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



For the period of 22 - 28 Mar 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	3	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	17	5-8
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	13	9-11
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	1	22	12-17
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	2	18
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	0	19
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	20
Others	0	0	21

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

Incidents:

23 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug & Barge, Malaysia-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ South China Sea, / DB240325

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Malaysia-flagged Tug & Barge, as the vessel transited the South China Sea (1°24'59.4"N 104°31'09.6"E) on 23 Mar at 12:20 (UTC +8).
2. Ship master reported that three perpetrators disembarked the barge by a sampan. All crew were safe and accounted for, nothing was reported missing. The vessel does not require any assistance, and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Sarawak, 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.

23 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Bangladesh-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait, / DB240325

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Bangladesh-flagged bulk carrier, as the vessel transited along the Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°08'25.8"N 103°46'22.2"E) on 23 Mar, at 01:38 (UTC +8). The crew reportedly sighted two perpetrators with gun-like objects in the engine room.
2. The shipmaster reported that all crew are safe and accounted for. 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)

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to shipping company for incident details.

22 Mar - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Container Vessel, Panama-Flagged/ No injury/ Anchored/ Kandla Anchorage, India/ DB260325

On 22 Mar, an incident of sea theft was reported on a Panama-flagged container vessel at Kandla Anchorage, India.

Reportedly, six to seven perpetrators boarded the vessel while at anchor. The ship's crew raised the alarm. The perpetrators escaped with the ship's items. All crew members are safe.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=10160>



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

22 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Davao City, Philippines/ DB240325

On 22 Mar, a small boat capsized due to bad weather off Davao City, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 19 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/davao/19-rescued-after-boat-capsizes-in-davao>

24 Mar - Equipment Failure/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pulau Pisang, Malaysia/ DB250325

On 24 Mar, a fishing vessel encountered equipment failure due to unknown causes off Pulau Pisang, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BWK7zV6TW/>

25 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier vs Tug/ 1 Dead, 1 Missing, 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Sarangani, Philippines/ DB260325

On 25 Mar, a bulk carrier collided with a tug due to unknown causes off Sarangani, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were one dead, one missing and eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

23 Mar - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 1 Missing/ Off Dinagat Island, Philippines/ DB260325

On 23 Mar, a small boat went missing due to unknown causes off Dinagat Island, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there was one missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18mSEDyorP/>

22 Mar - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 226 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Klang Island, Indonesia/ DB260325

On 22 Mar, a passenger vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Klang Island, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 226 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tni.mil.id/view-253897-tni-al-evakuasi-kmp-teratai-prima-1-yang-mengalami-kerusakan-mesin-di-laut-seram.html>

22 Mar - Equipment Failure/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kutubdia, Bangladesh/ DB260325

On 22 Mar, a fishing vessel encountered engine failure due to unknown causes off Kutubdia, Bangladesh. SAR was conducted and there were eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/18yuLXBnw9/>

25 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ Off Pattaya, Thailand/ DB270325

On 25 Mar, a tanker ran aground due to unknown causes off Pattaya, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2987973/lpg-tanker-aground-on-koh-lan-beach-pattaya>

25 Mar - Missing/ Bad weather/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing/ SAR/ Off Tanah Lot, Kediri District, Indonesia/ DB280325

On 25 Mar, a fishing vessel went missing due to bad weather off Tanah Lot, Kediri District, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there was one missing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.beritabali.com/berita/202207044717/jukung-dihantam-ombak-besar-nelayan-hilang-di-perairan-tanah-lot>

Out of Reporting Period:

21 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Equipment Failure/ Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 4 Missing, 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Binh Dinh Province, Vietnam/ DB240325

On 21 Mar, a fishing vessel sank due to equipment failure off Binh Dinh Province, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were one dead, four missing and 10 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/quang-nam-khan-truong-tim-kiem-4-ngu-dan-mat-tich-tren-bien-post487942.html>

18 Mar - Fire-Explosion/ Equipment Failure/ Cargo Vessel/ 1 Dead, 4 rescued/ SAR/ Off Natuna Regency, Indonesia/ DB240325

On 18 Mar, a cargo vessel caught fire due to equipment failure off Natuna Regency, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tni.mil.id/view-253730-prajurit-tni-al-berhasil-evakuasi-awak-kapal-km-lyyra-yang-kandas-dan-terbakar.html>

20 Mar - Equipment Failure/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Miri, Malaysia/ DB250325

On 20 Mar, a small boat encountered equipment failure due to unknown causes off Miri, Malaysia. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

18 Mar - Equipment Failure/ Cause Unknown/ Passenger Vessel/ 35 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Koh Sak Island, Thailand/ DB250325

On 18 Mar, a passenger vessel encountered equipment failure due to unknown causes off Koh Sak Island, Thailand. SAR was conducted and there were 35 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thepattayanews.com/2025/03/18/35-russian-tourists-safely-evacuated-in-pattaya-bay-after-boat-engine-failure-causes-thick-black-smoke-to-fill-the-sky/>

13 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ Cargo Vessel/ 4 Missing, 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Maluku, Indonesia/ DB260325

On 13 Mar, a cargo vessel capsized due to water ingress off Maluku, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were four missing and four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://hubla.dephub.go.id/Indonesianmaritimesafetyinformation/page/news/read/25131/lct-sjp-168-a-tenggelam-di-perairan-maluku-utara-empat-abk-hilang-lct-sjp-168-a-sinks-in-north-maluku-waters-four-crew-members-missing>

19 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Equipment Failure/ Passenger Vessel/ 1 Dead, 53 Rescued/ SAR/ Tunon Taka Nunukan Port, Indonesia/ DB270325

On 19 Mar, a passenger vessel had a collision with the dock due to equipment failure at Tunon Taka Nunukan Port, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were one dead and 53 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://hubla.dephub.go.id/Indonesianmaritimesafetyinformation/page/news/read/25136/km-malindo>

19 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Water ingress/ Small Boat/ 1 Rescued/ Off Benoa, Indonesia/ DB270325

On 19 Mar, a small boat sank due to water ingress off Benoa, Indonesia. There was one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://hubla.dephub.go.id/Indonesianmaritimesafetyinformation/page/news/read/25137/k-apal-layar-elaine-marie-hampir-tenggelam-di-perairan-benoa-sailing-vessel-elaine-marie-nearly-sinks-in-benoa-waters>

17 Mar - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Tanker vs Bulk Carrier/ Off Balikpapan, Indonesia/ DB270325

On 17 Mar, a tanker collided with a bulk carrier due to bad weather off Balikpapan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://hubla.dephub.go.id/Indonesianmaritimesafetyinformation/page/news/read/25135/t-abrakan-kapal-di-perairan-balikpapan-mt-marianna-glory-dan-mv-aom->

18 Mar - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 3 Missing, 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Thousand Islands, Indonesia/ DB280325

On 18 Mar, a small boat sunk due to bad weather off Thousand Islands, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were three missing and eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://bakamla.go.id/publication/detail_news/bakamla-ri-selamatkan-abk-kapal-tenggelam-di-perairan-utara-kepulauan-seribu

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

Incidents:

23 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Chinese Fishing Vessel Released/ Off Marado, ROK/ DB250325

On 23 Mar, local authorities released a Chinese fishing vessel due to illegal fishing off Marado, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=135012>

26 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local and 2 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Bintulu, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB270325

On 26 Mar, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested two local and two foreign fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Penang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/12FV4Nnpk51/>

27 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 11 Indian Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Delft Island, Sri Lanka/ DB280325

On 27 Mar, local authorities detained an Indian fishing vessel and 11 Indian fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Delft Island, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/27/202503271115/>

25 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Tonkin, Vietnam/ DB280325

On 25 Mar, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested two local fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Tonkin, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/bdbp-quang-tri-lien-tiep-bat-giu-2-tau-ca-khai-thac-khong-dung-tuyen-quy-dinh-post488026.html>

24 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Unknown Vessel/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Off Pulau Kalumpang, Malaysia/ DB280325

On 24 Mar, local authorities seized illegal fishing vessel of an unknown vessel off Pulau Kalumpang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/153DRCzweh/>

Out of Reporting Period:

21 Mar - Local/ Unreported Fishing/ 3 Chinese Fishing Vessels Released/ Misreporting Catches/ Off Gageodo, Sinan-gun, ROK/ DB240325

On 21 Mar, local authorities released three Chinese fishing vessels due to misreporting catches off Gageodo, Sinan-gun, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=134961>

20 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Cebu, Philippines/ DB240325

On 20 Mar, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested five local fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Cebu, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/cebu/illegal-fishing-vessel-intercepted-in-sta-fe>

20 Mar - Local/ Illegal fishing/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Off Tanjung Piandang, Malaysia/ DB240325

On 20 Mar, local authorities seized illegal fishing gears off Tanjung Piandang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.bernama.com/en/crime_courts/news.php?id=2404520

14 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Off Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand/ DB250325

On 14 Mar, local authorities seized illegal fishing gear off Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

27 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Destroyed and 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Released/ 8 Foreign Fishermen Released/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Rowley Shoals Marine Park, Australia/ DB270325

On 27 Feb, local authorities destroyed a foreign fishing vessel, released a foreign fishing vessel and released eight foreign fishermen at Rowley Shoals Marine Park, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/Illegal-fishing-vessels-intercepted-in-Rowley-Shoals.aspx#>

19 Mar - Local/ Illegal fishing/ 3 Local Fishing Vessels Released/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Gangolli, India/ DB280325

On 19 Mar, local authorities released three local fishing vessels due to fishing with illegal gear off Gangolli, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1275365>

08 Mar - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 14 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 57 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Sri Lanka/ DB280325

On 8 Mar, local authorities detained 14 local fishing vessels and arrested 57 local fishermen due to license of fishermen at Sri Lanka.

IFC Comments:

Operations Conducted from 08 Mar to 20 Mar

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/26/202503261615/>

06 Mar - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Released/ 2 Foreign Fishermen Released/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Tanjung Bulat, Malaysia/ DB280325

On 6 Mar, local authorities released an Indonesian fishing vessel and two foreign fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Tanjung Bulat, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/Bakamla.RI/posts/pfbid02gnbe2HpnAcP2rSHuZzR8MXzdtckrbZW8NQGBCWNUesUahnTtQaWh7uQZNpRRBEbSl?rdid=ghP1wiAz54bThfgK#>

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Information Update:

21 Mar - Drugs/ Meth (120kg)/ Ro-Ro Cargo Ship/ Domestic Smuggling/ Calapan Port, Mindoro Oriental, Philippines/ DB240325

Philippine Navy ILO updated that the smuggled goods was 120kg of methamphetamine hydrochloride.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/regions/940110/p816m-worth-of-shabu-seized-at-calapan-port/story/>

Incidents:

23 Mar - Domestic Products/ Cardamom (402kg), Shampoo (3,781 Packets), Cosmetic Cream (51 Packets)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Thalvupadu Beach, Sri Lanka/ DB250325

On 23 Mar, local authorities seized 402kg cardamom, 3,781 packets of shampoo and 51 packets of cosmetic cream from a small boat at Thalvupadu Beach, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/03/24/202503241615/>

23 Mar - Drugs/ Meth (22.772kg)/ Small Boat/ From Malaysia/ Off Penang, Malaysia/ DB260325

On 23 Mar, local authorities seized 22.772kg of meth from a small boat off Penang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.buletintv3.my/jenayah/ppm-tahan-5-warga-indonesia-buang-dadah-dalam-laut/>

26 Mar - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (450 Cartons)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia/ DB270325

On 26 Mar, local authorities seized 450 cartons of cigarettes from a small boat off Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BCU3SdTNm/>

24 Mar - Drugs/ Marijuana (27 Packs, 12 Tubes, 20 Boxes)/ Container Vessel/ From Thailand to Taiwan/ Kaohsiung Port, Taiwan/ DB270325

On 24 Mar, local authorities seized 27 packs, 12 tubes and 20 boxes of marijuana from a container vessel at Kaohsiung Port, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.chinatimes.com/cn/realtimenews/20250324001880-260402?chdtv>

22 Mar - Tobacco and Domestic Products/ Cigars, Dried Shark Fin and Electronics/ Fishing Vessel/ To Hong Kong/ Tuen Mun, Hong Kong/ DB270325

On 22 Mar, local authorities seized unknown quantity of cigars, dried shark fin and electronics from a fishing vessel at Tuen Mun, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4534.html?p=1&y=&m=

26 Mar - Fuel and Domestic Products/ Gas (5 Barrels) and Groceries/ Fishing Vessel/ To Sabah/ Off Tanjung Berungus, Sabah/ DB280325

On 26 Mar, local authorities seized five barrels of gas and groceries from a fishing vessel off Tanjung Berungus, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://sabahmedia.com/2025/03/27/maritim-malaysia-tahan-bot-pancing-langgar-syarat-sah-lesen/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJS0utleHRuA2FlbQlXMAABHZr2NNunyAfEnNFC02pLX2ZvL3hfbdN0Kj_M4MxPaXDfubEIUVQqwr9Lg_aem_VISb6Q8wLPtX5UCswKmhnrw

25 Mar - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (30,000 Litres)/ Fishing Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Vung Tau, Vietnam/ DB280325

On 25 Mar, local authorities seized 30,000 litres of diesel oil from a fishing vessel off Vung Tau, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/hai-doan-bien-phong-18-bat-vu-van-chuyen-khoang-30000-lit-dau-do-post488042.html>

Out of Reporting Period:

21 Mar - Drugs/ Meth/ Ro-Ro Cargo Ship/ Domestic Smuggling/ Calapan Port, Mindoro Oriental, Philippines/ DB240325

On 21 Mar, local authorities seized an unknown amount of meth from a ro-ro cargo ship at Calapan Port, Mindoro Oriental, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1HZTH84NSs/>

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to the Philippines Navy ILO for incident details.

18 Mar - Domestic Products/ Cosmetic Products (28 Packages)/ Passenger Vessel/ To Indonesia/ Balikpapan Port, Indonesia/ DB240325

On 18 Mar, local authorities seized 28 packages of cosmetic products from a passenger vessel at Balikpapan Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tni.mil.id/view-253732-tni-al-berhasil-gagalkan-penyelundupan-paket-kosmetik-dan-komoditas-ilegal-di-balikpapan.html>

20 Mar - Tobacco/ Electric Cigarettes (121,490)/ To Thailand/ Laem Chabang Port, Thailand/ DB250325

On 20 Mar, local authorities seized 121,490 electric cigarettes at Laem Chabang Port, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thepattayanews.com/2025/03/20/thai-police-seize-over-120000-illegal-e-cigarettes-at-laem-chabang-port/>

10 Mar - Tobacco/ Electric Cigarettes (200,000)/ Container Ship/ From China to Thailand/ Laem Chabang Port, Thailand/ DB250325

On 10 Mar, local authorities seized 200,000 electric cigarettes from a container ship at Laem Chabang Port, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://thepattayanews.com/2025/03/10/three-thai-ministers-collaborate-to-crack-down-on-illegal-vaping-imports-at-laem-chabang-port/>

05 Mar - Fuel/ Fuel Oil (365 Litres)/ Passenger Ferry/ Domestic Smuggling/ Off Balikpapan, Indonesia/ DB250325

On 5 Mar, local authorities seized 365 litres of fuel oil off a passenger vessel off Balikpapan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://nomorsatukaltim.disway.id/read/53613/curi-bbm-yang-diangkutnya-tiga-sopir-truk-tangki-ditangkap-di-atas-kapal-ferry>

03 Mar - Wildlife/ Protected Species (4 White Ferrets, 3 Monkeys, 12 Siamangs, and 7 Cuscus)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Strait of Malacca/ DB250325

On 3 Mar, local authorities seized four white ferrets, three monkeys, 12 siamangs, and seven cuscuses off an unknown vessel off Strait of Malacca.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.jawapos.com/hankam/015716758/selat-malaka-masih-rawan-penyelundupan-kri-karotang-872-amankan-pmi-ilegal-dan-satwa-langka-dilindungi>

21 Mar - Domestic Products/ Used Clothes (103 Packages)/ Small Boat/ Domestic Smuggling/ Kalimas Perak North Pier, Indonesia/ DB260325

On 21 Mar, local authorities seized 103 packages of used clothes from a small boat at Kalimas Perak North Pier, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/81359/TNI-AL-KEMBALI-GAGALKAN-UPAYA-PENYELUNDUPAN-BALLPRESS-ILEGAL-DI-SURABAYA/>

IFC Comments:

Malaysia ILO updated that the quantity of Meth is 3652kg.

25 Jan - Drugs/ Meth (3,652kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Malaysia to Australia/ Klang Port, Malaysia/ DB260325

On 25 Jan, local authorities seized 3,652kg of meth from a container vessel at Klang Port, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.buletintv3.my/jenayah/polis-tumpaskan-cubaan-seludup-syabu-rm106-bilion-ke-australia/>

16 Mar - Domestic Products/ White Goods, Clothing and Electronics/ Container Vessel/ From Hong Kong to Singapore/ Off Hong Kong/ DB270325

On 16 Mar, local authorities seized unknown quantity of white goods, clothing and electronics from a container vessel off Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4535.html?p=1&y=&m=

15 Mar - Drugs/ Cocaine (10kg)/ Passenger Vessel/ From Brazil to Australia/ Off Sydney, Australia/ DB270325

On 15 Mar, local authorities seized 10kg of cocaine from a passenger vessel off Sydney, Australia

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/Cruise-ship-passenger-charged-for-allegedly-trying-to-smuggle-10kg-of-cocaine-into-Sydney.aspx>

12 Mar - Drugs/ Cannabis (138kg)/ Container Vessel/ From Thailand to Hong Kong/ Kwai Chung, Hong Kong/ DB270325

On 12 Mar, local authorities seized 138kg of cannabis from a container vessel at Kwai Chung, Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_4525.html?p=1&y=&m=

04 Mar - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (41,472 Litres)/ Unknown Vessel/ To Sabah/ Sepanggar Port, Sabah/ DB270325

On 4 Mar, local authorities seized 41,472 litres of alcohol from a unknown vessel at Sepanggar Port, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.orientaldaily.com.my/news/society/2025/03/26/721871>

21 Jan - Tobacco and Domestic Products/ Cigarettes (6,700,000 Sticks) and Plywood (444 Pieces)/ Container Vessel/ Domestic Smuggling/ Tanjung Pelepas Port, Malaysia/ DB270325

On 21 Jan, local authorities seized 6,700,000 sticks of cigarettes and 444 pieces of plywood from a container vessel at Tanjung Pelepas Port, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.orientaldaily.com.my/news/society/2025/03/21/720541>

21 Mar - Domestic Products/ Coconuts/ Cargo Vessel/ To Malaysia/ Off Sungai Pinang, Malaysia/ DB280325

On 21 Mar, local authorities seized unknown quantity of coconuts from a cargo vessel off Sungai Pinang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18p3r9iW3v/>

30 Jan - Domestic Products/ Clothes and Textile (1,200 Packages)/ Cargo Ship/ Off Seribu Island, Indonesia/ DB280325

On 30 Jan, local authorities seized 1,200 packages of clothes and textile from a cargo ship off Seribu Island, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18p3r9iW3v/>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

Out of Reporting Period:

21 Mar - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 2 Indonesian Migrants/ To Tawau/ Somel Traditional Port, Indonesia/ DB240325

On 21 Mar, local authorities arrested two Indonesian migrants from a small boat at Somel Traditional Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tni.mil.id/view-253775-satgas-pamtas-yonarmed-11-kostrad-gagalkan-pemberangkatan-dua-cpmi-ilegal-ke-malaysia.html>

03 Mar - Irregular Human Migration/ Small Boat/ 12 Indonesian Migrants/ Strait of Malacca/ DB250325

On 3 Mar, local authorities arrested 12 Indonesian migrants from a small boat off the Strait of Malacca.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.jawapos.com/hankam/015716758/selat-malaka-masih-rawan-penyelundupan-kri-karotang-872-amankan-pmi-ilegal-dan-satwa-langka-dilindungi>

IFC Comments:

Incident is same as IHM incident shared today.



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

2025

IFC Spot Commentary 01/25 – Observations of TRAPS Incidents in the Phillip Channel in 2025

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 Lane 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 Manila 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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