

Title : Pirates siphon off fuel from tanker off Indonesia
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Pirates siphon off fuel from tanker off Indonesia

A product tanker was robbed of its fuel cargo off Indonesian waters while en route to Labuan from Port Dickson.

The International Maritime Bureau's (IMB's) piracy reporting centre stated that 15-25 pirates boarded the 6,509 dwt tanker Dongfang Glory from an approaching speedboat around 21.03 hours local time, 62 n miles north of Pulau Ulu, Indonesia.

The Malaysian-based Grolite Shipping-owned tanker was carrying 4,000 tonnes of petrol and 1,000 tonnes of diesel at the time.

The pirates damaged all communication and navigation equipment and stole the crew's personal belongings. They also took hostage of all 17 crewmembers but none of them was hurt.

The pirates transferred Dongfang Glory's cargo into another vessel, which later escaped.

The IMB notified the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency, which diverted a Royal Malaysian Navy ship that happened to be on its way for East Malaysia, to escort the vessel to Tanjung Po, Sarawak.

IHS Maritime's AISLive data show Dongfang Glory has been at Labuan Oil Terminal Tanker Anchorage since 5 April.

Another of Grolite Shipping's tankers, Oriental Glory, was also pirated on 16 July 2014. Pirates stole 2,500 tonnes of diesel from the vessel and damaged its communication equipment.

The company did not respond to IHS Maritime's requests for comment.

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Product Tanker Hijacked off Indonesia

A product tanker was hijacked by a group of armed pirates while underway off Indonesia.

Around 15-25 pirates armed with pistols boarded the tanker some 62nm North of PulauUwi, Indonesia, International Maritime Bureau's (IMB) piracy reporting center informed.

Once on board, the pirates took the crew hostage and robbed their belongings. The group fled the scene shortly after they syphoned the ship's cargo to another vessel.

The tanker in question is reported to be the 6,509 dwt tanker Dongfang Glory, owned by Malaysian-based Grolite Shipping. The tanker had 4,000 tonnes of petrol and 1,000 tonnes of diesel on board and was heading to Lebuhan when it was hijacked.

As informed, all of the ship's communication and navigational equipment was damaged before the group abandoned the tanker.

The IMB said that all of the 17 crew members were safe and that the tanker resumed its voyage to a safe port.

The ship was escorted by a Royal Malaysian Navy ship to Tanjung Po, Sarawak.

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Piracy threat in Southeast Asia to rise

Fuel oil cargoes carried by smaller tankers are an attractive target for would be pirates, a security firm has said.

This is the main factor driving up incidents of piracy in southeast Asian waters, according to **Protection Group International (PGI)**.

The company said pirates will continue to target small, low freeboard tankers in the region, especially in the Malacca Strait and the eastern and western approaches to the Singapore Strait.

"The involvement of organised crime and the high demand for illicit fuel in Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand will continue to motivate hijackings and cargo thefts. If sustained, the rate of hijackings witnessed in the first quarter will see serious incidents increase during the year to the highest levels ever recorded in the region."

It added: "Failure to address both the criminal drivers of tanker piracy and response capability – both on and offshore – will mean this trend is likely to continue in 2015."

In March, a [piracy alert](#) was issued for the **Singapore**-Malacca Strait area due to a string of hijacking cases being reported.

Meanwhile, on Thursday reports surfaced that an [undetermined amount of diesel and petroleum was siphoned](#) from a Malaysian-registered oil tanker that was hijacked off the coast of Indonesia.

There are several "indicators" that suggest the attacks which have occurred so far this year were carried out "using insider information regarding vessels routes, ports of call and cargo", PGI said.

"This highlights the importance of protecting company information, ensuring due diligence of outsourced crew and personnel and protecting information systems against breaches by criminal organisations."