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**CRUSING FOR BRUISING?
AN ASSESSMENT OF THE
PERCEIVED SECURITY THREAT
AGAINST PASSENGER VESSELS
IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA**

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Overview

- Peril at sea.
- Maritime security scenario post 9-11 .
- The cruise boom in SOM.
- Dire Straits, or worry for nothing?
- Initiatives to secure SOM.
- Is SOM safe for cruise : An analysis.
- Cruising SOM minus the bruising.

Peril at sea

- 9-11 fear shadowing maritime sector.
- Seabourne Spirit attack underlined cruise industry's vulnerability.
- Security in SOM is under the spotlight, being an important sealane for global trade.
- Is a 'nautical 9-11' a matter of time?
- A sense of perspective is needed in evaluating cruise safety in SOM.

Maritime security scenario post 9-11

- Security has taken a complex dimension.
- Maritime trade and cargo ships deemed most vulnerable.
- Cruise has remarkable safety record, even more so in SOM.
- New security measures have boosted security awareness & preparedness.
- Piracy & terrorism : Is there a link?

Cruise boom in SOM

- Cruise popularity & growth are on the up.
- Cruise in SOM is growing with better infrastructure & aggressive promotion.
- Cruise capacity dominated by deluxe 4-star ships.
- Efforts to promote SOM to attract liners bode well for further growth in the region.

Dire straits or worry for nothing?

- SOM is one the busiest and most important sealanes.
- 4.5% of 63,000 ships passing through annually are passenger ships.
- SOM suffers from bad press as a vulnerable area for ships.
- Piracy on the decline, zero incident of terror on commercial ships.

Security initiatives in SOM

- A slew of initiatives have been undertaken to bolster security in SOM.
- Measures have undoubtedly improved security at ports.
- Questions remain if they are effective, but improving security speaks for them.
- Once all measures are up and running, it is fair to expect SOM to be safer.

Is the SOM safe for cruise ?

- No attack recorded on cruise ship in SOM thus far.
- Only 0.01% risk of attack in SOM.
- Incidents at the lowest in a long time.
- Cruise remains popular, industry has taken various security initiatives.
- Seabourn Spirit's success in evading attack speaks for cruise's safety.

Cruising minus the bruising

- There's better security awareness in maritime sector and cruise industry.
- Security efforts are bearing fruit, as seen in Seabourne Spirit incident.
- Cruise has a proud safety record set to continue with new measures.
- SOM is poised to get safer.
- Holistic approach & sense of perspective are needed to address security issue.

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*"Keep up appearances,
whatever you do"*
(Charles Dickens)

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