



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

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PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

1 Lately, there were a number of incidents involving armed robbers/criminals attacking ships and taking one or more of the ship's personnel as hostages in the northern part of the Malacca Strait.

2 In the latest incident on 14 Mar 05, a group of armed robbers/criminals boarded a tug towing a barge in the same area and took away three crewmembers as hostages.

3 Mariners navigating in the Malacca and Singapore Straits are advised to exercise extra vigilance and to have in place measures on preventing and suppressing acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships. For guidance, please refer to IMO MSC Circular 623/Rev.3, which was attached to Port Marine Circular No. 31 of 2003.

4 In the event of an attack or suspicious movements are identified which may result in an imminent attack, shipmasters are advised to report to the nearest coastal state authorities and/or the relevant Rescue Co-ordination Centre (RCC) for the area.

5 For reports of incidents in the Singapore Strait, shipmasters are advised to report to the Singapore Authorities as follows:

a) Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore's Port Operations Control Centre

VHF Radio : Ch 10, 14 or 73
Telephone : (65) 6325 2493 / (65) 6325 2494
Telefax : (65) 6224 5776
Telex : PORTMASTER, Tlx No RS 34970
Answer Back PORTPM 34970
Email : pocc@mpa.gov.sg

b) Singapore Police Coast Guard

VHF Radio : Ch 07, 16
Telephone : (65) 6377 5540 / (65) 6377 5539
Telefax : (65) 6276 1627

6 In addition to reporting to the Singapore Authorities, shipmasters may also report to the Piracy Reporting Centre of the IMB in Kuala Lumpur and the Indonesian Authorities. The Indonesian Authorities contact points are as follows:

a) Indonesian Sea Security Command (callsign: PUSKODAL)

VHF Radio : Ch 16
HF Radio : 7015 KHz
Telephone : (62) 778 413498, (62) 778 413844 &
(62) 778 413901 (Batam)
(62) 771 23071 (Bintan)
(62) 765 31105 (Dumai)
(62) 777 21185 (Tanjung Balai, Karimun)

b) Indonesian Marine Police

VHF Radio : Ch 16
Telephone : (62) 778 312433 (Belakang Pandang Base)
(62) 779 21325 (Sat Polair Tg. Batu Base)

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