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



For the period of 26 Sep – 02 Oct 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	2	2
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	0	3
Maritime Incidents (MI)	0	18	4-7
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	15	8-9
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	20	10-13
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	8	14
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	5	15
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	16
Others	0	0	17

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

Incidents:

01 Oct - Boarding/ Sea Theft/ Bulk Carrier, Marshall Islands-Flagged/ No Injury/ Underway/ Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait/ DB011026

1. POCC reported an unauthorised boarding involving Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier, as vessel transited along Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait (1°09'27.6"N 103°27'21.0"E) on 1 Oct, at 02:20 (UTC +8). Crew sighted four perpetrators (reportedly unarmed) in the engine room.

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

IFC Comments:

RFI has been sent to shipping company for incident details.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

26 Sep - Boarding/ Sea Theft/Tanker, Nicaragua-Flagged/ 4 Dead, 3 Arrested, 1 Escaped/ Aground/ Off Manori Island, Mumbai, India/ DB021026

On 26 Sep, four individuals died during a theft attempt aboard a grounded Nicaragua-flagged merchant tanker near Manori Island, Mumbai, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/blast-on-stranded-ship-3-held-for-copper-theft-gang-may-have-targeted-it-twice-before/amp_articleshow/134624880.cms

<https://www.latestly.com/india/news/mumbai-4-men-die-inhaling-toxic-gas-during-theft-attempt-on-stranded-ship-off-coast-7628856.html>

SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)

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SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

Incidents:

28 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 13 Rescued/ SAR/ Off St. Martin's Island, Bangladesh/ DB300926

On 28 Sep, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off St. Martin's Island, Bangladesh. SAR was conducted and there were 13 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/3v6keyhj>

28 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ 1 Landing Craft Tank/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Puriri, Mimika Regency, Central Papua, Indonesia/ DB300926

On 28 Sep, a landing craft tank sank due to water ingress off Puriri, Mimika Regency, Central Papua, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.kompas.id/artikel/evacuation-of-the-crew-of-the-sand-ship-that-sunken-in-mimika-a-reminder-that-sea-routes-are-not-always-friendly?open_from=English_Page

27 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Collision-Grounding/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Tanjung Sture, Labuan Bajo, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia/ DB300926

On 27 Sep, a passenger vessel sank due to collision with reefs off Tanjung Sture, Labuan Bajo, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 19 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tribatanewsntt.com/respons-cepat-polri-dan-tim-sar-19-penumpang-km-yukai-selamat-dari-kapal-tenggelam>

27 Sep - Equipment Failure/ Water Ingress/ 1 Chemical Tanker/ 23 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Paradip, Odisha, India/ DB300926

On 27 Sep, a chemical tanker experienced equipment failure due to water ingress off Paradip, Odisha, India. SAR was conducted and there were 23 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://x.com/ANI/status/2104494403318620460>

26 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Cilacap Regency, Indonesia/ DB300926

On 26 Sep, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Cilacap Regency, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were 11 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://suaraindonesia.co.id/news/news/6ab8ba4c2d419/Kapal>

30 Sep - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Tanker/ 22 Rescued/ SAR/ Balayan Distillery Inc Port, Brgy Talisay, Calaca City, Batangas, Philippines/ DB011026

On 30 Sep, a tanker caught fire and exploded due to unknown causes at Balayan Distillery Inc Port, Brgy Talisay, Calaca City, Batangas, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were 22 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19P9fBCd2E/>

30 Sep - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ Opo Port, Yeongdeok-Gun, Gyeongsangbuk-Do, ROK/ DB011026

On 30 Sep, an unknown vessel caught fire and exploded due to unknown causes at / Opo Port, Yeongdeok-Gun, Gyeongsangbuk-Do, ROK.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=151583>

29 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Bulk Carrier vs Bulk Carrier/ Kutubdia Anchorage, Bangladesh/ DB011026

On 29 Sep, a bulk carrier collided with another bulk carrier due to unknown causes at Kutubdia Anchorage, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.marineinsight.com/3-ships-damaged-in-two-separate-collisions-at-bangladeshs-chittagong-port/>

29 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ Bulk Carrier vs Bulk Carrier/ Chittagong Outer Port, Bangladesh/ DB011026

On 29 Sep, a bulk carrier collided with another bulk carrier due to bad weather at Chittagong Outer Port, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.marineinsight.com/3-ships-damaged-in-two-separate-collisions-at-bangladeshs-chittagong-port/>

29 Sep - Vessel Detained/ Other/ 1 Tugboat/ Off Kuala Kemena, Malaysia/ DB011026

On 29 Sep, a tugboat was detained due to unauthorised operations off Kuala Kemena, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CA9WZ2N5E/>

01 Oct - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Jeongjokdo, Taaen-Gun, ROK/ DB021026

On 1 Oct, a fishing vessel capsized due to water ingress off Jeongjokdo, Taaen-Gun, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were 11 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=151593>

30 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Anyer, Serang Regency, Banten, Indonesia/ DB021026

On 30 Sep, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Anyer, Serang Regency, Banten, Indonesia. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://banten.inews.id/read/719430/tiga-nelayan-terjebak-kapal-mati-mesin-di-perairan-anyer-tim-sar-dikerahkan>

30 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 3 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Hwanggol Port, Geunheung-Myeon, Taaen-Gun, ROK/ DB021026

On 30 Sep, a fishing vessel collided with a reef due to unknown causes off Hwanggol Port, Geunheung-Myeon, Taaen-Gun, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were three rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=151593>

29 Sep - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 12 Rescued/ Off Hung Yen, Vietnam/ DB021026

On 29 Sep, a fishing vessel caught fire and exploded due to unknown causes off Hung Yen, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/kip-thoi-cuu-nan-cuu-ho-tau-ca-bi-chay-trong-dem-post508176.html>

Out of Reporting Period:

24 Sep - Adrift/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 8 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kokilmoni, Bangladesh/ DB280926

On 24 Sep, a fishing vessel went adrift due to equipment failure off Kokilmoni, Bangladesh. SAR was conducted and there were eight rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/49sdbtbb>

23 Sep - Collision-Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel vs 1 Pleasure Craft/ 2 Dead/ SAR/ Off Monbetsu, Hokkaido, Japan/ DB280926

On 23 Sep, a fishing vessel collided with a pleasure craft due to unknown causes off Monbetsu, Hokkaido, Japan. SAR was conducted and there were two dead.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.yahoo.co.jp/articles/a7c4fc249d2f54fb055beb98e6ba97f3ea29b4e2>

25 Sep - Adrift/ Water Ingress/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 7 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Jakhau, Gujarat, India/ DB290926

On 25 Sep, a fishing vessel went adrift due to water ingress off Jakhau, Gujarat, India. SAR was conducted and there were seven rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://x.com/IndiaCoastGuard/status/2103843245780299882>

25 Sep - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Da Nang, Vietnam/ DB290926

On 25 Sep, a fishing vessel sank due to water ingress off Da Nang, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/kip-thoi-dua-2-thuyen-vien-tren-phuong-tien-bi-nan-vao-bo-an-toan-post508091.html>

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

Incidents:

26 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 17 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing With Illegal Gear/ Off St. Martin's Island, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB280926

On 26 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested 17 local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off St. Martin's Island, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/3hkdr4e7>

28 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Batu Maung Jetty, Penang, Malaysia/ DB290926

On 28 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas at Batu Maung Jetty, Penang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Ed8U3pcAA/>

28 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Foreign Fishing Vessels Detained/ 30 Vietnamese Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Tok Bali Estuary, Malaysia/ DB290926

On 28 Sep, local authorities detained two foreign fishing vessels and arrested 30 Vietnamese fishermen due to license of fishing vessel off Tok Bali Estuary, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/f9u82dea>

28 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 5 Myanmar Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Kemaman, Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB290926

On 28 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested five Myanmar fishermen due to license of fishermen off Kemaman, Terengganu, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

27 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Malaysian, 3 Myanmar Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Nipis, Perak, Malaysia/ DB290926

On 27 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested one Malaysian and three Myanmar fishermen due to license of fishermen off Pulau Nipis, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19Wkif7GVn/>

28 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing with Illegal Gear/ Off South Bar Lagoon, Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB300926

On 28 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested three local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off South Bar Lagoon, Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/5x9bnedd>

29 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 4 Myanmar Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen, Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear/ Off Tanjung Piandang, Perak, Malaysia/ DB011026

On 29 Sep, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested four Myanmar fishermen due to license of fishermen and seizure of illegal fishing gear off Tanjung Piandang, Perak, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sarawakdaily.com/mmea-seizes-126-dragon-traps-perak/>

27 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Filipino Fishing Vessel Detained/ 65 Filipino Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Mantanani Island, Sabah/ DB011026

On 27 Sep, local authorities detained a Filipino fishing vessel and arrested 65 Filipino fishermen due to license of fishermen off Mantanani Island, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.asiatimes.com.my/2026/09/30/mmea-detains-philippine-fishing-boat-65-crew-off-mantanani-island/>

01 Oct - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Local, 14 Myanmar, 3 Indonesian, and 1 Thai Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Tanjung Sauh, Sabak Bernam, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB021026

On 1 Oct, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested two local, 14 Myanmar, three Indonesian and one Thai fishermen due to license of fishermen off Tanjung Sauh, Sabak Bernam, Selangor, Malaysia

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19XaQjGU54/>

28 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 4 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing With Illegal Gear/ Off Sitio Cagban, Barangay Cambalo, Cajidiocan, Romblon, Philippines/ DB021026

On 27 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested four local fishermen due to fishing with illegal gear off Sitio Cagban, Barangay Cambalo, Cajidiocan, Romblon, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1HnpGGM14n/>

Out of Reporting Period:

25 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Vessels Detained/ 5 Local Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Concepcion, Iloilo, Philippines/ DB280926

On 25 Sep, local authorities detained two local fishing vessels and arrested five local fishermen due to license of fishermen off Concepcion, Iloilo, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1HtGQi558k/>

25 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 2 Thai and 3 Myanmar Fishermen Arrested/ License of Fishermen/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB290926

On 25 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested two Thai and three Myanmar fishermen due to license of fishermen off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/h37wbm3n>

24 Sep - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 1 Local and 4 Indonesian Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Off Pulau Tinggi, Malaysia/ DB290926

On 24 Sep, local authorities detained a local fishing vessel and arrested one local and four Indonesian fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas off Pulau Tinggi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.utusan.com.my/terkini/2026/09/bot-nelayan-tempatan-ditahan-menunda-di-kawasan-larangan-pulau-tinggi/#google_vignette

24 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ Seizure of Illegal Fishing Gear, Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Cartier Island, Australia/ DB300926

On 24 Sep, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel due to fishing non-permitted species and seized illegal fishing gear off Cartier Island, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/No-hiding-offshore-ABF-intercepts-two-foreign-fishing-vessels-in-northern-waters.aspx>

22 Sep - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Foreign Fishing Vessel Detained/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Off Scott Reef, Australia/ DB300926

On 22 Sep, local authorities detained a foreign fishing vessel due to fishing non-permitted species off Scott Reef, Australia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.abf.gov.au/newsroom-subsite/Pages/No-hiding-offshore-ABF-intercepts-two-foreign-fishing-vessels-in-northern-waters.aspx>



SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

27 Sep - Drugs/ Meth (45.5kg) and Heroin (35.7kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Kusumanthurei, Madagal, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB280926

On 27 Sep, local authorities seized 45.5kg of meth and 37.7kg of heroin from a small boat off Kusumanthurei, Madagal, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdm56d9n>

27 Sep - Tobacco and Fuel/ Cigarettes (38,041 Reams) and Diesel (900 Litres)/ 2 Small Boats/ From Unknown to Philippines/ Off Brgy, Inogbong, Bataraza, Palawan, Philippines/ DB280926

On 27 Sep, local authorities seized 38,041 reams of cigarettes and 900 litres of diesel from two small boats off Brgy, Inogbong, Bataraza, Palawan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19N4syKsGQ/>

27 Sep - Fuel/ Diesel (10,000 Litres)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Sabah/ Off Sandakan, Sabah/ DB290926

On 27 Sep, local authorities seized 10,000 litres of diesel from a small boat off Sandakan, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/288821/mmea-detains-tugboat-carrying-10-000-litres-of-diesel/>

27 Sep - Domestic Products/ Iron Scrap (2,000kg), Battery Scrap (20,000kg)/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ From Myanmar to Bangladesh/ Off Patenga Sea Beach, Bangladesh/ DB290926

On 27 Sep, local authorities seized 2,000kg of iron scraps and 20,000kg of battery scraps from a cargo vessel off Patenga Sea Beach, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/yecbx9fs>

26 Sep - Wildlife/ Birds (2,775)/ Domestic Smuggling/ Bakauheni Port, South Lampung, Indonesia/ DB290926

On 26 Sep, local authorities seized 2,775 birds at Bakauheni Port, South Lampung, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/695/penyelundupan-ribuan-burung-digagalkan-di-pelabuhan-bakauheni>

29 Sep - Domestic Products and Wildlife/ Dried Turmeric (138 kg), Cardamom Husks (80kg), and Conch Shells (370)/ Ashore/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Ilanthadiya, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka/ DB300926

On 29 Sep, local authorities seized 138kg of dried turmeric 80kg of cardamom husks and 370 conch shells ashore off Ilanthadiya, Kalpitiya, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/yk5mffkz>

27 Sep - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (746kg)/ Ashore/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Puttalam Lagoon, Sri Lanka/ DB300926

On 27 Sep, local authorities seized 746kg of kendu leaves ashore off Puttalam Lagoon, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/4w5utjx9>

27 Sep - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (152kg)/ Ashore/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Negombo Lagoon, Sri Lanka/ DB300926

On 27 Sep, local authorities seized 152kg of kendu leaves ashore off Negombo Lagoon, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/4w5utjx9>

30 Sep - Drugs/ Meth and Heroin (526kg)/ 1 Sailing Vessel/ From Unknown to India/ Off Lakshadweep, India/ DB011026

On 30 Sep, local authorities seized 526kg of meth and heroin from a sailing vessel off Lakshadweep, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.firstpost.com/world/india-captures-5-pakistanis-with-526-kg-drugs-in-arabian-sea-14049317.html/amp>

30 Sep - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (287kg)/ Ashore/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Barudelpola Beach, Sri Lanka/ DB011026

On 30 Sep, local authorities seized 287kg of kendu leaves at Barudelpola Beach, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.coastguard.gov.lk/news/2026/09/30/202609302140/>

30 Sep - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (1,425kg)/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Kayakkuli, Silavathurai, Sri Lanka/ DB011026

On 30 Sep, local authorities seized 1,425kg of kendu leaves off Kayakkuli, Silavathurai, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/navy-seizes-more-than-2,360kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves.html>

29 Sep - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (10 Master Cases)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Philippines/ Off Sitio Tehem, Brgy Townsite, Maluso, Basilan, Philippines/ DB011026

On 29 Sep, local authorities seized 10 master cases from a small boat off Sitio Tehem, Brgy Townsite, Maluso, Basilan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19ZBZp3wSK/>

29 Sep - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (942kg)/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Palliyawatta, Pitipana Lagoon, Negombo, Sri Lanka/ DB011026

On 29 Sep, local authorities seized 942kg of kendu leaves off Palliyawatta, Pitipana Lagoon, Negombo, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/september/navy-seizes-more-than-2,360kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves.html>

30 Sep - Natural Resources/ Kendu Leaves (1,270kg)/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Baththalangunduwa, Sri Lanka/ DB021026

On 30 Sep, local authorities seized 1,270kg of kendu leaves off Baththalangunduwa, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operations-news/2026/october/navy-seizes-over-1,270kg-of-smuggled-kendu-leaves-in-kalaaru-seas.html>

Out of Reporting Period:

25 Sep - Drugs/ Yaba (15,000 Pieces)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Bangladesh/ Off Baraitoli, Teknaf, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB280926

On 25 Sep, local authorities seized 15,000 pieces of yaba from a small boat off Baraitoli, Teknaf, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/mp69zma7>

25 Sep - Fuel/ Diesel Oil (40,500 Litres)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Unknown to Vietnam/ Off Ganh Hao Estuary, Ca Mau Province, Vietnam/ DB280926

On 25 Sep, local authorities seized 40,500 litres of diesel oil from an unknown vessel off Ganh Hao Estuary, Ca Mau Province, Vietnam.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.bienphong.com.vn/phat-hien-hon-40000-lit-dau-khong-ro-nguon-goc-tren-tau-ca-post508115.html>

24 Sep - Drugs/ Cannabis (192kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Gurunagar, Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB280926

On 24 Sep, local authorities seized 192kg of cannabis from a small boat off Gurunagar, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/3rfdt223>

24 Sep - Natural Resources/ Gold (9.435kg)/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ From Indonesia to Singapore/ Batam Harbour Bay, Indonesia/ DB300926

On 24 Sep, local authorities seized 9.435kg from a passenger vessel at Batam Harbour Bay, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/696/bea-cukai-batam-gagalkan-penyelundupan-11-3-kg-bubuk-emas-menuju-singapura>

22 Sep - Natural Resources/ Gold (1.875kg)/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ From Indonesia to Singapore/ Batam Centre International Ferry Port, Indonesia/ DB300926

On 22 Sep, local authorities seized 1.875kg of gold from a passenger vessel at Batam Centre International Ferry Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/696/bea-cukai-batam-gagalkan-penyelundupan-11-3-kg-bubuk-emas-menuju-singapura>

25 Sep - Drugs/ Meth/ 1 Speed Boat/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Pulau Konet, Malacca, Malaysia/ DB021026

On 25 Sep, local authorities seized meth from a speed boat off Pulau Konet, Malacca, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18UpKtq7T5/>



SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

28 Sep - Illegal Documentation/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 5 Myanmar Nationals/ Off Kemaman, Terengganu, Malaysia/ DB290926

On 28 Sep, local authorities arrested five Myanmar nations from a fishing vessel off Kemaman, Terengganu, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

29 Sep - Illegal Documentation/ 2 Fishing Vessels/ 4 Myanmar Nationals/ Off Tanjung Piandang, Malaysia/ DB011026

On 29 Sep, local authorities arrested 4 Myanmar nationals from two fishing vessels off Tanjung Piandang, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sarawakdaily.com/mmea-seizes-126-dragon-traps-perak/>

01 Oct - Illegal Documentation/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 14 Myanmar, 3 Indonesian, and 1 Thai/ Off Tanjung Sauh, Sabak Bernam, Selangor, Malaysia/ DB021026

On 1 Oct, local authorities arrested 14 Myanmar, three Indonesian and one Thai migrant from a fishing vessel off Tanjung Sauh, Sabak Bernam, Selangor, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19XaQjGU54/>

Out of Reporting Period:

25 Sep - Illegal Documentation/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 2 Thai and 3 Myanmar Nationals/ Off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia/ DB290926

On 25 Sep, local authorities arrested two Thai and three Myanmar nationals from a fishing vessel off Pulau Kendi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/h37wbm3n>

22 Sep - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Small Boat/ 8 Bangladeshi, 8 Rohingya Arrested/ Off Teknaff, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh/ DB011026

On 22 Sep, local authorities arrested eight Bangladeshi and eight Rohingya from a small boat off Teknaff, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

IFC Comments:

The Myanmar ILO highlighted that The Republic of the Union of Myanmar reaffirmed the term "Bengali", and the term "Rohingya Migrants" refers to "Illegal Migrants". And Myanmar authorities had announced that these were illegal migrants who are called Bengalis, not Burmese migrants.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.aneews.com.tr/world/2026/09/23/2-rohingya-dead-1-missing-after-boat-capsizes-off-bangladesh>

07 Sep - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Small Boat/ 6 Indonesian Migrants Arrested/ Teluk Senangin Beach, Malaysia/ DB011026

On 7 Sep, local authorities arrested six Indonesian migrants from a small boat at Teluk Senangin Beach, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2026/09/28/lima-warga-indonesia-dituduh-seludup-38-pati/>

01 Sep - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ 32 Indonesian Migrants Arrested/ Teluk Senangin, Malaysia/ DB011026

On 1 Sep, local authorities arrested 32 Indonesian migrants from an unknown vessel at Teluk Senangin Beach, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2026/09/28/lima-warga-indonesia-dituduh-seludup-38-pati/>

25 Sep - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Speed Boat/ 3 Indonesian Migrants/ From Indonesia to Malaysia/ Off Pulau Konet, Malacca, Malaysia/ DB021026

On 25 Sep, local authorities arrested three Indonesian migrants from a speed boat off Pulau Konet, Malacca, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18UpKtq7T5/>

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

27 Sep - Maritime Pollution/ Oil Spill (Palm Oil)/ 1 Chemical Tanker/ No Impact/ Off Paradip, Odisha, India/ DB300926

On 27 Sep, there was an oil spill from a chemical tanker observed off Paradip, Odisha, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://x.com/ANI/status/2104494403318620460>

26 Sep - Maritime Pollution/ Oil Slick/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ No Impact/ Eastern Outer Port Limit (EOPL), South China Sea/ DB021026

On 26 Sep, a 19km long pollution (oil spill or oily water discharge) was observable on SENTINEL-2 satellite imagery at position 2.55, 104.664 (EOPL, South China Sea).

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

FR ILO

26 Sep - Maritime Pollution/ Oil Slick/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ No Impact/ Eastern Outer Port Limit (EOPL), South China Sea/ DB021026

On 26 Sep, three stretches of long pollution measuring up to six km (oil spill or oily water discharge) were observable on SENTINEL-2 satellite imagery at position 2.25, 104.47 (EOPL, South China Sea).

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

FR ILO

26 Sep - Maritime Pollution/ Oil Slick/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ No Impact/ Eastern Outer Port Limit (EOPL), South China Sea/ DB021026

On 26 Sep, a nine km long pollution (oil spill or oily water discharge) was observable on SENTINEL-2 satellite imagery at position 2.175, 104.623 (EOPL, South China Sea).

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

FR ILO

Out of Reporting Period:

24 Sep - Maritime Pollution/ Liquid (Oil)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ No Impact/ Dikovita International South Harbour, Sri Lanka/ DB280926

On 24 Sep, there was an oil spill observed at Dikovita International South Harbour, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.coastguard.gov.lk/news/2026/09/26/202609261400/>



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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Tel: +65 9626 8965 (Hotline)

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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.



SAFE AND SECURE SEAS FOR ALL

Note: Information herein were derived and compiled through the collaborative efforts of our International Liaison Officers (ILOs), utilising a combination of open-source news/reports and voluntary data-sharing from various internal and external sources such as Focal Points, OPCENs, and other maritime stakeholders.

Given that IFC's information-sharing mechanism relies heavily on availability of reports online and voluntary contributions, certain data gaps or "blind spots" may exist in terms of trending and analysis. Areas that have no or limited reported incidents should thus not be assumed to be "incident free"; likewise, in comparison, areas with high reported incident numbers should not be assumed to be "danger areas". We applaud all partners who have stepped up enforcement efforts and openly reported the incidents for shared awareness. Seafarers should remain vigilant at all times, 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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