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



For the period of 06 - 12 Jan 24, 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)	0	20	5-9
Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	16	10-13
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	21	14-18
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	1	1	19
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	20
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	21
Others	0	0	22

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

Information Update:

04 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Bulk Carrier, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB080124
(Information Update on DB040124)

It was updated that the robbers were armed with long knives, as explained by 3/E, who was present in the E/R along with the oiler. The third engineer was hand-tied with plastic rope and blindfolded until the time the robbers were in the engine room. He was later freed by the duty oiler, who was in the engine control room doing watch. It was also updated that the cost of items stolen from the engine room is approximately US\$ 20,000.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Ship Company

Incident:

10 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Panama-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB100124

1. POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding involving Panama-flagged bulk carrier, as vessel transited along the Eastbound, Singapore Strait (1°03'00.7"N 103°41'00.8"E) on 10 Jan 24 at 02:40 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted 5 perpetrators, one of whom was reportedly armed with knife, in the engine room.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and nothing was yet reported stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Singapore.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Maritime Port Authority (MPA) - Port Operations Control Centre (POCC)

Out of Reporting Period:

03 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Panama-Flagged Cargo Ship/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Lubuk Gaung Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB080124

Three robbers, armed with guns and knives, boarded an anchored general cargo ship. They took the duty engine crew hostage and tied his hands. The robbers stole the ship's engine spare parts and escaped. The duty crew managed to alert the OOW and raise the alarm. The crew mustered and a search was carried out. No robbers were found onboard.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GSIS)

03 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Portugal-Flagged Bulk Carrier/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Balikpapan Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB080124

During security rounds, duty AB onboard an anchored bulk carrier sighted a white hull skiff near the anchor chain. One person was seen climbing the chain. He immediately informed the OOW, who raised the emergency alarm and sounded the ship's whistle. Hearing the alert made by the ship crew, the attempted boarding was aborted. Vessel and crew safe.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GSIS)

26 Dec - Boarding/ Sea Robbery/ Panama-Flagged Products Tanker/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB080124

Four robbers, armed with knives, boarded an anchored tanker. They took hostage the duty AB and tied him up. The onboard shore security watchman abandoned his post when threatened with knives. Duty engineer on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, resulting in robbers escaping with stolen engine spares. The incident was reported to the port authority via a local agent.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GSIS)



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

NSTR



SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

11 Jan - Aviation Incident/ Bad Weather/ Other Vessel/ 16 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Helegeli Resort, Maldives/ DB120124

On 11 Jan, a seaplane had to make an emergency landing due to bad weather off Helegeli Resort, Maldives. SAR was conducted and there were 16 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://twitter.com/MNDF_Official

10 Jan - Adrift/ No Fuel/ Small Boat/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ningde, China/ DB120124

On 10 Jan, a small boat went adrift as it had no fuel off Ningde, China. SAR was conducted and there were seven rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.chinanews.com.cn/sh/shipin/cns-d/2024/01-10/news979728.shtml>

09 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Bulk Carrier/ Unauthorised Anchorage/ Off Kuala Muda, Kedah, Malaysia/ DB110124

On 9 Jan, a bulk carrier was detained due to unauthorised operation off Kuala Muda, Kedah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0h4d4rxY94AW2mkDxmjE1T7MjJv3PZYf1ob8x8DxxhnW2quFAwvDuDVU2aCjffZ3al>

09 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel vs Cargo Ship/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Binh Thuan, Viet Nam/ DB110124

On 8 Jan, a fishing vessel sank as it collided with a cargo ship off Binh Thuan, Viet Nam. Five were rescued by another fishing vessel in the vicinity.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sggp.org.vn/tau-van-tai-hai-an-18-dam-chim-tau-ca-5-ngu-dan-roi-xuong-bien-post721871.html>

08 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Human Error/ Passenger Vessel/ Off Mawlam Mying Gyun Town, Ayeyarwaddy Division, Myanmar/ DB110124

On 8 Jan, a passenger vessel caught fire due to human error off Mawlam Mying Gyun Town, Ayeyarwaddy Division, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://t.me/ayeyarwaddytimes/22151>

09 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ben Tre, Viet Nam/ DB100124

On 9 Jan, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Ben Tre, Viet Nam. SAR was conducted and there were 19 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thanhnien.vn/ben-tre-chim-tau-ca-19-ngu-dan-duoc-cuu-kip-thoi-185240109172810525.htm>

08 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Vessel/ Unauthorised Anchorage/ Off Tanjung Siang, Johor, Malaysia/ DB100124

On 8 Jan, a cargo vessel was detained due to unauthorised operation off Tanjung Siang, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bharian.com.my/berita/kes/2024/01/1197979/2-kapal-pengangkut-ditahan-bersauh-tanpa-kebenaran-di-perairan-johor>

08 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Vessel/ Unauthorised Anchorage/ Off Tanjung Lompat, Johor, Malaysia/ DB100124

On 8 Jan, a cargo vessel was detained due to unauthorised operation off Tanjung Lompat, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bharian.com.my/berita/kes/2024/01/1197979/2-kapal-pengangkut-ditahan-bersauh-tanpa-kebenaran-di-perairan-johor>

06 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Other/ Cargo Vessel/ Overloaded Cargo/ Off Tawau, Sabah/ DB080124

On 6 Jan, a cargo vessel was detained due to overloaded cargo off Tawau, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sabahmedia.com/2024/01/07/maritim-malaysia-tahan-bot-kargo-bawa-barang-kawalan-lebih-muatan/>

Out of Reporting Period:

02 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Speed Boat/ Off Lianjiang, China/ DB110124

On 2 Jan, a speed boat was detained due to unauthorised operation off Lianjiang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.fznews.com.cn/fzxw/20240106/a343S20830.shtml>

16 Dec - Adrift/ No Fuel/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Fangchenggang, China/ DB110124

On 16 Dec, a fishing vessel went adrift as it had no fuel off Fangchenggang, China. SAR was conducted, three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

http://www.pfcx.cn/index/index/n_show/id/137857.html

22 Dec - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Shidao Port, China/ DB090124

On 22 Dec, a fishing vessel caught fire due to an unknown cause in Shidao Port, China. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1786960506010658688&wfr=spider&for=pc>

22 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Missing, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Changle, Fuzhou, China/ DB090124

On 22 Dec, a fishing vessel capsized due to an unknown cause off Changle, Fuzhou, China. SAR was conducted and four missing and two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1786084905665655275&wfr=spider&for=pc>

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1787135356700510505&wfr=spider&for=pc>

05 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Cargo Vessel/ Illegal Anchorage/ Off Tanjung Tohor, Johor, Malaysia/ DB080124

On 5 Jan, a cargo vessel was detained due to unauthorised operation off Tanjung Tohor, Johor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bharian.com.my/berita/kes/2024/01/1196842/kapal-dagang-bawa-1500-tan-beras-ditahan-labuhkan-sauh-secara-haram>

05 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Samal Island, Philippines/ DB080124

On 5 Jan, a small boat sank due to bad weather off Samal Island, Philippines. SAR was conducted, seven rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://remate.ph/7-indibidwal-nasagip-sa-lumubog-na-motorbanca-sa-davao/>

05 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Passenger Vessel/ Over Limit of Passengers and Not Carrying Safety Equipments/ Off Kota Kinabalu, Sabah/ DB080124

On 5 Jan, two passenger vessels was detained due to unauthorised operation off Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2024/01/06/bawa-muatan-lebih-had-abaikan-aspek-keselamatan-dua-bot-pelancong-ditahan>

05 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Human Error/ Passenger Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Calatagan Port Batangas, Philippines/ DB080124

On 5 Jan, a passenger vessel ran aground due to human error off Calatagan Port Batangas, Philippines. SAR was conducted, eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/regions/893253/passenger-vessel-runs-aground-off-batangas/story/>

04 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Paracel Islands, South China Sea/ DB080124

On 4 Jan, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Paracel Islands, South China Sea. SAR was conducted, five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baotintuc.vn/bien-dao-viet-nam/tau-472-cuu-nan-thanh-congtau-ca-phu-yen-hong-maytren-bien-truong-sa-20240105101934381.htm>

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01 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Speed Boat/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Th. Buruni, Maldives/ DB080124

On 1 Jan, a speed boat sank due to water ingress off Th. Buruni, Maldives. SAR was conducted and there were 19 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://bnnbreaking.com/breaking-news/accidents/mndf-rescues-19-from-sinking-speedboat-second-maritime-rescue-in-a-week/#:~:text=MNDF%20Rescues%2019%20from%20Sinking%20Speedboat%2C%20Second%20Maritime%20Rescue%20in%20a%20Week&text=In%20a%20dramatic%20turn%20of,from%20the%20sinking%20speedboat%20%27Mr.>

26 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ Off Ratnagiri, India/ DB080124

On 26 Dec, a fishing vessel capsized due to water ingress off Ratnagiri, India. Five were rescued by a fishing trawler in the vicinity.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/navi-mumbai/lucky-escape-5-fishermen-swim-for-5-hours-after-boat-capsizes/articleshow/106605953.cms>



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

Incidents:

11 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Perlis, Malaysia/ DB120124

On 11 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested four foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Perlis, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid08YZhG7uRx87Tws9jWW9A>

10 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 1 Local and 14 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Selekoh, Perak, Malaysia/ DB120124

On 10 Jan, local authorities detained three local fishing vessels. They also arrested one local and 14 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen and fishing in prohibited areas off Selekoh, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid031NafDiKYvvsrmbp5bXxwD1ydofNF1QpYZ4yeasmuknAyFHHr5zdKMT6TYHnzBwnl>

10 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Sepanggar Island, Sabah/ DB120124

On 10 Jan, local authorities detained one small boat and arrested two local fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Sepanggar Island, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://sabah.kupikupifm.my/dua-nelayan-ditahan-tangkap-ikan-guna-bahan-letupan/?fbclid=IwAR0cpbs_f6gU9g-hxKKgP0k34j8vHjJScp588SOZP-0jVz_Z_LsGeHrFb0o

09 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel, License of Fishermen and Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Bagan Sungai Belukang, Perak, Malaysia/ DB110124

On 9 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested three foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel, fishermen and fishing in prohibited areas off Bagan Sungai Belukang, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=saved&v=213615811819767>

09 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Chagwi Island, ROK/ DB110124

On 9 Jan, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for invalid license of fishing vessel off Chagwi Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.news18.com/view/?id=NISX20240110_0002587921&clD=10813&pID=10800

08 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear, License of Fishing Vessel and License of Fishermen/ Off Mengalum Island, Sabah/ DB090124

On 8 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel. They also arrested one local and three foreign fishermen for fishing with illegal gear, invalid license of fishing vessel and fishermen off Mengalum Island, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://sabah.kupikupifm.my/tangkap-ikan-guna-spears-guns-empat-lelaki-ditahan/?fbclid=IwAR3kGKKGU04loLPLXBgq40We5lJclXxBkJWURwSAWiNe9NJJyeaFhGQ8KNM_aem_AYGW3cmCAjLK8eM-yjx6EELRlnVwRms6rCcW68LsziUvcGFWKm-FCbXsicDV-X0z5tU

07 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Selayar Waters, Indonesia/ DB080124

On 7 Jan, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested two fishermen for fishing with illegal gear in Selayar waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://fajar.co.id/2024/01/07/kasus-bom-ikan-di-selayar-telan-korban-pelaku-diduga-melarikan-diri-ke-sultra/>

06 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Bagan Panchor, Perak, Malaysia/ DB080124

On 6 Jan, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested five foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Bagan Panchor, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://berita.rtm.gov.my/nasional/senarai-berita-nasional/senarai-artikel/maritim-malaysia-tahan-tiga-bot-lakukan-pelbagai-kesalahan>
<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid025DUfpQSDy36DUcbYW6csWDCN753dZwC5n2KPVnh2dUfaMx7uhUGTtaLeHS4pE8jvl>

06 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Sungai Besar, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB080124

On 6 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested five foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen off Sungai Besar, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid07Qi2pVxj7ABstQLc98pqEU6trrK9x7n8rRxQYpPWeNguCT3xrVvkhXBGt6E2kvftl>

06 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Chagwi Island, ROK/ DB080124

On 6 Jan, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for invalid license of fishing vessel off Chagwi Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.jibs.co.kr/news/replay/viewNewsReplayDetail/2024010721081939184?feed=na>

06 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Marado, ROK/ DB080124

On 6 Jan, local authorities detained one Chinese fishing vessel for fishing with illegal gear off Marado, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.jibs.co.kr/news/replay/viewNewsReplayDetail/2024010721081939184?feed=na>

Out of Reporting Period:

27 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 21 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Weifang, China/ DB120124

On 27 Dec, local authorities detained 21 local fishing vessels for fishing in prohibited areas off Weifang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1787063243276254672&wfr=spider&for=pc>

23 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Weifang, China/ DB110124

On 23 Dec, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen for fishing in prohibited areas of Weifang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1787063243276254672&wfr=spider&for=pc>

05 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 20 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Dua, Perak, Malaysia/ DB080124

On 5 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested 20 foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen and fishing vessel off Pulau Dua, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://berita.rtm.gov.my/nasional/senarai-berita-nasional/senarai-artikel/maritim-malaysia-tahan-tiga-bot-lakukan-pelbagai-kesalahan>

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid025DUfpQSDy36DUcbYW6csWDCN753dZwC5n2KPVnh2dUfaMx7uhUGTtaLeHS4pE8jvl>

05 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 6 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen and License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Kuala Sepetang, Perak, Malaysia/ DB080124

On 5 Jan, local authorities detained three local fishing vessels and arrested six foreign fishermen for invalid license of fishermen and fishing vessel off Kuala Sepetang, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid02kTxkwnFDzM47fjSRgtpkfdytnNtAVXyEbamWYQ9RCbPjo6CWWdh5qznC5WyfXh8pl>

04 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Araceli Palawan, Philippines/ DB080124

On 4 Jan, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested four fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Araceli Palawan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://palawan-news.com/araceli-police-detain-4-in-compressor-fishing-bust/>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

11 Jan - Chemical Substances/ Subsidized Fertilizer (12 Tons)/ Other Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling (From Sumbawa to Lombok)/ Poto Tano Port Sumbawa, Indonesia/ DB120124

On 11 Jan, local authorities seized 12 tons of subsidized fertilizer onboard two trucks in Poto Tano Port Sumbawa, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://regional.kompas.com/read/2024/01/11/122514878/polisi-di-ntb-gagalkan-penyelundupan-12-ton-pupuk-bersubsidi-antarpulau>

08 Jan - Drugs/ Cannabis (84kg)/ Ashore/ Wallipuram Beach, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB110124

On 8 Jan, local authorities seized 84kg of cannabis in Wallipuram Beach, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/01/09/202401091030/>

08 Jan - Wildlife/ Sea Cucumber (2,032kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Uchchamunai, Sri Lanka/ DB110124

On 8 Jan, local authorities seized 2,032kg of sea cucumber onboard a small boat off Uchchamunai, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/01/09/202401091500/>

07 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (564,000 Sticks)/ Speed Boat/ Domestic Smuggling (From Batam to Jambi)/ Petong Island Waters, Indonesia/ DB110124

On 7 Jan, local authorities seized 564,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a speed boat in Petong Island waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/sumut/hukum-dan-kriminal/d-7133779/bea-cukai-batam-gagalkan-564-ribu-batang-rokok-ilegal-2-abk-diamankan>

09 Jan - Domestic Products/ Rice (200kg) and Cooking Oil (17kg)/ Small Boat/ From Sabah to Philippines/ Off Tg Labian, Lahad Datu, Sabah/ DB100124

On 9 Jan, local authorities seized 200kg of rice and 17kg of cooking oil onboard a small boat off Tg Labian, Lahad Datu, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://sabah.kupikupifm.my/llelaki-filipina-bawah-pengaruh-dadah-ditahan-cuba-seludup-beras-minyak-masak/?fbclid=IwAR31BfChVwdZ0NPLcygWvkV44jS7BQVtsf4iWqTleFY0VeWrhfXSY-jgfwk_aem_Abi-ctPjwoXn3xJrnDuh1PdYGLCZtWealt54xRbvgxHapmPpT0reWFEXl-024xplyU

08 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (280 Master Cases)/ Small Boat/ Off Maitum, Sarangani, Philippines/ DB100124

On 8 Jan, local authorities seized 280 master cases of cigarettes onboard a small boat off Maitum, Sarangani, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tribune.net.ph/2024/01/p7m-smuggled-cigarettes-seized-in-sarangani/>

06 Jan - Domestic Products/ Rice (3 Tons) and Sugar (3.5 Tons)/ Cargo Vessel/ To Malaysia/ Off Tawau, Sabah/ DB080124

On 6 Jan, local authorities seized 3 tons of rice and 3.5 tons of sugar onboard a cargo vessel off Tawau, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2024/01/08/cargo-boat-seized-for-smuggling-in-tawau>

Out of Reporting Period:

03 Jan - Drugs/ Meth (20kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia/ Semporna, Sabah/ DB120124

On 3 Jan, local authorities seized 20kg of meth onboard a small boat in Semporna, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://sabah.kupikupifm.my/sindiket-dadah-tumpas-syabu-rm1-juta-dirampas/?fbclid=IwAR0munXeod5RxhnfHtI9gBAs4luRDC0_g5pSyMx3LOVckJYKQbX0KwJ90LU

04 Jan - Drugs/ Cocaine (3kg)/ Ashore/ Coast of Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province, Viet Nam/ DB110124

On 4 Jan, local authorities seized 3kg of cocaine in the Coast of Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/ngu-dan-quang-ngai-phat-hien-gan-3kg-cocaine-dat-vao-bo-bien-post471338.html>

29 Dec - Domestic Products/ Frozen Tripe (4.7 Tons)/ Small Boat/ Off Fangchenggang, China/ DB110124

On 29 Dec, local authorities seized 4.7 tons of frozen tripe onboard a small boat off Fangchenggang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1787749721257922643&wfr=spider&for=pc>

29 Dec - Domestic Products/ Frozen Tripe (3.1 Tons)/ Small Boat/ Off Fangchenggang, China/ DB110124

On 29 Dec, local authorities seized 3.1 tons of frozen tripe onboard a small boat off Fangchenggang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1787749721257922643&wfr=spider&for=pc>

29 Dec - Domestic Products/ Frozen Beef (9.6 Tons)/ Small Boat/ Off Fangchenggang, China/ DB110124

On 29 Dec, local authorities seized 9.6 tons of frozen beef onboard a small boat off Fangchenggang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1787749721257922643&wfr=spider&for=pc>

29 Dec - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (170,000 Sticks)/ Small Boat/ Off Fangchenggang, China/ DB110124

On 29 Dec, local authorities seized 170,000 sticks of cigarettes onboard a small boat off Fangchenggang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1787749721257922643&wfr=spider&for=pc>

03 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (100 Boxes)/ Small Boat/ From Indonesia to Philippines/ Off Balut Island, Philippines/ DB090124

On 3 Jan, local authorities seized 100 boxes of cigarettes onboard a small boat off Balut Island, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.philstar.com/nation/2024/01/07/2324001/p4-million-smuggled-cigarettes-confiscated-davao-occidental>

14 Dec - Domestic Products/ Frozen Products (8 Tons)/ Speed Boat/ To China/ Off Fangchenggang, China/ DB090124

On 14 Dec, local authorities seized eight tons of frozen products onboard a speed boat off Fangchenggang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1786493579381406681&wfr=spider&for=pc>

10 Dec - Domestic Products/ Frozen Products (11 Tons)/ Speed Boat/ Off Fangchenggang, China/ DB090124

On 10 Dec, local authorities seized 11 tons of frozen products onboard a speed boat off Fangchenggang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1785850137031260685&wfr=spider&for=pc>

04 Dec - Domestic Products/ Frozen Products (8 Tons)/ Speed Boat/ To China/ Off Fangchenggang, China/ DB090124

On 4 Dec, local authorities seized eight tons of frozen products onboard a speed boat off Fangchenggang, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1785850137031260685&wfr=spider&for=pc>

05 Jan - Tobacco/ Tendu Leaves (238kg)/ Adrift/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Ambalangoda, Sri Lanka/ DB080124

On 5 Jan, local authorities seized 238kg of Tendu leaves off Ambalangoda, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/01/06/202401061100/>

05 Jan - Drugs/ Cannabis (53kg)/ Ashore/ To Sri Lanka/ Kaddaikadu Beach, Veththalakerni, Sri Lanka/ DB080124

On 5 Jan, local authorities seized 53kg of cannabis in Kaddaikadu Beach, Veththalakerni, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/01/06/202401061130/>

05 Jan - Drugs/ Meth (189kg) and Heroin (55kg)/ Trawler/ Off Galle, Sri Lanka/ DB080124

On 5 Jan, local authorities seized 189kg of meth and 55kg of heroin onboard a trawler off Galle, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailynews.lk/2024/01/06/admin-catagories/breaking-news/333991/navy-seizes-trawler-with-over-245-kg-heroin-ice-valued-over-rs-3190-million/>

04 Jan - Domestic Products/ Cosmetic Products/ Small Boat/ From Indonesia to Sabah/ Off Tawau, Sabah/ DB080124

On 4 Jan, local authorities seized cosmetic products onboard a small boat off Tawau, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sabahmedia.com/2024/01/05/cubaan-seludup-masuk-produk-kosmetik-tanpa-permit-gagal/>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Information Update:

30 Dec - Irregular Human Migration/ Unknown Vessel/ 152 Rohingya Migrants/ To Indonesia/ Karang Gading Village, Labuhan Deli District, Indonesia/ DB100124
(Information Update on DB020124)

It was updated that the migrants were Rohingya migrants.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tvonenews.com/daerah/sumatera/178231-kapal-karam-152-pengungsi-rohingya-terdampar-di-perairan-pantai-desa-karang-gading-deli-serdang>

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.

Incident:

10 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ Passenger Vessel/ 67 Indonesian Migrants/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Kuala Puteri, Pantai Cermin, Indonesia/ DB120124

On 10 Jan, local authorities detained one passenger vessel and arrested 67 Indonesian migrants for irregular human migration in Kuala Puteri, Pantai Cermin, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://waspada.co.id/2024/01/polres-sergai-limpahkan-tekong-pengangkut-67-pmi-ilegal-ke-imigrasi-dugaan-tindak-pidana-keimigrasian/>

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

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SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

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SECTION I: OTHERS

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IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

The IFC advises:

1. All mariners 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 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 during 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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