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To: All Masters, Ship Security Officers, Company Security Officers of Hong Kong registered ships, Hong Kong shipowners, ship Managers and Operators

Security Information

Please find following security information for your reference. All ship masters and companies should pay particular attention, exercise extreme vigilance and take necessary precautionary measures when any ship transiting the mentioned waters.

Yours faithfully,

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Quote:

1. WARNING and Incident Alert

130600 UTC MAR 2019

TO: ALL SHIPS TRANSITING IN AND OFF EASTERN SABAH,
MALAYSIA/CELEBES SEA/SULU SEA

WARNING WARNING WARNING

THIS WARNING IS A FOLLOW UP BROADCAST WARNING TRANSMITTED
SINCE 091630 UTC MAR 2019.

ASG PLAN KIDNAPPING

THE IMB PRC HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM PHILIPPINE INTEL THAT
17 ARMED ASG MILITANTS ONBOARD 2 SPEEDBOATS WITH OBM DEPARTED
SULU ON 08 MARCH 2019 HEADING TOWARDS SEMPORNA TO CONDUCT
KIDNAPPINGS IN/OFF SEMPORNA AND NEARBY WATERS IN/OFF SABAH.
THE GROUP WAS LAST MONITORED IN LANGUYAN. TAWI TAWI
COORDINATING WITH THEIR SPOTTERS IN SEMPORNA.

VESSELS ARE ADVISED TO REMAIN VIGILANT AND MAINTAIN STRICT ANTI-
PIRACY WATCH AND MEASURES.

EARLY ASSESSMENT / DETECTION WILL ALLOW SHIPS TO TAKE EVASIVE
ACTIONS AND OTHER ANTI PIRACY MEASURES TO PREVENT BOARDING
AND REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. CITADEL/SAFE ROOM IS IMPORTANT.

ALL ATTACKS AND SUSPICIOUS SIGHTINGS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO
LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND TO THE IMB PRC AS PER IMO CIR 1334.

THIS WARNING WILL BE RE-EVALUATED AGAIN ON 18.03.2019.

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300600 UTC DEC 2018

TO: ALL SHIPS TRANSITING OFF EASTERN SABAH, MALAYSIA/CELEBES SEA/SULU SEA

WARNING WARNING WARNING

THIS WARNING IS THE FOLLOW UP WARNING TRANSMITTED SINCE 110900 UTC DEC 2018. UPDATED INFORMATION 14 DEC 2018 AND 27 DEC 2018 BELOW.

AFTER RE-EVALUTION BY MALAYSIAN AND PHILIPPINE INTEL ON 26.12.2018, THIS WARNING IS STILL VALID FOR ANOTHER WEEK AND WILL BE BROADCAST ON ALTERNATE DAYS UNTIL NEXT RE-EVALUTION ON 03.01.2019. CURRENTLY THREAT IS STILL PRESENT.

ASG PLAN KIDNAPPING

THE IMB PRC HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM BOTH MALAYSIAN AND PHILIPPINE INTEL THAT ASG WERE MONITORED PREPARING TO CONDUCT MORE KIDNAPPINGS IN/OFF SEMPORNA AND LAHAD DATU, SABAH. THE ASG IS SAID TO HAVE OBTAINED SOME RANSOM MONEY VIA THEIR EARLIER KIDNAPPINGS AND THIS HAS GIVEN THEM FUNDS TO CONDUCT MORE KIDNAPPINGS. INFORMATION RECEIVED SUGGEST THAT THEY PLAN TO CONDUCT THE KIDNAPPINGS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

1. INFORMATION RECEIVED ON 14 DEC 2018 SHOWED THAT ARMED ASG INTEND TO USE TWO FAST BOATS. ONE WITH 3X200HP BLACK COLOURED AND THE OTHER 2X60HP DARK BLUE COLOURED/BLACK. THEY INTEND TO CONDUCT KIDNAPPINGS ON TOURIST/FISHING VESSELS/TUGS/SHIPS. THE AREA REMAINS HIGH RISK UNTIL THE NEW YEAR.

2. INFORMATION RECEIVED ON 27 DEC 2018 INDICATED THAT ABOUT 10 ASG MILITANTS WERE SPOTTED BOARDING TWO BOATS AT PULAU SIBUTU, TAWI TAWI ON 21 DEC 2018. THE BOATS ARE A GREY COLOURED PUMP BOAT FOR 4 PERSONS AND ANOTHER GREY COLOURED SPEED BOAT 2 X 60 HP ENGINES FOR 6 PERSONS. THEY ARE WELL ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND INTEND TO CONDUCT KIDNAPPING ACTIVITIES AROUND SEMPORNA AND SANDAKAN WATERS. ALL VESSELS ARE POSSIBLE TARGETS INCLUDING SMALL FISHINGS VESSELS , YACHTS AND TUG BOATS.

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SEA/SULU SEA

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070340UTC DEC 2018

TO: ALL SHIPS TRANSITING IN/OFF SABAH, MALAYSIA

WARNING WARNING WARNING

ON 05 DEC 2018 AROUND 1030 UTC, A TUG BOAT WAS ATTACKED BY FOUR ARMED PERSONS IN A SPEED BOAT AT POSITION 05:38.38N - 118:57.44E, OFF SABAH, MALAYSIA. THEY FIRED SHOTS TOWARDS THE TUG BOAT AND ONE CREW WAS SHOT ON THE LEG. MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES ALERTED AND INTERCEPTED THE TUG BOAT AND RESCUED THE CREW.

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110100 UTC NOV 2018

TO ALL SHIP TRANSITING OFF SOMALIA/GOA/INDIAN OCEAN.

PIRACY INFORMATION WARNING

INDIAN WARSHIP MANAGED TO INTERCEPT 04 FISHING BOATS WITH SKIFFS IN POSN 05:35.0N - 049:27.5E AT 0130 UTC ON 09 NOV 2018. BOARDING OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED ON ALL THE BOATS AND WEAPONS WERE SEIZED WITH OTHER PIRACY MATERIALS.

SHIPS ARE ADVISED TO BE MORE VIGILANT AND MAINTAIN STRICT ANTI PIRACY WATCH AND MEASURES IN THESE WATERS. ADHERE TO THE LATEST BMP 5 RECOMMENDATIONS.

MONITOR ALL SMALL BOATS INCLUDING FISHING BOATS WITH SKIFFS.

REPORT ALL ATTACKS AND SUSPICIOUS SIGHTINGS AND MONITOR OUR IMB PRC WARNING BROADCAST VIA SAFETY NET.

WISHING ALL SHIPS AND CREWS A SAFE VOYAGE

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062300 UTC NOV 2018

TO: ALL SHIPS TRANSITING OFF SOMALIA / INDIAN OCEAN

WARNING WARNING WARNING

ON 06 NOV 2018 AROUND 2000 UTC A FISHING VESSEL IN POSITION 03:00S , 048 28E, AROUND 355NM SE OF MOGADISHU, SOMALIA WAS REPORTED BEING UNDER ATTACK AND CHASED BY PIRATES. THE FISHING VESSEL MANAGED TO ESCAPED.

VESSELS TRANSITING THE AREA ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION AND REMAIN VIGILANT. ADHERE TO THE LATEST BMP RECOMMENDATIONS.

ALL ATTACKS AND SUSPICIOUS SIGHTINGS SHOULD BE REPORTED.

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310600 UTC OCT 2018

TO: ALL SHIPS TRANSITING OFF EASTERN SABAH, MALAYSIA/CELEBES SEA/SULU SEA

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RELATED TO THE ABOVE, EIGHT FULLY ARMED MEN FROM JOLO SULU BELIEVED TO BE ASG MEMBERS WERE SIGHTED AT SITANGKAI TAWI-TAWI, ONBOARD 2 PUMPBOAT DOUBLE ENGINE. THE GROUP MAY ALSO BE PLANNING TO GO UNDERWAY TO SEMPORNA FOR KIDNAPPING ACTIVITIES.

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Date: 30 Oct 2018

1. The ReCAAP ISC has received information from the Philippine Focal Point (Philippine Coast Guard) that a group of approximately 10 ASG (Abu Sayyaf Group) members armed with pistol, rifles and grenade launcher is planning to conduct kidnapping activities at any opportune time in undisclosed areas in Sabah primarily targeting businessmen or ship's crew of foreign vessels passing through the area. They are using unmarked coloured blue and white motorbanca locally known as jungkong.

2. Ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance when transiting the waters off Eastern Sabah and Sulu-Celebes Seas.

3. Source: Philippine Coast Guard

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290600 UTC OCT 2018

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