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Dear Shipowners, Operators and Masters of Liberian Flagged Vessels,

Subject: Security Incident involving an attack by pirates near the Port of Manila

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This bulletin is to inform about a security incident, involving an attack by pirates near the Port of Manila around 0200 hours on, April 5 2023 while the vessel was awaiting its turn to enter the port.

The pirates boarded the vessel, and captured a patrolling crew member. The crew member had his hands tied and was hit in the head several times by the pirates. The crewman alleged that the attackers attempted to throw him overboard, but he managed to escape to warn the captain. The captain notified the Philippine Coast Guard, who arrived after the pirates fled.

There were no serious injuries to the crew, nor was anything of value stolen. The incident did not disrupt the vessel's schedule but the pirates escaped and are still at large.

It is recommended that all Liberian vessels transiting the Singapore Strait, Malacca Strait, the waters off Mangkai and the Anambas in the South China Sea, and operating in the coastal waters of Malaysia, Indonesia and Philippines implement all necessary security and anti-piracy measures equivalent to security level 2 in the approved Ship Security Plan, exercise extreme vigilance, and proceed with caution during your transit/operation in this area. Refer to [Marine Security Advisory 03/2017](#) for guidance.

As of April 5, 2023 there have been 33 security incidents in Southeast Asia, far more than any other region in the world. All vessels transiting this Area are advised to take extra precaution and measures in accordance with the approved ship security plan and report any suspicious activities to the relevant authorities including IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC) <mailto:imbkl@icc-ccs.org> / <mailto:piracy@icc-ccs.org>.

Contact MSCHOA prior to transiting the Singapore Straits, Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman and the Red Sea.

The contact details of MSCHOA are:
Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
Email postmaster@mschoa.org
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When transiting the Arabian Sea, the Somali Basin, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman and Red Sea.

Register their vessels with UKMTO

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