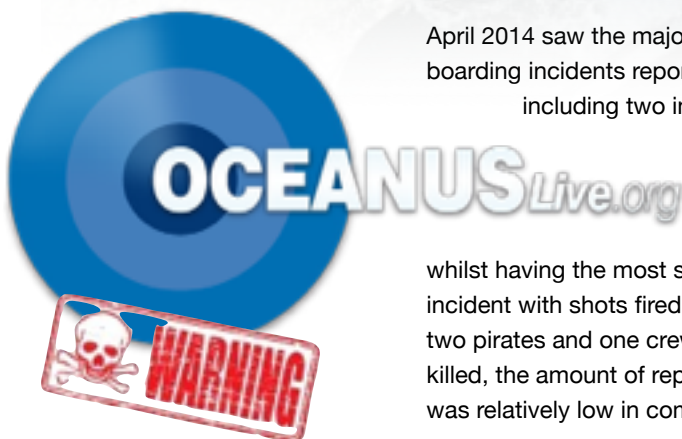


# *Global Piracy & Armed Robbery Against Ships*

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April 2014 saw the majority of boarding incidents reported in Asia including two instances of hijack for the fuel cargo.

West Africa, whilst having the most severe piracy incident with shots fired resulting in two pirates and one crew member killed, the amount of reported incidents was relatively low in comparison.

In the Horn of Africa, myriad reports of approaches and suspicious activity but also unsubstantiated reports of attacks on fishing vessels in the Indian Ocean. The master of an Indian dhow revealed to an EU Boarding Team that 6 pirates had hijacked his vessel 2 weeks previous and had made them sail into the Gulf of Aden with the intention of acting as a mothership. The pirates fled when a patrol aircraft overflew the vessel.

# HRA INCIDENTS



## **HORN OF AFRICA/INDIAN OCEAN**

April saw 17 incidents recorded in the region, although some reports remain unverified.

No confirmed hijack took place, however, fishing vessels were reportedly attacked in the Indian Ocean and 6 pirates on a dhow were said to have been disrupted by a patrol aircraft flyover.



## **WEST AFRICA**

Five incidents were reported this April. No hijackings occurred, however, an unprecedented boarding of a tanker by pirates resulted in the death of 2 pirates, 1 crew member and injury to another, discovered once the guards and crew left the citadel.



## **ASIA**

Asia had 16 incidents noted. Two hijacks occurred. Attacks/Boardings during STS ops happened in three instances. Majority of incidents were robberies or petty theft. A ferry with over 300 passengers, many school children, sank off the South Korean coast. Evacuation was delayed by order of the stand-in Captain, it is alleged.



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A BRITISH man, Simon Davis, was shot dead while working for the UN in Somalia. He was a former Scotland Yard detective who launched a new career tracking illegal payments financing terrorism. He and a French colleague were attacked soon after they landed in Galkayo, a town in central Somalia closest to the country's pirate strongholds. At

least two men, one in a Somali police officer's uniform, opened fire with an AK-47 as Mr Davis and his colleague, Clement Gorrissen, waited for their visas to be stamped inside the airport's immigration building.Both Mr Davis and Mr Gorrissen were consultants for the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), which in the Horn of Africa is focused on anti- piracy programmes, prosecutions of Somalis arrested for piracy and transnational financial crime.

- Hijack
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- Suspect

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3 APR 0150 LT <div></div>	<div>1</div> <b>UNNAMED</b> China Unknown	14:20.60N - 063:28.52E, approx 540nm WNW of Socotra Island, Arabian Sea	China-flagged vessel reports suspected mother ship and 2 skiffs sighted off port quarter at 0150 LT in position 14:20.60N - 063:28.52E, approx 540nm WNW of Socotra Island, Arabian Sea. Sighting reported to Japanese CP warship. Vessel had AST embarked
5 APR 0830 UTC <div></div>	<div>2</div> <b>UNNAMED</b> Unknown	20:15N - 059:02.5E, approx 15nm SE of Masirah Island, off Oman	Merchant vessel was reported to be approached to within 300 metres by 2 skiffs and a dhow at 0830 UTC in position 20:15N - 059:02.5E, approx 15nm SE of Masirah Island, off Oman coast in Arabian Sea. Embarked AST fired warning shots, skiffs then moved 250m astern, ladders said to have been sighted, further warning shots fired and skiffs then turned away. (NSC)
5 APR 1233 UTC <div></div>	<div>3</div> <b>UNNAMED</b> Unknown	12:35.5N - 043:26E, approx 3nm S of Birim Island, Southern Red Sea	MV reported suspicious approach by 1 white-hulled skiff to stern at 15kts at 1233 UTC in position 12:35.5N - 043:26E, approx 3nm S of Birim Island, Southern Red Sea. AST displayed weapons but skiff continued to close to 300m. 5 POB (3 hidden and 2 crouching w/ ladder) observed. Master sounded horn and ordered evasive manoeuvres. AST fired warning shot resulting in skiff moving away towards 3 other skiffs. (UKMTO)
5 APR 1530 UTC <div></div>	<div>4</div> <b>UNNAMED</b> Unknown	13:14.2N - 056:33.7E. Arabian Sea	MV reported a suspicious skiff at 1530 UTC in position 13:14.2N - 056:33.7E. Skiff closed to 2nm and MV enforced BMP measures. Crew mustered in citadel, AST stood to. UKMTO informed and coalition warship tasked to investigate. Skiff last sighted at 13:09N-056:38E. MV safely escorted by CP warship and skiff moved out of range.
13 APR 0405 UTC <div></div>	<div>5</div> <b>UNNAMED</b> Unknown	12:16.5N 044:01E, approx 69nm SW of Aden, Yemen, Gulf of Aden	A merchant vessel reported 2 high speed skiffs with 6-7 POB approaching its port side at 0405 UTC in position 12:16.5N 044:01E, approx 69nm SW of Aden, Yemen, Gulf of Aden. When the skiffs closed to 2.5nm the alarm was raised and evasive manoeuvres undertaken to increase the CPA. The skiffs closed to 1nm and a Navy Maritime patrol aircraft arrived on scene after VHF contact was made with a nearby patrolling warship. Both skiffs altered course to starboard and passed behind the stern. (UKMTO)
13 APR 0441 UTC <div></div>	<div>6</div> <b>EVER HARD SCHULTE</b> Singapore Tanker	13:58.9N - 055:32.3E, approx 108nm NE of Socotra Island, Arabian Sea	Singapore-flagged tanker, <b>Everhard Schulte</b> reported a suspicious skiff approaching at 0441 UTC in position 13:58.9N - 055:32.3E, approx 108nm NE of Socotra Island, Arabian Sea. A larger vessel, suspected mothership, was seen on the same course as the skiff at 8kts (radar contact only). AST prepared whilst Bridge team remained in position with the remaining crew mustered in the citadel. The Master ordered fire pump activated, sounded the alarm and increase in speed. Two flares were fired as the skiff came within 8 cables resulting in the skiff reducing speed and turning from original course. 4 POB sighted also a long lightweight ladder with hooks seen. Skiff returned on course and continued approach on vessel's port quarter to within 4 cables, at which point AST fired warning shots into the air. The skiff broke off any approach. Authorities were informed and warning transmitted over VHF Chan 16.





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A skiff was detained by the Pakistani Navy under the suspicion of conducting piracy activity in its waters near Gwadar. The navy was alerted after a bulk carrier reported to UK Maritime Trade Operation and headed towards the Pakistani coast for assistance. Apparently the vessel was being pursued by the skiff for four hours

and took evasive measures in accordance with Best Management Practices Version 4 in reporting and asked local coastal security force for response.

A naval asset was immediately deployed and acted upon the distress call of the bulk carrier to locate and arrest the suspected pirates.

Hijack

Attack

Robbery

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13 APR 1412 UTC <div>7</div>	UNNAMED Unknown	24:19N - 058:13E, approx 47nm NNW of Muscat, Oman	A merchant vessel reported 1 skiff with 8 POB approaching to 2 cables on starboard quarter matching its course at 1412 UTC in position 24:19N - 058:13E, approx 47nm NNW of Muscat, Oman, Gulf of Oman; no ladders or weapons sighted. A 2nd skiff was then seen at 2nm on port quarter, again matching the course and speed of the vessel. 1 skiff closed to 1600m before both skiffs moved away. (UKMTO)
14 APR 1230 UTC <div>8</div>	SPYROS K Liberia Oil Tanker	12:25N – 043:43E, Gulf of Aden	Seven pirates in a white/blue-coloured skiff armed with an RPG approached a Liberia-flagged oil tanker, <b>Spyros K</b> , underway at 1230 UTC in position 12:25N – 043:43E, Gulf of Aden. Master raised alarm, sounded ship’s whistle, activated fire hoses and fired two parachute rockets. The armed security team onboard noticed a ladder on the skiff and showed their weapons resulting in the skiff aborting the approach and moved away. (IMB)
17 APR 0700 UTC <div>9</div>	UNNAMED Unknown	12:24N - 043:42E, approx 82nm SW of Aden, Yemen, Gulf of Aden	Merchant vessel reported approached to 150m from port beam by 5 Yemeni type skiffs at 20.5kts at 0700 UTC in position 12:24N - 043:42E, approx 82nm SW of Aden, Yemen, Gulf of Aden. AST stood to, fire hoses activated and 1 flare fired. Weapons and a ladder were sighted on skiff and at 550m the AST displayed weapons. A 2nd flare was fired which resulted in the approach being aborted. (UKMTO)
17 APR 0850 UTC <div>10</div>	UNNAMED Unknown	12:13.4N - 044:02.9E, approx 69nm SW of Aden, Yemen, Gulf of Aden	Same merchant vessel as at 0700 UTC incident (above) reported being approached again 150m from the port beam by 1 white Yemeni fishing skiff at 22knots with 5 POB carrying weapons and in army dress at 0850 UTC in position 12:13.4N - 044:02.9E, approx 69nm SW of Aden, Yemen, Gulf of Aden. Two flares were fired and vessel maintained course. A further flare was fired and weapons were shown by the AST resulting in the skiff abandoning the approach. (UKMTO)
22 APR 1337 UTC <div>11</div>	UNNAMED Unknown	12:19N - 044:06E, western Gulf of Aden	MV reported approach by 3 white skiffs w/ 14 POB at 1337 UTC in position 12:19N - 044:06E, western Gulf of Aden. One skiff remained 2nm from vessel, 2 skiffs closed to 1300m on port beam. No pirate indicators seen. AST displayed weapons and fired 4 flares. Skiffs moved to 1.2nm astern of the vessel increasing distance. (UKMTO)
23 APR 1900 UTC <div>12</div>	UNNAMED Unknown	14:13.54N - 051:07E, IRTC, Gulf of Aden	MV reported 4 skiffs towed by a mothership each w/ 3-4 POB and armed with machine guns at 1900 UTC in position 14:13.54N - 051:07E, IRTC, Gulf of Aden. Embarked AST displayed weapons when craft at 2nm, resulting in skiffs turning away. (UKMTO but <b>unverified</b> ).
29 APR 0300 LT <div>13</div>	UNNAMED Unknown Fishing Vessels	01:42N - 053:15E, approx 344nm NNW of Bird Island, Seychelles	Two FVs were reported attacked at 0300 LT in position 01:42N - 053:15E, approx 344nm NNW of Bird Island, Seychelles (approx 478nm E of Mogadishu, Somalia). Reportedly 10 skiffs including 1 Dhow in the vicinity. No further details available.
29 APR 0810 UTC <div>14</div>	UNNAMED Unknown Fishing Vessel	12:25N - 043:50E, approx 64nm NE of Djibouti, Gulf of Aden	Fishing vessel reported being approached by a skiff with 6 POB at 0810 UTC in position 12:25N - 043:50E, approx 64nm NE of Djibouti, Gulf of Aden. No weapons were sighted and the skiff closed to 1nm at which point a warning shot was fired and weapons displayed. The skiff turned away towards a 2nd fishing vessel which also displayed weapons. The skiffs turned away. Crew and vessels are safe. Reported (UKMTO)

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A German court sentenced a Somali asylum-seeker to 12 years in jail on Thursday, for his

involvement in the pirate hijacking of a tanker in the Indian Ocean in 2010. The judge in the Osnabrueck court in northern Germany said the

man was guilty of kidnapping and severe extortion. The ship was released for a ransom of \$5.5 million after eight months in the hands of Somali pirates. "After four months of extensive evidence gathering, the court is convinced that the 44-year-old Somali was a leading member of the pirates who kidnapped a chemical tanker," said the court in a statement.



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29 APR 0847 LT <span>15</span>	UNNAMED Unknown Fishing Vessel	04:53N - 053:26E, approx 526nm NNW of Bird island, Seychelles	FV reported an attack at 0847 LT in position 04:53N - 053:26E, approx 526nm NNW of Bird island, Seychelles (approx 512nm ENE of Mogadishu, Somalia). No further details available.
29 APR 1241 UTC <span>16</span>	UNNAMED Unknown	12:03N - 045:37E, approx 56nm SSE of Aden, Yemen, IRTC, Gulf of Aden	Vessel reported being approached by 2 skiffs at 20kts at 1241 UTC in position 12:03N - 045:37E, approx 56nm SSE of Aden, Yemen, IRTC, Gulf of Aden. One white and one green skiff slowed as they approached. One skiff with 7 POB at 1.2nm when the AST displayed weapons, the skiffs moved away. Due to conflicting reports it has not been possible to determine the presence or otherwise of weapons on the skiffs. (UKMTO)
30 APR 0835 UTC <span>17</span>	UNNAMED Unknown	13:21N - 051:08E, approx 140nm NW of Socotra Island, Gulf of Aden	Vessel reported being followed for 2 hours by one grey-hulled fishing boat and 1 white speed boat at 0835 UTC in position 13:21N - 051:08E, approx 140nm NW of Socotra Island, Gulf of Aden. The speed boat closed to 1nm at which point the vessel made a call on VHF which was received up by a nearby warship. A helicopter was sent to investigate and the speedboat veered away. Reported (UKMTO)





## WEST AFRICA

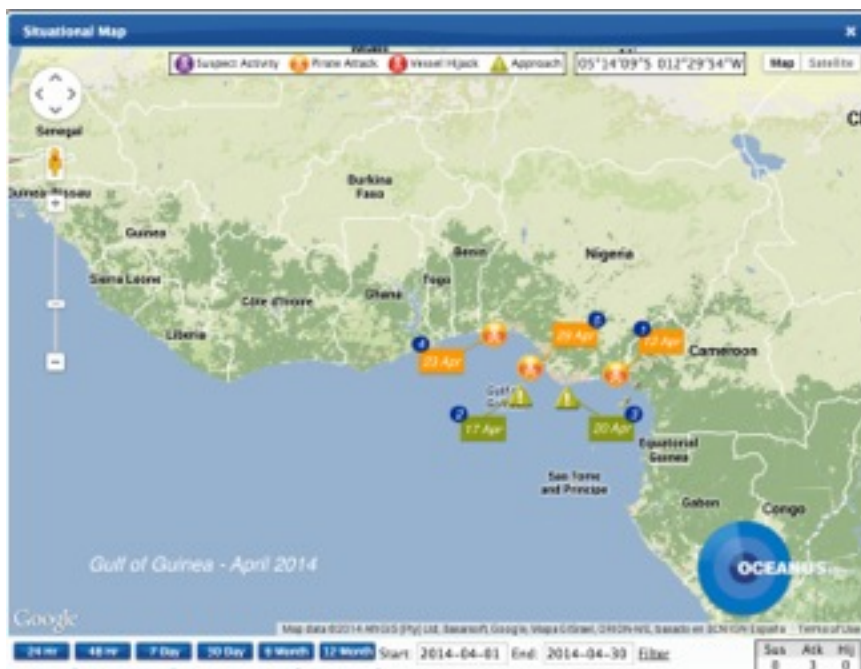
Following the boarding of the tanker, SP Brussels, by pirates off Nigeria, it was reported that the crew retreated to the citadel but two merchant seamen were unable to reach it. One of them was found dead during a search of the vessel and the second one

was found hiding with minor injuries. Two of the attackers were killed during the exchange of gunfire.

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12 APR 0600 LT	1	UNKNOWN Tanker	04:40N - 008:20E, Cross River State, Nigeria	MT reported attacked by black speedboat with 5 POB at 0600 LT in position 04:40N - 008:20E, Cross River State. The men boarded the vessel and reportedly seized the Captain and Chief Engineer, both Nigerians. No further details available.
17 APR 1445 LT	2	NEYA III Nigeria Offshore Supply Ship	03:46.5N - 004:22.9E, approx 90nm off Nigeria	Nigeria-flagged offshore supply ship, Neya III, underway reported being chased by a tug boat suspected to be a pirate mothership at 1445 LT in position 03:46.5N - 004:22.9E, approx 90nm off Nigeria. Tug boat with black hull and white superstructure seen to have one speedboat on deck. Following anti-piracy actions, the mothership ceased the chase. The mothership was observed attempting to attack a coastal tanker prior to chasing the supply ship.
20 APR 2220 UTC	3	UNKNOWN Italy LNG Tanker	03:41N - 006:18E, around 37nm South of Brass, Nigeria	An unlit suspicious craft underway with a speed of six knots, suddenly altered course, increased speed and approached a passing LNG tanker underway at 2220 UTC in position 03:41N - 006:18E, around 37nm South of Brass, Nigeria. Master onboard the LNG tanker raised alarm, increased speed, altered course, fire hoses activated and crew directed search lights towards the craft. After around 10 minutes the suspicious craft stopped the approach and altered course. MRCC Lagos, Nigeria informed. (IMB)
23 APR 1956 LT	4	HELLESPONT PROGRESS Marshall Islands Product Tanker	06:17N - 003:21E, 6.3nm SSW of Lagos breakwater, Nigeria	Three persons in a skiff approached an anchored tanker carrying out STS operations at 1956 LT in position 06:17N - 003:21E, 6.3nm SSW of Lagos breakwater, Nigeria. They attempted to board the vessel via the anchor chain. Alert Nigerian security guard raised the alarm and fired a warning shot resulting in the robbers moving away. (IMB)
29 APR 1931 LT	5	SP BRUSSELS Marshall Islands Product Tanker	04:56N - 004:49E, approx 35nm West of Bayelsa, Nigeria	Product tanker, <b>SP Brussels</b> , attacked and boarded by pirates at 1931 UTC in position 04:56N - 004:49E, approx 35nm West of Bayelsa, Nigeria. Two pirates boarded the vessel as the crew entered the citadel. Embarked AST reportedly <b>fired at the pirates, killing the two that had embarked</b> . One crewman was reported killed, and another suffered minor injuries who had not been able to make it to the citadel. The pirates craft followed astern before moving away. The two crew members were discovered once the remainder of the 17 crew left the citadel. <b>C/E killed and the 3/O left with injuries</b> . The vessel headed towards Lagos.







## SE ASIA

The hijacking of two tankers is a clear sign of the continued threat of piracy in the Strait of Malacca. Piracy has not been eradicated by the multinational sea and air patrols, and may be considered to have evolved and adapted. The threat to larger vessels of being commandeered is less prevalent, whilst the number of

armed robberies has continued, particularly of Bintan Island. The theft of oil products from tankers transiting the Straits has returned, but should not be considered to have been inspired by pirates off West Africa.

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1 APR 0040 LT 	 <b>CENTAUR</b> Panama Container Ship	20:52N – 107:07E, Cailan Channel, Vietnam	Three robbers in a small boat approached and boarded a grounded container ship and attempted to break into the forward stores at 0040 LT in position 20:52N – 107:07E, Cailan Channel, Vietnam. Alert duty crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. All crew mustered, SSAS activated and DPA was informed. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness the robbers escaped empty handed. Port Authority contacted but received no response. (IMB)
2 APR 0005 LT 	 <b>PACIFIC GALAXY</b> Panama Tanker	01:24N – 104:43E, NE Bintan Island, South China Sea	Four robbers boarded an anchored tanker from the stern at 0005 LT in position 01:24N – 104:43E, South China Sea. Duty AB noticed the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. Due to the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without having stolen anything. (IMB)
4 APR 0100-0400 LT 	 <b>RIDGEBURY JOHN B</b> Marshall Islands Crude Tanker	01:25N – 104:38E, around 12nm NNE of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored Marshall Islands-flagged crude tanker, Ridgebury John B, unnoticed and escaped with ship's properties between 0100 - 0400 LT in position 01:25N – 104:38E, around 12nm NNE of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia. The robbery was only noticed in the morning by the engine crew. (IMB)
6 APR 1300 LT 	 <b>MASAKUNI</b> Japan Barge Carrier	01:11N – 103:42E, Straits of Malacca	Japan-flagged barge carrier, Masakuni, reported whilst underway being boarded at 1300 LT in position 01:11N - 103:42E, Straits of Malacca. Ship's crew noticed a door was broken. Some of the crew's personal belongings and ship's property were found stolen. Crew did not see any robber(s). (ReCAAP)
7 APR 0550 LT 	 <b>BUDGET 18</b> Malaysia Tug <b>BUDGET 28</b> Malaysia Barge	01:11.23N - 103:39.19E, Singapore Strait, Westbound Lane, TSS	While underway, 10 robbers boarded the barge "Budget 28" that was towed by the Malaysia-flagged tug boat "Budget 18" at 0550 LT in position 01:11.23N - 103:39.19E, Singapore Strait, Westbound Lane, TSS. The robbers stole approximately 10 tons of scrap metal before they left the barge at or about 0640 LT. The crew was not injured. Singapore Port Operations Control Centre (POCC) informed the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and also initiated a VHF broadcast to alert mariners. (ReCAAP)
9 APR 0600 LT 	 <b>BLACKFIN</b> Bahamas Bulk Carrier	03:54N – 098:46E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Nine robbers armed with knives in two wooden boats approached and boarded an anchored Bahamas-flagged bulk carrier, Blackfin, at 0600 LT in position 03:54N – 098:46E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia. Duty crew on routine rounds spotted the robbers and informed the bridge who raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with the stolen ship's properties in their boats. Pilot Station and CSO were informed. (IMB)
17 APR 2010 LT 	 <b>SRI PHANGNGA</b> Thailand Product Tanker	01:59.8N – 104:25.4E, 26nm SSW of Pulau Aur, Malaysia	A Thailand-flagged product tanker, <b>Sri Phangnga</b> , was boarded and <b>hijacked</b> by around 16 heavily armed pirates at 2010 LT in position 01:59.8N – 104:25.4E, 26nm SSW of Pulau Aur, Malaysia. The pirates then transferred and stole part of the fuel cargo into smaller unknown tankers. Crew and ship properties were stolen and ship communication equipment damaged. <b>Master sustained minor injuries</b> . Master and crew managed to repair the damage and proceed to a safe port in Cambodia. (IMB)



## SE ASIA

South Korean ferry sank April 16 with 476 people aboard, most of them students from a single high school. The death toll reached 244 with 58 still missing while 174 survived, including 22 of the 29 crew members. Coast guard chief Kim Suk-kyoon said only 172 people survived the April 16 sinking

of the ferry Sewol - not 174, as the government had been saying since April 18.

South Korea police detained the head of the company that operated the Sewol ferry. Prosecutors say that the ferry may have been overloaded with cargo when it sank.

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18 APR 0355 LT <span>8</span>	PERM MALA India Product Tanker	09:55N - 076:08E, Kochi Anchorage, India	Three robbers in a small boat approached and attempted to board an anchored product tanker at 0355 LT in position 09:55N - 076:08E, Kochi Anchorage, India. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and informed bridge who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped in their boat. Port Control informed. (IMB)
18 APR 1930 LT <span>9</span>	VISHVA NIDHI India Bulk Carrier	00:13S -117:35E, Samarinda Anchorage, Indonesia.	Duty officer onboard an anchored bulk carrier noticed three robbers trying to board the vessel near the forecastle at 1930 LT in position 00:13S -117:35E, Samarinda Anchorage, Indonesia. Ship alarm raised and all crew mustered. Due to the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. (IMB)
19 APR 0030 LT <span>10</span>	NEW SAILING 2 Panama General Cargo Ship	03:55N - 098:46E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored general cargo ship at 0030 LT in position 03:55N - 098:46E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia. They took hostage the duty AB on the forecastle and stole his personal belongings. The incident was noticed by the crew near the stern who informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers immediately escaped with the stolen items in their wooden boat. The duty AB received minor injuries. (IMB)
20 APR 0307 LT <span>11</span>	SN FREDERICA Italy LNG Tanker	01:26N - 104:38E, around 12nm NNE of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Two robbers in a small craft approached and boarded an anchored product tanker at 0307 LT in position 01:26N - 104:38E, around 12nm NNE of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia. Duty A/B on routine rounds noticed the robbers and informed the OOW who raised the alarm. All crew mustered and a search was carried out throughout the tanker and found that ship's engine spares were missing. Incident reported to MPA Singapore. (IMB)
21 APR 0300 LT <span>12</span>	SKS DARENT Bahamas Product Tanker	01:24.4N - 104: 34.8E, 11nm North of Bintan Island, Indonesia	Robbers boarded an anchored Bahamas-flagged product tanker, SKS Darent, at 0300 LT in position 01:24.4N - 104: 34.8E, 11nm North of Bintan Island, Indonesia. Robbers stole ship property and escaped unnoticed. The robbery was noticed by duty watchman on routine rounds. Reported (IMB)
22 APR 0055 LT <span>13</span>	NANIWA MARU NO.1 St Kitts & Nevis Tanker	02:59N - 100:54E, 3NM WNW of One Fathom Bank, off Port Klang, Malacca Strait	St Kitts-Nevis-flagged, Singapore-managed tanker, <b>Naniwa Maru No.1</b> , was boarded and <b>hijacked</b> by around 10 heavily armed pirates (pistols and machetes) at 0055 LT in position 02:59N - 100:54E, 3NM WNW of One Fathom Bank, off Port Klang, Malacca Strait. The pirates transferred and stole part of the fuel cargo (estimated 3 million litres, of the 5 million litres of diesel on board the vessel, were transferred over a span of several hours) into two smaller unknown tankers. Pirates subdued and tied up crew members. Crew and ship properties were stolen and ship communication equipment damaged. The pirates kidnapped three Indonesian crew members (captain, chief engineer and one other crewman) and escaped. The vessel and remaining crew safely arrived at Port Klang. (IMB)
24 APR 0250 LT <span>14</span>	LOYALTY Liberia Bulk Carrier	21:51.5N - 091:40E, Chittagong OPL, Bangladesh	Around 20 robbers in two boats boarded an anchored bulk carrier at 0250 LT in position 21:51.5N - 091:40E, Chittagong OPL, Bangladesh. The robbers broke into the forward stores, stole ship's property and escaped. The ship's attempt to contact the coast guard failed but message was relayed by another ship in the vicinity. (IMB)



## SE ASIA

Thailand-flagged oil tanker, MT Sri Phangnga, was approximately 18nm off Tanjung Sedili, Malaysia in the South China Sea when 16 pirates armed with a shotgun, a handgun and knives boarded the ship. The ship was forced to anchor and a small-sized tanker came alongside. About 450,000

litres of MGO was discharged from MT Sri Phangnga (see photo left via ReCAAP ISC). The pirates escaped after taking the crew's personal belongings, ship equipment, destroyed the ship's communication power line and painted over the ship's name and company logo on the side of the tanker. The crew were not injured.



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30 APR 0150 LT <span>15</span>	NJORD THYRA Singapore Tanker	22:08.1N – 091:41.6E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Two robbers boarded an anchored Singapore-flagged tanker, Njord Thyra, from the stern at 0150 LT in position 22:08.1N – 091:41.6E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh. Ship alarm raised, all crew mustered and Port Control notified. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship properties. (IMB)
30 APR 0500 LT <span>16</span>	ZHONGJI NO.1 Hong Kong, China Chemical Tanker	01:24.4N – 104:41.2E, around 12nm NNE of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded an anchored Hong Kong, China-flagged chemical tanker, Zhongji No1, at 0500 LT in position 01:24.4N – 104:41.2E, around 12nm NNE of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia. The duty wiper on routine rounds noticed the robbers and informed the duty engineer who raised the alarm. The robbers immediately escaped in their boat. All crew mustered. Upon searching the vessel it was found that some engine spares were missing. Reported (IMB)

