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



For the period of 17 - 23 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	4	2-3
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	4
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	19	5-9
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	21	10-14
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	20	15-19
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	6	20-21
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	1	22
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	1	23
Others	0	0	24

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

Incidents:

17 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Panama Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB190126

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving a Panama-flagged bulk carrier, as vessel transited along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°04'16.8"N 103°40'39.0"E) on 17 Jan, at 03:54 (UTC+8). Crew reportedly sighted six perpetrators with knives in the steering gear compartment.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and unable to determine if items were stolen yet. 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

16 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug & Barge, Singapore-Flagged/ No injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB190126

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving a Singapore-flagged tugboat, towing a barge, when transiting in the Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (1°15'38.4"N 104°06'10.8"E) on 16 Jan, at around 13:39 (UTC+8). Ship Master reportedly sighted a sampan and unknown number of perpetrators alongside and onboard the barge.

2. Ship master reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and some scrap metal was stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance, and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

19 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Tug & Barge, Malaysia Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait/ DB200126

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Malaysia-flagged tugboat Hub 21 towing a barge, when transiting in the Eastbound Lane of TSS, Singapore Strait (01° 16.17 N 104° 09.55 E) on 19 Jan, at around 14:55 (UTC+8). Ship Master reportedly sighted three sampans and an unknown number of perpetrators alongside and onboard the barge.

2. The shipmaster reported that all crew are safe and accounted for, and some scrap metal was stolen. The vessel does not require any assistance, and will continue her voyage to NPOC, Vietnam.

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

15 Jan - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Panama-Flagged/ No Injury/ Anchored/ Bauan Anchorage, Batangas Bay, Philippines/ DB220126

On 15 Jan, unauthorised individuals boarded an anchored ship and escaped with the ship's properties. The theft was discovered by the duty crew on routine rounds. The coast guards were informed, and they boarded the ship for inspection.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GSIS)



SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

NSTR



SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

18 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ 2 Missing, 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Vaadhoo, Maldives/ DB190126

On 18 Jan, a cargo vessel capsized due to running aground in Vaadhoo, Maldives. SAR was conducted and there were two missing and two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mmj.mv/two-missing-after-cargo-boat-capsizes/>

18 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 20 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pohang, ROK/ DB190126

On 18 Jan, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Pohang, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were 20 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=145053>

18 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Susan Port, Gangwon Province, ROK/ DB190126

On 18 Jan, a fishing vessel sank due to water ingress in Susan Port, Gangwon Province, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=145056>

19 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Daejin Port, Donghae-Si, Gangwon-Do, ROK/ DB200126

On 19 Jan, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Daejin Port, Donghae-Si, Gangwon-Do, ROK. SAR was conducted one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.news1.com/view/NISX20260119_0003481989

21 Jan - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Khanh Hoa, Vietnam/ DB220126

On 21 Jan, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure Off Khanh Hoa, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
VPN ILO

19 Jan - Collision-Grounding/ Human Error/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ 6 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hyanggi Island, ROK/ DB220126

On 19 Jan, a cargo vessel ran aground due to human error Off Hyanggi Island, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were six rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=145047>

19 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Missing, 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Mimika Regency, Indonesia/ DB220126

On 19 Jan, a fishing vessel sunk due to unknown causes Off Mimika Regency, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were one missing and 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/614/kapal-ikan-km-putra-siantan-tenggelam-di-perairan-mimika>

21 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorized Operations/ 1 Tugboat/ Off Tawau, Sabah/ DB230126

On 21 Jan, a small boat was detained due to unauthorised operations off Tawau, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/274336/tiga-warga-asing-langgar-syarat-lesen-ditahan/>

21 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operations/ 1 Small Boat/ Off Tabawan Waters, Sabah/ DB230126

On 21 Jan, a small boat was detained due to unauthorised operations off Tabawan Water, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1NBKRcZGCX/>

20 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 12 Missing, 1 Rescued/ SAR/ Davao Gulf, Philippines/ DB230126

On 20 Jan, a passenger vessel sank due to unknown causes at Davao Gulf, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 12 missing and one rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2171007/12-passengers-crew-of-sunken-boat-in-tawi-tawi-rescued-safe>

19 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operations/ 1 Small Boat/ Off Tawau, Sabah/ DB230126

On 19 Jan, a small boat was detained due to unauthorised operations off Tawau, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

19 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Unknown Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tawi-Tawi, Philippines/ DB230126

On 19 Jan, an unknown vessel sank due to unknown causes off Tawi-Tawi, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2171007/12-passengers-crew-of-sunken-boat-in-tawi-tawi-rescued-safe>

18 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Small Boat/ 1 Dead, 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Surigao City, Philippines/ DB230126

On 18 Jan, a small boat capsized due to bad weather off Surigao City, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were one dead and 11 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.gmanetwork.com/regional/tv/news/112493/1-dead-11-rescued-after-boat-capsizes-off-surigao-city/story/?fbclid=IwY2xjawPgNH5leHRuA2FlbQlXMAbicmlkETFaT3RFRm5iRHJSaFVBd3dEc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHmpi_eT0kSDZmMyVYHR4vXAheXeY-Yqhl_c0h9FxfqOAZhodvJ7iayNlorqg_aem_mOBT5hg3k2XB-dgKv4wVwg/

Out of Reporting Period:

16 Jan - Equipment Failure/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 30 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Turtle Island, Tawi-Tawi/ DB220126

On 16 Jan, a passenger vessel had equipment failure due to unknown causes Off Turtle Island, Tawi-Tawi. SAR conducted and there were 30 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1267199>

9 Jan - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Bulk Carrier/ SAR/ Yingkou Port, China/ DB230126

On 9 Jan, a bulk carrier caught on fire due to unknown causes in Yingkou Port, China.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12608/liberian-flagged-bulk-carrier-rotterdam-pearl-v-hit-by-fire->

9 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operations/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ Off Penang, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 9 Jan, a passenger vessel was detained due to unauthorised operations off Penang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Bp3DbBDg3/>

8 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operations/ 1 Small Boat, 1 Barge/ Off Pulau Besar, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 8 Jan, a small boat and a barge was detained due to unauthorised operations off Pulau Besar, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AZ9uoa2dk/>

8 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operations/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ Off Tanjung Harapan, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 8 Jan, a cargo vessel was detained due to unauthorised operations off Tanjung Harapan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/162y3cdFgC/>

3 Jan - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorised Operations/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ Off Klang Harbor, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 3 Jan, a passenger vessel was detained due to unauthorised operations Off Klang Harbor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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



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

Incidents:

17 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Kalabakan Tawau, Sabah/ DB190126

On 17 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Kalabakan Tawau, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.nabalunews.com/post/bot-nelayan-disyaki-langgar-syarat-lesen-ditahan-maritim-malaysia-di-perairan-tawau>

18 Jan - Local/ Unreported Fishing/ 2 Chinese Fishing Vessel Detained/ Misreporting Catches/ Off Heuksan-Do Island, ROK/ DB200126

On 17 Jan, local authorities detained two Chinese fishing vessels due to misreporting catches Off Heuksan-Do Island, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newscj.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=3365277>

17 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Indonesian Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Without Valid Documents/ Off Kalabakan, Tawau, Malaysia/ DB200126

On 17 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested two Indonesian fishermen due to fishing without valid documents Off Kalabakan, Tawau, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1305653681588354&id=100064312044774&mibextid=wwXlfr&rdid=8xLCGufpEZWEilCz#

19 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 4 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 13 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Walaipadu, Sri Lanka/ DB210126

On 19 Jan, local authorities detained four local fishing vessels and arrested 13 local fishermen due to license of fishermen. Off Walaipidu, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/01/20/202601201400/>

19 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Bangladeshi Fishing Vessel Detained/ 24 Bangladeshi Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Bay of Bengal, India/ DB210126

On 19 Jan, local authorities detained one Bangladeshi fishing vessel and arrested 24 Bangladeshi fishermen due to license of fishing vessel in the Bay of Bengal, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://theshillongtimes.com/2026/01/19/coast-guard-arrests-24-bdeshi-fishermen-for-entering-indian-waters/>

19 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Chattogram, Bangladesh/ DB210126

On 19 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel due to fishing with illegal gear off Chattogram, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bssnews.net/district/352849>

20 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB220126

On 20 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested four local fishermen due to license of fishermen. Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/01/21/202601211400/>

20 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Indian Fishing Vessels Detained/ 7 Indian Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB220126

On 20 Jan, local authorities detained two Indian fishing vessels and arrested seven Indian fishermen due to license of fishing vessel. Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/01/21/202601211500/>

17 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Indonesian Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel, License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 17 Jan, local authorities detained one Indonesian fishing vessel and arrested five Indonesian fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and license of fishermen off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

19 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local Fishermen, 4 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Kedah, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 19 Jan, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels, arrested two local fishermen, and arrested four foreign fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Kedah, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Bf4Pe8YPz/>

19 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Filipino Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Labuan, Sabah/ DB230126

On 19 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested two Filipino fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear at Labuan, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17Cts2jo35/>

17 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 17 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested four local fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

17 Jan - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Indonesian Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Indonesian Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel, License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 17 Jan, local authorities detained one Indonesian fishing vessel and arrested five Indonesian fishermen due to license of fishing vessel and license of fishermen off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

Out of Reporting Period:

16 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 16 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested four local fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1ABgDdR2aU/>

15 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 6 Myanmar Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Pulau Rumbia, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 15 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and six Myanmar fishermen were arrested due to license of fishermen Pulau Rumbia, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BZGikAA74/>

11 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Thai Fishermen, 18 Cambodian Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Pangkor Island, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 11 Jan, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested four Thai fishermen, and 18 Cambodian fishermen due to license of fishermen Pangkor Island, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17KpZB9GL6/>

7 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 7 Indonesian Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off Tanjung Karang, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 7 Jan, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested seven Indonesian fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Tanjung Karang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

6 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman, 3 Indonesian Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Sekinchan, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 6 Jan, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested one local fisherman and three Indonesian fishermen due to license of fishermen off Sekinchan, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18RBKMyN7H/>

5 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman, 3 Myanmar Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Talang Island, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 5 Jan, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested one local fisherman, and three Myanmar fishermen due to license of fishermen off Talang Island, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DjCBj96mK/>

4 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Thai Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Penang, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 4 Jan, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested three Thai fishermen due to license of fishermen off Penang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Bp3DbBDg3/>

3 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local Fisherman, 3 Indian Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Central Island, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 3 Jan, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested one local fisherman, and three Indian fishermen due to licence of fishermen off Central Island, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

18 Jan - Domestic Products/ Cement (750 Bags)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ St Martin's Island, Bangladesh/ DB190126

On 18 Jan, local authorities detained 750 bags of cement from a fishing vessel in St Martin's Island, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/mrj8mzsn>

17 Jan - Fuel/ Diesel (100,000 Litres)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ Ca Mau, Vietnam/ DB190126

On 17 Jan, local authorities seized 100,000 litres of diesel from a fishing vessel in Ca Mau, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://dttc.sggp.org.vn/tau-ca-van-chuyen-trai-phep-khoang-100000-lit-dau-do-post130697.html>

17 Jan - Drugs/ Methamphetamine (0.099kg)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ In Sei Pancang, Indonesia/ DB200126

On 17 Jan, local authorities seized 0.099kg of methamphetamine from a unknown vessel in Sei Pancang, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.tnial.mil.id/berita/89346/PENYELUNDUPAN-SABU-SEBERAT-99-GRAM-DI-PERBATASAN-BERHASIL-DIGAGALKAN-TNI-AL/>

18 Jan - Fuel/ Diesel (50,000 Litres)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Unknown to Vietnam/ Ca Mau Shoal, Vietnam/ DB210126

On 18 Jan, local authorities seized 50,000 litres of diesel from a fishing vessel in Ca Mau Shoal, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/doan-trinh-sat-so-2-bat-giu-tau-ca-cho-50-000-lit-dau-d-o-khong-ro-nguon-goc/15024/81>

17 Jan - Natural Resources/ Sand (160 Tons)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Unknown to Vietnam/ Off Dong Thap Province, Vietnam/ DB210126

On 17 Jan, local authorities seized 160 tons of sand from an unknown vessel off Dong Thap Province, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/bo-tu-lenh-vung-canhsat-bien-1-tam-giu-tau-cho-150-tan-than-khong-ro-nguon-goc/15025/81>

19 Jan - Natural Resources/ Coal Dust (150 Tons)/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ From Unknown to Vietnam/ Hai Phong, Vietnam/ DB210126

On 19 Jan, local authorities seized 150 tons of coal dust from a cargo vessel in Hai Phong, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://canhsatbien.vn/bo-tu-lenh-vung-canhsat-bien-1-tam-giu-tau-cho-150-tan-than-khong-ro-nguon-goc/15025/81>

21 Jan - Natural Resources/ Timber (58.3 tons)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Indonesia to China/ Dwikora Port, Indonesia/ DB230126

On 21 Jan, local authorities seized 58.3 tons of timber from an unknown vessel in Dwikora Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://old.beacukai.go.id/websiteweb2/berita/bea-cukai-gagalkan-penyelundupan-ekspor-rotan-tujuan-tiongkok-di-pontianak.html>

Out of Reporting Period:

15 Jan - Domestic Products/ Peas (27,500kg), Onions (1,000kg) and Other Goods (Undisclosed amount)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Unknown to Myanmar/ St Martin's Island, Bangladesh/ DB190126

On 15 Jan, local authorities seized 27,500kg of peas, 1,000kg of onions and other goods from a fishing vessel in St Martin's Island, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/2pkvperb>

15 Jan - Domestic Product/ Alcohol (100 Litres)/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ Hunimua Ferry Port, Indonesia/ DB190126

On 15 Jan, local authorities seized 100 litres of alcohol from a passenger vessel in Hunimua ferry port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malukuterkini.com/2026/01/15/ratusan-liter-sopi-disita-di-pelabuhan-hunimua/>

14 Jan - Drugs/ Meth (75,000 Pills)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Bangladesh/ Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh/ DB190126

On 14 Jan, local authorities seized 75,000 pills of meth from a small boat in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/5n7zv6uu>

14 Jan - Natural Resources/ Tin Ore (25 Tons)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ Off Bangka Belitung Islands, Indonesia/ DB190126

On 14 Jan, local authorities seized 25 tons of tin ore from a fishing vessel off Bangka Belitung Islands, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://asatuonline.id/2026/01/14/timah-selundupan-lebih-kurang-25-ton-digagalkan-di-pangkalbalam/>

05 Jan - Domestic Products/ Frozen Fish (99,972kg)/ At Tanjung Priok Port, Indonesia/ DB190126

On 5 Jan, local authorities seized 99,972kg of frozen fish at Tanjung Priok Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://kkp.go.id/news/news-detail/kkp-bongkar-impor-99-ton-ikan-ilegal-di-pelabuhan-tanjung-priok-AMM3.html>

15 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (1,118 Boxes)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Philippines/ 3nm Off Davao De Oro, Philippines/ DB200126

On 15 Jan, local authorities seized 1,118 boxes of cigarettes from a small boat off Davao De Oro, Philippines

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/navalforceseasternmindanao/posts/pfbi>

12 Jan - Drugs/ Pharmaceutical Tablets (108,480)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB200126

On 12 Jan, local authorities seized 108,480 pharmaceutical tablets from an unknown vessel Off Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/01/13/202601131500/>

12 Jan - Drugs/ Cocaine (20kg)/ 1 Container Vessel/ From Brazil to Australia/ Port Botany, Australia/ DB200126

On 12 Jan, local authorities seized 20kg of cocaine from a container vessel in Port Botany, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/ABF-seize-20kg-of-cocaine-hidden-in-hessian-bag-at-Port-Botany-.aspx>

14 Jan - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (617kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB230126

On 14 Jan, local authorities seized 617kg of kendu leaves from an unknown vessel in Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/01/17/202601170900/>

12 Jan - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (6 Master Cases)/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ From Malaysia to Unknown/ Banggi Island, Sabah/ DB230126

On 12 Jan, local authorities seized six master cases of cigarettes from a passenger vessel in Banggi Island, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/181Sbgp4nX/>

9 Jan - Fuel/ Petrol (12,000 Litres)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Unknown/ Off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 9 Jan, local authorities seized 12,000 litres of petrol from a small boat off Kuala Perlis, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17tYyZhFEo/>

8 Jan - Domestic Products and Tobacco/ Pharmaceutical Products, Tobacco, Bird's Nest, Shark Fin, Agar Wood/ 2 Unknown Vessels/ From Unknown to Hong Kong/ Hong Kong/ DB230126

On 8 Jan, local authorities seized pharmaceutical products, tobacco, bird's nest, shark fin and agar wood from two unknown vessels in Hong Kong.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.customs.gov.hk/sc/customs-announcement/press-release/index_id_5035.html?p=1&y=&m=

6 Jan - Fuel/ Petrol (6,000 Litres)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Malaysia to Unknown/ Off Kedah Waters, Sabah/ DB230126

On 6 Jan, local authorities seized 6,000 litres of petrol from a small boat off Kedah Waters, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18dam6KXVt/>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

Out of Reporting Period:

16 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Small Boat/ 32 Indonesian Migrants/ From Malaysia to Indonesia/ Off Kuala Selangor, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 16 Jan, local authorities arrested 32 Indonesian migrants from Malaysia to Indonesia at off Kuala Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

11 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 27 Indonesian Migrants/ Off Sungai Besar, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 11 Jan, local authorities arrested 27 Indonesian migrants off Sungai Besar, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17gJduXyaV/>

6 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 3 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Selangor, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 6 Jan, local authorities arrested three Indonesian migrants from Indonesia to Malaysia at off Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritimmalaysia/posts/pfbid0J1mCq47YkiMUcM3jxbvX82T5BCvaKU3TNbCUAmp5Xhv9AmQUUanswQT5DdZysoJVI?rddid=KbClq2h5QkXFBans#>

5 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 3 Myanmar Migrants/ From Myanmar to Malaysia/ Off Talang Islands, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 5 Jan, local authorities arrested three Myanmar migrants from Myanmar to Malaysia at off Talang Islands, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DjCBj96mK/>

3 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 3 Indian Migrants/ From Unknown to Malaysia/ Off Central Island, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 3 Jan, local authorities arrested three Indian migrants from Unknown to Malaysia at off Central Island, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

3 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 1 Indonesian Migrant/ From Malaysia to Unknown/ Off Klang Harbor, Malaysia/ DB230126

On 3 Jan, local authorities arrested one Indonesian migrant from Malaysia to Unknown at off Klang Harbor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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



SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

18 Jan - Maritime Pollution/ Liquid (Hydraulic Oil)/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ Sapo No. 1 Wharf, Yeosu, ROK/ DB210126

On 18 Jan, there is a hydraulic oil spill in Sapo No.1 Wharf, Yeosu, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=145059>



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Incidents:

23 Jan - Information Deception/ AIS Spoofing/ 1 Tanker/ DB230126

On 23 Jan, A tanker at this position 2.078N - 104.658E was transmitting a false AIS identity as a French-flagged vessel with ais spoofing.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:
EU ILO



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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