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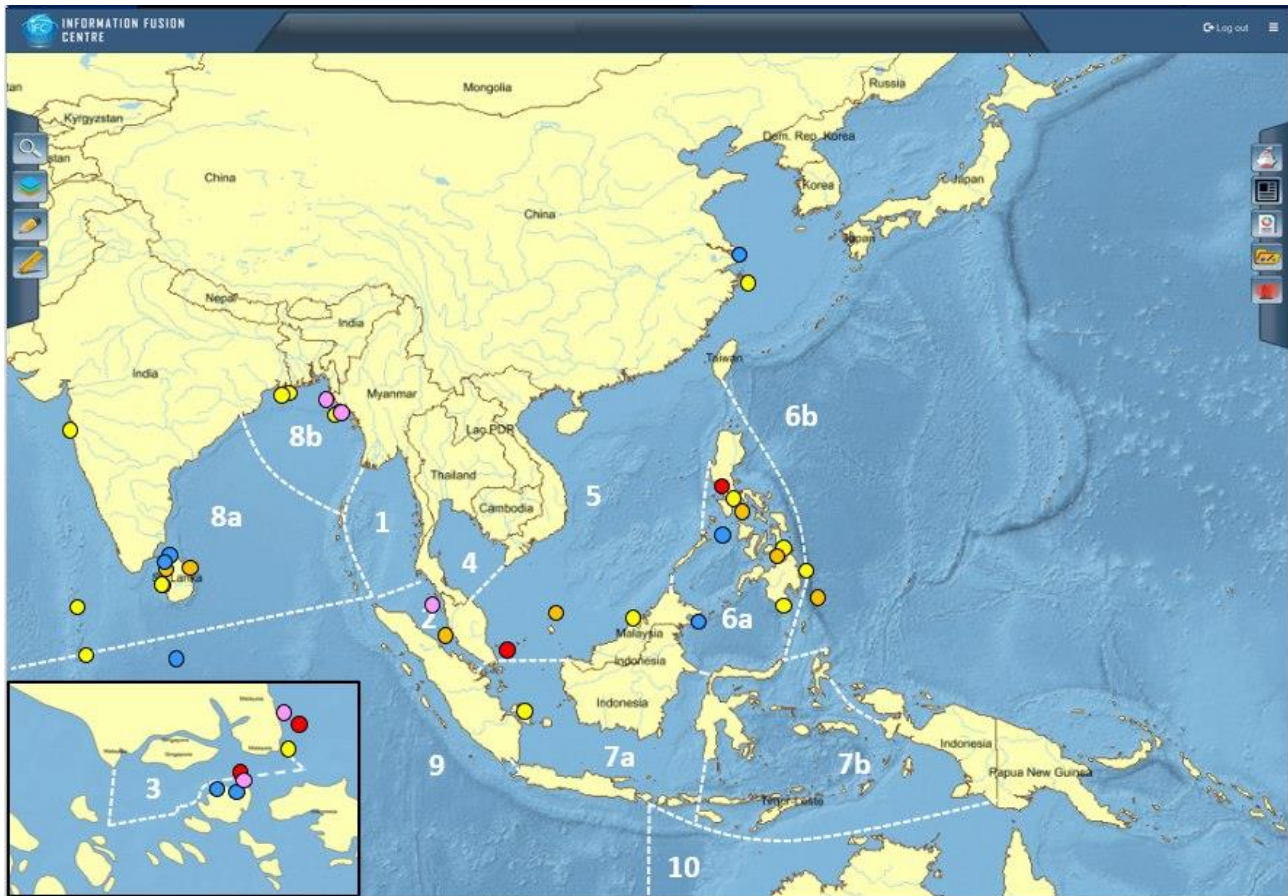
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## OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE IFC AREA OF INTEREST (AOI)



For the period from 11 to 17 Apr 20, the number of reported incidents within the IFC AOI are as follows:

Category	Number of Incidents	Page Reference
Theft, Robbery and Piracy at Sea (TRAPS)	4	2-5
Maritime Terrorism (MT)	0	6
Maritime Incidents (MI)	17	7-11
Illegal/Unregulated/Unreported Fishing (IUU)	9	12-14
Contraband/Weapons Smuggling (CS)	8	15-17
Irregular Human Migration (IHM)	5	18-19
Others	0	20

## SECTION A: THEFT, ROBBERY AND PIRACY AT SEA (TRAPS)

### 1. Piracy/ Sea Robbery/ Sea Theft

a) 16 Apr - Sea Theft/ ARAFURA/ Tanker/ Belgium Flagged/ Underway/ Off Anambas Island, Indonesia/ DB170420

1. A sea theft incident was discovered on board a Belgium flagged oil tanker, while underway on 16 Apr 20 at about 0800 (UTC +8).

#### 2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: ARAFURA
- b. Call sign: ONJV
- c. IMO: 9728708
- d. MMSI: 205763000
- e. Flag: Belgium
- f. Type: Oil Tanker
- g. Ship Owner: Euronav NV
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Euronav NV
- i. LPOC: Sungai Linggi, Malaysia
- j. NPOC: Qingdao, China

#### 3. Incident Details:

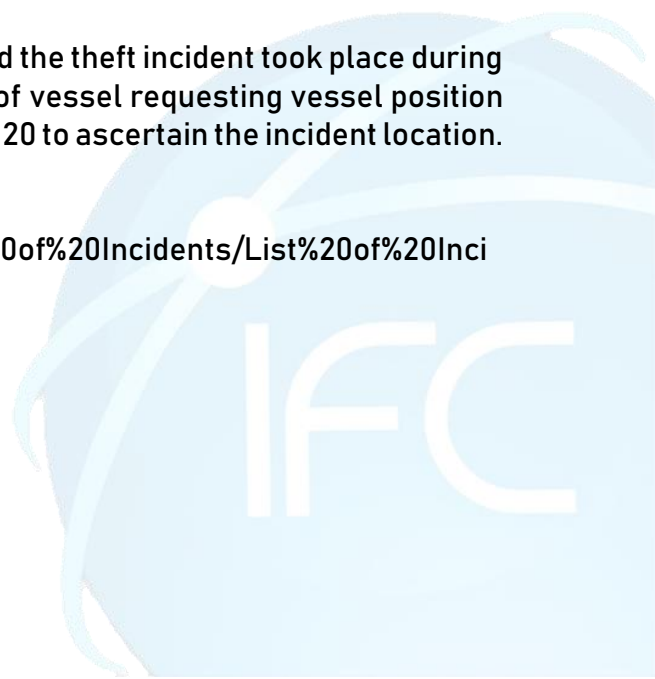
On the 16 Apr 20 at about 0800 (UTC +8), the master of the Belgium flagged VLCC "Arafura" discovered that a theft incident had occurred onboard. A breathing apparatus air compressor unit and various spare parts were found stolen. The crew did not witness the theft incident nor sighted the perpetrators onboard. Master believed the theft incident took place during the hours of darkness on 15 Apr 20 evening to the early morning hours of 16 Apr 20. Master reported that all crew are safe. The VLCC Arafura was east bound and was enroute from port of Sungai Linggi, Malaysia to Qingdao, China. The master reported the incident to ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) via email. The Republic of Singapore Navy and Singapore Police Coast Guard were informed; and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated.

#### IFC Comments:

Base on the statement of the ship master, that is believed the theft incident took place during the hours of darkness. RFI has been made to company of vessel requesting vessel position within the period of 15 Apr (night) to early morning 16 Apr 20 to ascertain the incident location.

#### News Link(s)/Info Source:

[https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/Number%20of%20Incidents/List%20of%20Incidents%20for%202020%20\(caa%2017%20Apr%2020\).pdf](https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/Number%20of%20Incidents/List%20of%20Incidents%20for%202020%20(caa%2017%20Apr%2020).pdf)



11 Apr - Sea Theft/ LEYLA K/ Tanker/ Marshall Island Flagged/ Anchored/ Off Tanjung Kelesa, Johor, Malaysia/ DB150420

1. IFC received information from POCC MPA that a sea theft occurred on board a Marshall Island flagged Tanker "LEYLA K", while anchored at Lat: 1°42.5'N Long: 104° 28.7'E, Off Tanjung Kelesa, Johor, Malaysia on 111030 (UTC+8) Apr 20.

2. Vessel Details: a. Name: LEYLA K b. Call sign: V7TD9 c. IMO: 9430313

d. MMSI: 538090559

e. Flag: Marshall Island

f. Type: Tanker

g. Ship Owner: Royalty Marine Ltd

h. Ship Operator/Manager: Mjolner Shipping LLC i. LPOC: Singapore

j. NPOC: Kaohsiung, Taiwan

3. Incident Details:

While at anchor, the master discovered the losses of a breathing apparatus air charging compressor and a M4 Weldon pump on 11 Apr 20 at about 1030 hrs. The crew did not see the boarding of the perpetrators. The crew was not injured. The ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) was informed of the incident via email by the master on 13 Apr 20. The Focal Point shared the information with the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and the Singapore Police Coast Guard. A safety navigational broadcast was initiated, and the Malaysian and Indonesian authorities were notified.

IFC Comments:

This open source information has not been verified with company, OPCEN and Malaysia ILO

News Link(s)/Info Source:

[https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/Number%20of%20Incidents/List%20of%20Incidents%20for%202020%20\(caa%2014%20Apr%2020\).pdf](https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/Number%20of%20Incidents/List%20of%20Incidents%20for%202020%20(caa%2014%20Apr%2020).pdf)

POCC MPA

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9273>

11 Apr - Sea Theft/ Name Unknown/ Cargo Ship/ Flag Unknown/ Anchored/ Manila Anchorage, Philippines/ DB160420

1. A sea theft occurred on board cargo ship, while anchored at Lat: 14°36.06 N Long: 120° 52.16E, at Manila Anchorage, Philippines on 131910 (UTC +8) Apr 20.

2. Vessel Details:

a. Name: Info Gap

b. Call sign: Info Gap

c. IMO: Info Gap

d. MMSI: Info Gap

e. Flag: Info Gap

f. Type: Cargo Ship

g. Ship Owner: Info Gap

h. Ship Operator/Manager: Info Gap i. LPOC: Info Gap

j. NPOC: Info Gap



### 3. Incident Details:

A theft occurred on an anchored cargo vessel, Manila Anchorage. Two robbers came alongside via an unlit boat and boarded the vessel. An on duty crew member, carrying out routine inspections, noticed the boat and immediately raised the alarm which caused the crew to muster. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers made their escape with vessel property. The incident was reported to the Vessel Traffic Management System. No crew members were injured during the incident.

### IFC Comments:

This open source information has not been verified or confirmed by ship/cargo owner and local authority. RFI sent to Philippine Coast Guard ILO for vessel details.

### News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.icc-ccs.org/index.php/piracy-reporting-centre/live-piracy-report/details/179/1904>

### Events outside reporting period:

6 Apr - Sea Theft/ PALAIS/ Bulk Carrier/ Marshall Islands Flagged/ Underway/ Eastbound Lane, Singapore Strait/ DB160420

1. IFC has received information from POCC that a sea theft occurred on board a Marshall Island flagged bulk carrier, PALAIS while underway at Lat 01 14.95N Long 104 06.33E, along eastbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme in Singapore Strait at 160100 (UTC +8) Apr 20.

### 2. Vessel Details:

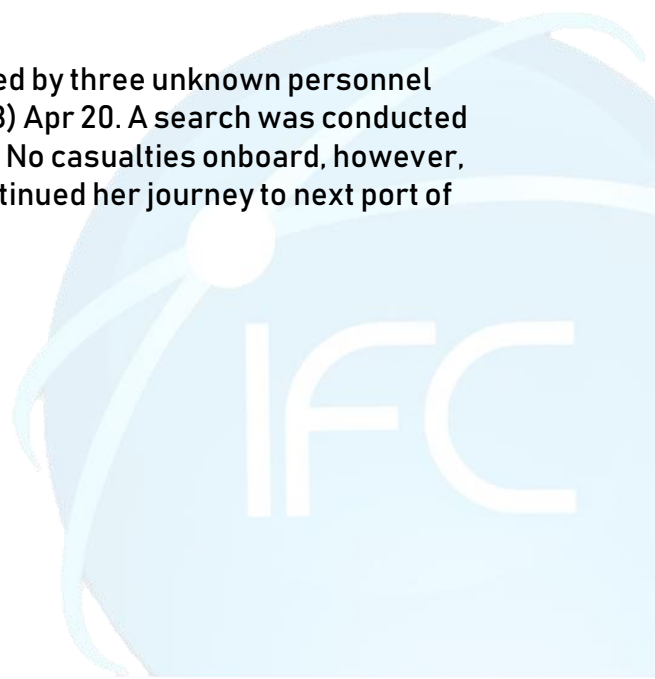
- a. Name: PALAIS
- b. Call sign: V7DT8
- c. IMO: 9646649
- d. MMSI: 538005431
- e. Flag: Marshall Islands
- f. Type: Bulk carrier
- g. Ship Owner: Palais Shipping Co Ltd
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: Palais Shipping Co Ltd i. LPOC: Singapore
- j. NPOC: China

### 3. Incident Details:

PALAIS reported on VTIS Channel 10 that she was boarded by three unknown personnel while underway at 01 14.95N 104 06.33E, at 160100 (UTC +8) Apr 20. A search was conducted and reported that the three personnel had disembarked. No casualties onboard, however, some engine parts were reported stolen. The vessel continued her journey to next port of call in China.

### News Link(s)/Info Source:

MPA – POCC





Information Update:

14 Apr - Sea Theft/ NYK JOANNA/ Cargo Ship/ Singapore Flagged/ Anchored/ Manila Anchorage, Philippines/ DB170420  
(Information Update from DB160420)

Update status:

1. A sea theft occurred on board cargo ship, while anchored at Lat: 14°36.06 N Long: 120° 52.16E, at Manila Anchorage, Philippines on 140310 (UTC +8) Apr 20.

2. Vessel Details:

- a. Name: NYK JOANNA
- b. Call sign: 9VFC4
- c. IMO: 9387449
- d. MMSI: 563119000
- e. Flag: Singapore
- f. Type: Cargo Ship
- g. Ship Owner: Salacia Shipping Pte Ltd
- h. Ship Operator/Manager: NYK Line
- i. LPOC: Manila Container Terminal
- j. NPOC: Singapore

3. Incident Details:

Based on the initial investigation conducted by the Philippine Coast Guard, according to the Master on or about 140310H April 2020, the duty officer received a report from the duty Ordinary Seaman (OS) that there was an unlit slow-moving suspicious motor banca very close to their starboard quarter. On or about 0310H Able-Bodied seaman (AB) who was instructed by the duty officer to proceed to the forward station heard the door banging and people talking and immediately informed the duty officer of the situation. Chief Officer together with the Bosun and AB proceeded to forward of said vessel to verify the situation and saw one (1) unidentified person armed with a knife standing at the portside hawse pipe and another one (1) running from the Bosun store escaping thru the portside hawse pipe and board on the motor banca. Immediately, the duty officer sound the emergency alarm and announced via public address that there was a robbery situation onboard the vessel. All the crew were mustered and the Master of the vessel ordered to search and check around the vessel. It was found out that one (1) set of self-contained breathing apparatus, one (1) flashlight and three (3) chain blocks were missing. On or about 0320H, they reported the robbery incident to VTMS Manila. The master of the vessel provided initial details of the robbery and confirmed that the perpetrators have already disembarked their vessel before they reported to VTMS.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.icc-ccs.org/index.php/piracy-reporting-centre/live-piracy-report/details/179/1904>

<https://gis.imo.org/Public/PAR/Incident.aspx?Action=View&ID=9275>  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

**SECTION B: MARITIME TERRORISM (MT)**

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## SECTION C: MARITIME INCIDENTS (MI)

15 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/Tanker/ Off Tanjong Penyusop, Malaysia/  
DB160420

A tanker was reported sunk off Tanjong Penyusop, Malaysia, and with no sightings of man-overboard, local authorities were deployed and investigations are on-going.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Malaysia Rescue Sub-Centre

15 Apr - MEDEVAC/ Cause Unknown/ Pilot Ship/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Colombo, Sri Lanka/  
DB170420

The Sri Lankan Navy rendered assistance to bring a sick crew member of a pilot ship to the port of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/04/16/202004161730/>

15 Apr - Fire-Explosion/ Cause Unknown/ Two Speedboats, One Small Boat, Three Government Vessels/ Mahibandhoo, Alif Dhaalu Atoll, Maldives/ DB170420

Six vessels were engulfed in flames in a fire that broke out in the harbour of Mahibandhoo, Maldives. Investigations are underway.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
<https://edition.mv/news/16144>

15 Apr - Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Four Rescued/ SAR/ Off Magpie Oilfield, Brunei/ DB160420

Four individuals were rescued by local authorities after lost at sea during a fishing trip.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
<https://borneobulletin.com.bn/four-reported-missing-at-sea-found-safe/>

14 Apr - Sunk-capsized, Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Three Missing/ SAR/ Versova Coast, India/ DB160420

Three people went missing after a fishing vessel carrying seven people capsized off Versova Coast, India.

News Link(s)/Info Source:  
[http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/75161640.cms?utm\\_source=contentofinterest&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=cppst](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/75161640.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst)



<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/nation/mumbai-three-missing-as-boat-turns-turtle-in-sea-71584>

13 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Broken Hull/ Barge/ 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Off Bangka, Indonesia/ DB150420

A barge sank off Bangka, Indonesia due to a broken hull. All 10 crew were rescued safely by local authorities.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://beritatrans.com/2020/04/14/kapal-tongkang-tenggelam-setelah-alami-patah-lambung-di-sungailiat/> <https://bangka.tribunnews.com/2020/04/13/ini-kronologis-tongkang-muatan-pasir-kuarsa-patah-lambung-lalu-tenggelam-di-air-kantung>  
<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Tb-Trans-Pacific-201-l2425451.html>

11 Apr - MEDEVAC/ Abdominal Pain/ Container Ship/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Off Colombo, Sri Lanka/ DB140420

The Sri Lankan Navy rendered assistance to safely bring an ill seaman to the port of Colombo, Sri Lanka on the 11 Apr after falling ill with abdominal pain onboard a container ship.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/04/12/202004121330/>  
<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/04/13/202004131230/>

11 Apr - Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ Seven Rescued/ SAR/ Off Zhoushan, China/ DB140420

A tanker ran aground off Zhoushan, China while enroute to Ningbo. All 7 crew members were rescued by local authorities.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/04/13/tanker-ran-aground-crew-evacuated-east-china-sea/>

11 Apr - Grounding/ Cause Unknown/ Cargo Ship/ SAR/ Off Gaafu Dhaalu Atoll Vaadhoo, Maldives/ DB150420

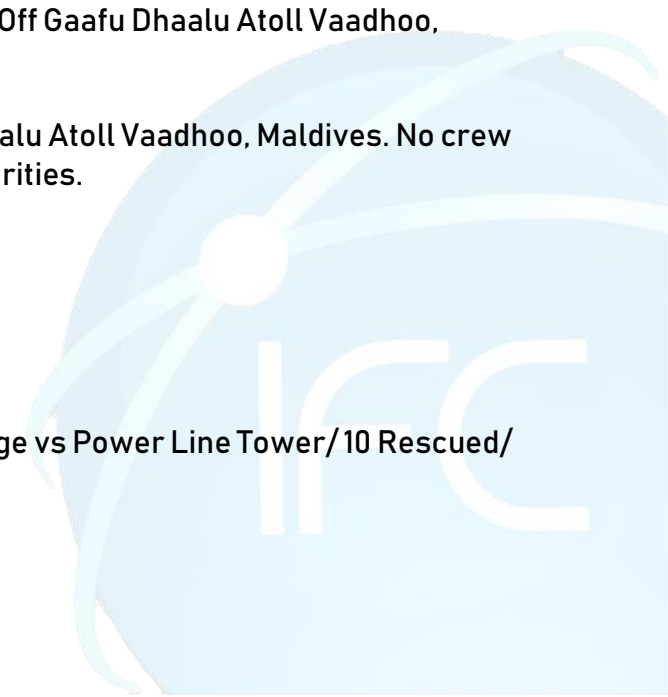
A cargo ship ran aground while travelling off Gaafu Dhaalu Atoll Vaadhoo, Maldives. No crew were injured and are awaiting rescued from local authorities.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://avas.mv/en/81075>

Events outside reporting period:

10 Apr - Allision, Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Barge vs Power Line Tower/ 10 Rescued/ SAR/ Muri Ganga River, West Bengal, India/ DB140420



A barge allided with a pillar of a power line tower and sank in Muri Ganga river, West Bengal, India. All 10 crew were rescued safely by a rescue boat and there were no casualties,

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/04/10/bangladeshi-lighter-ship-collided-with-power-line-tower-sank-video/> <https://www.fleetmon.com/maritime-news/2020/29373/bangladeshi-lighter-ship-collided-power-line-tower/>  
<https://shipwrecklog.com/log/2020/04/barges-sunk-in-west-bengal/>

09 Apr - Collision, Sunk-Capsized/ Bad Weather/ Barge/ Eight Rescued/ Off Kulpi, West Bengal, India/ DB140420

A barge sank in the Hooghly River, West Bengal, India after getting caught in a storm and colliding with another vessel. All eight crew were rescued and there were no reports of injuries.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://shipwrecklog.com/log/2020/04/barges-sunk-in-west-bengal/>

08 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Unauthorized Voyage/ Small Boat/ Off Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines/ DB170420

A fishing vessel with four people was detained by local authorities for illegal transportation of passengers without appropriate authority and certification.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

07 Apr - Violent Confrontation/ Illegal fishing/ Military Vessel vs Six Trawlers/ Off May Yu Island, Myanmar/ DB160420

Six fishermen were injured in a confrontation the Myanmar Navy after illegally fishing in Myanmar waters.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://www.engnews24h.com/5-bangladeshi-fishermen-injured-in-myanmar-naval-firing/>

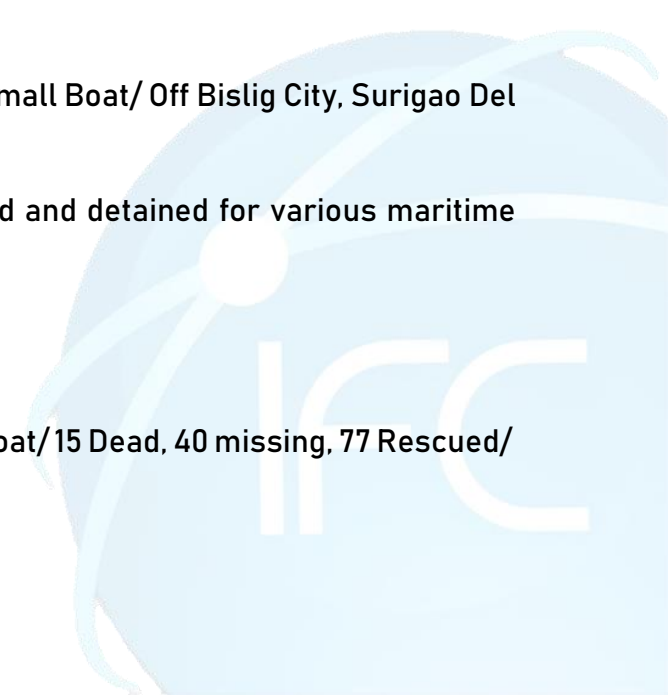
07 Apr - Vessel Detained/ Maritime Safety Violation/ Small Boat/ Off Bislig City, Surigao Del Sur, Philippines/ DB170420

A fishing vessel with two fishermen was apprehended and detained for various maritime safety violations off Barangay Labisma, Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

07 Apr - Grounding, Sunk-Capsized/ Aground/ Small Boat/ 15 Dead, 40 missing, 77 Rescued/ SAR/ St Martins islands, Bangladesh/ DB140420



15 refugees died after a boat capsized off St Martin's Islands, Bangladesh after going aground. Local authorities rescued 77 people and there are 40 people still missing.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://sunriseread.com/15-rohingya-refugees-killed-by-boat-sinking-in-bangladesh/84866/>

06 Apr - Mechanical Failure, Grounding / Engine Failure, Bad Weather/ Cargo Ship/ Off General Santos City, Philippines/ DB160420

A cargo vessel encountered engine trouble and dropped anchor but bad weather grounded the vessel off Branagay Dadiangas South, Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

06 Apr - MEDEVAC/ Back Pain/ RoRo Vessel/ One Rescued/ SAR/ Surigao Bay Anchorage, Philippines/ DB160420

A crew member of a RoRo vessel was medically evacuated by local authorities after suffering back pain.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

Information Update:

15 Apr - Sunk-Capsized/ Cause Unknown/ Tanker/ Off Tanjong Penyusop, Malaysia/ DB170420

(Information Update from DB160420)

Update status:

Updated that there was a SAR operation and all the crew were rescued.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://republika.co.id/berita/q8vy5p396/mt-wan-da-tenggela-plp-tanjung-uban-lakukan-pengamanan>

<http://hubla.dephub.go.id/berita/PublishingImages/Pages/TETAP-SIAGA-SAAT-PANDEMI-COVID-19%2c-PANGKALAN-PLP-TANJUNG-UBAN-LAKUKAN-PENGAMANAN-DAN-PENGAWASAN-TENGGEAMNYA-MT.-WAN-DA-/IMG-20200416>

Indonesian Coast Guard

14 Apr - Sunk-capsized, Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Fishing Vessel/ Two Dead, Three Missing, Four Rescued/ SAR/ Versova Coast, India/ DB170420

(Information Update from DB160420)

Update status:

Updated the number of people dead to two and the number of rescued to four.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.outlookindia.com/newsscroll/boat-capsize-two-bodies-recovered-one-still-missing/1804235t>

06 Apr – Allision/ Uncontrollable High Speed/ Container Ship vs Container Ship and Three Cranes/ Busan New Port, Republic of Korea/ DB160420  
(Information Update from DB070420)

Update status:

Updated the cause of the incident to “uncontrollable high speed”.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.vesseltracker.com/en/Ships/Milano-Bridge-9757187.html>

05 Apr – Missing/ Cause Unknown/ Small Boat/ One Dead/ SAR/ Off Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia/ DB170420  
(Information Update from DB070420)

Update status:

Updated that missing fisherman was found dead.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.theborneopost.com/2020/04/17/missing-asajaya-fishermans-body-found-in-lundu/>

02 Apr – Missing/ Bad Weather/ Passenger Ferry/ Seven Dead, 20 Missing/ SAR/ Off Solomon Islands/ DB140420  
(Information Update from DB080420)

Update status:

Title corrected to say “Seven Dead, 20 Missing.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.solomontimes.com/news/ship-operators-urged-to-comply-with-maritime-safety-laws/9714>



## SECTION D: ILLEGAL/ UNREGULATED/ UNREPORTED FISHING (IUU)

16 Apr -Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Malay, Aklan, Philippines/ DB170420

Three fishermen were apprehended by local authorities for fishing illegally using a compressor off Aklan, Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/maritime.boracay/posts/1112320742456432>

14 Apr-Local/FiveFishingVesselsDetained/17LocalFishermenArrested/Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Padaithurai, Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB160420

The Sri Lankan Navy apprehended 17 people for illegally harvesting sea cucumber and using unauthorized nets to catch fish.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/04/15/202004151320/>

13 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Six Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Salpeyaru, Sri Lanka/ DB150420

The Sri Lankan Navy apprehended six fishermen engaging in illegal fishing in the sea area of Salpeyaru, Sri Lanka. The suspects, as well as their equipment were taken in to naval custody.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/04/14/202004141615/>

<https://www.news.lk/news/political-current-affairs/item/29989-six-persons-apprehended-for-engaging-in-illegal-fishing>

12 Apr - Poaching/Three Malaysian Fishing Vessels Detained/14 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Sungai Besar, Malacca Strait, Malaysia/ DB150420

The Indonesia Maritime and Fisheries Resources Supervision, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries apprehended 14 foreign fishermen for illegally fishing off Sungai Besar, Malacca Strait, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://republika.co.id/berita/q8ppcn370/tiga-kapal-ilegal-bendera-malaysia- ditangkap>

11 Apr - Poaching/Two Vietnamese Fishing Vessels Detained/ Six Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Natuna, Indonesia/ DB140420

The Indonesian Marine and Fisheries Resources Supervision Directorate General seized two Vietnamese-flagged vessels in the North Natuna Sea on Saturday 11 Apr.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2020/04/13/five-vessels-from-philippines-vietnam-caught-fishing-illegally-in-indonesian-waters.html>

<https://www.tribunnews.com/kilas-kementerian/2020/04/11/lima-kapal-asing-pencuri-diamankan-menteri-eddy-walau-pandemi-covid-19-kita-tetap-siaga>

11 Apr - Poaching/ Three Filipino Fishing Vessels Detained/ 34 Foreign Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Sulawesi Sea, Indonesia/ DB140420

The Indonesian Marine and Fisheries Resources Supervision Directorate General seized three Philippines-flagged vessels in the Sulawesi Sea on Saturday 11 Apr.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2020/04/13/five-vessels-from-philippines-vietnam-caught-fishing-illegally-in-indonesian-waters.html>

<https://www.tribunnews.com/kilas-kementerian/2020/04/11/lima-kapal-asing-pencuri-diamankan-menteri-eddy-walau-pandemi-covid-19-kita-tetap-siaga>

Events outside reporting period:

09 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ 11 Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing/ Off Calatrava, Romblon, Philippines/ DB140420

11 fishermen were apprehended by local authorities for fishing illegally without a permit in the vicinity waters of Calatrava, Romblon, Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/bfarfpleg.mimaropa.1/posts/797582390766145>

08 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Three Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Tubod, Lanao Del Norte, Philippines/ DB170420

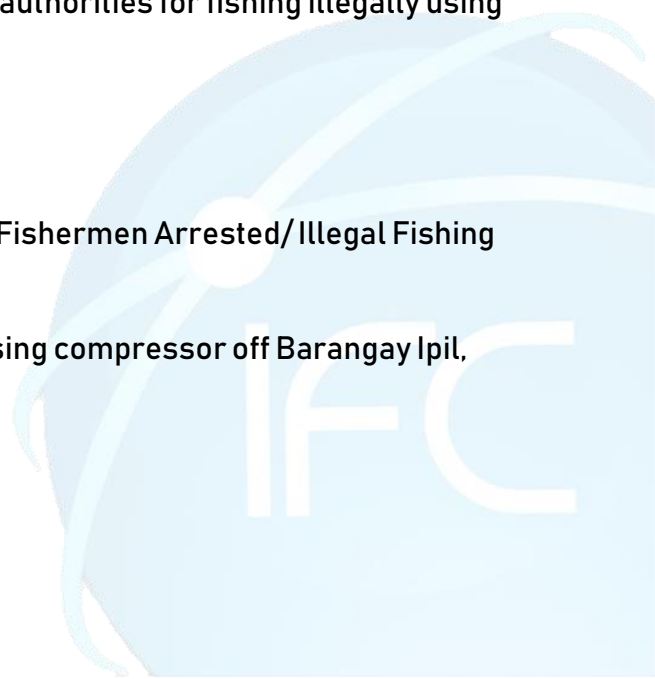
Three people in a small boat were apprehended by local authorities for fishing illegally using unauthorized nets off Tubod, Philippines.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

02 Apr - Local/ One Fishing Vessel Detained/ Five Local Fishermen Arrested/ Illegal Fishing Methods/ Off Jagna, Bohol, Philippines/ DB160420

Five fishermen were apprehended for illegally fishing using compressor off Barangay Ipil, Philippines.





News Link(s)/Info Source:  
Philippine Coast Guard Command Center

Information Update:

12 Apr–Poaching/ThreeMalaysianFishingVesselsDetained/14ForeignFishermen Arrested/  
Illegal Fishing/ Off Tanjung Balai Asahan, Indonesia/ DB160420  
(Information Update from DB150420)

Update status:

Update the location of where the incident took place to “Off Tanjung Balai Asahan, Indonesia”

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://republika.co.id/berita/q8ppcn370/tiga-kapal-ilegal-bendera-malaysia- ditangkap>



## SECTION E: CONTRABAND AND WEAPONS SMUGGLING (CS)

15 Apr - Drugs/ Cannabis (120kg)/ Small Boat/ Off Mannar, Sri Lanka/ DB170420

The Sri Lankan Navy seized a small boat carrying a stock of cannabis weighing about 120kg. The three suspects in connection to smuggling the cannabis were taken into naval custody.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/04/16/202004161330/>

14 Apr - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (200 boxes)/ Small Boat/ Domestic/ Off Zamboanga City, Philippines/ DB160420

A Navy patrol boat intercepted a small boat pretending to carry essential goods were caught for smuggling 200 boxes of cigarettes.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1259377/navy-seizes-zamboanga-city-bound-contraband-cigarettes-from-sulu>

13 Apr - Drugs/ Cannabis (133kg)/ Small Boat/ To Sri Lanka/ Off Jaffna, Sri Lanka/ DB150420

The Sri Lankan Navy arrested three people transporting cannabis to Sri Lanka in a small boat off Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

[http://www.colombopage.com/archive\\_20A/Apr13\\_1586796287CH.php](http://www.colombopage.com/archive_20A/Apr13_1586796287CH.php)

<http://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=62593>

11 Apr - Fuel/ Petrol (1160 litres)/ Three Small Boats/ From Malaysia/ Off Tg Menimpa, Semporna, Malaysia/ DB140420

Three men were nabbed in the waters off Tg Menimpa, Semporna, Malaysia for attempting to smuggle 1,160 litres of petrol from Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/150729/3-held-for-smuggling-petrol-in-semporna/>

Events outside reporting period:

10 Apr - Drugs/ Heroin(260kg), Meth(56kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Sri Lanka/ DB140420

The Sri Lankan Navy seized a vessel containing 260kg of heroin and 56kg of meth off the shores of Sri Lanka and seven suspects were taken into naval custody.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

[http://www.colombopage.com/archive\\_20A/Apr11\\_1586587091CH.php](http://www.colombopage.com/archive_20A/Apr11_1586587091CH.php)

<https://news.navy.lk/lead-story/2020/04/11/202004111016/>

<https://www.newsfirst.lk/2020/04/11/massive-haul-of-heroin-and-ice-seized-in-high-seas-by-sl-navy/>

09 Apr - Domestic Products/ Sugar (700 tonnes)/ Small Boat/Yangtze River, Chongming District, China/ DB160420

Six suspects have been caught for smuggling 700 tons of sugar off Chongming District and were apprehended by local authorities.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.shine.cn/news/metro/2004156355/>

07 Apr - Domestic Products/ Alcohol (43 Cartons)/ Small Boat/ To Indonesia/ Off Batam, Indonesia/ DB140420

Indonesian Marine Police thwarted a smuggling attempt of 43 cartons of liquor using a small boat off Batam, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://haluankepri.com/2020/04/08/penyelundupan-43-box-miras-ilegal-digagalkan-diperairan-batu-ampar/>

07 Apr - Tobacco/ Cigarettes (1,300 boxes)/ Small Boat/ Domestic/ Off Batu Besar, Indonesia/ DB140420

The Indonesian Marine Police thwarted a smuggling of cigarettes from Batam to Tembilahan off Batu Besar, Indonesia. 1,300 boxes of cigarettes and 15 crew members as well as other evidence were apprehended by local authorities.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://m.batamtoday.com/berita-146747-KP-Yudistira-8003-Berhasil-Gagalkan-Penyelundupan-Rokok-Ilegal-di-Perairan-Nongsa.html>

Information Update:

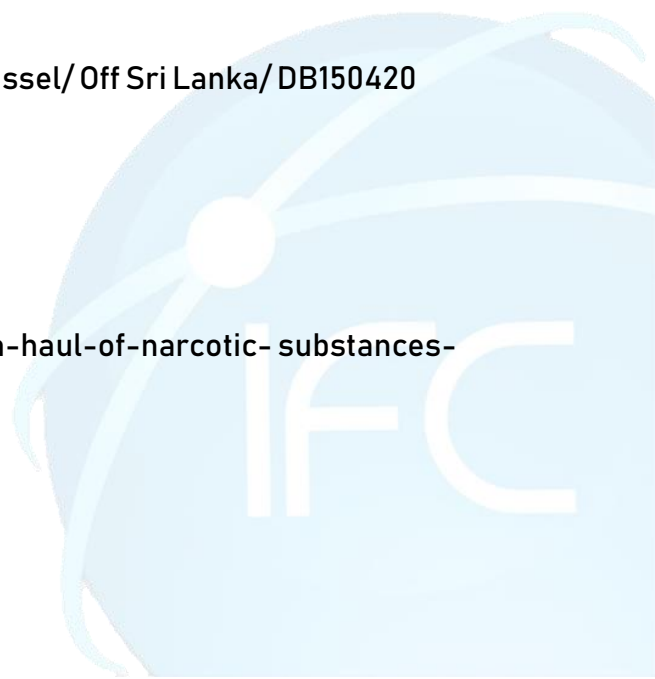
10 Apr - Drugs/ Heroin(260kg), Meth(56kg)/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Sri Lanka/ DB150420  
(Information Update from DB140420)

Update status:

Updated a link from France ILO.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<http://www.hirunews.lk/238396/sl-navy-apprehends-a-haul-of-narcotic-substances-worth-3-27-billion>



10 Apr - Drugs/ Heroin(281kg), Meth(48kg)/Trawler/ Off Sri Lanka/ DB160420 (Information Update from DB140420)

Update status:

Updated the type of vessel to “trawler” and the quantity of smuggled goods to “heroin(281kg), Meth(48kg)”.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://news.navy.lk/eventnews/2020/04/15/202004151745/>

<http://www.hirunews.lk/238396/sl-navy-apprehends-a-haul-of-narcotic-substances-worth-3-27-billion>



## SECTION F: IRREGULAR HUMAN MIGRATION (IHM)

16 Apr - Human Smuggling/ 200 Rohingya going to Malaysia/ Fishing Trawler/ Off Pulau Langkawi, Malaysia/ DB170420

Local authorities prevented 200 Rohingya in a boat from entering the country off Pulau Langkawi, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2020/04/17/royal-malaysian-air-force-foils-bid-by-200-rohingya-in-boat-to-enter-malays/1857482>

15 Apr - Human Smuggling/ 47 Indonesian Migrants going from Malaysia to Indonesia/ Unknown Vessel/ Off Nongsa, Mata Ikan Bay, Indonesia/ DB170420

Local authorities detained 47 migrants workers for illegal entry into the territory through the illegal port in Nongsa waters, Indonesia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/145981/bakamla-detains-47-indonesian-migrant-workers-over-illegal-entry>

13 Apr - Human Smuggling/ 23 Indonesian Migrants from Malaysia to Indonesia/ Unknown Vessel/ Ladang Kurnia, Bandar Penawar, Malaysia/ DB160420

Local authorities detained 23 illegal immigrants and arrested two boat skippers for attempting to leave the country illegally at Ladang Kurnia, Malaysia.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2020/04/13/two-foreigners-caught-trying-to-smuggle-23-illegals-out-of-johor/1856283>

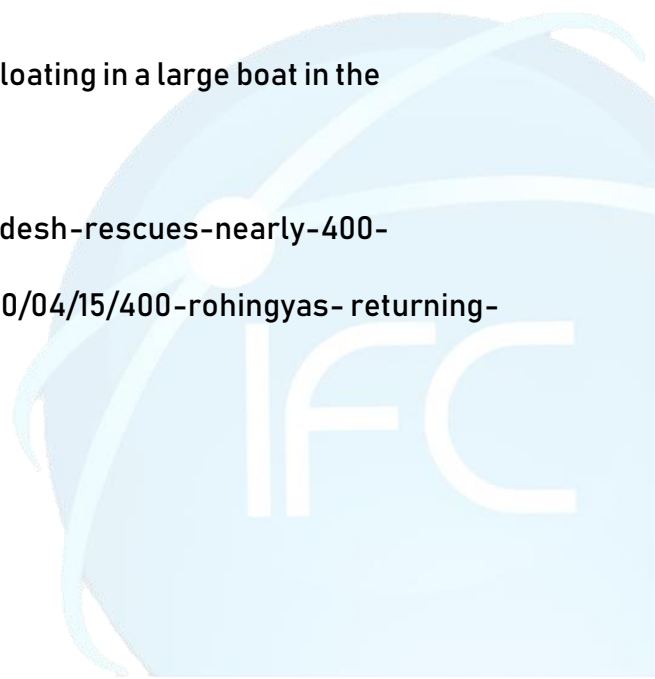
13 Apr - Human Smuggling/ 382 Rohingya Migrants from Bangladesh to Malaysia/ Trawler/ Off Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh / DB160420

Bangladesh Coast Guard rescued at least 382 refugees floating in a large boat in the country's territorial waters after two months at sea.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.outlookindia.com/newsscroll/amp/bangladesh-rescues-nearly-400-rohingya-after-weeks-at-sea/1803902>

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/nation/2020/04/15/400-rohingyas-returning-from-malaysia-rescued-in-teknaf>



Events outside reporting period:

07 Apr - Human Smuggling/ 132 Rohingya Migrants going from Bangladesh to Malaysia/ Small Boat/ St Martin's Island, Bangladesh/ DB140420

132 migrants going from Bangladesh to Malaysia had their boat capsized off St Martin's Islands. 15 died, 40 missing and 77 were rescued by local authorities.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://sunriseread.com/15-rohingya-refugees-killed-by-boat-sinking-in-bangladesh/84866/>

Information Update:

13 Apr - Human Smuggling/ 396 Rohingya Migrants from Bangladesh to Malaysia/ Trawler/ Off Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh / DB170420  
(Information Update from DB160420)

Update status:

Updated the number of migrants, the ratio of men, women and children as well as the death toll.

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/bangladesh-coast-guard-rescues-396-rohingya-from-drifting-boat-12647276>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-52305931>

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/world/2020/04/16/over-two-dozen-rohingya-died-on-rescued-boat-bangladesh-coast-guard-says>

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2020/04/bangladesh-rescued-rohingya-refugees-require-immediate-care-and-protection/>

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/seasia/2020/04/16/bangladesh-rescues-nearly-400-rohingya-after-weeks-at-sea-.html>

<https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/news/2020/04/16/Bangladesh-Rohingya-boat-rescued>

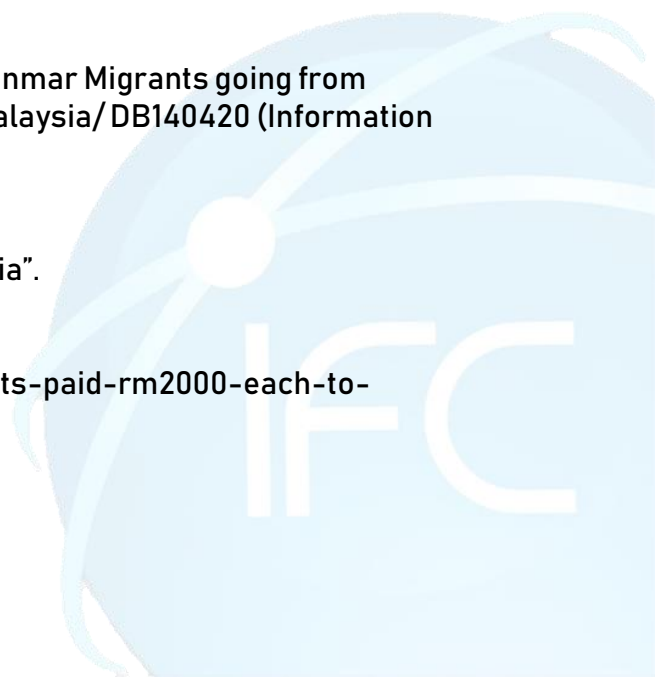
05 Apr - Human Smuggling/ 199 Rohingya and Three Myanmar Migrants going from Bangladesh to Malaysia/ Wooden Boat/ Off Langkawi, Malaysia/ DB140420 (Information Update from DB080420)

Update status:

Title corrected to say, "going from Bangladesh to Malaysia".

News Link(s)/Info Source:

<https://www.thesundaily.my/home/rohingya-immigrants-paid-rm2000-each-to-syndicate-hamzah-AB2245673>





SECTION G: OTHERS

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## IFC RECOMMENDATIONS

### IFC advises:

1. All mariners to report any incidents timely to the nearest coastal state and to the IFC at the earliest possible time.
2. Ships moving at slow speed or are choosing to remain at anchor in areas where sea robbery/theft is regularly reported should remain vigilant and adopt necessary and/or added security measures.
3. All mariners to take note on the description of the perpetrators and to take photos of the perpetrators if possible. Where available, CCTV footage capturing the incident should be provided to the coastal state authorities for follow-on investigation.
4. Shippers and Seafarers operating in the Sulu-Celebes seas are strongly recommended to be vigilant and to establish contact with the Philippines, Malaysian and Indonesian Authorities to report their presence. Please refer to IFC Spot Commentary 4/18 for the latest assessment of the situation in that affected area.
5. Shippers are advised to take note that the threat of terrorist activity in the maritime domain remains a possibility in the region due to ISIS and the Al-Qaeda. The possibility of this threat was previously quoted in Al-Qaeda's online magazine "Resurgence", which called for the disruption of global trade and shipping through acts of piracy, among other tactics. Shippers are therefore advised to exercise vigilance and to adopt self-defensive measures as stated in the Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, especially when transiting narrow choke points and areas which are known to have experienced incidents of sea robbery/piracy.



## PAST IFC SPOT COMMENTARIES

### 2019

IFC SPOT COMMENTARY 3/19 – Observations of Sea Robbery, Sea Theft and Attempted Actions Incidents in Singapore Strait and Approaches

IFC Spot Commentary 2/19 – Observations of TRAPS incidents in the Southern Approaches-South China Sea (SCS) since 31 May to 26 Sep 2019

IFC Spot Commentary 1/19 – Observations of TRAPS incidents in the area off Tg Piai, Malaysia/Western Approaches-Singapore Strait since 1 January to 27 May 2019

### 2018

IFC Spot Commentary 4/18 – Observations between 5 to 8 December for incidents in the Sulu-Celebes Sea/Eastern Sabah

IFC Spot Commentary 3/18 – Kidnapping Incident of Two Crew on Fishing Vessel “DWIJAYA 1”, Off Semporna.

IFC Spot Commentary 2/18 – Attempted Actions on Tug boat “EVER ALPHA”, Pulau Tambisan, Malaysia.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/18 – Observations on Sea Theft and Robberies recorded in Singapore Strait and its approaches – January to December 2017.

### 2017

IFC Spot Commentary 5/17 – Abduction of 5 Local Fishermen off Poblacion coast, Pangutaran, Sulu, Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 4/17 – Attempted Piracy / Oil Siphoning Incident on Oil Tanker MT MGT 1, Malaysia.

IFC Spot Commentary 3/17 – Abduction of Crew from SUPER SHUTTLE TUGBOAT 1, Basilan Strait.

IFC Spot Commentary 2/17 – Abduction of Crew of Giang Hai off Sibutu Passage.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/17 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

### 2016

IFC Spot Commentary 2/16 – Kidnapping, Harassment and Suspicious Activities in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.

IFC Spot Commentary 1/16 – Kidnapping at Sea by Armed Groups in Waters off East Sabah and Southern Philippines.



Note: Information herein were derived from various internal and external sources such as Focal Points, OPCENs and other maritime stakeholders. Seafarers should remain vigilant especially in areas where the threat level is assessed to be of concern in accordance with the IFC's Assessments via its Weekly Report or Spot Commentaries. Ships should apply the appropriate security measures (such as Tugs and Barge Guide, Guide for Tankers Operating in Asia, or Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia). Ship masters should also be aware and refer to the Maritime Security Charts Q6112 and Q6113, both published by the UK Hydrographic Office.



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