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1. (U) Horn of Africa - Piracy Events Over the Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in East Africa waters is at a low level. One attack was reported this past week.

A. (U) Details:

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Boarded: No incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings: No incidents to report.

(U) Other Activity:

1. (U) RED SEA: On 7 December, a vessel reported being attacked near position 14:32N - 042:47E, vicinity of Hodeida, Yemen. (UKMTO)
B. (U) Incident Disposition:

(U) Figure 1. Horn of Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 7 - 13 December 2017

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Horn of Africa Activity

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(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked. Hijacked dhows are frequently used as motherships by pirates and released without a ransom being paid.
2. (U) Weather Forecast for 14 - 20 December 2017 and Graphic Aids to 10-Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

(U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 14 - 20 December 2017


B. (U) GULF OF OMAN: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. EXTENDED FORECAST: East-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: East-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. EXTENDED FORECAST: East-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

D. (U) SOMALI COAST: Northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with northerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern section of the coastline. EXTENDED FORECAST: Northeast winds of 20 - 25 knots, and seas of 6 - 9 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with northerly winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 4 - 7 feet in the southern section of the coastline.

E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN: North-northeast winds of 10 - 12 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet. EXTENDED FORECAST: North-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: Variable winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern Channel; with south-southeast winds of 20 - 25 knots, gusting to 30 knots, with seas of 7 - 10 feet in the southern Channel. EXTENDED FORECAST: Northerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 4 - 7 feet in the northern Channel; with east-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas 4 - 7 feet in the southern Channel.

G. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS: The northern Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are variable with most areas having an average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having an average speed of 2 knots. Currents’ speed along the Somali Basin are northeasterly averaging between 2 - 3 knots.

H. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: High pressure will dominate the weather pattern over much of the region producing mostly clear skies. Isolated rain showers and thunderstorms can be expected during the forecast as an area of low pressure moves through the region. Expect increased localized wind flow through the Strait of Hormuz due to funneling effects and occasional shamal winds across the Arabian Gulf.
(U) Figure 2. Ten-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast (Graphic courtesy of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, FNMOC)

(U) In the graphic above, green shading represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents an increased likelihood of pirate activity.

3. (U) Gulf of Guinea - Piracy Events Over the Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in West Africa waters is at a moderate level. Two boardings were reported this past week.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Kidnapping: No incidents to report.
(U) Vessels Boarded:

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 10 December, duty crewman onboard a tanker anchored near position 06:19N - 003:17E, 5 nm south of Lagos, noticed three robbers on the main deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty-handed. (IMB)

2. (U) NIGERIA: On 8 December, a merchant vessel reported being boarded near position 04:11N - 007:00E, vicinity of Bonny River. Nigerian Navy vessel responded, but pirates had already gone. Ship and crew are safe. (MDAT-GOG)

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding/Attack:

(U) Other Activity: No incidents to report.

B. (U) Incident Disposition

(U) Figure 3. Gulf of Guinea Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 7 - 13 December 2017
C. (U) Tabulated Data for Gulf of Guinea Activity

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(U) Table 2 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. This table includes incidents not described in this product line.

4. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 14 - 20 December 2017

A. (U) GULF OF GUINEA: Southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

EXTENDED FORECAST: Southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

B. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: High pressure continues to dominate the weather in the region producing relatively light winds across the Somali Basin. Isolated thunderstorms and rain showers can be routinely expected along the Somali and West Africa coasts with increased southerly wind flow through the Bab el Mandeb Strait due to funnelling effects.

5. (U) Southeast Asia - Piracy Events Over the Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in Southeast Asia waters is at a moderate level. Four boardings were reported this past week. Additionally, Philippines military personnel found the body of a Vietnamese kidnap victim.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Kidnapping: No incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Boarded:

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 8 December, 4 robbers armed with knives and swords boarded an anchored tanker near position 01:27N - 104:39E, 15 nm north-northeast of Pulau Bintan. The robbers tied up the second engineer in the engine room workshop, stole engine spare parts and escaped. Ship searched. (IMB)

2. (U) INDONESIA: On 7 December, a crewman onboard an offshore support vessel anchored near position 00:44N - 104:08E, Galang Lay Up Anchorage, noticed several robbers armed with crow bars and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship’s stores. Local authorities contacted. A security team boarded the vessel for investigations. (IMB)

3. (U) INDONESIA: On 7 December, four robbers, armed with knives, boarded an anchored offshore supply vessel near position 00:43N - 104:10E, Galang Anchorage. Duty watchman spotted the robbers and informed the duty officer. Alarm was raised and crew was mustered. Seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped empty-handed. (IMB)
4. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 7 December, duty watchmen onboard a container ship anchored near position 14:35N - 120:51E, Manila Anchorage, noticed three robbers near the forecastle and immediately notified the officer on watch. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with ship’s properties. Coast Guard notified. (IMB)

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding/Attack:

(U) Other Activity:

1. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 7 December, authorities recovered the remains of a Vietnamese ship captain kidnapped from a bulk carrier by the Abu Sayyaf militants over a year ago. The captain, identified as Pham Minh Tuan, was among six people kidnapped from the M/V ROYAL 16 as it sailed in Philippine waters off Basilan island on 11 November 2016. Another crew member was shot during the incident. Authorities said they discovered Tuan’s body in Jolo, the capital city of Sulu. Officials, however, believe that Tuan had been killed by his captors during a standoff with the Philippine military in the city of Talipao in September. (www.gcaptain.com)

B. (U) Incident Disposition

(U) Figure 4. Southeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 7 - 13 December 2017
C. (U) Tabulated Data for Southeast Asia Activity

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6. (U) Southeast Asia Weather Forecast for 14 - 20 December 2017


B. (U) Malacca Strait: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the northern Strait; with variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the southern Strait. EXTENDED FORECAST: Northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern Strait; with northwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the southern Strait.

C. (U) Andaman Sea: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern section; with east-northeast winds of 12 - 18 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern section. EXTENDED FORECAST: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern section; with easterly winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern section.

D. (U) Southern Sulu Sea - Northern Celebes Sea: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet. EXTENDED FORECAST: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet.

E. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS: Currents in the southern South China Sea, Malacca Strait, and Andaman Sea are generally less than 1 knot with a few areas in the southern South China Sea averaging 1 knot.

F. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: An area of low pressure moving off of China will produce slightly increased wind flow in the South China Sea. Expect strong gusts in and around scattered thunderstorms, throughout the Malacca Strait and the Andaman Sea due to funneling effects and daytime heating.

(U) Appendix

(U) Terminology and References

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting, and it also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity, are independent of target vessel status, and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authorities.

(U) Terms of Reference

(U) The following terms have been adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis:
• **(U) Attempted Boarding** – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.

• **(U) Blocking** – Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.

• **(U) Boarding** – Unauthorized boarding of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.

• **(U) Fired Upon** – Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.

• **(U) Hijacking** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.

• **(U) Kidnapping** – Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.

• **(U) Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.

• **(U) Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained activity in close proximity by an unknown vessel.

**(U) Piracy levels**

• **(U) High**: 5 or more piracy incidents in this one-week period.

• **(U) Moderate**: 2–4 piracy incidents in this one-week period.

• **(U) Low**: 0–1 piracy incidents in this one-week period.

**(U) Sourcing**

(U) Information contained in this report is derived through direct reporting and analysis of reports from the following agencies and commercial sources:

- Agence France Presse (AFP)
- Associated Press (AP)
- BBC News
- EU Naval Forces (EU)
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur
- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
- LSS-SAPU.com (LSS)
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S.
- Maritime Security Centre - Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Marine Domain Awareness for Trade - Gulf of Guinea (MDAT-GoG)
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- Noonsite.com (Noonsite), website
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center (ReCAAP ISC)
- Reuters
- Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
- Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN)
- The Maritime Executive (website)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
- United Press International (UPI)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
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