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



For the period of 17 - 23 Feb 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	3	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	11	5-7
Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing (IUUF)	0	3	8
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	1	14	9-12
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	2	13
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	2	14
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	15
Others	0	0	16

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

Information Update:

20 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Hong Kong-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/
Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB210224
(Information Update on DB200224)

It was updated that:

1. The PCG board the vessel to investigate and no abnormalities found.
2. Crew was unable to ascertain the gun-like object.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
Ship Company

Incidents:

19 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Panama-Flagged / No Injury/ Anchored/
Panjang Anchorage, Indonesia/ DB210224

Two robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship and entered the engine room. The robbers were spotted by the duty oiler who managed to evade being captured and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen engine spares. Incident reported to VTS.

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

20 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Hong Kong-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/
Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB200224

1. POCC reported that a Hong Kong-flagged bulk carrier, TOP DILIGENCE, reported sighting of 4 perpetrators having boarded the vessel when transiting along Phillip Channel (1°08'16.8"N 103°29'09.0"E) on 20 Feb 2024 at 03:08 (UTC+8).
2. Crew reported sighting 4 perpetrators holding gun-like objects in the engine room. Search completed. Master reported all crew accounted for, no visual of perpetrators, and engine spare parts were 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 of Control Centre (POCC)

Out of Reporting Period:

16 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Container Ship, Liberia-Flagged / No Injury/ Anchored/ Chattogram Anchorage, Bangladesh/ DB210224

Duty watchkeepers boarded an anchored container ship, noticed four robbers armed with knives and other weapons, boarded the ship and raised the alarm. Master notified port control, coast guard and agent. After the robbers left, a search was carried out. It was reported that the ship's stores were stolen from the aft stores.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GSIS)



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

22 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship/ 5 Dead, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Pearl River, China/ DB230224

On 22 Feb, a cargo ship collided with a bridge due to an unknown cause in the Pearl River, China. SAR was conducted and there were five dead and two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://edition.cnn.com/2024/02/22/china/china-lixinsha-bridge-guangzhou-boat-crash-intl-hnk/index.html>

22 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Vessel vs LNG Tanker/ 77 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Yeoseo Island, ROK/ DB230224

On 22 Feb, a cargo ship collided with a LNG tanker due to an unknown cause off Yeoseo Island, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were 77 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.marineinsight.com/shipping-news/77-rescued-after-lng-carrier-collides-with-cargo-ship-off-south-korea/>

21 Feb - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Container Vessel/ 15 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Batam City, Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB230224

On 21 Feb, a container vessel caught fire due to a short circuit in the galley off Batam City, Riau Islands, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 15 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/358991>

19 Feb - Adrift/ Cause Unknown/ Barge/ Off Meang Beach, Indonesia/ DB230224

On 19 Feb, a barge went adrift due to an unknown cause off Meang Beach, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.detik.com/bali/nusra/d-7206819/misteri-asal-usul-kapal-tongkang-tanpa-awak-terdampar-di-lombok>

19 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Dead, 3 Rescued/ Off Mercedes, Camarines Norte, Philippines/ DB230224

On 19 Feb, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Mercedes, Camarines Norte, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were two dead and three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://brigadanews.ph/tatlong-mangingisda-mula-sa-mercedes-10-oras-na-nagpalutang-lutang-sa-dagat-makaraang-lumubog-ang-sinasakyang-bangka/>

19 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Bantac Island, Philippines/ DB220224

On 19 Feb, a cargo vessel sank due to bad weather off Bantac Island, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 14 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://palawan-news.com/cargo-vessel-sinks-off-coron-14-crew-members-rescued/>

18 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ Small Boat/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Tg Mangkok Waters, Kotabaru, Indonesia/ DB200224

On 18 Feb, a small boat sank as it collided with a reef in Tg Mangkok waters, Kotabaru, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://bakabar.com/post/hantam-karang-di-perairan-tanjung-mangkok-kotabaru-sebuah-kapal-kandas-lssfzmqz>

17 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pangutaran Island, Sulu, Philippines/ DB200224

On 17 Feb, a small boat sank due to bad weather off Pangutaran Island, Sulu, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1219070>

Out of Reporting Period:

15 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Unknown Vessel/ 18 Rescued/ SAR/ Arafura Sea, Indonesia/ DB200224

On 15 Feb, an unknown vessel sank due to an unknown cause in Arafura Sea, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 18 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/australian-maritime-safety-authority_safeseas-searchandrescue-amsa-activity-7164136407387627520--NGj?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_ios

13 Feb - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Rizal Palawan, Philippines/ DB190224

On 13 Feb, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Rizal Palawan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://mb.com.ph/2024/2/15/2-fishermen-rescued-from-troubled-boat-in-palawan?__cf_chl_tk=jnBDvXadxShA8RrOS5qlldB9FMpkC3wwKFTJ6WKj5k4-1708224219-0.0-5735

13 Feb - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tug and Barge/ Tanjung Duata, Tioman Island, Malaysia/ DB190224

On 13 Feb, a tug and barge were detained due to unauthorised operation in Tanjung Duata, Tioman Island, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid036svw7tx6GEUnGfTi3LWCrFL9u4VYfCeukj8z7yfJNQHDhSVqt5JS9KsAhSRhvDb4l>

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

Incidents:

17 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Pangkep, South Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB220224

On 17 Feb, local authorities detained one fishing vessel and arrested five fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Pangkep, South Sulawesi, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://humas.polri.go.id/2024/02/18/tangkap-ikan-dengan-bahan-peledak-korpolairud-tangkap-nelayan-asal-pulau-lumu-lumu/>

Out of Reporting Period:

15 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 4 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Panay, Philippines/ DB190224

On 15 Feb, local authorities detained three fishing vessels and arrested four fishermen for fishing with illegal gear off Panay, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.panaynews.net/four-arrested-for-illegal-fishing-in-panay-waters/>

12 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 8 Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel and License of Fishermen/ Off Sungai Burong, Malaysia/ DB190224

On 12 Feb, local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested eight fishermen for invalid license of fishing vessel and fishermen off Sungai Burong, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0XriNLw4csv9ruh4FY6uwquxExBjtvWynEfs2oeF91JNTZ7MA98M9yWyjx25iXkml>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Information Update:

10 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (5,277 Master Cases)/ Cargo Vessel/ From Indonesia to Philippines/ Off Tawi-Tawi, Zamboanga, Philippines/ DB230224
(Information Update on DB220224)

It was updated that the cigarettes came from Indonesia and was bound for the Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
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Incidents:

20 Feb - Domestic Products/ Tablets and Skin Care Products (15 Boxes)/ Speed Boat/ Sai Kung, Hong Kong/ DB230224

On 20 Feb, local authorities seized 15 boxes of tablets and skin care products onboard a speed boat in Sai Kung, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4082.html?p=1&y=&m=

19 Feb - Tobacco/ Kendu Leaves (1,471kg)/ Small Boat/ Off Baththalangunduwa, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB220224

On 19 Feb, local authorities seized 1,471kg of Kendu leaves onboard a small boat off Baththalangunduwa, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2024/02/20/202402201130/>

20 Feb - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (648 Bottles)/ Speed Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Labuan, Malaysia/ DB210224

On 20 Feb, local authorities seized 648 bottles of alcohol onboard a speed boat off Labuan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2024/02/20/penyeludup-buang-minuman-keras-ke-laut-elak-ditahan-ppm>

20 Feb - Fuel/ Fuel (45 Gallons)/ Small Boat/ Off Pulau Sebatik, Malaysia/ DB210224

On 20 Feb, local authorities seized 45 gallons of fuel onboard two small boats off Pulau Sebatik, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02BHhrbeZEeq1NSU88B4HdcdpYtKHvjEtmS3mLzFs1NmRBaP9P6N2z69P3W4rqQHkfl&show_text=true&width=500

20 Feb - Drugs/ Marijuana (2kg)/ Speed Boat/ From Thailand to Malaysia/ Off Pulau Langgun, Langkawi, Malaysia/ DB210224

On 20 Feb, local authorities seized 2kg of marijuana onboard a speed boat off Pulau Langgun, Langkawi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fmaritimmalaysia%2Fposts%2Fpfbid032JzPv75ekmzwzt8T7VQaA8ohFhd6bm9m3zb3QqXJShHfEh1g2APRVnpojoX8Cp82l&show_text=true&width=500

19 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (170,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Kien Giang, Viet Nam/ DB210224

On 19 Feb, local authorities seized 170,000 litres of diesel oil onboard two fishing vessel off Kien Giang, Viet Nam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/bo-tu-lenh-vung-canh-sat-bien-4-bat-giu-2-tau-van-chuyen-dau-do-trai-phep/11686/81>

19 Feb - Fuel/ Petroleum/ Speed Boat/ Off Tanbangka, Sandakan, Celebes Sea/ DB200224

On 19 Feb, local authorities seized petroleum onboard a speed boat off Tanbangka, Sandakan, Celebes Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.utusanborneo.com.my/2024/02/19/lelaki-cuba-seludup-minyak-petrol-ditahan>

18 Feb - Drugs/ Meth (4kg)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Kemblik Waters, Asahan, Indonesia/ DB200224

On 18 Feb, local authorities seized 4kg of meth onboard a small boat in Kemblik waters, Asahan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://peloporwiratama.co.id/2024/02/19/tni-al-kembali-gagalkan-penyelundupan-narkoba-jenis-sabu-seberat-4-kg-di-perairan-kembilik-asahan/>

17 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (6,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ From Malaysia to Thailand/ Off Langgun Island, Langkawi, Malaysia/ DB200224

On 17 Feb, local authorities seized 6,000 litres of diesel oil onboard a fishing vessel off Langgun Island, Langkawi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sinarharian.com.my/article/650314/edisi/utara/tiga-nelayan-ditahan-cuba-seludup-6000-liter-diesel>

Out of Reporting Period:

15 Feb - Wildlife/ Dried Shark Fins (1,200kg)/ Cargo Ship/ From Guyana to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound, Hong Kong/ DB230224

On 15 Feb, local authorities seized 1,200kg of dried shark fins onboard a cargo ship in Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4079.html?p=1&y=&m=

10 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (5,277 Master Cases)/ Cargo Vessel/ Off Tawi-Tawi, Zamboanga, Philippines/ DB220224

On 10 Feb, local authorities seized 5,277 master cases of cigarettes onboard a cargo vessel off Tawi-Tawi, Zamboanga, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FNFWMspeaks%2Fposts%2Fpfbid036YphUnGYC8kcVFjJdsxKRkxVy2Bc2ViHDXh3Vc9bCvUzg2tYgiivRMEfnVBP54Vnl&show_text=true&width=500

02 Feb - Domestic Products/ Seafood (10 Tons)/ Cargo Ship/ Off Liaoning, China/ DB190224

On 2 Feb, local authorities seized 10 tons of seafood onboard a cargo ship off Liaoning, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1790234229930767304&wfr=spider&for=pc>

31 Jan - Domestic Products/ Seafood (28 Tons)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Suizhong, China/ DB190224

On 31 Jan, local authorities seized 28 tons of seafood onboard a fishing vessel off Suizhong, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baijiahao.baidu.com/s?id=1790234229930767304&wfr=spider&for=pc>

03 Jan - Drugs/ Cannabis Buds (40kg)/ Cargo Ship/ From Thailand to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound, Hong Kong/ DB190224

On 3 Jan, local authorities seized 40kg of cannabis buds onboard a cargo ship at Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4075.html?p=1&y=&m=



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Out of Reporting Period:

31 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 1 Japanese Migrant/ To Indonesia/ Off Batam, Indonesia/ DB230224

On 15 Feb, local detained a small boat and arrested one Japanese migrant off Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://voi.id/en/news/358924>

16 Feb - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 37 South Asian Migrants (Pakistan, Bangladesh, India)/ From Indonesia to Australia/ Beagle Bay, Australia/ DB190224

On 16 Feb, local authorities arrested 37 South Asian migrants onboard small boats in Beagle Bay, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-02-17/australian-border-force-investigates-beagle-bay-asylum-seekers/103478762>



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Out of Reporting Period:

05 Feb - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil)/ Tanker/ Local Contamination/ Sri Lanka/ DB200224

On 5 Feb, there was an oil spill caused by a tanker in Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailymirror.lk/top-story/Sri-Lanka-busts-oil-spill-using-satellite-surveillance-for-first-time/155-277225>

23 Jan - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil)/ Pipeline/ Arawa, Papua New Guinea/ DB200224

On 23 Jan, there was an oil spill caused by a pipeline in Arawa, Papua New Guinea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.postcourier.com.pg/oil-spill-contained/>



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 to take note of 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 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 Tugboat "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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