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(U) **WORLDWIDE: Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report** **5 March - 4 April 2018**



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1. (U) **Scope Note**

1. (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) **U.S. Maritime Alert 2018-005A**: Threat Type: Maritime Incident. Geographic Area: Southern Red Sea. A maritime incident has been reported in the southern Red Sea, approximately 30 nautical miles northwest of the Hanish Islands, in the vicinity of position 14:29.3N - 042:11.2E, on 3 April 2018. The incident has been confirmed. The nature of the incident is preliminarily assessed to be a projectile that resulted in hull penetration and minor damage above the waterline to a commercial oil tanker. Perpetrators are unknown. Exercise caution when transiting this area. Further updates will be provided when available. This alert will automatically expire on 10 April 2018. See U.S. Maritime Advisory 2018-001 for additional information on this area. For any questions about this alert, contact MaradSecurity@dot.gov.

B. (U) **UKMTO WARNING NOTICE 001/APR/2018 – UPDATE 001**: Description: On 3 April 2018 at approximately 0915 UTC a merchant vessel reported an explosion in position 14:29N - 042:11E (southern Red Sea). At present, cause unknown. Investigations are currently ongoing. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution. Source: Reported to UKMTO via telephone. Any queries regarding this Warning Notice ring 0044 2392 222060 only for further information. This Warning is not classified as a Maritime Security Event and has not been verified by UKMTO. This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting. UKMTO Watchkeeper email: watchkeepers@ukmto.org. Emergency Tel: +971 5055 23215, Tel: +442392222060, Fax: +971(0)43094254.

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C. (U) **MDAT-GoG ADVISORY 007/MAR/2018**: Category: Sighting. Description: On 29 March at 0700 UTC, a merchant vessel reported being approached by a large fishing vessel (FV) in position 07:04N - 014:02W, not transmitting AIS. Two small skiffs were released from FV and approached the MV at speed. The MV used evasive maneuvers and now the vessel and crew safe. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution. Source: Reported to MDAT-GoG via phone call. Any queries regarding this Advisory Notice ring 0033 298 22 88 88 for further information. This advisory is not classified as a Maritime Security Event and has not been verified by MDAT-GoG. This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. MDAT-GoG is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting. MDAT-GOG Watchkeeper email: watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org, emergency Tel: +33(0) 298 22 88 88.

3. (U) Summary

A. (U) RED SEA: On 3 April, suspected Houthi rebels attacked a Saudi oil tanker, near Hodeida causing minor damage.

B. (U) ARABIAN SEA: On 31 March, a merchant vessel reported being fired upon 82 nm southeast of Sharkhat, Yemen.

C. (U) NIGERIA: On 31 March, authorities announced the seizure of a large boat transporting a consignment of 130,000 liters of illegally refined diesel fuel from Rivers State to Calabar.

D. (U) SIERRA LEONE: On 29 March, a merchant vessel reported a suspicious approach 95 nm southwest of Freetown.

E. (U) NIGERIA: On 28 March, two robbers boarded a tanker berthed at MRS Terminal, Alpha Jetty, Lagos.

F. (U) PANAMA: On 27 March, authorities seized 240 kilos in a joint operation carried out in Panamanian waters.

G. (U) UNITED STATES: On 20 March, a robber stole an undetermined amount of cash from a cash register aboard a ferry ship transiting across Lake Champlain from Vermont to New York.

H. (U) GULF OF ADEN: On 18 February, a family from Australia sailing around the world was stalked for four hours by 15 armed men in 5 skiffs in vicinity of Point B of the IRTC.

4. (U) Counter-Piracy and Maritime Crime Announcements

A. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Government of Japan convoy schedule for April 2018. To apply for JMSDF escort, visit http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/maritime_fr2_000000.html, please contact directly the Anti-Piracy Contact and Coordination Office, Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan: Tel: +81-3-5253-8932; Fax: +81-3-5253-1643. Email: INFO-PIRACY@mlit.go.jp. (MSCHOA)

B. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Korean Navy convoy schedule for April 2018. All merchant vessels wishing to join the convoy group must submit their application forms directly to the ROK naval warship carrying out the mission. The ROK MTG can be reached directly at 001-646-466-9522. Email: chunghae26@navy.mil. (MSCHOA)

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Chinese Navy convoy schedule for April 2018. For further information, please e-mail: planavy@navy.mil.cn or etg546cn@163.com, or call Tel 00870 773 120 772. (MSCHOA)

D. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Indian Navy convoy escort schedule for April 2018. To register, email: gcommcentre-dgs@nic.in; or visit ww.dgshipping.com. Telephone numbers for contact are: 91-22-22614646 or fax at 91-22-22613636. (MSCHOA)

5. (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 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:

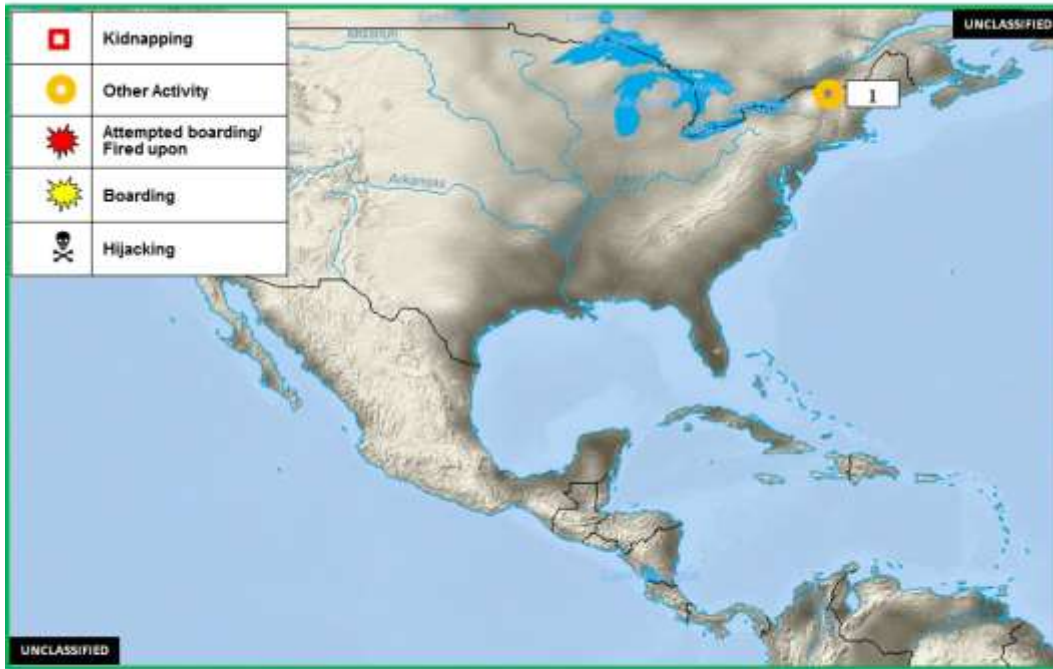


Figure 1. North America Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) UNITED STATES: On 20 March, a robber stole an undetermined amount of cash from a cash register aboard a ferry ship transiting across Lake Champlain from Vermont to New York. (www.suncommunitynews.com)

2. (U) MEXICO: On 24 March, the Navy reported the seizure of six suitcases containing more than 400 kg of cocaine at Veracruz port. No further details were provided, including whether any arrests were made. (www.pvilttd.com/news-insight)

3. (U) MEXICO: On 21 March, the Navy released a statement saying that an operation involving two boats led to the seizure of almost one ton of cocaine off the coast of Acapulco. Fourteen people, including six Ecuadoreans and one Colombian, were arrested in the operation. (www.pvilttd.com/news-insight)

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

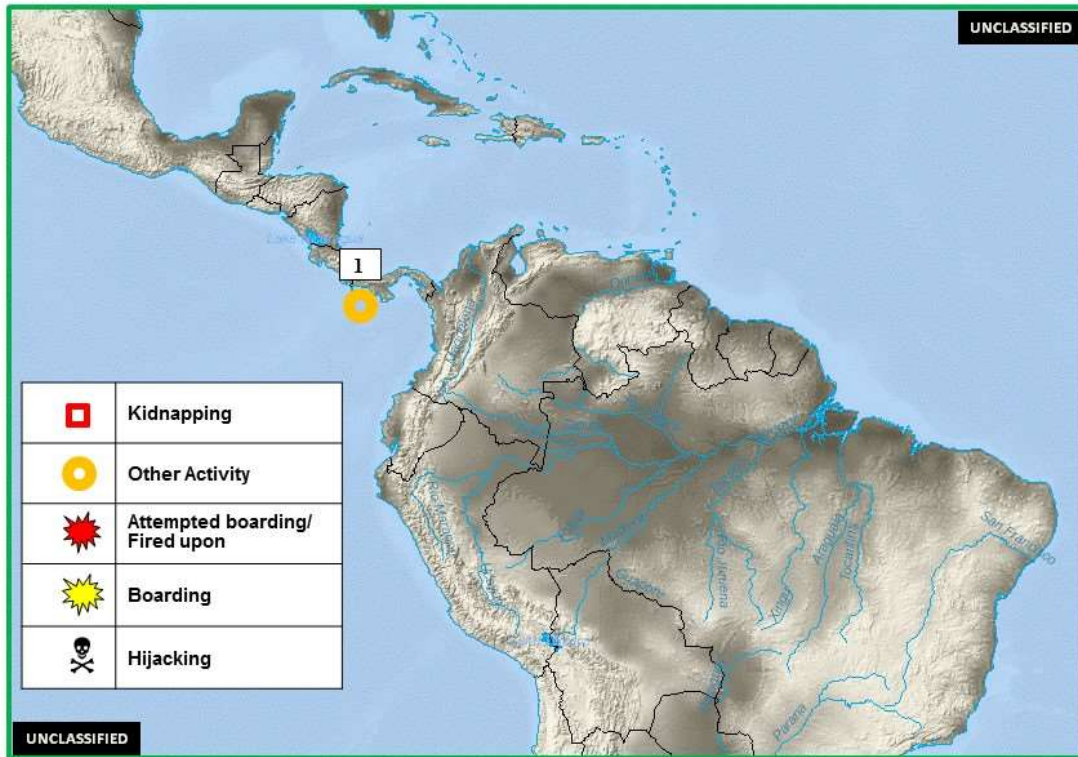


Figure 2. Central America - Caribbean - South America Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) PANAMA: On 27 March, authorities seized 240 kilos of cocaine and detained two Costa Ricans, one Guatemalan and two Colombians, in a joint operation carried out in Panamanian waters. (www.maritimeherald.com)

2. (U) VENEZUELA: On 24 March, robbers armed with guns boarded a tanker anchored near position 10:17N - 064:42W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage. Duty crewman on routine rounds noticed the robbers on the forecandle deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, two robbers were seen escaping. On conducting a search, the forecandle store padlock was reported broken and ship's properties stolen. Port Control notified via VHF. The Coast Guard later dispatched a vessel to search the anchorage waters around the vessel. (IMB)

3. (U) PUERTO RICO: On 19 March, customs officials detained a citizen of the Dominican Republic onboard a boat transporting 1,441 kilograms of cocaine along the northern coast of Puerto Rico, coming from the Dominican Republic. The ship was going to the municipality of Vega Alta in Puerto Rico. (www.maritimeherald.com)

4. (U) ST. LUCIA: Between 11 and 13 March, three dinghies and outboard motors were stolen from separate sailing yachts anchored in Rodney Bay. The dinghies were recovered but the motors were not. (www.safetyandsecuritynet.org)

5. (U) PERU: On 20 March, Peruvian police seized 1,500 kilograms of cocaine that were to be placed in a container in the port of Callao to be sent to Europe, a police chief said. "We have seized more than a ton and a half of cocaine that was destined for Europe," a senior police spokesman told reporters. The cocaine was discovered in a truck before being placed in a container that was to be loaded onto a ship to Europe, according to police. The spokesman indicated that seven members of the band "Los Ninjas" were captured in this operation. "We thought it was a myth, but this band existed, they are very agile young people dressed in black moved from container to container" to introduce the drug, he explained. (www.maritimeherald.com)

6. (U) COSTA RICA: On 7 March, a low-profile narco-submarine, 18-meters long and powered by three Yamaha 75-HP two-stroke engines, was abandoned by cocaine traffickers near Punta Burica in the South Pacific, very close to Panamanian coasts. The submersible was spotted by a private boater who notified the authorities. A patrol boat of the National Service of Guarcacostas of Costa Rica went towards the place and found the boat. The semi-submersible was flooded, a situation that made towing difficult because it was very heavy. Even so, the Coast Guard officers towed her to the main dock of Golfito. Officials of the Drug Control Police (PCD) of Costa Rica and personnel of the Public Ministry proceeded to carry out an inspection but no traces of narcotics were found. (www.maritimeherald.com)

7. (U) COLOMBIA: On 6 March, authorities seized 5.2 metric tons of cocaine in a shipment of bananas in a port in the Uraba region after a tip from the Police. The bananas were meant to be shipped to Europe. (www.colombiareports.com)

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:

1. (U) SPAIN: On 22 March, Spanish Civil Guard troops seized two tons of hashish from two boats in the Guadalmezi coastal zone near Algeciras. (www.en.yabiladi.com)

2. (U) LIBYA: On 13 March, Libya's naval forces seized a Togo-flagged fuel tanker LAMAR, and arrested its Greek crew on suspicion they planned to smuggle oil out of that country, a spokesman for the forces said. It was captured about 8 miles off Abu Kamash town, near the border with Tunisia. (www.marinelink.com/news)

3. (U) ITALY: On 18 March, an Italian court seized the rescue ship, OPEN ARMS, on charges that its crew helped illegal immigration by rescuing more than 200 migrants from boats before Libya's Coast Guard could move in to take them back to Africa. A day after the ship arrived in the Sicilian port of Pozzallo, a court on the island ordered the ship's seizure on suspicion that three Proactiva members, including the captain of the ship, were operating it as part of a criminal association that favored illegal immigration. (Reuters; www.fleetmon.com)

F. (U) WEST AFRICA:

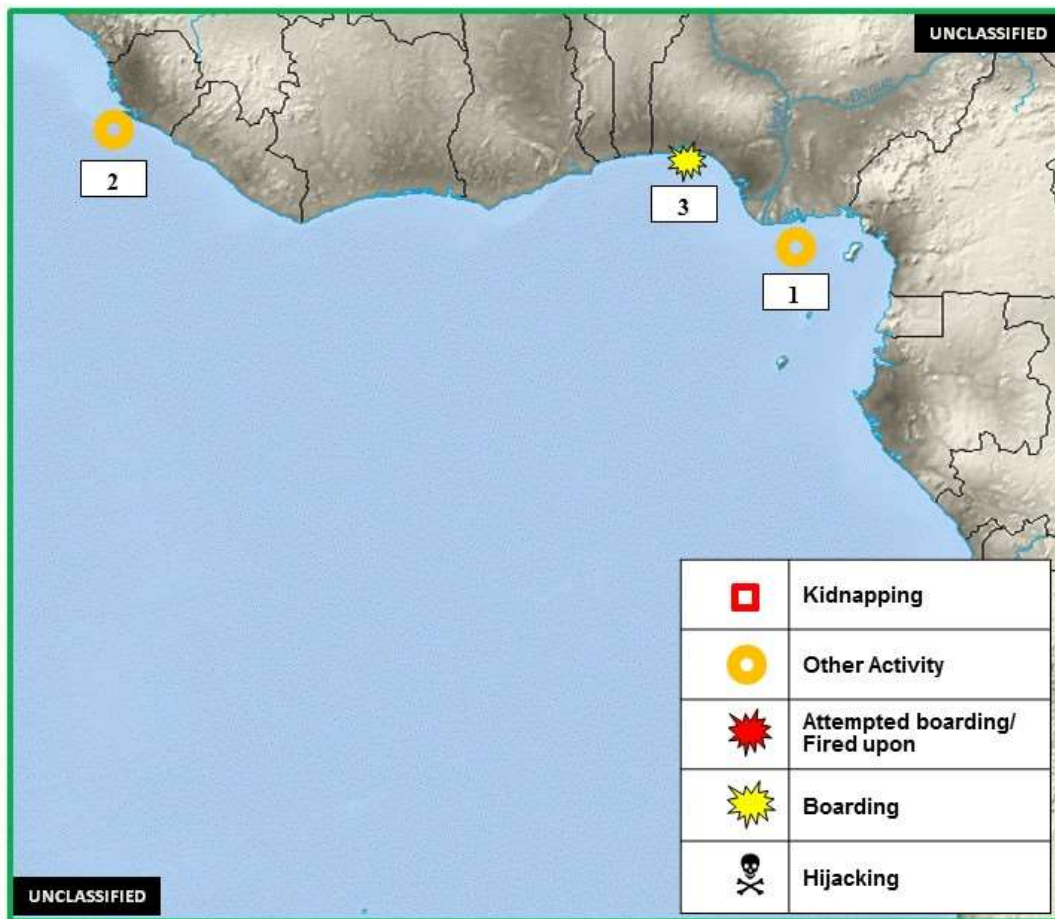


Figure 3. West Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 31 March, authorities announced the seizure of a large boat transporting a consignment of 130,000 liters of illegally refined diesel fuel from Rivers State to Calabar. Seven persons were arrested. (www.thenationonline.ng.net)

2. (U) SIERRA LEONE: On 29 March, a merchant vessel reported a suspicious approach near position 07:04N - 014:02W, 95 nm southwest of Freetown. A large fishing vessel transmitting AIS approached the vessel and two small skiffs were released from the fishing vessel and approached the MV at high speed. The merchant vessel used evasive maneuvers and the skiffs moved away. (MDAT-GoG)

3. (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)

4. (U) BENIN: On 27 March, two fishing vessels reported that they were under attack near position 04:10N - 002:19E, 100 nm south of Cotonou. (MDAT-GoG)

5. (U) GHANA: On 26 March, pirates boarded the Ghana-flagged fishing vessel MARINE 711 near position 05:20N - 000:51E, 27 nm southwest of Anloga. Pirates left vessel on 28 March, taking with them at least 5 hostages, including the captain, chief officer and chief engineer of Korean nationality, other two are Ghanaian and Greek. (IMB)

www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage; www.fleetmon.com)

6. (U) NIGERIA: On 22 March, an unidentified group of pirates chased and fired upon a tanker near position 03:35.0N - 006:44.0E, 53 nm southwest of Bonny. The tanker's alarm system and emergency procedures was raised, while armed guards, using small arms on board returned fire, resulting in the pirates moving away from the tanker. (IMB)
7. (U) NIGERIA: ON 22 March, pirates in a speed boat attacked and seized two fishing boats near position 06:10N - 003:12E, 13 nm south of the Nigerian coast. They forced them to sail to Benin waters, releasing the fishing boats but kidnapping two crewmen. (IMB)
8. (U) BENIN: On 22 March, eight pirates armed with guns and knives in a small boat boarded an anchored vessel near position 06:15N - 002:30E, 7.5 nm southeast of Cotonou. The pirates demanded the crew to start the vessel's main engine. However, the engine was unable to start. After one and a half hours, the pirates decided to leave the vessel and stole ship's property and crew's personal belongings. (IMB)
9. (U) EQUATORIAL GUINEA: On 22 March, a merchant vessel was attacked by a speed boat carrying 10 armed persons, 60 nm south of Equatorial Guinea. The armed persons boarded and then hijacked the vessel. It has been reported that the vessel has now been released and the crew is safe. (MDAT-GoG)
10. (U) NIGERIA: On 16 March, armed guards onboard an anchored product tanker noticed three unauthorized persons onboard the vessel and fired a warning shot. the ship was anchored near position 06:17N - 003:25E, 13.5 nm south-southeast of Lagos. One person managed to escape in a small boat while the remaining two were captured and handed over to the Nigerian Navy. (IMB)
11. (U) LIBERIA: On 13 March, the Liberian Coast Guard with assistance from a marine conservation group arrested a notorious Antarctic and Patagonian tooth-fish poaching vessel. The F/V HAI LUNG, known to the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) by its previous name KILY was reportedly transiting through Liberian waters when it was boarded and inspected by a Liberian Coast Guard team. Once on board the ship, the Liberian Coast Guard Boarding Officer was presented with forged documentation, alleging that the vessel was flagged to Indonesia as a fishing vessel. (www.liberianobserver.com/news)
12. (U) NIGERIA: On 16 March, eight armed pirates in a small high-speed boat approached and fired upon a tanker underway near position 03:57N - 006:42E, 29 nm southwest of Bonny Island. Master notified the onboard naval armed team, commenced evasive maneuvers and all non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. Seeing the vessel hardening the pirates aborted and moved away. Nigerian Navy notified. (IMB)
13. (U) NIGERIA: On 16 March, a merchant ship reported being attacked near position 04:09N - 006:56E, southwest of Fairway Buoy. Security team fired warning shots and carried out evasive maneuvers, and the pirates aborted their attempt. The vessel is now safe. (MDAT-GoG)
14. (U) NIGERIA: On 14 March, a merchant tanker reported being attacked near position 03:51N - 006:40E, 29 nm southwest of Bonny. The tanker carried out evasive maneuvers and the pirates were not able to board the ship. The tanker is now safe. (MDAT-GoG)
15. (U) NIGERIA: On 9 March, a pregnant woman was injured by gunfire from 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)
16. (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)

17. (U) NIGERIA: On 6 March, a merchant vessel was attacked by armed men in two speedboats near position 04:04N - 006:56E, 25 nm southwest of Bonny. (MDAT-GoG)

18. (U) NIGERIA: On 6 March, a chemical tanker was boarded by heavily armed pirates near position 04:05N - 006:56E, 21 nm southwest of Bonny Island. All crew went into the citadel and the Nigerian Navy was notified. Pirates damaged communications equipment and fired shots. The pirates escaped before the Nigerian Navy ship arrived. The crew emerged from the citadel and regained control of the vessel. (MDAT-GoG)

19. (U) NIGERIA: On 6 March, gunmen in speedboats invaded Ogbia town in Ogbia Local Government Area of Bayelsa State during the early afternoon hours, kidnapping one woman and stealing four boats. (www.sguardian.com)

20. (U) NIGERIA: On 5 March, gunmen in speedboats invaded Anyama community in Ogbia Local Government Area of Bayelsa State, killing two persons, injuring three others and stealing 10 speedboats. Local sources told news reporters that the suspected pirates arrived the community at about 9 pm and shot indiscriminately, causing a huge panic. (www.sguardian.com)

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

H. (U) INDIAN OCEAN - EAST AFRICA - RED SEA:

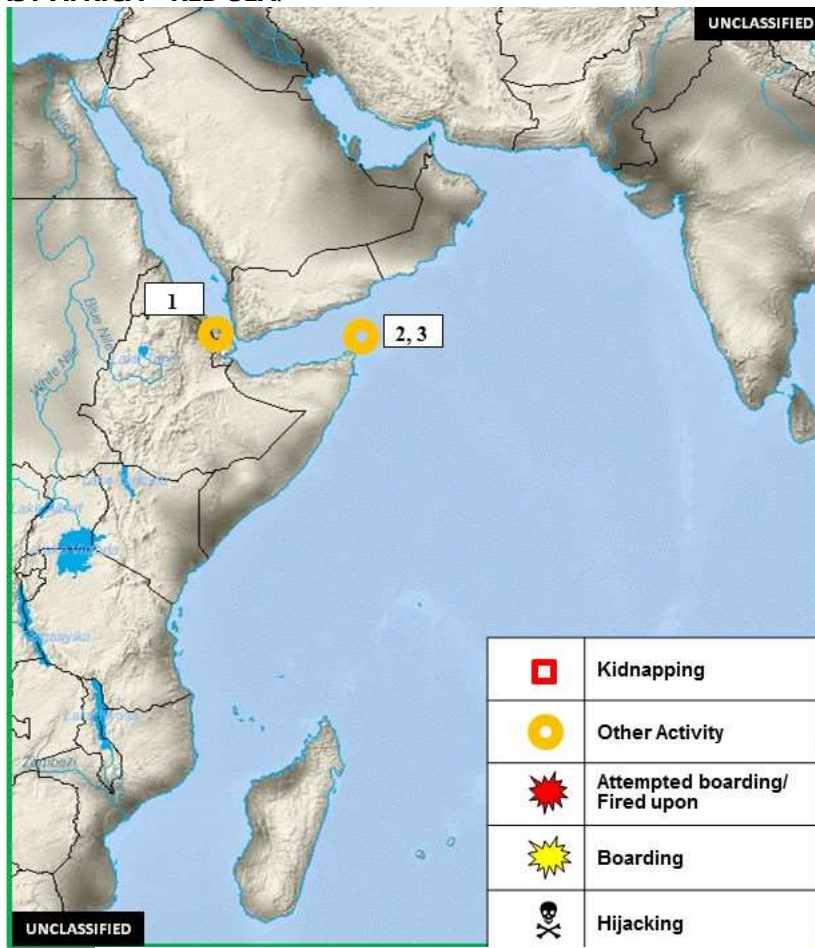


Figure 4. Indian Ocean – East Africa – Red Sea Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) RED SEA: On 3 April, suspected Houthi rebels attacked a Saudi oil tanker, near position 14:29N - 042:11E, causing "minor damage." The oil tanker has been identified as the Saudi Arabia-flagged ABQAIQ, a 300,000 dwt Very Large Crude Carrier, capable of carrying 2 million barrels of crude. A coalition statement says the attack occurred in international waters near the Red Sea port of Hodeida. It did not provide further details on the weapon used or the extent of the damage. The coalition says a naval ship belonging to a member country rapidly intervened, without giving further details. (www.eunavfor.eu; UKMTO; www.gcaptain.com; www.english.alarabiya.net; www.usnews.com)

2. (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. Armed persons in 2 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)

3. (U) GULF OF ADEN: On 18 February, a family from Australia sailing around the world was stalked for four hours by 15 armed men in 5 skiffs near position 13:59N - 051:40E, in vicinity of Point B of the IRTC. They called for help via radio and naval forces from Japan and Pakistan responded and the skiffs departed the area. (www.dailymail.co.uk; www.noonsite.com)

4. (U) ARABIAN SEA: On 10 March, it was announced that Her Majesty's Australian Ship (HMAS) WARRAMUNGA boarded her third vessel in just four days, interdicting millions of dollars' worth of heroin. Combined Task Force (CTF) 150, CMF's counter-terrorism and maritime security task force, seized 12,216kg of hashish and 132kg of heroin from 3 to 6 March in the Arabian Sea. "Removing heroin from circulation reduces the funding resources available for terrorists, which then reduces their ability to inflict suffering on the communities in East Africa," said CTF 150 commander Commodore Mal Wise. CTF 150, as part of CMF, supported by international agencies such as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, seeks to disrupt smuggling networks transferring illicit narcotics from Central Asia through to East Africa. (www.gdnonline.com)

5. (U) RED SEA: On 8 March, a merchant vessel was approached by 3 skiffs, with 3-4 persons in each skiff near position 12:32N - 043:27E, Bab el Mandeb Strait. Vessel and crew are safe. (UKMTO)

6. (U) SOMALIA: On 5 March, seventy-five Somalis touched down at Mogadishu's international airport after serving up to seven years in jail for piracy offenses, according to a Somali media outlet. Seventy-five Somali men received a warm welcome from Mahdi Mohamed Guled Khadar, deputy prime minister, and other government officials. All the men kneeled to kiss Somali soil as they got off the plane, the site reported. India's navy captured the men off Somalia's coast and they were charged with piracy. (www.hellenicshippingnews.com)

I. (U) EAST ASIA - SOUTHEAST ASIA - INDIAN SUBCONTINENT:

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 27 March, four robbers using a small boat approached an anchored bulk carrier in the proximity of Muara Berau anchorage, Samarinda. While two of the robbers boarded the ship, the other two waited inside the boat. As the ship's duty crewman raised the alarm, the robbers escaped the ship empty handed. (IMB)

2. (U) SINGAPORE: On 22 March, Immigration and Checkpoints Authority personnel seized 10,800 cartons of contraband cigarettes in a shipping container at the Pasir Panjang Scanning Station. An inspection officer noticed anomalies in the scanned images of the container, which had been declared to contain 1,600 pairs of safety shoes in 18 pallets. The seized items were handed over to Singapore Customs for further investigation. (www.straitstimes.com)

3. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 12 March, customs officials in the Port of Davao discovered a smuggled SUV in a shipping container arriving from South Korea. The shipment was declared to only contain a used dump truck and a tractor head, however, when it passed through the x-ray examination, the examiner saw a vehicle. (www.sunstar.com.ph/davao/local-news)

4. (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 on board, 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)

J. (U) NORTHEAST ASIA:

1. (U) CHINA: On 24 March, two robbers in a wooden boat came alongside a bulk carrier anchored near position 38:43N - 118:32E, Caofeidian Anchorage. Duty crew noticed the robbers attempting to board the vessel using a ladder and immediately informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers fled. (IMB)

K. (U) AUSTRALIA - NEW ZEALAND: No current incidents to report.

6. (U) Appendix A: Further Contact Information and Resources

(U) This appendix provides contact information for the author of the WTS as well as other entities that can be contacted with maritime crime reports. It also lists other resources where the WTS is posted and where piracy and maritime crime incident information can be found.

(U) Contact

(U) Originator of this WTS report requests consumer feedback. Originator will incorporate all anti-shipping events and violence against the maritime industry into this weekly message where appropriate. To aid in our reporting, please add the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) to your normal corporate and organizational reporting requirements. The 24-hour watch can be reached at +1 (301) 669-4053.

(U) Other Resources

(U) This Worldwide Threat to Shipping Report is posted at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's Maritime Safety site: <http://msi.nga.mil/NGAPortal/MSI.portal>. The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) also publishes a live piracy report based on reporting from the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, listing all piracy and armed robbery incidents in the last ten days: <http://www.icc-ccs.org/>. The PAWW and WTS Reports are posted weekly on the ONI Intel Portal: http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence_Community/piracy.htm.

7. (U) Appendix B: Terminology and References

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting and also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. ONI welcomes comment and suggestions for addition or amendment.

(U) Terminology

(U) In order to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference, the following have been adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity and are independent of target vessel status and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authorities:

(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 of an unknown vessel.

(U) Sourcing

(U) ONI derives information in this report from 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
- LSS-SAPU.com (LSS)
- 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
- 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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(U) The PAWW and WTS reports are posted each week on the ONI Intel Portal and can be found at: <http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence-Community/Piracy>