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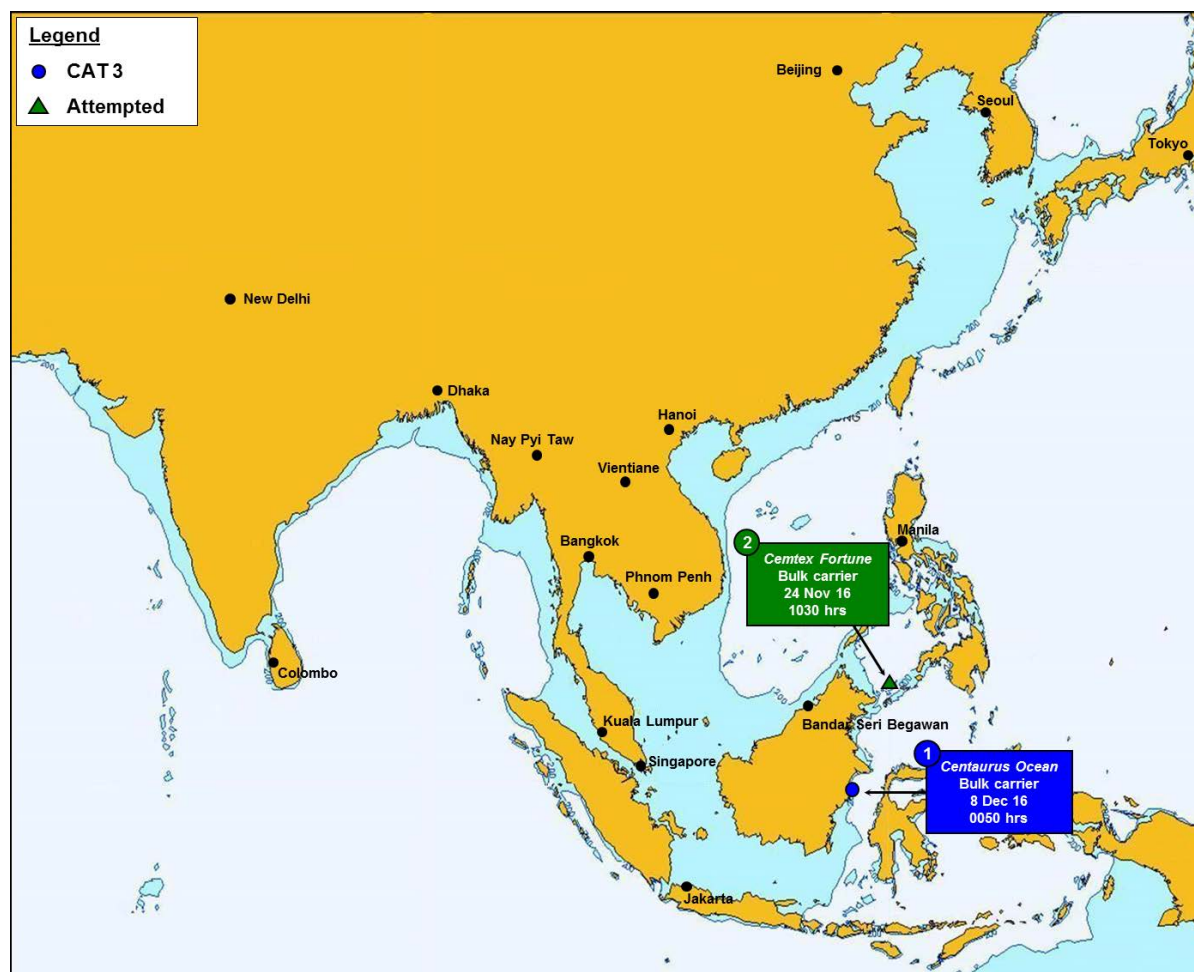
27 December 2016 – 2 January 2017

Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia

OVERVIEW

For the period of 27 Dec 16 - 2 Jan 17, one actual and one attempted incident of armed robbery against ships were reported to the ReCAAP ISC.

The location of the two incidents are shown in the map below; and the detailed description of the incidents are tabulated in attachment.



Locations of incident reported to the ReCAAP ISC (27 Dec 16 – 2 Jan 17)

RECOMMENDATIONS

The ReCAAP ISC urges ship master and crew to report all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships to the nearest coastal State and flag State, to exercise vigilance and to adopt relevant preventive measures taking reference from the *Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia*, particularly when operating in areas of concern.

The ReCAAP ISC reiterates its advisory to all ships as highlighted in the Incident Alert dated 21 November 2016 on the abduction incidents in the Sulu-Celebes Sea.

**Description of Incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships
27 December 2016 to 2 January 2017**

NO	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Local time of Incident (LT)	Position of the Incident	Details of the Incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or International Organization	Coastal State Action Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A. ACTUAL INCIDENT									
1.	<i>Centaurus Ocean</i> Bulk carrier Singapore 43291 9673824	08/12/16 0050 hrs	00° 17.70' S, 117° 39.90' E Muara Berau anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, the master reported sighting of three armed perpetrators (weapons not known) at the forecandle deck of the bulk carrier. The alarm was raised and crew mustered. Noting that the crew had been alerted, the perpetrators fled in their boat. Four mooring ropes were found missing and the hawse pipe cover of the ship was dislodged. The master reported incident to the local authority and provided information on the movement of the perpetrators' boat.	Four mooring ropes were missing, and the hawse pipe cover of the ship was dislodged.	Reported incident to port control	Yes	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Authority boarded the ship for investigation
B. ATTEMPTED INCIDENT									
2.	<i>Cemtex Fortune</i> Bulk carrier Singapore 46935 9727106	24/11/16 1030 hrs	5° 49.36' N 119° 50.9' E 6.07 nm southwest of Doc Can Island, Philippines	While underway, 10 masked perpetrators armed with guns in a suspicious unmarked blue hull speed boat chased the bulk carrier from the stern at about 20 knots. The crew sounded the alarm, increased the speed of the bulk carrier and performed evasive manoeuvres. They also activated the fire hoses on deck and sounded the ship's whistle. At the same time, the master reported the incident to the Philippine Navy and the company. After about 15 minutes, the suspicious speed boat aborted the chase.	Crew was not injured. No item was stolen.	Sounded the alarm, increased ship's speed and conducted evasive manoeuvres. Also activated fire hoses on deck and sounded the ship's whistle.	Yes Philippines Navy (PN)	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore) and ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	The PN forwarded the information to the Joint Intelligence Task Group Tawi-Tawi (JITGTT) for further verification and confirmation.