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NAVPHIL 008/20 – SABAH, N. COAST, SULU SEA – ABDUCTION

EIGHT (8) CREW OF A FISHING TRAWLER WERE REPORTEDLY ABDUCTED ON 17 JANUARY 2020 BY SIX (6) GUNMEN IN BLACK SUITS ABOARD A GREY SPEED BOAT. THREE OF THE EIGHT MISSING CREW WERE RECOVERED BY AUTHORITIES. THE ABANDONED FISHING TRAWLER WERE REPORTEDLY FOUND ABOUT 4.24 NAUTICAL MILES OFF TAMBISAN ISLAND OR AT THIS APPROXIMATE POSITION:

05° 30' 31"N., 119° 04' 42"E.

ALL SHIPS/WATERCRAFTS TRANSITING THE ABOVEMENTIONED AREA ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT TO THE PHILLIPPINE AUTHORITIES VIA VHF CHANNEL 16 ALL SUSPICIOUS VESSELS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA, AND TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AT ALL TIMES.

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