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TO ALL SHIPOWNER CLIENTS

13TH February 2017

Re: *IMPORTANT NOTICE*** - Incidents of Piracy & Armed Robbery in Chittagong / Bangladesh**

Please find below a new **ALERT** from Gray Page, a specialist maritime consulting group, which provides important information regarding an increase of piracy and armed robbery incidents in Chittagong waters recently, which is highly relevant for all ship owners' whose trading warranty within their insurance terms includes this area.

We would suggest this information is distributed to the relevant personnel, as well as being sent to the Master(s)/Chief Officers(s) of your vessel(s) if relevant.

NOTE:

If a vessel is outside of the agreed trading warranty, underwriters have the right to decline any claims that may arise. It is therefore imperative that owners check their trading warranty when negotiating a fixture and if the vessel will be trading outside of the agreed trading area, please inform Sarnia Marine immediately, so we may **request** your underwriter to provide an extension for the intended voyage, noting that ***underwriters must approve this request prior to the voyage taking place.***

With kind regards,

The Loss Prevention Team

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[<mailto:noreply=graypage.com@www.graypage.com>] **On Behalf Of** Gray Page: Global Alerts
Sent: 13 February 2017 14:38
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Subject: A new alert from Gray Page

Robberies off Bangladesh

Background

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has warned an aid ship of the risk of robbery when it calls at the port of Chittagong in Bangladesh.

“Incidents of piracy and armed robbery have been reported in Chittagong waters from February 2 until February 8,” the Bureau said in an alert sent to the NAUTICAL ALIYA.

The alert was issued while the vessel was underway to Chittagong having called at Yangon in Myanmar to unload food aid for the country’s Rohingya community.

In the week before the alert was issued the IMB recorded two incidents of thieves boarding vessels in waters off Bangladesh.

Assessment and Analysis

Thieves have a history of targeting shipping in Chittagong and in the waters off the east coast of Bangladesh.

The IMB website has details of two incidents in the first week of February, both off Kutibidia Island. In the first, an unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored offshore supply vessel. They broke into a paint locker and escaped with a large amount of paint.

In the second incident robbers boarded an offshore supply vessel and attempted to enter the crew’s accommodation. All the doors were secure and the attempt was abandoned.

Thieves generally approach the vessels they wish to rob in skiffs or fishing vessels. They use ropes, grappling hooks and ladders to gain access and typically target ships’ stores or removable deck equipment. They often carry knives but seldom firearms.

Crews are recommended to be vigilant.

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