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(U) **WORLDWIDE: Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 16 June – 14 July 2021**

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1. (U) **Scope Note**

(U) The Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) message provides information on threats to merchant vessels, the shipping industry, and other maritime stakeholders worldwide in the last 30 days. This report is produced primarily to inform merchant mariners and naval forces.

2. (U) **Warnings and Advisories:**

A. (U) MARAD ADVISORY 2021-008 - Gulf of Guinea - Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom.

Effective dates: 8 July 2021 – 4 January 2022. This revised advisory cancels U.S. Maritime Advisory 2021-002 and provides updates to maritime security issues in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG). Issue: Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom continues to serve as a significant threat to U.S. flagged operators with vessels transiting or operating in the GoG. The U.S. Maritime Advisory System website (www.maritime.dot.gov/msci-advisories), which contains all current and expired U.S. Maritime Alerts and Advisories, is maintained by the Maritime Administration (MARAD). Maritime industry stakeholders who wish to receive U.S. Maritime Alerts and Advisories should send request to MaradSecurity@dot.gov. For any maritime industry questions about this advisory, contact GMCC@uscg.mil.

B. (U) MARAD ADVISORY 2021-007 - Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, and Indian Ocean - Threats to Commercial Vessels by Iran and its Proxies.

Effective dates: 7 July 2021 – 3 January 2022. This revised advisory cancels U.S. Maritime Advisory 2021-001 and

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references U.S. Maritime Alerts 2021-001A, 2021-003A, and 2021-004A. Issue: Multiple maritime threats have been reported in the geographic areas described above, while heightened military activity and increased political tensions in this region continue to pose serious threats to commercial vessels. The U.S. Maritime Advisory System website (www.maritime.dot.gov/msci-advisories), which contains all current and expired U.S. Maritime Alerts and Advisories, is maintained by the Maritime Administration (MARAD). Maritime industry stakeholders who wish to receive U.S. Maritime Alerts and Advisories should send request to MaradSecurity@dot.gov. For any maritime industry questions about this advisory, contact GMCC@uscg.mil.

3. (U) **Summary:**

- A. (U) PERU: On 12 July, robbers boarded a product tanker at Callao Anchorage.
- B. (U) GUINEA: On 8 July, armed robbers boarded a bulk carrier at Conakry Anchorage.
- C. (U) INDONESIA: On 8 July, robbers boarded a chemical tanker anchored at Belawan Anchorage.
- D. (U) PANAMA: On between 3 and 5 July, robbers boarded a sailing yacht at Linton Bay Marina.

4. (U) **Details: Monthly Incidents by Region**

(U) This section lists reports of active violence against shipping, credible threats to shipping, or the potential for a situation to develop into a direct threat to shipping over the last 30 days. Every effort is made to ensure that incidents are not double-counted. In the event that double-counting is detected, or an incident is later found to be different than initially reported, an explanation of the cancellation of the inaccurate report will be made in at least one message prior to dropping the erroneous report.

- A. (U) **NORTH AMERICA:** No current incidents to report.

B. (U) CENTRAL AMERICA – CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA:



Figure 1. Central America – Caribbean – South America Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) PERU: On 12 July, at 19:20 local time, five robbers boarded a product tanker using ropes while anchored at Callao Anchorage near position 12:01S – 077:13W. The duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Following their detection, the robbers escaped in a motor boat. The crew were mustered and search was carried out. The bosun's store padlock was cut, but no items were reported stolen. The incident was reported to Callao port control and the patrol boat in the vicinity was notified. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMO-GISIS)

2. (U) PANAMA: On between 3 and 5 July, a sailing yacht moored off Linton Bay Marina near position 09:36N – 079:34W was boarded. The robbers came prepared with tools and broke the door of the well locked yacht. The stolen items include a 15HP Yamaha outboard, a generator, binoculars, electronics chart plotters, a drone, tools and other items. The incident was reported to the local authorities. (www.safetyandsecuritynet.org)

3. (U) PERU: On 2 July, at 21:12 local time, six robbers were spotted by the duty crew climbing through the starboard side anchor chain to board the Singapore-flagged bulk carrier SANTA BARBARA while anchored at Callao Inner Anchorage near position 12:00S – 077:13W. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. The robbers escaped empty-handed. The incident was reported to the coastal state authorities who subsequently informed the naval vessel on patrol. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMB; IMO-GISIS)

4. (U) PERU: On 30 June, at 00:30 local time, robbers boarded a product tanker previously boarded on 28 June while it was anchored at Callao Anchorage near position 12:01S – 077:31W. The incident was reported to the port authority. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMB)

5. (U) PERU: On 28 June, at 16:00 local time, robbers boarded a product tanker at anchor at Callao Anchorage near position 12:01S – 077:31W. Ship's spares were reported stolen. The incident was reported to the port authority. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMB)

C. (U) ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA: No current incidents to report.

D. (U) NORTHERN EUROPE – BALTIC: No current incidents to report.

E. (U) MEDITERRANEAN – BLACK SEA: No current incidents to report.

F. (U) WEST AFRICA:



Figure 2. West Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) GUINEA: On 8 July, at 04:30 local time, seven robbers armed with firearms and knives boarded the Bahamas-flagged bulk carrier MACHITIS anchored at Conakry Anchorage near position 09:18N – 013:49W. The robbers managed to steal crew belongings before escaping. Port control was notified and all crew were reported safe. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMB; IMO-GISIS)

2. (U) NIGERIA: On 28 June, five crew members, previously kidnapped from the Ghana-flagged fishing trawler ATLANTIC PRINCESS approximately 66 NM south of Tema, Ghana on 19 May, were released after 40 days in captivity. (Clearwater Dynamics; maritime-executive.com)

G. (U) ARABIAN GULF: No current incidents to report.

H. (U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA: No current incidents to report.

I. (U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA:



Figure 3. East Asia – Southeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 8 July, at 02:18 local time, two robbers armed with a knife and a rod boarded the Singapore-flagged chemical tanker OCEAN MORAY anchored at Belawan Anchorage near position 03:55N – 098:44E. It was suspected that the robbers boarded through the hawse pipe by climbing the anchor chain. The alarm was raised and the robbers escaped through fire hoses secured to a bollard. Two fire hose couplings were reported stolen. The incident was reported to the port authorities. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMB; ReCAAP; IMO-GISIS)

2. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 28 June, at 03:15 local time, robbers boarded the Cyprus-flagged container ship NORDTIGER anchored at Manila Anchorage near position 14:34N – 120:55E. The officer on duty sighted two robbers in the bosun's store. The alarm was raised which resulted in the perpetrators jumping overboard and

escaping in a motorized banca. A search was made which confirmed one set of breathing apparatus had been stolen. The incident was reported to the Manila port authorities and the Philippines Coast Guard. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMB; ReCAAP; IMO-GISIS)

3. (U) INDONESIA: On 30 June, at 00:40 local time, four robbers boarded the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier J MARE underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS near position 01:17N – 104:16E. The robbers were spotted in the engine room. After threatening crew members with a metal object, the robbers escaped with stolen engine spares. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMO-GISIS)

4. (U) MALAYSIA: On 26 June, at 00:14 local time, four robbers boarded the Panama-flagged bulk carrier SAKIZAYA CHAMPION while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS near position 01:17N – 104:17E. The robbers were discovered in the engine room, and escaped upon being spotted. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Engine spares were reported stolen. The master reported the incident to the Singapore Traffic Vessel Information System via VHF. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

5. (U) INDONESIA: On 25 June, at 23:45 local time, a robber armed with a knife boarded the Panama-flagged bulk carrier BUSAN STAR while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS near position 01:17N – 104:17E. The robber escaped upon being sighted. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. No crew members were injured, and nothing was stolen. The master reported the incident to the Singapore Traffic Vessel Information System via VHF. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

6. (U) INDONESIA: On 24 June, at 14:39 local time, two robbers boarded a container ship during anchoring operations in Jakarta Anchorage near position 05:60N – 106:54E. The duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Following their detection, the robbers escaped in a waiting boat with four accomplices onboard. The incident was reported to the coast guard, who conducted an investigation. No items were reported stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMB)

7. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 22 June, at 03:40 local time, robbers boarded the Hong Kong-flagged container ship MOUNT BUTLER anchored at Manila Anchorage near position 14:34N – 120:55E. The robbers stole items from the ship's stores and escaped undetected. The theft was discovered by duty crew conducting routine rounds. The incident was reported to the port authorities via the local agent. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMB; ReCAAP)

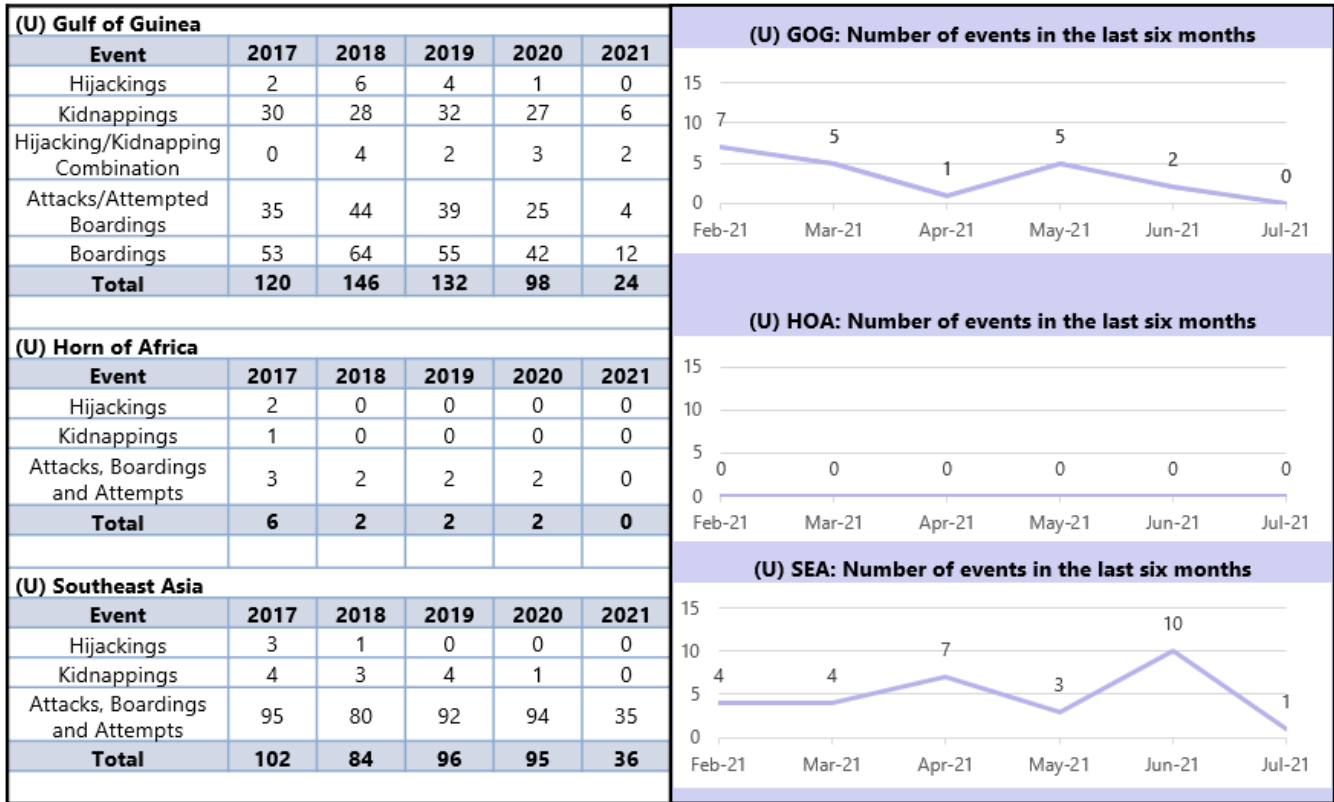
8. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 16 June, at 00:30 local time, five robbers boarded the anchored Singapore-flagged container ship SIMA SAHBA at the Manila Anchorage near position 14:34N – 120:55E and escaped with stolen cans of paint from the ship's store. The duty officer spotted the robbers during their escape on a waiting motorized boat. The incident was reported to the Philippine Coast Guard. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP; IMB)

J. (U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT:

1. (U) INDIA: On 26 June, at 23:40 local time, a robber managed to board an anchored supply vessel at Kakinada Anchorage. A robber was sighted by the duty crew at the main deck aft rope store. The alarm was raised, and the robber escaped upon being noticed with stolen mooring rope. (Clearwater Dynamics)

K. (U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA: No current incidents to report.

5. (U) **Appendix A: Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea Statistics and Trends**



6. (U) **Appendix B: Definitions and Sourcing**

A. (U) Definitions: In order to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference, we use the following definitions to describe a range of criminal antishipping 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 embarkation 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) **Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement who forcefully remove crew members from vessel when disembarking.
- (U) **Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.
- (U) **Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained activity in close proximity of an unknown vessel.

B. (U) Sourcing: ONI derives information in this report primarily from government agencies, piracy reporting centers, maritime security companies, and open press.

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(U) The Worldwide Threat to Shipping reports are posted weekly on the ONI Intelligence Portal:
<https://www.oni.navy.mil/News/Shipping-Threat-Reports/>