

MV Fjell,

Batam anchorage, 2.5Miles WNW of Batuampar.

00:00-04:00 OOW 2/O P.Bolhuis, and A/B O.Escalo as watchman on deck 4.

Statement of facts by 2/O

- 03:10 the watch keeping A/B came in totally panic on the bridge, telling the 2/O that there were armed robbers on board and that his Portable radio was taken by them.
- 03:11 2/O called the captain, which was at the bridge within a Minute.
- 03:12 2/O went to the starboard bridge wing to look over the side. Boat was alongside near first mooring recess, but it was not possible to see how many people were inside the boat because off the shadow of accommodation and casing.
- 03:13 2/O switched on SB searchlight, and boat started engine and sailed away in westerly direction.
- 03:16-03:25 C/E, C/O and Bosun mustered on the bridge. And the watch keeping A/B told his part of the story about what was happened.
- 03:31 Master gave the order for full-ship search, and PA announcement was given.
- 03:35 All crew mustered on the bridge.
- 03:38 Start Full-ship search.

Statement of facts by the watch keeping A/B:

- They were with at least 4 maybe 5 persons, it is unknown if more people stays in the boat.
- 3 persons climb up via the Portside casing.
- One of the persons had a shotgun, (40-50cm long), and he pointed his gun to the watch keeping A/B and told to not report by radio to the bridge.
- Meanwhile 2 persons of them jumped via the casing onto the grating at the starboard side of the funnel, (deck 5 level). One of them had a revolver with him.
- The person with the revolver takes the watch keeping A/B as hostage near the box of the high pressure cleaner at the starboard side on deck 4. The person with the shotgun came a few minutes later to deck 4.
- The watch keeping A/B saw that the person without the revolver was taking a look in the safety station and was talking something to the person with the revolver.
- Meanwhile 1 other persons appears near the aft accommodation door on deck 4.
- 3 persons went into the accommodation via the door on the aft side of the accommodation. This was in sight of the watch keeping A/B which was still hostage by the person with the revolver.
- 3 persons came after a short time inside the accommodation via the same door out of the accommodation with 3 carton boxes and a plastic braided bag of which the content is unknown. They went to the portside where the pirate hatch with a padlock is. The person with the revolver went also to the portside by walking backward, still pointing his revolver to the watch keeping A/B.

- They cut/broke the padlock of the pirate hatch of the outer stairway, opened the hatch just far enough to come through and all 4 persons went down to main deck.
- As soon when the watch keeping A/B had the possibility he closed the pirate hatch again and went to the bridge to report.
- Portable radio was taken by one of the persons, and the watch keeping A/B did not know if they went into the ISPS container on Main deck.
- Additional information:
 - The whole time window of climbing on-board and leaving with the boat is unknown because of the very intense situation for the watch keeping A/B.
 - The person with the shotgun was an older guy, the other 3 were quite young. However, the approximately age is hard to guess in night time.
 - The watch keeping A/B thinks he recognised the person with the revolver from the Pax-Ocean yard, where the ship was a few days before.
 - All the persons looked nervous and were shouting to each other.
 - The carton boxes and the old plastic braided bag which were taken, seems not very heavy and were easy to carry.

*After the investigation we find out that Caterpillar spare parts / special tools were stolen out of the engine room store. The engine room store is located at the main-deck level.

OOW:

Second officer, P. Bolhuis



Watch keeping A/B:

O. Escalo



Master:

D. Pampiermole

