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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. No suspicious incidents were 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: No incidents to report.
B. (U) Incident Disposition:

(U) Figure 1. Horn of Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 8 - 14 March 2018

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

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(U) Table 1. Summary of Horn of Africa Piracy Events
(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 15 - 21 March 2018 and Graphic Aids to 10-Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

(U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 15 - 21 March 2018


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

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: East-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. EXTENDED FORECAST: East-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

D. (U) SOMALI COAST: Northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the southern section of the coastline. EXTENDED FORECAST: Northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet.


F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: Northwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 8 - 10 feet in the southern Channel. EXTENDED FORECAST: Northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 7 - 9 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 20 - 25 knots, and seas 14 - 16 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. Forecaster note: Invest Area 99s (a weather disturbance) is located approximately 650 nm northeast of Antananarivo, Madagascar. Maximum sustained surface winds are estimated at 28 to 33 knots. The potential for the development of a significant tropical cyclone within the next 24 hours is upgraded to high.
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. One inland waterway attack and one suspicious approach were reported this past week.

A. (U) Details

(U) **Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Kidnapping:** No incidents to report.

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

(U) **Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding/Attack:** No incidents to report.
(U) Other Activity:

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 9 March, a pregnant woman was injured by gunfire armed robbers that attacked a Yenagoa bound passenger boat in the coastal area of Koluama in Southern Ijaw local government area of Bayelsa State. The passenger boat was travelling from Koluama to Yenagoa when the pirates struck in the early hours of the day. The Chairman of the Bayelsa State chapter of the Nigerian Maritime Workers’ Union said the pirates also stole the 200 horsepower engine belonging to the boat owner as well as the belongings of the passengers. (www.vanguardngr.com)

2. (U) GHANA: On 8 March, a merchant vessel was approached by three speedboats near position 03:55N - 001:14E, 65 nm southeast of Takoradi. Occupants were wearing camouflage clothing and carrying weapons. (MDAT-GoG)

B. (U) Incident Disposition

(U) Figure 3. Gulf of Guinea Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 8 - 14 March 2018
C. (U) Tabulated Data for Gulf of Guinea Activity

(U) Table 2.

(U) Summary of Gulf of Guinea Piracy Events*

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(U) Table 2 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. * Militant activity is no longer listed in this table.

4. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 15 - 21 March 2018


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 funneling effects.

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

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in Southeast Asia waters is at a low level. One boarding was reported this past week, with no further information available. An abandoned fishing vessel was found in Vietnamese waters.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Kidnapping: No incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Boarded: No incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding/Attack: No incidents to report.
(U) Other Activity:

1. (U) VIETNAM: On 11 March, Vietnamese fishermen spotted a drifting, unmanned, fishing vessel in waters off Bac Lieu, south of Ho Chi Minh City. It was a Chinese fishing vessel with nobody onboard, and no traces as to the crew’s fate. Fishermen towed the ghost ship to Vietnamese waters. The ship is 30 meters long, 6 meters wide, with the hull in poor condition. (www.dtinews.vn/en/news)

B. (U) Incident Disposition

(U) Figure 4. Southeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 8 - 14 March 2018
C. (U) Tabulated Data for Southeast Asia Activity

(U) Table 3.

(U) Summary of Southeast Asia Piracy Events

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(U) Table 3 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.

6. (U) Southeast Asia Weather Forecast for 15 - 21 March 2018

A. (U) Southern South China Sea: Northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet. EXTENDED FORECAST: Northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet.

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 - 2 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: Northerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern section; with northerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern section. EXTENDED FORECAST: Easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern section; with easterly winds of 10 - 15 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
- Lloyd’s
- 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)

(U) **ICOD:** 14 March 2018

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