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



For the period of 26 - 30 Oct 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)	0	1	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	19	4-7
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	0	8
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	3	9
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	1	1	10
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	11
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	1	6	12-13
Others	0	0	14

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

### Incident:

26 Oct - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Singapore-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB281024

1. POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding involving a Singapore-flagged bulk carrier as the vessel transited along the Eastbound lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°08'13.8"N 103°45'55.8"E) on 26 Oct 2024 at 2355 (UTC +8). Crew reportedly sighted 2 perpetrators (reportedly unarmed) in the engine room and fled upon sighting.

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

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

### IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to shipping company for incident details



**SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)**

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## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

### Incidents:

29 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Thai Binh, Vietnam/ DB301024

On 29 Oct, a fishing vessel sank due to water ingress off Thai Binh, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://nhandan.vn/chim-tau-ca-cua-ngu-dan-viec-truc-vot-gap-nhieu-kho-khan-post839285.html>

29 Oct - Others/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ Indian Ocean/ DB301024

On 29 Oct, a tanker was conducting an unauthorised operation in the Indian Ocean.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/SHIPS/ShipDetails.aspx?IMONumber=9397080>

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:421432/mmsi:620999373/imo:9397080/vessel:SIA>

29 Oct - Others/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ South China Sea/ DB301024

On 29 Oct, a tanker was conducting an unauthorised operation in the South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/SHIPS/ShipDetails.aspx?IMONumber=9274616>

[https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:122285/mmsi:632001101/imo:9274616/vessel:LA\\_PRIDE](https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:122285/mmsi:632001101/imo:9274616/vessel:LA_PRIDE)

29 Oct - Others/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ South China Sea/ DB301024

On 29 Oct, a tanker was conducting an unauthorised operation in the South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/SHIPS/ShipDetails.aspx?IMONumber=9314818>

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:144747/mmsi:632001103/imo:9314818/vessel:MONA>

29 Oct - Others/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ South China Sea/ DB301024

On 29 Oct, a tanker was conducting an unauthorised operation in the South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/SHIPS/ShipDetails.aspx?IMONumber=9248473>

[https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:753038/mmsi:750348000/imo:9248473/vessel:FENG\\_TAI](https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:753038/mmsi:750348000/imo:9248473/vessel:FENG_TAI)

27 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Binh Thuan, Vietnam/ DB301024

On 27 Oct, a fishing vessel went aground due to bad weather off Binh Thuan, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baobinhthuan.com.vn/tau-ca-bi-song-danh-chim-tai-cua-bien-la-gi-9-lao-dong-boi-vao-bo-an-toan-125252.html>

27 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 14 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Koh Kood, Thailand/ DB291024

On 27 Oct, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off Koh Kood, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were 14 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/ZmpvWDCbGpZL2bj6/>

26 Oct - Equipment Failure/ Collision-Grounding/ Fishing Vessel/ SAR/ Off Soc Trang, Vietnam/ DB291024

On 26 Oct, a fishing vessel experienced equipment failure as it went aground off Soc Trang, Vietnam. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://nhandan.vn/cuu-ho-thanh-cong-tau-ca-gap-nan-tren-bien-soc-trang-post838817.html>

26 Oct - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Taean, ROK/ DB281024

On 26 Oct, a fishing vessel caught fire due to equipment failure off Taean, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=126658>

Out of Reporting Period:

24 Oct - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ha Tinh, Vietnam/ DB301024

On 24 Oct, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Ha Tinh, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were one dead and seven rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/cuu-ho-cuu-nan/12372/82>

21 Oct - Others/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ Arabian Sea/ DB301024

On 21 Oct, a tanker was conducting an unauthorised operation in the Arabian Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/SHIPS/ShipDetails.aspx?IMONumber=9203930>

[https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:475472/mmsi:750101000/imo:9203930/vessel:FOUR\\_PLUS](https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:475472/mmsi:750101000/imo:9203930/vessel:FOUR_PLUS)

21 Oct - Others/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ Arabian Sea/ DB301024

On 21 Oct, a tanker was conducting an unauthorised operation in the Arabian Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/SHIPS/ShipDetails.aspx?IMONumber=9174660>

[https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:285464/mmsi:306707000/imo:9174660/vessel:JAMES\\_II](https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:285464/mmsi:306707000/imo:9174660/vessel:JAMES_II)

20 Oct - Others/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ Arabian Sea/ DB301024

On 20 Oct, a tanker was conducting an unauthorised operation in the Arabian Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/SHIPS/ShipDetails.aspx?IMONumber=9143506>

[https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:202143/mmsi:750444000/imo:9143506/vessel:G\\_BAMBOO](https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:202143/mmsi:750444000/imo:9143506/vessel:G_BAMBOO)

19 Oct - Others/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ Arabian Sea/ DB301024

On 19 Oct, a tanker was conducting an unauthorised operation in the Arabian Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/SHIPS/ShipDetails.aspx?IMONumber=9052331>

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:655041/mmsi:632001092/imo:9052331/vessel:XAVIA>



14 Oct - Others/ Unauthorised Operation/ Tanker/ Arabian Sea/ DB301024

On 14 Oct, a tanker was conducting an unauthorised operation in the Arabian Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/SHIPS/ShipDetails.aspx?IMONumber=9281554>

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:122662/mmsi:306213000/imo:9281554/vessel:LOUIZA>

25 Oct - Missing/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Guimaras, Phillippines/ DB291024

On 25 Oct, a fishing vessel went missing due to bad weather off Guimaras, Phillippines. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1998039/4-negros-fishermen-missing-for-days-rescued-at-sea>

24 Oct - Missing/ Bad Weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Valladolid, Philippines/ DB291024

On 24 Oct, a fishing vessel went missing due to bad weather off Valladolid, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1998039/4-negros-fishermen-missing-for-days-rescued-at-sea>

24 Oct - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Tug/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Aparri, Cagayan, Philippines/ DB281024

On 24 Oct, a tug went aground due to bad weather off Aparri, Cagayan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were seven rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/gB2yCQfSZ3HDAzK/>

24 Oct - Adrift/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Ship/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Dung Quat Port, Vietnam/ DB281024

On 24 Oct, a cargo ship went adrift due to bad weather off Dung Quat Port, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/quang-ngai-song-danh-tau-hang-troi-dat-vao-bai-da-post482649.html>



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

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## SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Out of Reporting Period:

21 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (11,000,000 Sticks)/ Container Vessel/ From Vietnam to Hong Kong/ Tuen Mun River Trade Terminal Customs Cargo, Hong Kong/ DB281024

On 21 Oct, local authorities seized 11,000,000 sticks onboard a container vessel at Tuen Mun River Trade Terminal Customs Cargo, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index\\_id\\_4367.html?p=1&y=&m=](https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4367.html?p=1&y=&m=)

10 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (21,000,000 Sticks)/ Container Vessel/ From Singapore via Mainland to Hong Kong/ Tuen Mun River Trade Terminal Customs Cargo, Hong Kong/ DB281024

On 10 Oct, local authorities seized 21,000,000 sticks onboard a container vessel at Tuen Mun River Trade Terminal Customs Cargo, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

[https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index\\_id\\_4367.html?p=1&y=&m=](https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4367.html?p=1&y=&m=)

03 Oct - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (8,000,000 Sticks)/ Container Vessel/ From Thailand to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound, Hong Kong/ DB281024

On 3 Oct, local authorities seized 8,000,000 sticks onboard a container vessel 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\\_4367.html?p=1&y=&m=](https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4367.html?p=1&y=&m=)

## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

### Information Update:

18 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Fishing Vessel/ 152 Rohingya Migrants/ From Bangladesh to Indonesia/ Labuan Haji, Aceh, Indonesia/ DB281024  
(Information Update on DB221024)

The boat carrying 152 people was anchored a mile (1.6km) off the coast of South Aceh district for days while officials decided whether to let them land, but they were finally brought ashore on Thursday afternoon.

The blue-painted boat has been floating off the coast since Friday. Three Rohingya died during the nearly two-week-long trip from Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh to the waters off Labuhan Haji in South Aceh district, local police said.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.rfi.fr/en/international-news/20241025-more-than-150-rohingya-refugees-rescued-off-indonesia-un>

### Out of Reporting Period:

24 Oct - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 146 Rohingya Migrants/ To Indonesia/ Deli Serdang, Indonesia/ DB281024

On 24 Oct, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested 146 Rohingya migrants in Deli Serdang, Indonesia.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/boats-carrying-rohingya-land-indonesias-north-sumatra-aceh-2024-10-24/>

### 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.

## SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

### Incident:

28 Oct - MARPOL/ Liquid (Oil Spill)/ Bulk Carrier and Tanker/ Off Changi, Singapore/ DB291024

On 28 Oct, an oil spill occurred during bunkering operation between a bulk carrier and tanker off Changi, Singapore.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/environment/oil-spill-occurs-off-changi-on-oct-28-during-bunkering-operation>



## SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

### Information Update:

27 Jul - Spoofing/ AIS/ Dredger/ Off Johor, South China Sea/ DB281024  
(Information Update on DB260924)

On 24 Oct, the vessel transmitting the details of the scrapped vessel was transiting the Malacca Strait when it stopped transmitting on AIS. 38 minutes later, a dredger in the same location, with the same course and speed, started broadcasting with different AIS information. This is likely to be the same vessel broadcasting different AIS information, consistent with AIS spoofing.

The dredger had been reported in an IFC incident in 2023 for involvement in illegal scrap recovery from WW2 vessel wrecks off the coast of Malaysia.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2023/05/911880/scavengers-return-plunder-ww2-ships>

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Chuan-Hong-68-9736523.html>

### Incident:

27 Oct - Spoofing/ AIS/ Tanker/ Off Johor, South China Sea/ DB301024

On 27 Oct, a tanker was spoofing its AIS off Johor, South China Sea.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Champ-9166687.html>

[https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:714789/mmsi:352001298/imo:9292228/vessel:CRYSTAL\\_ROSE](https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:714789/mmsi:352001298/imo:9292228/vessel:CRYSTAL_ROSE)

<https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/Details.aspx?id=51031>

### Out of Reporting Period:

24 Oct - Spoofing/ AIS/ Tanker/ Off Johor, South China Sea/ DB301024

On 24 Oct, a tanker was spoofing its AIS off Johor, South China Sea.

### News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sentinelshare.page.link/atxY>

[https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:212183/mmsi:352003955/imo:9276585/vessel:CH\\_BILLION](https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:212183/mmsi:352003955/imo:9276585/vessel:CH_BILLION)

23 Oct - Spoofing/ AIS/ Tanker/ Off Mumbai, India/ DB301024

On 23 Oct, a tanker was spoofing its AIS off Mumbai, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/H190-9169615.html>

<https://app.spectator.earth/channels?&@18.8528,72.5837,10z>

21 Oct - Spoofing/ AIS/ Tanker/ Off Aceh, Malacca Strait/ DB301024

On 21 Oct, a tanker was spoofing its AIS off Aceh, Malacca Strait.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Symeon-lv-9292993.html>

19 Oct - Spoofing/ AIS/ Tanker/ Off Johor, South China Sea/ DB301024

On 19 Oct, a tanker was spoofing its AIS off Johor, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sentinelshare.page.link/VA48>

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:757692/mmsi:352002259/imo:9242120/vessel:NYANTARA>

19 Oct - Spoofing/ AIS/ Tanker/ Off Johor, South China Sea/ DB301024

On 19 Oct, a tanker was spoofing its AIS off Johor, South China Sea.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sentinelshare.page.link/grFX>

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:728743/mmsi:352002436/imo:9294290/vessel:XIDI>

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

### 2024

IFC Spot Commentary 01/24 – Singapore Strait – 3 TRAPS Incidents in One Night

### 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.

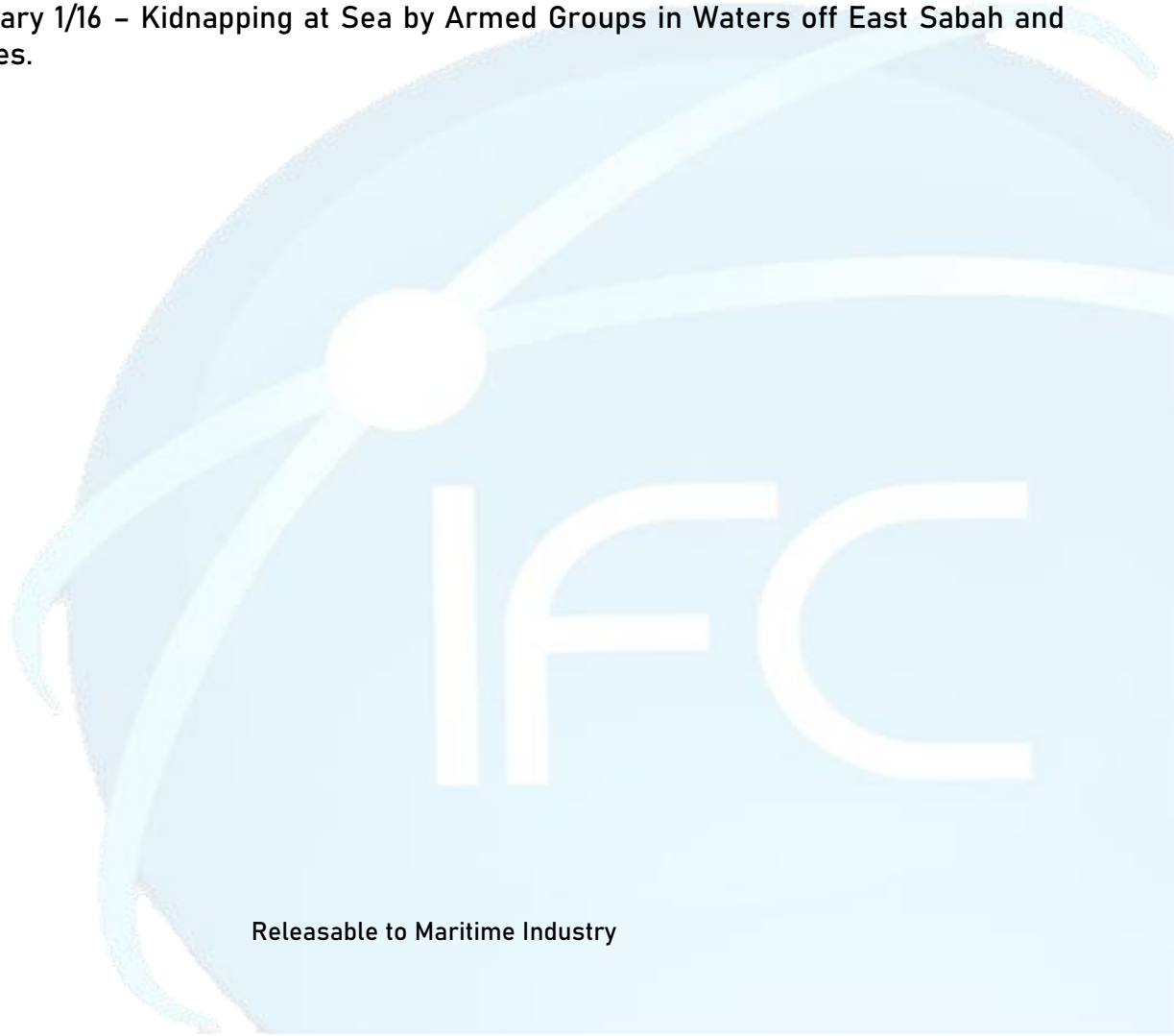
IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 – Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/17 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

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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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