



Piracy Attack & Crew Abduction

Sulu-Celebes Sea Region

ReCAAP ISC has circulated an alert on an incident involving a Vietnam-registered bulk carrier Royal 16. The incident occurred on 11 November 2016 at about 0330 (LT) approximately 8.3 nm southeast off **Coco Island, Basilan Strait, the Philippines.**

ReCAAP ISC is concerned about the situation of abduction of crew from ships while underway in the Sulu-Celebes Sea region; and advised all slow moving ships to re-route from the area, where possible.

Otherwise, ship masters and crew are strongly urged to exercise extra vigilance while transiting the area; and report immediately to Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) when transiting nearer to eastern Sabah, particularly when sighting any suspicious activities or boats; and to the Operation Centre in the PCG District Southwestern Mindanao for monitoring and immediate responses in any eventualities.

It is reported that this is the second merchant vessel to be attacked and crew members crew kidnapped in this area.

The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) is the first regional government-to-government agreement to promote and enhance cooperation against piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia.

ReCAAP Alerts

[The ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert for the Sulu-Celebes Sea Region can be downloaded here.](#)
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[The ReCAAP ISC Incident Alert on the Royal 16 can be downloaded here.](#)



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Relevant regional authorities contact details for masters, owners and crew are as follows:

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