

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Suspected Irregular Entry Vessel: Summary

SIEV 657



Interception	Approx 1011 AEST Sunday 14 April 2013, 28.5nm north - west of Broome
Total persons on board	72
Crew	N/A
Breakdown of passengers	72 (Vietnamese)
Possible Departure Point	Kien Gang, Vietnam
Point of Arrival / Interception	Approx 28.5nm north-north-west of Broome

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Information Report

Vessel Details

Vessel Name: Unknown

Description: 25M LOA, 6M BEAM, 1.5M FREEBOARD, BROWN HULL AND

DECKING, LIGHT BLUE SUPERSTRUCTURE

Port of Origin: Kien Gang, Vietnam

SIEV 653 – Reportable Information from Border Protection Command

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

- A. Vessel Name: Unknown 1.
 - B. Description: 25M LOA, 6M BEAM, 1.5M FREEBOARD, BROWN HULL AND DECKING,

LIGHT BLUE SUPERSTRUCTURE C. Port of Origin: Kien Gang, Vietnam

- D. Last Port of Call: Unknown
- 2. A. Time/Position of Initial Sighting: 1535 AEST Saturday 13 April 2013, 153nm NW of
- B. Estimated Course and Speed: Heading 135 at 6.5kts
- A. Time/Position of Boarding: 1011 AEST Sunday 14 April 2013, 28.5nm north west of Broome s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Darwin JIG Information Report SIEV 657 FOWLER (FOW) ARRIVAL

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	Incident / Information Details	
Reporting Party	Darwin JIG	[I & T CI JIG INTREP]
Reported Date / Time	23APR2013	
Information Source	ACBPS, AFP & DIAC	

Background

At approximately 1535 AEST Saturday 13 April 2013, a Customs and Border Protection DASH-8 surveillance aircraft, operating under the control of Border Protection Command (BPC), detected a contact of interest (COI), approximately 153 nautical miles north-west of Broome. The COI was heading in a south easterly direction at 8 knots. A BPC asset responded to the COI.

At approximately 1011 AEST Sunday 14 April 2013, HMAS ARARAT operating under the control

of BPC, boarded the previously reported COI approximately 28.5 nautical miles north - west of Broome and inside the Contiguous Zone. This COI was designated SIEV 657. Initial estimates were 74 persons on board, believed to be Vietnamese.

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By 1840 AEST Sunday 14 April 2013, for medical reasons concerning two of the people from SIEV 657, a family of six were transferred into the custody of Australian Government agencies in Broome. The revised total number of people on board SIEV 657 was 72. The remaining 66 people from SIEV 657 were still on board their boat pending the arrival of Ocean Protector on Tuesday 16 April 2013.

At approximately 1340 AEST Tuesday 16 April 2013 the ACV Ocean Protector completed embarking the 66 remaining persons from SIEV 657.

At approximately 1200 AEST Thursday 18 April 2013 the ACV OCEAN PROTECTOR transferred 2 of the persons from SIEV 657 to HMAS CHILDERS for transportation to Darwin.

At approximately 1930 AEST Thursday 18 April 2013 HMAS CHILDERS transferred 2 persons from SIEV 657 to Australian Government authorities in Darwin.

The remaining 64 persons from SIEV 657 remained on board the ACV OCEAN PROTECTOR.

At approximately 0820 AEST Monday 22 April 2013, ACV OCEAN PROTECTOR completed the transfer of the remaining 64 persons from SIEV 657 to Australian Government authorities in Darwin.



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