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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:

1. (U) ARABIAN SEA: On 31 March, a merchant vessel reported being fired upon near position 13:57N - 051:43E, 82 nm southeast of Sharkhat, Yemen. Two armed persons each in two skiffs approached the vessel to within 100 meters and fired upon it, with armed security team aboard the ship returning fire. The skiffs then moved away. Vessel sustained minor damage due to the firing. Ladders sighted in the skiffs. (UKMTO; IMB)

(U) Other Activity: No incidents to report.
B. (U) Incident Disposition:

![Map of Horn of Africa]

(U) Figure 1. Horn of Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 29 March - 4 April 2018

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

(U) Table 1.

(U) Summary of Horn of Africa Piracy Events

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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 5 - 11 April 2018 and Graphic Aids to 10-Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

(U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 5 - 11 April 2018


B. (U) GULF OF OMAN: Variable winds of 5 - 10 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: Easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern section of the coastline. EXTENDED FORECAST: Easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern section of the coastline.


F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern Channel; with easterly winds of 12 - 17 knots, with seas of 3 - 6 feet in the southern Channel. EXTENDED FORECAST: Easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas 6 - 10 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 low level. No maritime crime events were reported this past week; with late reporting on a boarding from the previous week.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Kidnapping: No incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Boarded:
1. (U) NIGERIA: On 28 March, two robbers boarded a berthed tanker near position 06:27N - 003:24E, MRS Terminal, Alpha Jetty, Lagos. Duty watchman on routine rounds spotted the robbers trying to hide near a forward cargo tank dome with a flexible hose. Duty officer notified, alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew’s alertness, the robbers escaped. Two skiffs with eight robbers were seen moving away from the tanker. The Terminal Watchman and Jetty Duty Officer immediately boarded and searched the tanker. Nothing reported stolen. (IMB)

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

(U) Other Activity: No incidents to report.

B. (U) Incident Disposition

(U) Figure 3. Gulf of Guinea Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 29 March - 4 April 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 5 - 11 April 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. No maritime crime events 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 incident to report.

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding/Attack: No incident to report.

(U) Other Activity: No incident to report.

B. (U) Incident Disposition

(U) Figure 4. Southeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 29 March - 4 April 2018
C. (U) Tabulated Data for Southeast Asia Activity

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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 5 - 11 April 2018

A. (U) Southern South China Sea: Northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet. EXTENDED FORECAST: Northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 4 - 7 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 - 3 feet in the northern Strait; with variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the southern Strait.

C. (U) Andaman Sea: Northerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern section; with northerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the southern section. EXTENDED FORECAST: Northerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern section; with northerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 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.
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

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

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)

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