Philippines due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2023/02/15/5-rescued-from-capsized-motor-banca-in-basilan/>

13 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Small Boat/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Talisay Point, Cebu, Philippines/ DB220223

On 13 Feb, three were rescued after a small boat went adrift off Talisay Point, Cebu, Philippines due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/navforcentral/posts/pfbid02YdW9AuzrNsHnnevjitXoaXueoQSftKGY63hgT7UkERiRx5KDdQu39HwEcZ1SsDACl>

11 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ SAR/ Off Sand Island, Palawan, Philippines/ DB220223

On 11 Feb, a passenger vessel went adrift off Sand Island, Palawan, Philippines due to equipment failure.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://palawan-news.com/mddrmo-culion-sumaklolo-sa-nasiraang-sasakyang-pandagat-ng-mddrmo-coron/>

06 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 4 Missing, 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Bipi Island, Papua New Guinea/ DB220223

On 6 Feb, four went missing while nine were rescued after a passenger vessel sank off Bipi Island, Papua New Guinea due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thenational.com.pg/search-for-fishermen-continuing/>

04 Feb - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ Off Northeast Investigator Shoal, South China Sea/ DB220223

On 4 Feb, two were rescued after a fishing vessel went adrift off Northeast Investigator Shoal, South China Sea due to bad weather.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://globalnation.inquirer.net/211073/good-gesture-pinoy-fishers-rescued-by-chinese-in-ph-waters>

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

Incidents:

23 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 4 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 13 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Mandaitivu, Sri Lanka/ DB240223

On 23 Feb, local authorities detained four fishing vessels and arrested 13 local fishermen due to illegal harvesting off Mandaitivu, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/02/23/202302231930/>

22 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel/ 1 Foreign Fisherman Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Wosnake Island, Kagoshima, Japan/ DB240223

On 22 Feb, local authorities detained one foreign fisherman from a Chinese fishing vessel for illegal fishing off Wosnake Island, Kagoshima, Japan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://china.kyodonews.net/news/2023/02/27a9e06d17d0.html>

22 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Light Beam Coursing/ Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB240223

On 22 Feb, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested two local fishermen due to illegal fishing methods off Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/02/23/202302231930/>

21 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Northwestern Australia, Australia/ DB240223

On 21 Feb, local authorities detained one Indonesian fishing vessel and arrested eight foreign fishermen due to illegal fishing off Northwestern Australia, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/joint-statement-from-the-Australian-Fisheries-Management-Authority-and-the-Australian-Border-Force-23-02-2023.aspx>

22 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 3 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unauthorised Mesh Size/ Off Heuksan Island, ROK/ DB230223

On 22 Feb, local authorities detained three fishing vessels off Heuksan Island, ROK for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailian.co.kr/news/view/1204911/?sc=Naver>

20 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Madai Kunak, Lahad Datu, Malaysia/ DB220223

On 20 Feb, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested one local and three foreign fishermen off Madai Kunak, Lahad Datu, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0iZhWvpiYvfddWoswdyUMxtHmT7vy3z8aiIsZ5MgUVCrLfFx7fzbuYyd8kDhsy9mMl>

18 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessels Detained/ Unknown Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Jeju Island, ROK/ DB200223

On 18 Feb, local authorities detained two Chinese fishing vessels due to invalid license of fishing vessel off Jeju Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.jejudomin.co.kr/news/articleView.html?idxno=215209>

Out of Reporting Period:

26 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Sula Islands, Indonesia/ DB240223

On 26 Jan, local authorities detained two fishing vessels for illegal fishing off Sula Islands, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/February2023/4DR2lJD9quykEMQXJjkW.pdf>



14 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman Arrested/ Blast Fishing/ Tanjung Kurung, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB240223

On 14 Jan, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested one local fisherman due to illegal fishing methods off Tanjung Kurung, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.katantt.com/artikel/46459/anak-pelaku-bom-ikan-di-pulau-semau-mengaku-ayahnya-dijebak-nelayan-lain/>

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/February2023/4DR2LJD9quykEMQXJjkW.pdf>

13 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Malaysian Fishing Vessel Expelled/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Expelled/ Riau, Indonesia/ DB240223

On 13 Jan, local authorities expelled one Malaysian fishing vessel along with five foreign fishermen off Riau, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kompas.tv/article/251825/langgar-batas-perairan-dan-curi-ikan-kapal-berbendera-malaysia-ditangkap-kkp>

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/February2023/4DR2LJD9quykEMQXJjkW.pdf>

09 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 8 Fishing Vessels Detained/ Trawl Nets/ Kenjeran Alur, Surabaya, Indonesia/ DB240223

On 9 Jan, local authorities detained eight fishing vessels for illegal fishing methods off Kenjeran Alur, Surabaya, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/February2023/4DR2LJD9quykEMQXJjkW.pdf>

17 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel and Unauthorised Fishing Methods/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB220223

On 17 Feb, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/02/18/mmea-detain-undocumented-myanmar-fishing-crew>



17 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Pantai Segari, Malaysia/ DB220223

On 17 Feb, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested two local fishermen off Pantai Segari, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/local-boat-and-crew-nabbed-for-fishing-violation-in-perak-waters-HC10654300>

16 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 12 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB220223

On 16 Feb, local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested 12 local fishermen off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusan.com.my/nasional/2023/02/12-nelayan-ditahan-tangguk-siput-nilai-rampasan-rm207000/>

14 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Small Boats Detained/ 24 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Off Kalmunai Point, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB220223

On 14 Feb, local authorities detained three small boats and arrested 24 local fishermen off Kalmunai Point, Jaffna, Sri Lanka for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/02/16/202302161600/>

14 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB220223

On 14 Feb, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid026FoNGnuMadbYmxNzCz3wJsGSha8eezHyqbi9CST1UQPzBzQ4o5a3osz3WQfZ4sLI>

14 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ 5 Small Boats Detained/ 11 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Unauthorised Fishing Gear/ Off Vettalakeni, Sri Lanka/ DB220223

On 14 Feb, local authorities detained five small boats and arrested 11 local fishermen off Vettalakeni, Sri Lanka for using illegal fishing methods.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/02/16/202302161600/>

13 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Small Boats Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Off Palaitivu Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB220223

On 13 Feb, local authorities detained two small boats and arrested six local fishermen off Palaitivu Island, Jaffna, Sri Lanka for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/02/16/202302161600/>

11 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 8 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Off Narivilkulam, Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB220223

On 11 Feb, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested eight local fishermen off Narivilkulam, Mannar, Sri Lanka for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/02/16/202302161600/>

10 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Off Punkudutivu, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB220223

On 10 Feb, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested one local fishermen off Punkudutivu, Jaffna, Sri Lanka for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/02/16/202302161600/>

09 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Off Achchanakulam, Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB220223

On 9 Feb, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested three local fishermen off Achchanakulam, Mannar, Sri Lanka for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/02/16/202302161600/>

09 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Vietnamese Fishing Vessel Expelled/ Licence of Fishing Vessel/ Off Reed Bank, South China Sea/ DB220223

On 9 Feb, local authorities expelled one Vietnamese fishing vessel off Reed Bank, South China Sea for illegal fishing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://globalnation.inquirer.net/211166/pcg-drives-away-vietnamese-fishing-vessel-in-recto-bank>



17 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Malaysian Fishing Vessels Detained/ 2 Local and 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessels/ Off Koh Tangah, Satun, Thailand/ DB210223

On 17 Feb, local authorities detained two Malaysian fishing vessels and arrested two local and four foreign fishermen for illegal fishing off Koh Tangah, Satun, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/THAIMECC/posts/pfbid02gBSH65mJpUpgoUHREHXJsLvAzLHB83z5zZY3GwWL21JPE3e98UEsfprjaxFhvofl>

17 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Dikovita Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB210223

On 17 Feb, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested five local fishermen at Dikovita Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka for illegal harvesting.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.lk/news/2023/02/18/202302181200/>

16 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Harvesting/ Off Negombo Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB210223

On 16 Feb, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested six local fishermen off Negombo Fishery Harbour, Sri Lanka for illegal harvesting.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://coastguard.gov.lk/news/2023/02/18/202302181200/>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

23 Feb - Drugs/ Meth (15 kg) and Ecstasy (705 Pills)/ Passenger Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Parepare City, South Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB240223

On 23 Feb, local authorities seized 15kg of meth and 705 ecstasy pills from a passenger vessel off Parepare City, South Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thesundaily.my/local/indonesian-police-nab-seven-locals-seize-more-than-200-kg-of-syabu-linked-to-malaysia-1A10672758>

22 Feb - Domestic Products/ Various Goods (56 Boxes and 14 Packages)/ Speedboat/ From Hong Kong/ Tai O, Hong Kong/ DB240223

On 22 Feb, local authorities seized 56 boxes and 14 packages of various goods from a speedboat from Hong Kong off Tai O, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.singtaousa.com/2023-02-23/%E8%AD%A6%E6%96%B9%E6%B5%B7%E9%97%9C%E6%B7%B1%E5%A4%9C%E5%A4%A7%E6%BE%B3%E5%8F%8D%E8%B5%B0%E7%A7%81%E6%AA%A2800%E8%90%AC%E5%85%83%E9%9B%BB%E5%AD%90%E7%94%A2%E5%93%81%E5%8F%8A%E6%B5%B7%E5%91%B3/4421134#page2>

21 Feb - Drugs/ Kendu Leaves (1,508 kg)/ Ashore/ To Sri Lanka/ Anawasala, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB230223

On 21 Feb, local authorities seized 1,508 kg of kendu leaves that were ashore at Anawasala, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/02/22/202302221415/>

18 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (4,500 Cases and 225,000 Reams)/ Small Boat/ From Indonesia to Philippines/ Off Sulu, Philippines/ DB220223

On 18 Feb, local authorities seized 4,500 cases and 225,000 reams of cigarettes from a small boat off Sulu, Philippines. The cigarettes were smuggled from Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/NFWMspeaks/posts/pfbid0y8DobHiqr2iuP1sGSfCyvuVsKKy7q395aKCnBJ6mTskRgtxCcGeTbS3TsK2Rpp2ql>

19 Feb - Drugs/ Cannabis (128 kg)/ Adrift/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB210223

On 19 Feb, local authorities seized 128 kg of cannabis that was adrift off Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

http://www.colombopage.com/archive_23A/Feb20_1676874824CH.php

18 Feb - Drugs/ Kendu Leaves (18 Packages)/ Adrift/ Off Poruthota, Negombo, Sri Lanka/ DB210223

On 18 Feb, local authorities seized 18 packages of kendu leaves that were adrift off Poruthota, Negombo, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/oparation-news/2023/02/19/202302190900/>

19 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (50,000 Litres)/ Small Boat/ From Viet Nam/ Off Phu Quoc Island, Viet Nam/ DB200223

On 19 Feb, local authorities detained a small boat off Phu Quoc Island, Viet Nam. Onboard the vessel was 50,000 litres of diesel oil.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/doan-trinh-sat-so-2-tiep-tuc-dau-tranh-bat-giu-tau-van-chuyen-dau-do-trai-phep>

Out of Reporting Period:

08 Feb - Tobacco and Domestic Products/ Cigarette (1,500,000 Sticks), Cigar (3,600 kg), and Alcohol (20 Litres)/ Ashore/ From China to Hong Kong/ Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal, Hong Kong/ DB240223

On 8 Feb, local authorities seized 1,500,000 sticks of cigarettes, 3,600kg of cigar and 20 litres of alcohol going from China to Hong Kong at Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.hk01.com/%E7%AA%81%E7%99%BC/870207/%E6%B5%B7%E9%97%9C%E5%B1%AF%E9%96%80%E9%A9%97%E8%B2%A8%E6%AB%83%E6%AA%A2%E8%B5%B0%E7%A7%81%E7%85%99%E8%8D%89%E5%92%8C%E7%83%88%E9%85%92-%E5%B8%82%E5%80%BC-1400%E8%90%AC>



26 Jan - Natural Resources/ Lead (300 kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Pusuk Village, Kelapa District, West Bangka Regency, Indonesia/ DB240223

On 26 Jan, local authorities seized 300kg of lead from a vessel off Pusuk Village, Kelapa District, West Bangka Regency, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.faktaberita.co.id/polisi-amankan-penambang-ilegal-di-perairan-tuik-pusuk-sita-300-kg-timah/>

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/February2023/4DR2LJD9quykEMQXJjkW.pdf>

17 Jan - Domestic Products/ Clothing (400 Bales)/ Cargo Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Batuangus Beach, North Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB240223

On 17 Jan, local authorities seized 400 bales of clothing from a cargo vessel off Batuangus Beach, North Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://manado.tribunnews.com/2023/01/18/klm-cahaya-irfan-diduga-angkut-ratusan-bal-cabo-dari-malaysia-ini-penjelasan-bea-cukai-bitung>

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/January2023/5qH9j7ZitiXFQZkfKXhi.pdf>

11 Jan - Drugs/ Meth (5 kg)/ Passenger Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Tunon Taka Nunukan Port, North Kalimantan, Malaysia/ DB240223

On 11 Jan, local authorities seized 5kg of meth from a passenger vessel off Tunon Taka Nunukan Port, North Kalimantan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://korankaltara.com/selundupkan-sabu-5-kg-dari-malaysia-dua-wanita-ditangkap-di-kapal>

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/February2023/4DR2LJD9quykEMQXJjkW.pdf>

15 Feb - Drugs/ Meth (200 kg)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Kuala Teupin, North Aceh, Indonesia/ DB230223

On 15 Feb, local authorities seized 200 kg of meth from a fishing vessel off Kuala Teupin, North Aceh, Indonesia. The drugs were smuggled from Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kabar24.bisnis.com/read/20230222/16/1630667/bareskrim-gagalkan-peredaran-220-kg-sabu-modus-jalur-laut>

11 Feb - Domestic Products/ Shoes (250 Bundles)/ Container Vessel/ From India to Unknown/ Chennai Port, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB220223

On 11 Feb, local authorities seized 250 bundles of shoes from a container vessel at Chennai Port, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/in-chennai-gang-steals-rs-45-lakh-shoes-from-container/articleshow/98054022.cms>

17 Feb - Domestic Products and Tobacco/ Sugar and Cigarettes (5 Containers)/ Container Vessel/ From China and Hong Kong to Philippines/ Manila International Container Port, Philippines/ DB210223

On 17 Feb, local authorities seized five containers of sugar and cigarettes from a container vessel at Manila International Container Port, Philippines. The contraband items were smuggled from China and Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1195540>

01 Feb - Drugs/ Meth (130 kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Malaysia to Australia/ Port Botany, Container Examination Facility, Australia/ DB210223

On 1 Feb, local authorities seized 130 kg of meth from a container vessel at Port Botany, Container Examination Facility, Australia. The drugs were smuggled from Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.afp.gov.au/news-media/media-releases/three-charged-after-130kg-%E2%80%98ice%E2%80%99-found-within-wax-slabs>

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/three-charged-after-allegedly-importing-130-kilos-of-meth-20230209-p5cjdd.html>

17 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (20,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Viet Nam/ Off Song Doc, Viet Nam/ DB200223

On 17 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel off Song Doc, Viet Nam. Onboard the vessel was 20,000 litres of diesel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bat-tau-danh-ca-van-chuyen-20-nghin-lit-dau-do-khong-ro-nguon-goc-post458911.html>



17 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (70,000 Litres)/ Small Boat/ From Viet Nam/ Off Phu Quoc Island, Viet Nam/ DB200223

On 17 Feb, local authorities detained a fishing vessel Phu Quoc, Viet Nam. Onboard the vessel was 70,000 litres of diesel.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/doan-trinh-sat-so-2-bat-giu-tau-vo-go-van-chuyen-70-000-lit-dau-do-khong-co-nguon-goc-hop-phap>

16 Feb - Natural Resources/ Sand (1,000 M3)/ Cargo Vessel/ From Viet Nam/ Off Tonkin Gulf, Viet Nam/ DB200223

On 16 Feb, local authorities detained a cargo vessel off Tonkin Gulf, Viet Nam. Onboard the vessel was 1,000 m3 of sand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/portal/thuc-thi-phap-luat/doan-trinh-sat-so-1-bat-giu-phuong-tien-van-chuyen-cat-trai-phep>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

20 Feb - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Chinese Migrants/ From China to Hong Kong/ Off Tsing Yi, Hong Kong/ DB230223

On 20 Feb, local authorities arrested three Chinese migrants after their fishing sank off Tsing Yi, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3210959/mainland-chinese-trio-arrested-over-illegal-entry-after-rescue-sinking-boat-hong-kong-waters-another>

19 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 3 Indonesian Migrants/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Puteri Beach, Malacca, Malaysia/ DB220223

On 19 Feb, local authorities arrested three Indonesian migrants in a small boat at Puteri Beach, Malacca, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02bhQgNUJKjKhgTuLsyGiEy1yMC4ZLyb19mQYBQXHF9jVVskiuG3qMUcPUxaiPdJFZl>

19 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Unknown Vessel/ 1 Sri Lankan Migrant/ From Sri Lanka to India/ Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu, India/ DB220223

On 19 Feb, local authorities arrested one Sri Lankan migrants at Dhanushkodi, Tamil Nadu, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/sri-lankan-refugee-reaches-dhanushkodi/article66531981.ece>

Out of Reporting Period:

19 Jan - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 6 Indian Migrants/ From India to Australia/ Masidae Beach, Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB240223

On 19 Jan, local authorities arrested six Indian migrants going from India to Australia off Masidae Beach, Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.katantt.com/artikel/46503/-enam-wna-india-dibawa-ke-imigrasi-kupang-polisi-tahan-abk/>

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/storage/publication-activity-reports/February2023/4DR2LJD9quykEMQXJjkW.pdf>

17 Feb - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Myanmar Migrants/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB220223

On 17 Feb, local authorities arrested five Myanmar migrants in a fishing vessel off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia for having illegal documentation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2023/02/18/mmea-detain-undocumented-myanmar-fishing-crew>

16 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Ashore/ 18 Indonesian Migrants/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Kanchong Beach, Morib, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB220223

On 16 Feb, local authorities arrested 18 Indonesian migrants at Kanchong Beach, Morib, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0qrLqpPBTZ4w9Up2ou2EG6CNz7rAX6juVtzCv6DQmoS7JJzG8eWMs3WyKRoswwbPkl>

14 Feb - Human Trafficking/ 2 Passenger Vessels/ 15 Filipino Migrants/ From Philippines to Malaysia/ Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB220223

On 14 Feb, local authorities arrested 15 Filipino migrants in two passenger vessels at Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, Philippines. The migrants were headed for Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.philstar.com/nation/2023/02/14/2244903/bangsamoro-authorities-intercept-human-trafficking-victims-bound-malaysia>

14 Feb - Illegal Documentation/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Myanmar Migrants/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB220223

On 14 Feb, local authorities arrested five Myanmar migrants in a fishing vessel off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid026FoNGnuMadbYmxNzCz3wJsGSha8eezHyqbi9CSTIUQPzBzQ4o5a3osz3WQfZ4sLI>

16 Feb - Human Smuggling/ Small Boat/ 71 Rohingya Migrants/ From Bangladesh to Indonesia/ Lampanah Leungah, Indonesia/ DB200223

On 16 Feb, local authorities detained small boat. Onboard the vessel 71 Rohingya migrants going from Bangladesh to Indonesia off Lampanah Leungah, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/boat-carrying-71-rohingya-refugees-lands-in-indonesia/article66516516.ece>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

22 Feb - MARPOL/ Liquid Asphalt Leak (Bitumen)/ Oil Tanker/ North Nias Regency, Indonesia/ DB230223

Spilled liquid asphalt (Bitumen) from MV AASHI, a Gabonese-flagged tanker, that leaked and polluted the sea in North Nias Regency (North Sumatra) extended to a radius of 70 kilometers, affecting local fishing vessels, coastal tourism (surfing), and sea life conservation.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/sumut/berita/d-6582254/aspal-kapal-bocor-di-nias-utara-meluas-hingga-70-km-nelayan-tak-bisa-melaut>



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

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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.



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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.

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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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