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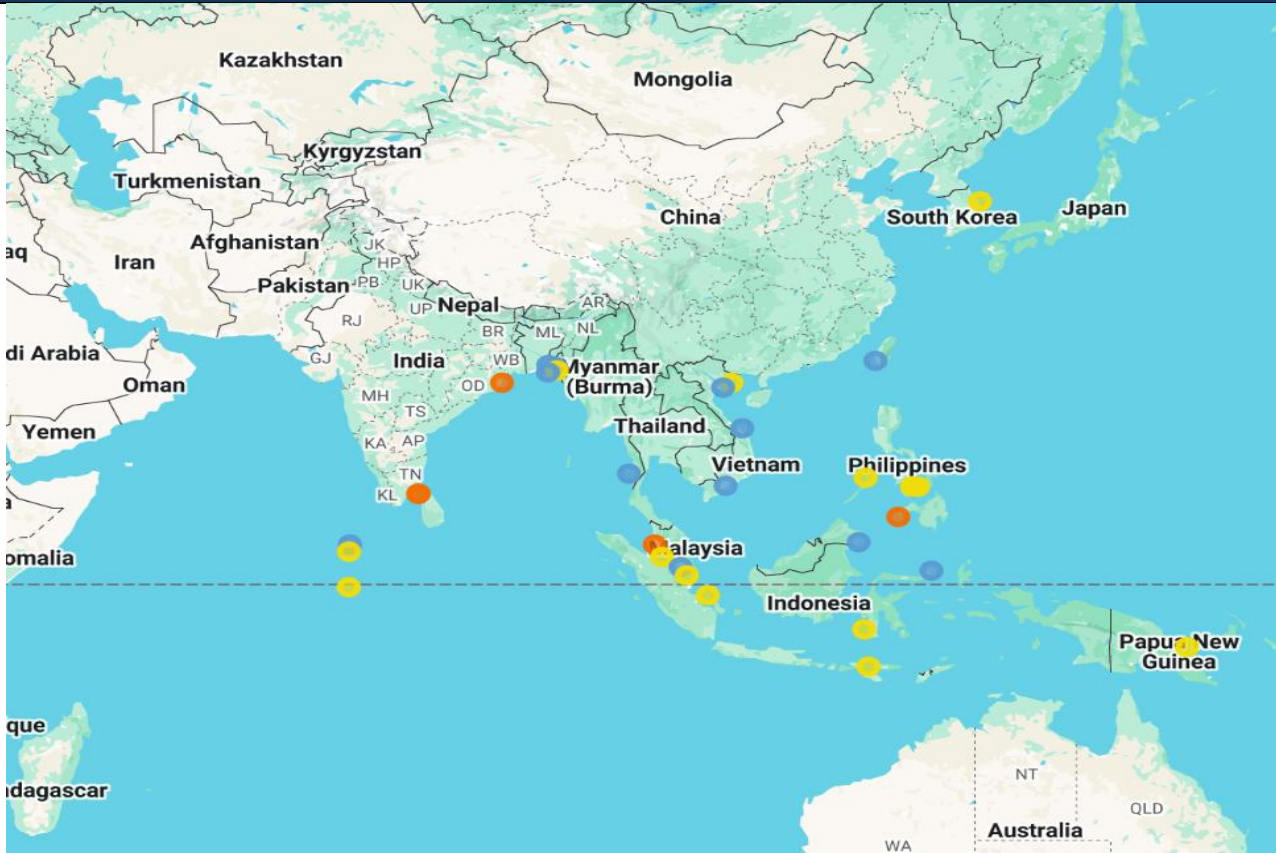
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 27 Dec - 02 Jan 26, 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	0	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	14	4-6
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	5	7-8
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	12	9-11
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	0	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)

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SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

28 Dec - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Small Boat/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Palawan, Philippines/ DB301225

On 28 Dec, a small boat went adrift due to equipment failure off Palawan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/17kPtazh26/>

28 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 18 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Gilutungan, Cordova, Cebu, Philippines/ DB301225

On 28 Dec, a passenger vessel sank due to bad weather off Gilutungan, Cordova, Cebu, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 18 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1268091248698088&id=100064916730796&rdid=7eTJG0yM2cPV0hVv#

27 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Guihulngan City, Negros Oriental, Philippines/ DB301225

On 27 Dec, a passenger vessel sank due to water ingress off Guihulngan City, Negros Oriental, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/100064660843959/posts/1350220753809940/?rdid=ZWx6yahDnAkybhb1#>

01 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ 17 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Maldives, Fuvahmulah/ DB020126

On 1 Jan, a cargo vessel sank due to water ingress off Fuvahmulah, Maldives. SAR was conducted and there were 17 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://en.sun.mv/102073>

30 Dec - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operation/ 1 Oil Tanker/ Off Port Klang, Malaysia/ DB020126

On 30 Dec, local authorities detained a oil tanker due to unauthorised operations off Port Klang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

30 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Riau Islands, Indonesia/ DB020126

On 30 Dec, a small boat sank due to bad weather off Riau Islands, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/88955/AKSI-SIGAP-TNI-AL-EVAKUASI-CREW-SPEEDBOAT-SRIKANDI-EXPRESS-YANG-TENGCELAM-DI-PERAIRAN-KARIMUN/>

30 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Quang Ninh, Vietnam/ DB020126

On 30 Dec, a fishing vessel sank due to water ingress off Quang Ninh, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://baomoi.com/tau-ca-bi-dam-tren-bien-thuyen-truong-va-5-ngu-dan-duoc-bo-doi-bien-phong-cuu-song-c54157241.epi>

27 Dec - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 123 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Finschhafen, Papua New Guinea/ DB020126

On 27 Dec, a passenger vessel ran aground due to bad weather off Finschhafen, Papua New Guinea. SAR was conducted and there were 123 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-12-31/christmas-cruise-png-passengers-return-coral-adventurer/106186660>

27 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 3 Dead, 8 Rescued/ SAR/ South Sulawesi, Indonesia/ DB020126

On 27 Dec, a small boat sank due to bad weather off South Sulawesi, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were three dead, eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/88896/TNI-AL-GERAK-CEPAT,-UNSUR-LAUT-SIAGA-DAN-PANTAU-KETAT-INSIDEN-KAPAL-TERBALIK-DI-PERAIRAN-PANGKEP-SULSEL/>

27 Dec - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ Pulau Pekajang, Indonesia/ DB020126

On 27 Dec, a cargo vessel ran aground due to unknown causes off Pulau Pekajang, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/88890/TNI-AL-AMANKAN-KAPAL-NIAGA-TERDAMPAR-DI-KABUPATEN-LINGGA-PROVINSI-KEPULAUAN-RIAU/>

Out of Reporting Period:

26 Dec - Sunk-Capsized/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Small Boat/ 4 Dead, 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Padar Island, Indonesia/ DB291225

On 26 Dec, a small boat capsized due to equipment failure off Padar Island, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were four dead and seven rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.scmp.com/news/asia/southeast-asia/article/3337886/indonesian-rescuers-search-spanish-family-4-after-tourist-boat-sinks>

26 Dec - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Chittagong, Bangladesh/ DB291225

On 26 Dec, a passenger vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Chittagong, Bangladesh. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/vh7rt9um>

21 Dec - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Imwon Port, ROK/ DB301225

On 21 Dec, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure in Imwon Port, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=144449>

21 Dec - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 25 Rescued/ SAR/ Kudaan'baraa, Maldives/ DB301225

On 21 Dec, a passenger vessel caught on fire due to unknown causes off Kudaan'baraa, Maldives. SAR was conducted and there were 25 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mmj.mv/safari-vessel-yasawa-princess-catches-fire-near-kuda-anbaraa/>

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

Incidents:

28 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Delft Island, Sri Lanka/ DB291225

On 28 Dec, local authorities detained one foreign fishing vessel and arrested three foreign fishermen due to license of fishing vessel off Delft Island, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newsfirst.lk/2025/12/28/indian-fishermen-arrested-for-illegal-fishing-near-delft-island>

01 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Fishing Vessels Detained/ 10 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Gahirmata Marine Sanctuary, India/ DB020126

On 1 Jan, local authorities detained two fishing vessels and arrested 10 local fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas in Gahirmata Marine Sanctuary, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.orissapost.com/odisha-arrests-10-andhra-fishermen-for-illegal-fishing-in-gahirmatha-marine-sanctuary/>

30 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Pangkor, Malaysia/ DB020126

On 30 Dec, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and four foreign fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Pangkor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/15SXq3zbWka/>

29 Dec - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Indian Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing vessel/ Off Delft Island, Sri Lanka/ DB020126

On 29 Dec, local authorities detained one Indian fishing vessel and arrested three Indian fishermen due to license of fishing vessel off Delft island, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2025/12/30/202512301300/>

Out of Reporting Period:

23 Dec - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 3 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Zamboanga, Philippines/ DB291225

On 23 Dec, local authorities detained three local fishing vessels and arrested three local fishermen due to license of fishing vessel in Zamboanga, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/zamboanga/3-arrested-for-illegal-fishing-off-zamboanga-city>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

31 Dec - Fuel/ Diesel (12,000 Litres)/ 1 Oil Tanker/ Ninh Binh, Hung Yen, Vietnam/ DB020126

On 31 Dec, local authorities seized 12,000 litres of diesel from an oil tanker in Ninh Binh, Hung Yen, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/tam-giu-tau-cho-12-000-lit-dau-do-khong-ro-nguon-goc/14886/81>

29 Dec - Natural Resources/ Tin Ore (6,000 kg)/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Batu Pahat, Malaysia/ DB020126

On 29 Dec, local authorities seized 6,000kg of tin ore from a cargo vessel off Batu Pahat, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AWdtqvb8P/>

30 Dec - Wildlife & Domestic Products/ Chicken & Alcohol/ 1 Small Boat/ Off Bitung Waters, Indonesia/ DB020126

On 30 Dec, local authorities seized chickens and alcohol from a small boat off Bitung Waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/88965/GAGALKAN-PENYELUNDUPAN-BARANG,-TNI-AL-DAN-BEA-CUKAI-LUMPUHKAN-SINDIKAT-ILEGAL-DI-PERAIRAN-BITUNG/>

Out of Reporting Period:

26 Dec - Fuel and Domestic Products/ Diesel (1,000 Litres) and Cement (650 Bags)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Off Kutudia Island, Bangladesh/ DB291225

On 26 Dec, local authorities seized 1,000 litres of diesel and 650 bags of cement from a fishing vessel off Kutudia Island, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/crime/navy-detains-11-boat-smuggling-diesel-cement-myanmar-1319971?amp>

26 Dec - Domestic Products/ Cement (770 Bags)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Hatia, Bangladesh/ DB291225

On 26 Dec, local authorities seized 770 bags of cement from a fishing vessel in Hatia Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://tinyurl.com/385z83z3>

25 Dec - Natural Resources and Fuel/ Sand (948 Cubic Metres) and Diesel (11,500 Litres)/ 2 Barges and 1 Fishing Vessel/ Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam/ DB291225

On 25 Dec, local authorities seized 948 cubic metres of sand and 11,500 litres of diesel from two barges and a fishing vessel in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://tinyurl.com/2rayvntw>

25 Dec - Drugs/ Cannabis (40kg)/ From Unknown to Maldives/ Malé, Maldives/ DB291225

On 25 Dec, local authorities seized 40kg of cannabis in Malé, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://en.mmtv.mv/7506>

24 Dec - Fuel/ Diesel (9,000 Litres)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ Patenga, Bangladesh/ DB291225

On 24 Dec, local authorities seized 9,000 litres of diesel from a fishing vessel in Patenga, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://bdnews24.com/bangladesh/1e07975c9007>

21 Dec - Fuel/ Diesel (47,000 Litres)/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ Da Nang, Vietnam/ DB291225

On 21 Dec, local authorities seized 47,000 litres of diesel from two fishing vessels in Da Nang, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://canhsatbien.vn/bo%CC%A3-tu-le%CC%A3nh-vung-can-h-sat-bien-2-phoi-hop-bat-giu-2-tau-ca-van-chuyen-da%CC%80u-do-tra%CC%81i-phe%CC%81p/14753/81>

21 Oct - Domestic Products/ Sodium Cyclamate (4,200kg)/ Unknown Cargo Vessel/ From China to Bangladesh/ Chattogram Container Port, Bangladesh/ DB291225

On 21 Oct, local authorities seized 4,200 kg of Sodium Cyclamate from an unknown cargo vessel in Chattogram Container Port, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/crime/another-shipment-banned-artificial-sweetener-seized-chattogram-port-1306816>

27 Aug - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (817,130 Packs), Heated Tobacco Products and Vapes (195,020)/ 3 Fishing Vessels/ From Unknown to Taiwan/ Kaohsiung, Taiwan/ DB301225

On 27 Aug, local authorities seized 817,130 packs of Cigarettes, 195,020 of heated tobacco products and vapes from three fishing vessels in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.taipeitimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2025/12/26/2003849544>

04 Dec - Domestic Products/ Food (27 Types)/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ Near Nget Theik Island, Myanmar/ DB020126

On 4 Dec, local authorities seized 27 types of food from a cargo vessel off Nget Theik Island, Myanmar.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://myawady.net.mm/ttraamwngscmiucun-cksunchiimaa-luusunkunpccnnymaa-lupngnsunkunpccnnymaa-lpccpccnnymaa>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

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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 Infographic on CCTV Footage and Photo Evidence of Sea Robbery Incidents in the Singapore Strait

IFC Recommended Measures to Deter Unauthorised Boardings in Singapore Strait

IFC Spot Commentary 02/25 – Phillip Channel - 3 TRAPS Incidents in One Night on 5 Jun 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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