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# ReCAAP ISC Weekly Report 10-16 December 2019

## Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

#### **OVERVIEW**

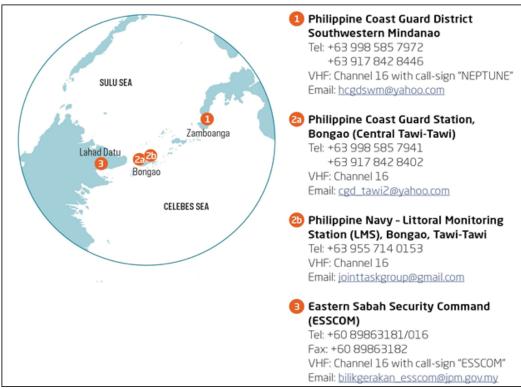
During 10-16 Dec 19, the ReCAAP ISC did not receive incident report of piracy or armed robbery against ship in Asia.

#### **Incident Outside Asia**

The ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) reported to the ReCAAP ISC an attempted incident that occurred to a Singapore-registered LPG tanker on 13 Dec 19 at the Port of Algiers, Algeria. Three perpetrators attempted to board the ship while at berth but aborted the attempt when the crew raised the alarm.

# SITUATION OF ABDUCTION OF CREW IN THE SULU-CELEBES SEAS AND WATERS OFF EASTERN SABAH

As the risk of the abduction of crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and waters off Eastern Sabah is high, ReCAAP ISC reiterates its advisory issued via ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert dated 21 Nov 16 to all ships to reroute from the area, where possible. Otherwise, ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the area, and report immediately to the Operation Centres of Philippines and Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) of Malaysia. The contact details of the Operation Centres of the Philippines and ESSCOM of Malaysia (updated by ReCAAP ISC on 3 Jan 19) are as follows (see following page):



**Contact details** 

In the event that the ship master is not able to establish contact with the Operation Centres of the Philippines as listed in the ReCAAP ISC Advisory, he can contact the **Philippine Coast Guard Command Centre** at the following contact details:

Tel: +63-2-5273877 (direct)

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The ReCAAP ISC advises the shipping industry and ships to enhance their situation awareness by referring to the *Guidance on Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah* produced by ReCAAP ISC in July 2019. The Guidance is available at <a href="https://www.recaap.org">www.recaap.org</a>.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The ReCAAP ISC urges ship master and crew to report all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships to the nearest coastal State and flag State, exercise vigilance and adopt relevant preventive measures taking reference from the *Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia*.

### Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships 10-16 December 2019

	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Local Time of Incident (LT)	Position of the Incident	Details of the Incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and crew		or International	Coastal State Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Nijinsky LPG tanker Singapore 16804 9364966	13/12/19 0530 hrs	36° 45' N, 3° 4' E Alongside berth number 37/2, Port of Algiers, Algeria	While at berth, the duty officer spotted three perpetrators attempting to board the ship by using the forward mooring lines while the ship was discharging cargo. The alarm was raised and the perpetrators escaped. The crew conducted a stowaway search and confirmed that there was no sign of unauthorised persons on board. The incident was reported to the Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO), who boarded the ship to monitor the situation.	No injury to the crew was reported.  Nothing was stolen.	The alarm was raised and the crew conducted search for any unauthorised person on board the ship.	Yes Port authorities	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	The PFSO boarded the ship to monitor the situation.