



TAPA Asia IIS Alert PH-063-01/06/2014
Hijacking, Bulacan, Philippines

Date of Incident : 1 June 2014

Time of Incident : 23:45

Incident Type : Hijacking

Attempt : No

Modus Operandi : Deceptive Stop (Bogus Police)

Incident Description : The drivers allege that six gunmen, led by a man wearing a National Police patrol uniform, directed the driver to stop their truck on the North Luzon Expressway. Once stopped, three of the suspects seized the vehicle at gunpoint while the drivers were forced into the hijackers' van and tied up. The three truck personnel were then abandoned near Barangay Bulihan, Plaridel where Barangay officials helped them contact police.

Location Type : En route

Country : Philippines

Region : Bulacan

Town : Barangay Ligas, Malolos

Street : North Luzon Express Way

Departure Place (From) : Pasig, Metro Manila, National Capital Region

Destination Place (To) : San Fernando City, Pampanga, Central Luzon

Product Category : Food/Beverage

Product Details : Snack Products

Value (USD) : \$17,000

Post Incident Activity : Police are investigating the case, but have stressed that the hijacked products may be difficult to detect as these are common in public market areas.



Advice to members

1. Ensure that high value shipment information are distributed on a “need to know” basis.
2. Ensure that high value shipment are transported only in hard top and hard sided trucks with GPS tracking and on board communication.
3. Ensure that truck GPS tracking and on board communication are properly maintained and regularly tested.
4. Ensure that vehicle cabin climate control are fully operational and that vehicles travel on a “closed cabin (windows up, cabin doors and cargo hold doors locked)” at all times.
5. Ensure that a “No Stopping Policy” is enforced at all times during High Value Shipments. Avoid transporting High Value Shipments along with multiple “Milk Runs”.
6. Ensure that truck crews are regularly trained and familiar with the safety features of the GPS Tracking System (Panic or Duress button activation).
7. Ensure that truck crews are trained in anti-hijacking and duress / survival procedures.
8. Ensure that high value shipments are properly communicated by the operations department to the Security Command Post for close monitoring and interval communication calls.
9. Be aware of suspicious activity e.g. being followed by another vehicle.
10. Ensure that incidents are immediately reported to authorities once discovered.
11. Ensure full cooperation with law enforcement authorities during the investigation.
12. Avoid routes where there are recurring incidents or thefts.
13. Consider utilizing the services of Security Escort Teams for high value shipments.
14. If your vehicle is involved in an accident, use common sense and discretion as to whether it is a deliberate or an accidental occurrence and when you can safely get out of your vehicle.
15. Pay attention and drive away from suspicious vehicles, people and places.
16. As industry best practice, it is strongly recommended that members utilize the TAPA Trucking Security Requirements (TSR) 2014 Version with at least Level 3 as a minimum. For reference, the TSR 2014 Version is available and can be downloaded at <http://www.tapa-apac.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/DRAFT-TAPA-TSR-2014.pdf>
17. Travel should be made only on approved routes and at determined safe times of the day. No night time travel.
18. Though police regulations may vary throughout Asia Pacific countries, ensure that trucking operations are familiar with police checkpoint guidelines and motorist rights at your respective countries.