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Incident Alert

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The ReCAAP ISC alerts the maritime community on the continued occurrence of incidents of sea robbery onboard ships while underway in the Singapore Strait, and warns a possibility of further incidents.

A total of three incidents were reported onboard ships while underway in the eastbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) in the Singapore Strait (SS) on 18 October 2024. The three incidents occurred within an interval of 2 hours; and two of the incidents occurred at close proximity to each other (less than 1 nm apart), off Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia. All three incidents occurred onboard bulk carriers while transiting the **Phillip Channel**. Engine spares were stolen in one incident, and nothing was stolen in the other two incidents. The crew members were not injured in all three incidents.

With these three incidents, a total of **39 incidents** were reported in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS) since January 2024. Of which, 38 incidents occurred in the SS and one incident in the Malacca Strait (MS). The locations of the 39 incidents are indicated in the map next page.

The ReCAAP ISC urges the littoral States to increase patrols/surveillance in their respective waters, respond promptly to incidents reported by ships, strengthen coordination and promote information sharing on incidents and criminal groups involved to arrest the perpetrators. Ships are advised to intensify vigilance and maintain sharp look-out while transiting the areas of concern, particularly during hours of darkness, adopt preventive measures recommended in the *Regional Guide 2 to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia*, and report all incidents immediately to the nearest coastal State and flag State. Contact details of the littoral States are -

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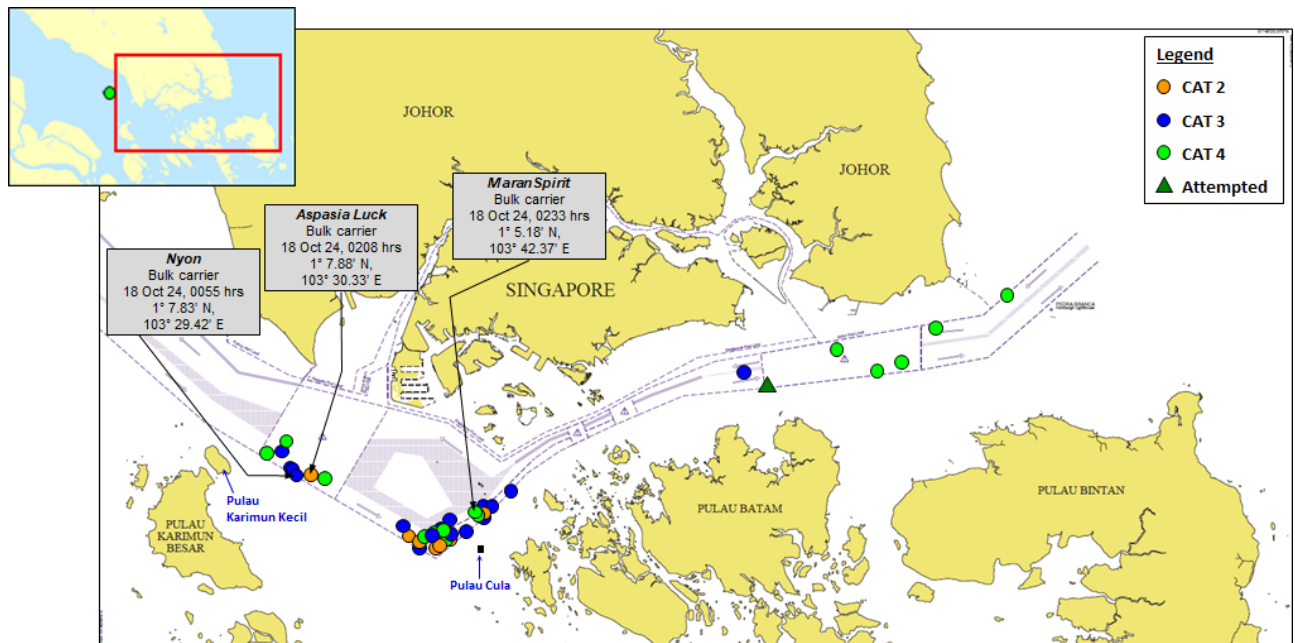
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Location of Incidents in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (1 January-18 October 2024)

Since January 2024 till 18 October 2024, ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) reported to the ReCAAP ISC **39 incidents** that occurred to ships while underway in the SOMS.

The locations of the 39 incidents are shown in the map below; and description of the three incidents occurred on 18 October 2024 are in Annex A.



Location of incidents in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (1 January-18 October 2024)



Annex A

The description of the three incidents occurred on 18 October 2024 are as shown below:

S/N	Date/Time/location (UTC+8)	Details of Incidents
1.	<p>18/10/24 0055 hrs SOMS</p> <p>Approx. 4.6 nm east of Pulau Karimun Kecil (Indonesia)</p> <p>[1° 7.83' N, 103° 29.42' E]</p>	<p>While underway, the master of bulk carrier <i>Nyon</i> reported to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) West that they sighted <u>five perpetrators armed with knives</u> in the engine room. The alarm was raised and crew mustered to conduct a search onboard the ship. No perpetrators were found and <u>nothing was stolen</u>.</p> <p>Safety navigational broadcast was initiated. The Republic of Singapore Navy's (RSN) Maritime Security Task Force (MSTF) and Singapore Police Coast Guard (PCG) were notified of the incident. Information of incident was shared with the Indonesian authorities.</p> <p>Upon the ship's arrival at Singapore Anchorage, PCG boarded the ship and conducted a thorough search onboard but did not find any perpetrators. <u>All crew members were accounted for and the crew was not injured.</u></p>
2.	<p>18/10/24 0208 hrs SOMS</p> <p>Approx. 5.5 nm east of Pulau Karimun Kecil (Indonesia)</p> <p>[1° 7.88' N, 103° 30.33' E]</p>	<p>While underway, the master of bulk carrier <i>Aspasia Luck</i> reported to Singapore VTIS West that they sighted <u>10 perpetrators armed with knives</u> were sighted in the engine room. The alarm was raised and crew mustered to conduct a search onboard the ship. No perpetrators were found and <u>some engine spare parts were stolen</u>. The ship was bound for Pilot Eastern Boarding Ground 'B' (PEBGB).</p> <p>Safety navigational broadcast was initiated. The RSN's MSTF and PCG were notified of the incident. Information of incident was shared with the Indonesian authorities.</p> <p>Upon the ship's arrival at Singapore Anchorage, PCG boarded the ship and conducted a thorough search onboard but did not find any perpetrators. <u>All crew members were accounted for and the crew was not injured.</u></p>



S/N	Date/Time/location (UTC+8)	Details of Incidents
3.	<p>18/10/24 0233 hrs SOMS</p> <p>Approx. 2.8 nm north of Pulau Cula (Indonesia)</p> <p>[1° 5.18' N, 103° 42.37' E]</p>	<p>While underway, the master of bulk carrier <i>Maran Spirit</i> reported to Singapore VTIS West that they sighted one perpetrator in the engine room. The alarm was raised and crew mustered to conduct a search onboard the ship. No perpetrators were found and <u>nothing was stolen</u>. The ship was bound for PEBGB.</p> <p>Safety navigational broadcast was initiated. The RSN's MSTF and PCG were notified of the incident. Information of incident was shared with the Indonesian authorities.</p> <p>Upon the ship's arrival at Singapore Anchorage, PCG boarded the ship and conducted a thorough search onboard but did not find any perpetrators. <u>All crew members were accounted for and the crew was not injured.</u></p>

