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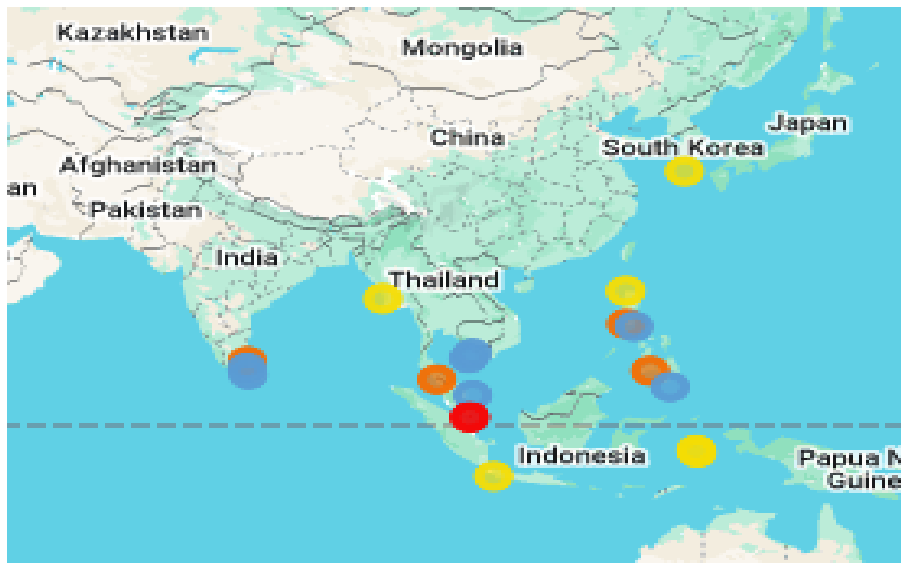
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 01 - 07 Feb 25, 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	2	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	17	4-7
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	6	8-9
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	9	10-11
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	2	12
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	13
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	14
Others	0	0	15

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

Incident:

03 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Norway-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB030225

1. POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding involving Norway-flagged bulk carrier, as the vessel transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°05.00 N 103°43.09 E) on 3 Feb, at 03:59 (UTC +8).
2. Crew reportedly sighted four perpetrators (reportedly armed with knives and gun-like objects) in the engine room. The shipmaster reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. No items were reported to be missing yet, and the vessel will continue her voyage to NPOC, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to shipping company for incident details

03 Feb - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tanker, Malaysia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB030225

1. POCC reported that an unauthorised boarding involving Malaysia-flagged tanker, as the vessel transited along the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (01°06.35N 103° 44.46E) on 3 Feb, at 04:15 (UTC +8).
2. Crew reportedly sighted six perpetrators (reportedly armed with knives) in the engine room. The shipmaster reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. Some engine spares were reported to be missing, and the vessel will continue her voyage to NPOC, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Maritime Port Authority (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:

01 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 5 Missing, 10 Rescued/ SAR/ off Jeju islands, ROK/ DB030225

On 1 Feb, two fishing vessels collided due to bad weather off Jeju Islands, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were five missing and ten rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=132084>

01 Feb - Equipment Failure/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Vessel/ 13 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ambon, Indonesia/ DB040225

On 1 Feb, a passenger vessel experienced equipment failure due to bad weather off Ambon, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 13 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malukuterkini.com/2025/02/02/km-berkat-taloda-dievakuasi-tim-sar-di-laut-banda/>

01 Feb - Missing/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ambon, Indonesia/ DB040225

On 1 Feb, a fishing vessel was reported missing due to unknown causes missing off Ambon, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malukuterkini.com/2025/02/02/sempat-hilang-kontak-saat-melaut-nelayan-asal-pulau-banda-ditemukan-selamat/>

05 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Cargo Vessel/ 5 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Gwa, Myanmar/ DB070225

On 5 Feb, a cargo vessel sunk due to bad weather off Gwa, Myanmar. SAR was conducted and there were five rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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05 Feb - Equipment Failure/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Ship/ 9 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Ilocos Norte, Philippines/ DB070225

On 5 Feb, a passenger ship experienced equipment failure due to unknown causes off Ilocos Norte, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were nine rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1ERVjEBzj2/>

01 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Barge/ 12 Rescued/ Off Pelabuhanratu, Indonesia/ DB070225

On 1 Feb, a barge was grounded due to bad weather off Pelabuhanratu, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://hubla.dephub.go.id/Indonesianmaritimesafetyinformation/page/news/read/24791/tb-daya-28-dan-tongkang-dbd-3028>

Out of Reporting Period:

31 Jan - Missing/ Small Boat/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Davao Oriental, Philippines/ DB030225

On 31 Jan, one seafarer and one small boat were reported missing off Davao Oriental, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BbwsexVfk/>

29 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Phu Quoc Island, Viet Nam/ DB030225

On 29 Jan, a fishing vessel caught on fire due to unknown causes off Phu Quoc Island, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://nhandan.vn/vung-5-hai-quan-kip-thoi-dap-tat-dam-chay-tren-tau-ca-post858190.html>

29 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Speedboat/ 4 Dead, 4 Missing, 8 Rescued/ Off Nunukan, Indonesia/ DB030225

On 29 Jan, a speedboat sunk due to bad weather off Nunukan, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were four dead, four missing and eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://megapolitan.antaranews.com/berita/344298/empat-orang-ditemukan-tewas-akibat-speed-boat-terbalik-dihantam-gelombang-di-nunukan?>

28 Jan - Missing/ Small Boat/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Davao Oriental, Philippines/ DB030225

On 28 Jan, one seafarer and one small boat were reported missing off Davao Oriental, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/15AuMzPtKc/>

25 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sorsogon City, Philippines/ DB030225

On 25 Jan, one small boat sunk due to bad weather off Sorsogon City, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DdT3Uwh97/>

29 Jan - Missing/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 3 Missing/ SAR/ Off Bintulu, Malaysia/ DB040225

On 29 Jan, a fishing vessel was reported missing due unknown causes off Bintulu, Malaysia. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1GsCxS9ds3/>

31 Jan - Missing/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 3 Missing/ SAR/ Off Kuala Kedah, Malaysia/ DB050225

On 31 Jan, a fishing vessel was reported missing due to unknown causes off Kuala Kendah, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there were three missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/amp/news/nation/2025/02/1169441/mmea-activates-sar-operation-locate-missing-fishing-vessel>

30 Jan - Missing/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Maluku, Indonesia/ DB050225

On 30 Jan, a fishing vessel was reported missing due to unknown causes off Maluku, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there was one missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nst.com.my/amp/news/nation/2025/02/1169441/mmea-activates-sar-operation-locate-missing-fishing-vessel>

30 Jan - Equipment Failure/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 10 Rescued/ Off Samut Songkhram, Thailand/ DB050225

On 30 Jan, a fishing vessel experienced equipment failure due to unknown causes off Samut Songkhram, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were ten rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1GsCxS9ds3/>

29 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cavite, Philippines/ DB060225

On 29 Jan, a small boat sunk due to unknown causes off Cavite, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19BzTjnYRN/>

21 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Container Vessel/ SAR/ Off Tsuwaji Island, Japan/ DB060225

On 21 Jan, a container vessel experienced fire-explosion due to unknown causes off Tsuwaji Island, Japan. SAR was conducted.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2025/11798/south-korean-flagged-container-ship-suffer-engine-room-fire->

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

Incidents:

02 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel/ 10 Foreign Fishermen Apprehended/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB050225

On 2 Feb, a foreign fishing vessel was detained due to illegal fishing off Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/02/03/202502031400/>

04 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB060225

On 4 Feb, a local fishing vessel was detained, and three local fishermen were arrested due to illegal fishing off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19uUJ67ogB/>

06 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Batangas, Philippines/ DB070225

On 6 Feb, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested two local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Batangas, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AR8S3KkWA/>

04 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 5 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 5 Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Zamboanga Del Sur, Philippines/ DB070225

On 4 Feb, local authorities detained five local fishing vessels and arrested five fishermen due to license of fishermen off Zamboanga Del Sur, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/14eXkbSA77/>

Out of Reporting Period:

31 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Fisherman Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Glan Sarangani, Philippines/ DB040225

On 31 Jan, a local fishing vessel was detained due to illegal fishing off Glan Sarangani, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/163SHwN2ye>

31 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 60 Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Arafura Sea, Indonesia/ DB070225

On 31 Jan, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested 60 fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear in Arafura Sea, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kkp.go.id/news/news-detail/kkp-amankan-2-kapal-ikan-yang-melanggar-ketentuan-alat-penangkap-ikan-6W09.html>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

01 Feb - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (1670.5kg)/ 1 Dinghy/ Off Kepungoda, Sri Lanka/ DB040225

On 1 Feb, 1670.5kg of Kendu leaves was seized from a dinghy off Kepungoda, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/02/02/202502021200/>

03 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (20,000 Litres, 21,000 Litres)/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ Off An Thoi Cape, Vietnam/ DB040225

On 3 Feb, 41,000 Litres of diesel oil was seized from two fishing vessels off An Thoi Cape, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bat-qua-tang-2-tau-ca-cho-dau-do-khong-ro-nguon-goc-post486354.html>

02 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel (12,000 Litres)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ Off Kemaman, Malaysia/ DB050225

On 2 Feb, 12,000 Litres of diesel oil was seized from a fishing vessel off Kemaman, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/02/02/202502021200/>

01 Feb - Domestic Products/ Dried Ginger (496 kg) Shoes (515 Pairs)/ 1 Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Alankuda, Sri Lanka/ DB050225

On 1 Feb, 496kg of dried ginger and 515 pairs of shoes were seized from a small boat off Alankuda, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/02/02/202502021500

04 Feb - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (1,013 boxes)/ Small Boat/ Off Davao Occidental, Philippines/ DB060225

On 4 Feb, 1013 boxes of cigarettes were seized from a small boat off Davao Occidental, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/14htLCmDwp/>

05 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (23,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Off Tho Chu Island, Vietnam/ DB070225

On 5 Feb, local authorities seized 23,000 Litres of diesel oil from a fishing vessel off Tho Chu Island, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bat-qua-tang-tau-ca-cho-khoang-23000-lit-dau-do-trai-phep-post486443.html>

04 Feb - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (217,000 Litres)/ Tanker/ Subukin Port Batangas, Philippines/ DB070225

On 4 Feb, local authorities seized 217,000 Litres of diesel oil from a tanker at Subukin Port Batangas, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2031271/26-nabbed-p12-million-worth-of-oil-products-seized-in-batangas>

Out of Reporting Period:

25 Jan - Fuel/ Gasoline (2600 Litres) Diesel Oil (2400 Litres)/ Small Boat/ Off Tawi Tawi, Philippines/ DB030225

On 25 Jan, 2600 Litres of gasoline and 2400 Litres of Diesel was seized from a small boat off Tawi Tawi Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/165MEJbuve/>

22 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (15,000,000 sticks)/ Fishing Vessel/ 4 Suspects Arrested/ Off Tsing Yi, Hong Kong/ DB060225

On 22 Jan, 15,000,000 sticks of cigarettes were seized from a fishing vessel and four suspects were arrested off Tsing Yi, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4471.html?p=1&y=&m=

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Out of Reporting Period:

31 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 5 Migrants Apprehended/ Off Bongao, Philippines/ DB050225

On 31 Jan, authorities detained a passenger vessel and apprehended five migrants off Bongao, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BAdeGghmV/>

25 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Small Boat/ 1 Australian Migrant Arrested/ Off East Woody Beach, Nhulunbuy, Australia/ DB070225

On 25 Jan, local authorities arrested an Australian migrant off a small boat off East Woody Beach, Nhulunbuy, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/Fugitive-charged-under-Operation-Ironside-apprehended-on-yacht-off-NT-coast.aspx>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-01-29/hussein-chamas-arrested-allegedly-fleeing-australia/104870698>



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 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 03/24 –Phillip Channel – 3 TRAPS Incidents in One Night

IFC Spot Commentary 02/24 – Observations of TRAPS Incidents in the Phillip Channel in 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.

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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