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Subject : Security Incident/ Breach of Security

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this notice is to share and disseminate information to all concerned on security related matters that have taken place in ISPS compliant major/ non major ports on the coast of India, so that effective measures can be taken to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents in the future.

NARRATIVE:

In a recent security related incident that took place on the west coast of India, it was reported that local fishermen had laid fishing nets in the entrance channel to the port. The fishermen were warned by the Security authorities to remove the nets. Since this was ignored by the fishermen, the security boat was instructed by the port control to pick up the net. While the net was being picked up by the security boat crew, 5 fishermen came alongside and threatened the security boat crew with medium size stones and anchors as makeshift weapons. Being a one sided affair, the net was handed over to them and they departed. Subsequently, the State Reserve Police came to the site but by the time the fishermen had escaped to shallow waters where they could not be intercepted. The fishermen were finally rounded up near the shore by another police party and apprehended. A FIR was lodged and the defaulters were held in police custody.

Patrolling was intensified to keep the main channel clear. All this was possible due to the good coordination between the Security boat crew and the PFSO, well supported by the State Reserve Police.

LESSONS LEARNT:

1. Regular and effective patrolling of waterfront and channel approaches averted a possible accident.
2. Timely action resulted in the miscreants being apprehended by the law enforcement agencies.
3. Effective communications and alertness are a pre requisite for the avoidance of such incidents.

Attention is drawn to NT Branch Circular NT/ISPS/ SHIP/3/2006 dated 9th March 2006. All Port Facility Security officers may note the above and report any security incidents/ breach of security to the Directorate in the prescribed format attached as Annex 1 to the said circular.

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