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 23 May, United Arab Emirates (UAE) state news agency WAM reported that UAE coalition forces had destroyed two boats “which were threatening a commercial oil tanker” in the Red Sea. Two other Houthi boats escaped. Later Saudi state news channel al-Ekhbариya said that remote-controlled speedboats rigged with explosives had tried to attack three commercial vessels being escorted by two coalition warships, but that coalition forces had foiled the attack and destroyed three speedboats. (www.reuters.com)
B. (U) Incident Disposition:

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 24 - 30 May 2018 and Graphic Aids to 10-Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

(U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 24 - 30 May 2018

A. (U) NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA: Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, with seas of 3 - 5 feet. EXTENDED FORECAST: Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, with seas of 7 - 9 feet.

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 southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 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 southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: East-northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly 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, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 12 - 16 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. FORECASTER NOTE: Tropical cyclone 02A (Mekunu), located approximately 555 nm south-southwest of Masirah Island, has tracked north-northwestward at 4 knots. Max sustained winds ~ 60 knots, gusts to 75 knots.

D. (U) SOMALI COAST: Southwest winds of 20 - 25 knots, gusting to 30 knots, and seas of 7 - 9 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southwest winds of 20 - 25 knots, gusting to 30 knots, and seas of 7 - 9 feet in the southern section of the coastline. EXTENDED FORECAST: Southwest winds of 20 - 25 knots, gusting to 30 knots, and seas of 9 - 12 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southwest winds of 20 - 25 knots, gusting to 30 knots, and seas of 9 - 12 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 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 7 - 9 feet.

F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: Southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, with seas of 5 - 7 feet in the southern Channel. EXTENDED FORECAST: Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas 7 - 9 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.
(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 attempted boardings were reported this past week. Eleven sailors kidnapped from FWN RAPIDE last month were released this past week.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Kidnapping:

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 23 May, Russia’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs released a statement saying that 11 kidnapped crew of Dutch freighter FWN RAPIDE were released by pirates. No details were released. General cargo ship
FWN RAPIDE was attacked by pirates in the Port Harcourt approaches, Nigeria, on the morning of 21 April. (www.fleetmon.com)

(U) Vessels Boarded: No incidents to report.

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

1. (U) GULF OF GUINEA: On 21 May, one pirate attempted to board a drifting product tanker near position 03:46N - 001:30E, approximately 140 nm south of Lome, Togo. The attempt was thwarted by a crewmember and the perpetrator fled in a skiff with 6 accomplices. Master reported a suspicious vessel in the vicinity from which the pirates could have approached his vessel. (IMB; MDAT-GoG)

2. (U) NIGERIA: On 19 May, seven robbers attempted to board an anchored bulk carrier using a rope attached to a hook near position 06:26N - 003:23E, Lagos Anchorage. Duty crewman noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and alerted the security watchmen who notified the local authorities. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and moved away. (IMB)

(U) Other Activity: No incidents to report.

B. (U) Incident Disposition

(U) Figure 3. Gulf of Guinea Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 17 - 23 May 2018
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. * Militant activity is no longer listed in this table.

4. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 24 - 30 May 2018


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 coast.

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; with no further information on two of the events. Late reporting was received on two boardings from previous weeks.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

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

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 19 May, three robbers armed with knives, boarded a bulk carrier anchored near position 05°52'S - 106°04'E, Merak Anchorage, and threatened the Duty AB on routine rounds. The robbers entered the engine room, stole ship’s spares, and escaped. (IMB)

2. (U) INDONESIA: On 19 May, six robbers boarded a tanker underway near position 01°10'N - 103°27'E, 2.5 nm east-northeast of Pulau Karimun Kecil. Duty engineer noticed the robbers, informed the master who raised the alarm. Seeing the crew’s alertness, the robbers escaped empty-handed. (IMB)

3. (U) INDONESIA: On 15 May, robbers boarded a product tanker anchored near position 01°06'N - 104°11'E, Tanjung Uban Anchorage. The robbers stole ship’s properties and escaped unnoticed. The theft was noticed during routine rounds. (IMB)

4. (U) INDONESIA: On 5 May, robbers boarded a tanker anchored near position 01°27'N - 104°36'E, 12 nm north-northeast of Tanjung Berakit, Bintan Island. The robbers stole ship’s properties and escaped unnoticed. The theft was noticed during a routine emergency drill. (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 4. Southeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 17 - 23 May 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 24 - 30 May 2018

A. (U) Southern South China Sea: Northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet. EXTENDED FORECAST: Northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 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 - 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 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern section; with northerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 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: 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
• DNK Intelligence & Operations Centre (DNK IOC)
• EU Naval Forces (EU)
• International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur
• International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
• Lloyd's
• 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
• Norwegian Shipowners' Mutual War Risks Insurance Association
• 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)
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