# Incident Alert

**Incident Report:**          03/2013

**Name and Type of Ship:**      *Armada Ali* / Tanker

**Date/Time of Incident:**      23 Sep 13 at 0230 hrs (local time)

**Location of incident:**      1° 07' N, 103° 37' E

**Area Description:**      Nipah anchorage, Indonesia

## Details of Incident

On 23 Sep 13 at or about 0230 hrs, a Marshall Islands-registered tanker, *Armada Ali* was conducting STS operations with another vessel at Nipah anchorage, Indonesia when three robbers armed with knives and metal rods boarded the tanker. The crew forward of midship confronted the robbers, who threw some bolts at the crew. A knife was also allegedly thrown by the robbers at one of the crew. The robbers escaped empty-handed. The robbers were described as sturdy, middle-aged men and violent in nature. They were clad in blue overalls but were barefooted. Footprints were later seen in the vicinity of three port cargo tank, indicating the robbers could have boarded from port shipside forward of manifold. The Singapore Police Coast Guard and Republic of Singapore Navy were informed; and a NAVTEX broadcast was initiated to warn the vessels in the vicinity.
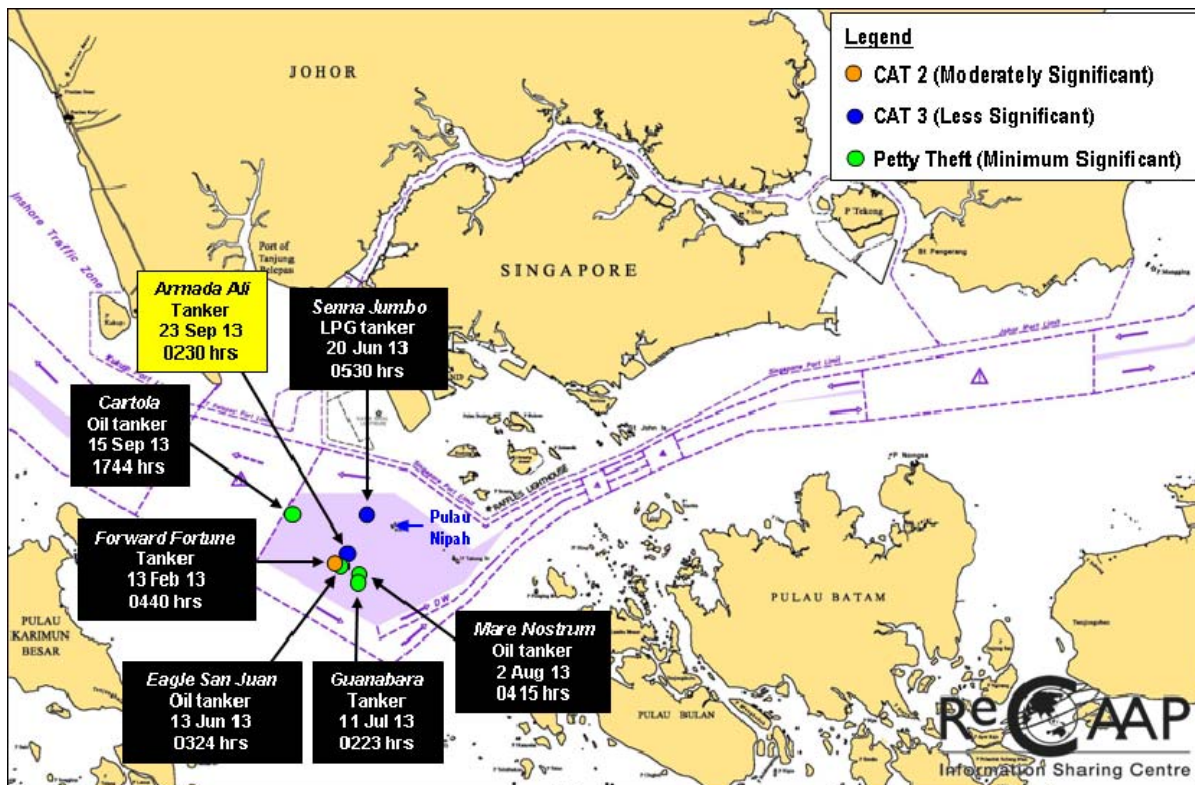
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## Comments by ReCAAP ISC

A total of seven incidents were reported in the vicinity of Pulau Nipah during January-September 2013. Of significance to note is all seven incidents involved tankers at anchor. However, there is no substantial evidence that the robbers operating in the area target tankers. Therefore, the ReCAAP ISC urges all ship masters and crew operating in the vicinity to exercise vigilance and report all incidents to the coastal State and flag State immediately. See map on the next page for the approximate location of the incidents.

*Tuesday, 24 September 2013*

**Approximate location of the incidents**