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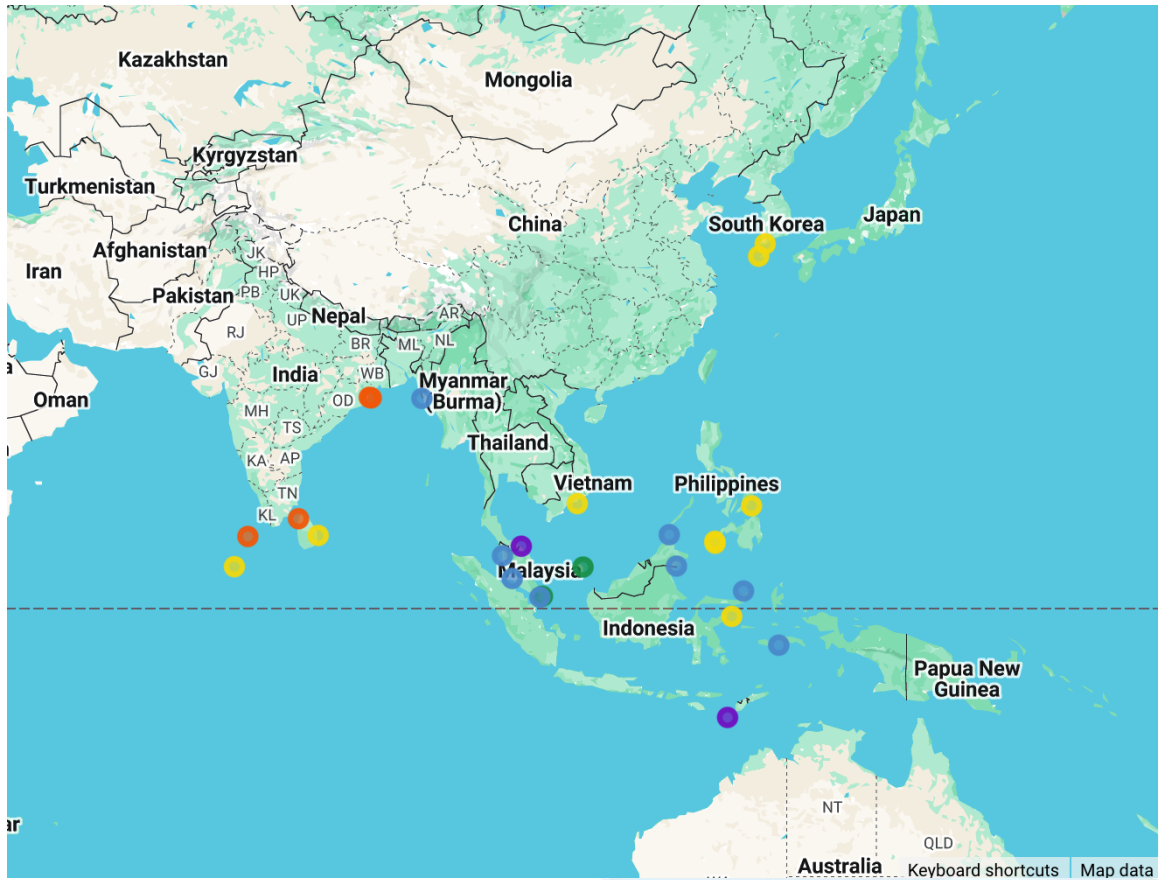
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period of 31 Jan – 6 Feb 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	12	4-6
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF)	0	4	7
Contraband Smuggling (CS)	0	14	8-10
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	0	3	11
Environmental Security (ENVSEC)	0	2	12
Cyber Security (CYBSEC)	0	0	13
Others	0	0	14

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:

01 Feb - Water Ingress/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 19 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Changwido, Hangeong-Myeon, Jeju-Si, ROK/ DB030226

On 1 Feb, a fishing vessel had water ingress due to unknown causes off Changwido, Hangeong-Myeon, Jeju-Si, ROK. SAR was conducted and 19 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<http://www.haesanews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=145433>

02 Feb - Equipment Failure/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ 225 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pangasahan Island, Basilan, Philippines/ DB030226

On 2 Feb, a passenger vessel had equipment failure due to unknown causes off Pangasahan Island, Basilan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and 225 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tinyurl.com/4dwz49yr>

01 Feb - Adrift / Fire-Explosion / 1 Passenger Vessel/ 125 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Surigao Strait, Philippines/ DB030226

On 1 Feb, a passenger vessel went adrift due to a fire explosion off Surigao Strait, Philippines. SAR was conducted and 125 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1DJGwtQgJH/>

01 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Dead, 4 Rescued/ SAR/ Off La Gi River, Vietnam/ DB040226

On 1 Feb, a fishing vessel sank due to bad weather off La Gi River, Vietnam. SAR was conducted and there was one dead and four rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://shipwrecklog.com/log/2026/02/bth-85234-ts/>

04 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ 1 Fish Factory Ship/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Sinjido Pier, Wando-Gun, ROK/ DB050226

On 4 Feb, a fish factory ship sank due to water ingress at Sinjido Pier, Wando-Gun, ROK. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.namdonews.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=900392>

02 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ 1 Small Boat/ Oluvil Lighthouse, Sri Lanka/ DB050226

On 2 Feb, a small boat sank due to water ingress at Oluvil Lighthouse, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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05 Feb - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ 1 Small Boat/ 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Kaafu Gulhifalhu, Maldives/ DB060226

On 5 Feb, a small boat capsized due to unknown causes off Kaafu Gulhifalhu, Maldives. SAR was conducted and there were 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mndf.gov.mv/mndf/en/news-article-dhiv.php?article=5965>

04 Feb - Water Ingress/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 2 Rescued/ SAR/ Basilan, Philippines/ DB060226

On 4 Feb, a small boat experienced water ingress due to bad weather at Basilan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and there were two rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardph/posts/pfbid0s1tueDE9ZVeXqq3oKXpHfKmybmVd6wxYDMhFgXmPmqy55363LUkEUew87KQpi8t6l?rdid=bX02MKrtPCqENVx7#>

04 Feb - Collision-Grounding/ Bad Weather/ 1 Tanker/ Off Pulau Dua, TAMBRAUW Regency, Indonesia/ DB060226

On 4 Feb, a tanker went aground due to bad weather off Pulau Dua, TAMBRAUW Regency, Indonesia.

Out of Reporting Period:

29 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Water Ingress/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 11 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Pirates Island, Bataraza, Palawan, Philippines/ DB020226

On 29 Jan, a fishing vessel capsized due to water ingress off Pirates Island, Bataraza, Palawan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and 11 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/malaysia-seizes-tankers-with-160-million-worth-of-crude>

27 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Equipment Failure/ 1 Small Boat/ 16 Rescued/ SAR/ Isabela, Basilan, Philippines/ DB020226

On 27 Jan, a small boat capsized due to equipment failure at Isabela Basilan, Philippines. SAR was conducted and 16 were rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

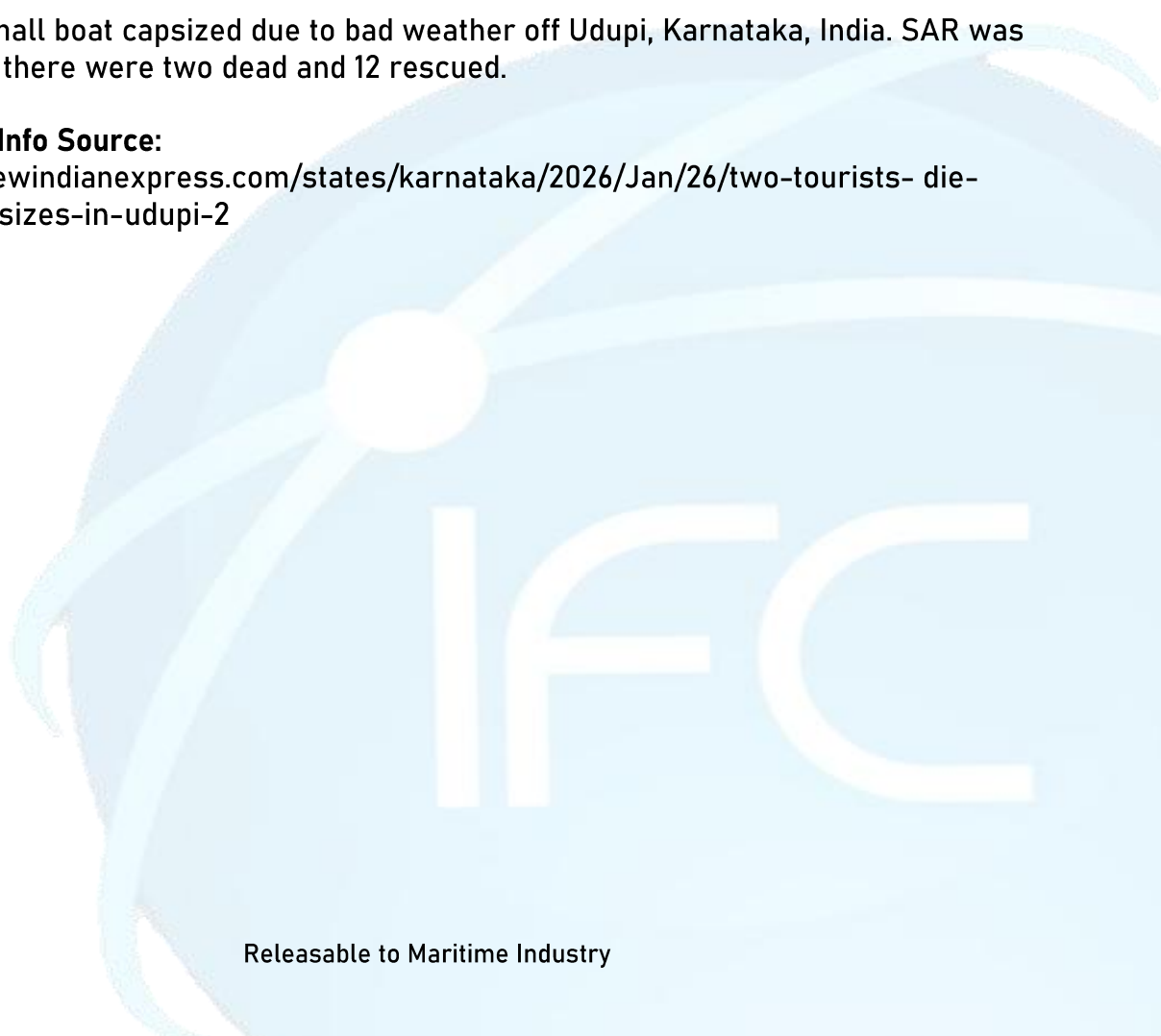
<https://www.gmanetwork.com/regionaltv/news/112638/16-rescued-from-capsized-pump-boat-off-basilan/story/>

26 Jan - Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ 1 Small Boat/ 2 Dead, 12 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Udupi, Karnataka, India/ DB050226

On 26 Jan, a small boat capsized due to bad weather off Udupi, Karnataka, India. SAR was conducted and there were two dead and 12 rescued.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/karnataka/2026/Jan/26/two-tourists-die-after-boat-capsizes-in-udupi-2>



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

Incidents:

01 Feb - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Local Fishing Trawlers Detained/ 20 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing in Prohibited Areas/ Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary, India/ DB020226

On 1 Feb, local authorities detained two local fishing trawlers and arrested 20 local fishermen due to fishing in prohibited areas. Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/law-order/3789709-union-budget-reflects-years-of-decisive-governance-focused-on-reforms-resilience-pawan-kalyan>

02 Feb - Poaching/ Illegal Fishing/ 2 Sri Lankan Fishing Vessels Detained/ License of Fishing Vessel/ Off Kela, Maldives/ DB030226

On 2 Feb, local authorities detained two Sri Lankan fishing vessels due to license of fishing vessel off Kela, Maldives.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://mndf.gov.mv/mndf/en/news-article-dhiv.php?article=5957>

31 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Small Boat Detained/ 3 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing Non-Permitted Species/ Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB030226

On 31 Jan, local authorities detained a small boat and arrested three local fishermen due to fishing non-permitted species off Mannar, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/02/02/202602021300/>

31 Jan - Local/ Illegal Fishing/ 1 Local Fishing Vessel Detained/ 9 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Fishing In Prohibited Area/ Off Gahirmatha, Odisha, India/ DB040226

On 31 Jan, local authorities detained one local fishing vessel and arrested nine local fishermen due to fishing in prohibited area off Gahirmatha, Odisha, India.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.uniindia.com/~/_/nine-fishermen-arrested-for-illegal-fishing-inside-odisha-s-gahirmatha-sanctuary/States/news/3725265.html

SECTION E: CONTRABAND SMUGGLING (CS)

Incidents:

1 Feb - Fuel/ Crude Oil/ 2 Tankers/ From Unknown to Unknown/ Off Penang, Malaysia/ DB020226

On 1 Feb, local authorities seized crude oil from two tankers off Penang, Malaysia

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/malaysia-seizes-tankers-with-160-million-worth-of-crude>

31 Jan - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (1,180 Litres)/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ Gudang Arang Port, Indonesia/ DB030226

On 31 Jan, local authorities seized 1,180 litres of alcohol from a passenger vessel at Gudang Arang Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://tribrataneews.maluku.polri.go.id/informasi/berita/baca/ti>

02 Feb - Domestic Product and Chemical Substance/ Liquor (3 Cartons) and Cyanide (650kg)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Indonesia/ Off Manado, Indonesia/ DB040226

On 2 Feb, local authorities seized three cartons of liquor and 650kg of cyanide from a small boat off Manado, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.jurnalline.com/2026/02/tni-al-gagalkan-penyelundupan-sianida-dan-mirassenilai-rp-654-juta-di-perairan-manado/>

02 Feb - Fuel/ Petrol (2,000 Litres)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Sabah/ Damaran, Pulau Banggi, Sabah/ DB040226

On 2 Feb, local authorities seized 2,000 litres of petrol from a small boat at Damaran, Pulau Banggi, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://sabahmedia.com/2026/02/03/bot-pam-disyaki-seludup-petrol-dirampas-di-perairan-damaran/>

04 Feb - Fuel/ Petrol (1,200 Litres)/ 1 Cargo Vessel/ From Unknown to Sabah/ Off Tawau, Sabah/ DB050226

On 4 Feb, local authorities seized 1,200 litres of petrol from a cargo vessel off Tawau, Sabah.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1QfdVho4ZW/>

04 Feb - Wildlife/ Lobster Seeds (21 Boxes)/ 1 Small Boat/ From Unknown to Indonesia/ Teluk Bakau, Off Batam, Indonesia/ DB060226

On 4 Feb, local authorities seized 21 boxes of lobster seeds from a small boat at Teluk Bakau, off Batam, Indonesia

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://koran-jakarta.com/2026-02-05/aparat-gabungan-gagalkan-penyelundupan-104000-benih-bening-lobster>

04 Feb - Domestic Products/ Duck Meat (16,161 kg), Pork (24,958 kg) and Coffee Beans (3,500kg)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Unknown to Malaysia/ Klang Port, Malaysia/ DB060226

On 4 Feb, local authorities seized 16,161kg of duck meat, 24,958kg of pork and 3,500kg of coffee beans from an unknown vessel at Klang Port, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.kosmo.com.my/2026/02/04/akps-rampas-44-tan-dagangan-hampir-rm1-juta/>

04 Feb - Domestic Products/ Cement (700 bags)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ From Bangladesh to Myanmar/ St Martin's Island, Bangladesh/ DB060226

On 4 Feb, local authorities seized 700 bags of cement from a fishing vessel at St Martin's Island, Bangladesh

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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

Out of Reporting Period:

21 Jan - Wildlife/ Birds (7,355)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ Padang Bai Port, Indonesia/ DB020226

On 21 Jan, local authorities seized 7,355 birds from an unknown vessel at Padang Bai Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://denpasar.kompas.com/read/2026/01/21/193924178/>

19 Jan - Wildlife/ Birds (5,160)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ Semyang Port, Indonesia/ DB020226

On 19 Jan, local authorities seized 5,160 birds from an unknown vessel at Semyang Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malukuterkini.com/2026/01/26/barantin-musnahkan-ribuan-burung-selundupan/>

30 Jan - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (700 Litres)/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ Slamet Riyadi Port, Indonesia/ DB030226

On 30 Jan, local authorities seized 700 litres of alcohol from a passenger vessel at Slamet Riyadi Port, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.malukuterkini.com/2026/01/31/tim-operasi-peat-polda-maluku-sita-700-liter-sopi/>

30 Jan - Fuel/ Diesel (3,000 Litres)/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ Off Satun, Thailand/ DB030226

On 30 Jan, local authorities seized 3,000 litres of diesel from a fishing vessel off Satun, Thailand.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/THAIMECC3/posts/pfbid07Zyo4uuzzwsJA7ketvP8dT47JwNqMsPwQ6rcC7wgJJUYbMnimjUohH81gGZ7f3tpl?rdid=N5zcKvgUthMWY6p0>

28 Jan - Natural Resources/ Charcoal (74,000kg)/ 1 Passenger Vessel/ Tanjung Priok Port, North Jakarta, Indonesia/ DB030226

On 28 Jan, local authorities seized 74,000kg of charcoal from a passenger vessel at Tanjung Priok Port, North Jakarta, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16GLGeUzkd/>

28 Jan - Wildlife/ Turtle Eggs (117)/ 1 Unknown Vessel/ From Unknown to Sri Lanka/ Off Kalladichenei, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka/ DB040226

On 28 Jan, local authorities seized 117 turtle eggs from an unknown vessel off Kalladichenei, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/operation-news/2026/01/31/202601311000/>

SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

Incidents:

02 Feb - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Small Boat/ 5 Myanmar Migrants Arrested/ From Myanmar to Malaysia/ Kota Bahru, Malaysia/ DB040226

On 2 Feb, local authorities arrested five Myanmar migrants at Kota Bahru, Malaysia

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.bernama.com/en/crime_courts/news.php?id=2519487

02 Feb - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 1 Indonesian Migrant Arrested/ From Indonesia to Australia/ Sanama Beach, Rote District, Indonesia/ DB050226

On 2 Feb, local authorities arrested one Indonesian migrant at Sanama Beach, Rote District, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

<https://imic.bakamla.go.id/berita/details/621/hendak-ke-australia-wna-uganda-diamankan-di-pantai-sanama-rote-ndao>

Out of Reporting Period:

15 Jan - Irregular Human Migration/ 1 Fishing Vessel/ 43 Indonesian Migrants/ Sabak Bernam, Malaysia/ DB020226

On 15 Jan, local authorities arrested 43 Indonesian migrants at Sabak Bernam, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2026/01/20/migrant-smuggling-syndicate-busted-inselangor?fbclid=IwY2xjawPs7iFleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBicmlkETFTZWdHeWplWko0dGtlamNRc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHn79MyeXKKpS_LJJx7vsBw7NCROm6UdbhRIdb0J_YC5DoMb-jragUTSvV5FL_aem_M8DH5tyGyV7E2YL2ne7kHg

SECTION G: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY (ENVSEC)

Incidents:

03 Feb - Maritime Pollution/ Liquid (Oil Spill)/ 1 Tanker/ Natuna Sea, Indonesia/ DB050226

On 3 Feb, there was an oil spill from a tanker vessel at Natuna Sea, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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31 Jan - Maritime Pollution/ Liquid (Oil Spill)/ 1 Tanker/ Bintan, Indonesia/ DB050226

On 31 Jan, there was an oil spill from a tanker at Bintan, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

AU ILO



SECTION H: CYBER SECURITY (CYBSEC)

Incidents:

Out of Reporting Period:

29 Jan - Maritime Platform/ Spoofing/ 1 Tanker/ Off Penang, Malaysia/ DB020226

On 29 Jan, a tanker was spoofing off Penang, Malaysia

News Link(s)/ Info Source:

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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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