(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 the previous 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) GULF OF OMAN: On 24 April, a group of Emirati fishing vessels was fired upon by unidentified individuals while sailing in the Gulf of Oman. One of the boat captains said the fleet was about 90 kilometers off the coast of Fujairah in international waters. “We tried to escape but they managed to shoot our engines and damaged them. We laid down on the floor to avoid the gunshots and then another boat came to rescue us,” he said. He said he was not sure what nationality the men were. His group was searching for tuna fish at the time. (www.thenational.ae)
B. (U) Incident Disposition:

(U) Figure 1. Horn of Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 26 April - 2 May 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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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 3 - 9 May 2018 and Graphic Aids to 10-Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

(U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 3 - 9 May 2018

A. (U) NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA: Westerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, with seas of 3 - 5 feet. EXTENDED FORECAST: Westerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, with seas of 3 - 5 feet.

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

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 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: Easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 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.

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

E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN: Southerly winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet. EXTENDED FORECAST: Southerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: Northerly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern Channel; with northerly winds of 15 - 20 knots, with seas of 5 - 7 feet in the southern Channel. EXTENDED FORECAST: Southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas 3 - 5 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 continue to dominate the weather pattern over the much of the AOR producing mostly clear skies with isolated area of thunderstorm activity. Expect isolated areas of dust from Iraq through Central Saudi Arabia.
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. One boarding was reported this past week; hostages kidnapped in March were released.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Kidnapping:

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 27 April, three South Korean sailors kidnapped in waters off Ghana were released unharmed, Prime Minister Lee Nakyon said Saturday. "All the three sailors were freed safe and sound," Lee said on Facebook. Seoul had deployed an anti-piracy warship to the area after unidentified pirates boarded the MARINE 711 with
about 40 Ghanaian and three South Korean sailors on 26 March. The pirates seized the South Koreans -- the captain, engineer and mate, and a Greek sailor, and escaped on a separate speedboat. (AFP World Service; www.pmnewsnigeria.com)

(U) Vessels Boarded:

1. (U) GHANA: On 29 April, a merchant vessel anchored near position 04:53N - 001:41.32W, Takoradi anchorage, was boarded by one person. Alarm raised resulting in the perpetrator jumping overboard. Nothing reported stolen. (www.pviltd.com)

(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, 26 April - 2 May 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 3 - 9 May 2018

A. (U) GULF OF GUINEA: Southerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet. EXTENDED FORECAST: Southerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet.

B. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: High pressure continues to dominate the weather in the region. Isolated thunderstorms and rain showers can be routinely expected along the West Africa coasts.

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. Two boardings were reported this past week; with another boarding the previous week.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Kidnapping: No incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Boarded:
1. (U) INDONESIA: On 29 April, robbers boarded an anchored heavy lift vessel near position 01:24N - 104:46E, 16 nm northeast of Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan. While carrying out routine deck work the next day, the Bosun noticed that the paint store room padlock was broken and the door left open. Further investigation showed that the padlocks to the garbage room, oxygen locker, acetylene locker and the bunker station were also broken into and the doors left open. On investigating, nothing reported stolen. (IMB)

2. (U) INDONESIA: On 28 April, a duty crewman on routine rounds onboard a general cargo vessel anchored near position 00:14S - 117:32E, Muara Berau, Samarinda, was threatened by four robbers armed with knives. The crewman managed to escape and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in two boats. Nothing reported stolen. (IMB)

3. (U) INDONESIA: On 25 April, five armed Indonesian men were arrested for attempting to kidnap three Malaysian fishermen and demanding a ransom after a rescue operation by Malaysian and Indonesian authorities. The day before, the Southern Region Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) received a distress call from a local fishing boat about 15 nautical miles southwest off Tanjung Laboh, Batu Pahat, Johor. Their vessel was released after the five suspects were arrested by Indonesian authorities; the fishermen were able to return safely. (www.atimes.com)

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

(U) Other Activity: No incidents to report.

B. (U) Incident Disposition
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 3 - 9 May 2018

A. (U) Southern South China Sea: Southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet. EXTENDED FORECAST: Northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 5 - 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: Southerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern section; with southerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the southern section. EXTENDED FORECAST: Southerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern section; with southerly 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: Low pressure over Sea of Japan and associated front has increased winds and seas from Sea of Japan through the northern portion of 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:** 2 May 2018

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