

<b>Incident Report :</b>	01/140307
<b>Date/Time of Incident :</b>	14 March 2007 at 1630 hrs
<b>Location of incident :</b>	01 ° 07.29'N 105°03.66'E
<b>Area Description :</b>	About 30nm east of Pulau Bintan
<b>Name/Type of Ship:</b>	<i>Ai Maru</i> /Tanker
<b>Details of Incident :</b>  <p>The tanker while sailing was approached by two speedboats with ten men. The men in camouflage attire and black caps, one of them with a ski mask, carried shot guns, rifles and daggers. They boarded the tanker and tied up all crew members and blindfolded them. The master of the ship was punched several times but sustained no serious injuries. The men also damaged the ship's radio communications equipment and took the ship's documents, crew passports, seaman books, cash and handphones, before fled in their speedboats.</p> <p>The crew subsequently freed themselves. All crew were accounted for and unhurt. The ship cargo was also intact. The master of the ship reported that there was not a single shot fired by the men during the incident.</p>	
<b>Reported by :</b>	ISC Focal Point (Singapore)
<b>Comments by ISC :</b>	<p>Shipowners and Masters are advised to exercise vigilance while transiting the above location.</p> <p>A more detailed report will be available in ISC's Report (March 2007).</p>