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(U) WORLDWIDE: Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report 4 June - 4 July 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 ADVISORY 2018-009** Threat Type(s): Violence due to regional conflict and piracy. Geographic Area: Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman, and Indian Ocean. This revised advisory cancels U.S. Maritime Advisories 2018-001 and 2018-002. **References:** U.S. Maritime Alerts 2018-001A, 2018-002A, 2018-002B, 2018-005A, and 2018-007A. **Issues:** Regional conflict and piracy threats continue to pose potential risks to commercial vessels operating in the above listed geographic areas. The conflict in Yemen continues to pose a risk to U.S. flagged commercial vessels transiting the southern Red Sea, Bab al Mandeb Strait and Gulf of Aden. Combat operations continue between the Houthis and the Saudi-led Coalition, mainly in the vicinity of Al Hudaydah, Yemen. Since 2016, Houthi forces have attacked Coalition navy and logistics vessels. In May 2018, a missile or rocket damaged a Turkish-flagged bulk cargo vessel while at anchor in the Red Sea awaiting entry into As-Salif, Yemen. As combat operations continue, potential attacks by Houthi forces continue to pose a direct or collateral risk to U.S. flagged commercial vessels operating in the region. Additionally, piracy continues to pose a significant threat in the southern Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean, and Gulf of Oman. Specific case details are available at the Office of Naval Intelligence's "Worldwide Threat to Shipping" and "Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly" website at <https://go.usa.gov/xUa5p>. **Guidance:** U.S. flagged commercial vessels are advised to avoid entering or loitering near Yemen's Red Sea ports. Vessels at anchor, operating in restricted maneuvering environments, or proceeding at slow speeds should be especially vigilant. U.S. flagged commercial vessels transiting the region should conduct a pre-voyage risk assessment and incorporate appropriate protective measures into their vessel security plans. Threats may come from a variety of different sources including, but not limited to, missiles, projectiles, mines, small arms, or waterborne improvised explosive devices. Vessels in this region should report hostile activities

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immediately and contact coalition naval forces on VHF Channel 16. U.S. flagged commercial vessels should also contact the U.S. Fifth Fleet Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS) detachment via the Fifth Fleet Battle Watch Captain at phone: +011 973 1785 3879 or email: cusnc.bwc@me.navy.mil prior to entering the region. Suspicious activities and incidents are also required to be reported by U.S. flagged commercial vessels to the U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center at phone: 1-800-424-8802 per 33 CFR Part 101.305. Vessels operating in this region are also advised to establish contact with the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO). UKMTO advisories, warnings, and contact info are available at www.ukmto.org. Additional U.S. Coast Guard port specific requirements may be found in Port Security Advisory 3-17 at: <https://go.usa.gov/xUa57>. The newly released Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Security in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea (BMP5), and Maritime Global Security website at www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org (which contains BMP5) provide excellent security recommendations and should be consulted prior to operating in the above listed geographic areas. Contact Information: For further information, contact MARADSecurity@dot.gov. This Advisory will automatically expire on January 30, 2019.

B. (U) **UKMTO ADVISORY NOTICE 001/Jul/2018**: On 4 July 2018 at approximately 0950 UTC a Merchant Vessel (MV) in position: 24:02N 059:55E, Gulf of Oman, reported being approached at speed by two white hulled small craft with four POB in each. The closest point of approach on the MV was 500 meters. The crew and vessel are safe. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

C. (U) **UKMTO ADVISORY NOTICE 002/Jul/2018**: Description: Time late report received: On 4 July 2018 at approximately 0502 UTC an MV in position: 13:33N - 042:40E, approximately 5 nm south of Hanish Islands, off Yemen in Red Sea, reported being approached at speed by 3, white and blue hulled skiffs. Each skiff had 7 - 8 persons onboard each skiff. The skiffs fired at the vessel, embarked security team returned fire. The crew and vessel are safe. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

D. (U) **MDAT-GoG Advisory 001/JUL/2018**: Category: Boarding. On 3 July 2018 at 0029 UTC a merchant vessel was boarded in position 06:16N - 003:11E, Lagos anchorage, Nigeria. A boat tied up to the anchor chain and an intruder were sighted on deck, the crew raised the alarm and informed patrol boats. The intruder left the ship. Vessel and crew are safe. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution. 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. Any queries regarding this Warning Notice ring 0033 298 22 88 88 for further information. MDAT-GoG Watchkeeper email: watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org, emergency tel: +33(0) 298 22 88 88.

E. (U) **MDAT-GoG Warning 001/JUL/2018**: Category: Attack. Description: On 1 July 2018 at 1040Z, a vessel was attacked in position 04:08N - 006:57E, 214°/20 nm from Bonny, Nigeria. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area. Source: Phone call. Any queries regarding this Warning Notice ring 0033 298 22 88 88 for further information. MDAT-GoG Watchkeeper email: watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org, emergency tel: +33(0) 298 22 88 88.

3. (U) Summary:

A. (U) RED SEA: On 4 July, a merchant vessel approximately 5 nm south of Hanish Islands, Yemen, reported being approached at speed by three white and blue hulled skiffs. The skiffs fired at the vessel, embarked security team returned fire.

B. (U) GULF OF OMAN: On 4 July, a merchant vessel, located 77 nm northeast of Muscat, Oman, reported being approached at speed by two white hulled small craft with four persons onboard each skiff.

C. (U) NIGERIA: On 3 July, one robber boarded a product tanker anchored in the Lagos Secure Anchorage area.

D. (U) BANGLADESH: On 3 July, eight robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored bulk carrier in Chittagong Anchorage.

E. (U) GUYANA: On 1 July, an anchored reefer was boarded by robbers in Georgetown Outer Anchorage.

F. (U) NIGERIA: On 1 July, vessel reported being attacked 20 nm southwest of Bonny.

G. (U) PERU: On 29 June, Peruvian Drug Enforcement agency officers searched the very large container ship CAP SAN SOUNIO at the Callao container terminal. They seized a 24-kilogram shipment of cocaine.

H. (U) PAPUA NEW GUINEA: On 28 June, five men armed with knives boarded a small boat with a crew of 3 men near Lae. The robbers attacked the men, cutting one man's left hand off.

I. (U) HONG KONG: On 27 June, Hong Kong Customs seized about 29,000 kilograms of suspected Guatemalan rosewood from a container at the Tsing Yi Customs Cargo Examination Compound.

J. (U) ST LUCIA: On 22 June, a robber boarded a sailing yacht anchored in Rodney Bay Gros Islet.

K. (U) GUATEMALA: On 17 June, a yacht anchored in Rio Dulce was boarded. The dinghy and outboard motor were stolen.

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

A. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Government of Japan convoy schedule for July 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 (MILT), Japan: Tel: +81-3-5253-8932; Fax: +81-3-5253-1643. Email: INFO-PIRACY@mlit.go.jp. (MSCHOA)

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

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: India Navy convoy escort schedule for July 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)

D. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Korea Navy convoy schedule for July 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)

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:

1. (U) MEXICO: On 21 June, the master of container ship MSC PERLE reported to Manzanillo Port Authorities that the crew found suspicious packages in a seawater inlet in the engine room. A thorough search was carried out by authorities and 58 kilograms of marijuana were seized. The ship arrived at Manzanillo on 21 June from Callao, Peru, with Tokyo as her next port of call. (www.fleetmon.com)

2. (U) GULF OF MEXICO: On 17 June, two crewmen aboard Malta-flagged ship M/V SOLITAIRE, operating in the Gulf of Mexico, got into an altercation. One of the crewmen, from the Philippines, hit the other with a length of pipe, causing severe injuries. The attacker was extradited to Malta for trial. A magistrate sentenced him to two years' imprisonment, suspended for four years, and ordered his immediate deportation back to the Philippines. (www.tvn.com.mt)

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

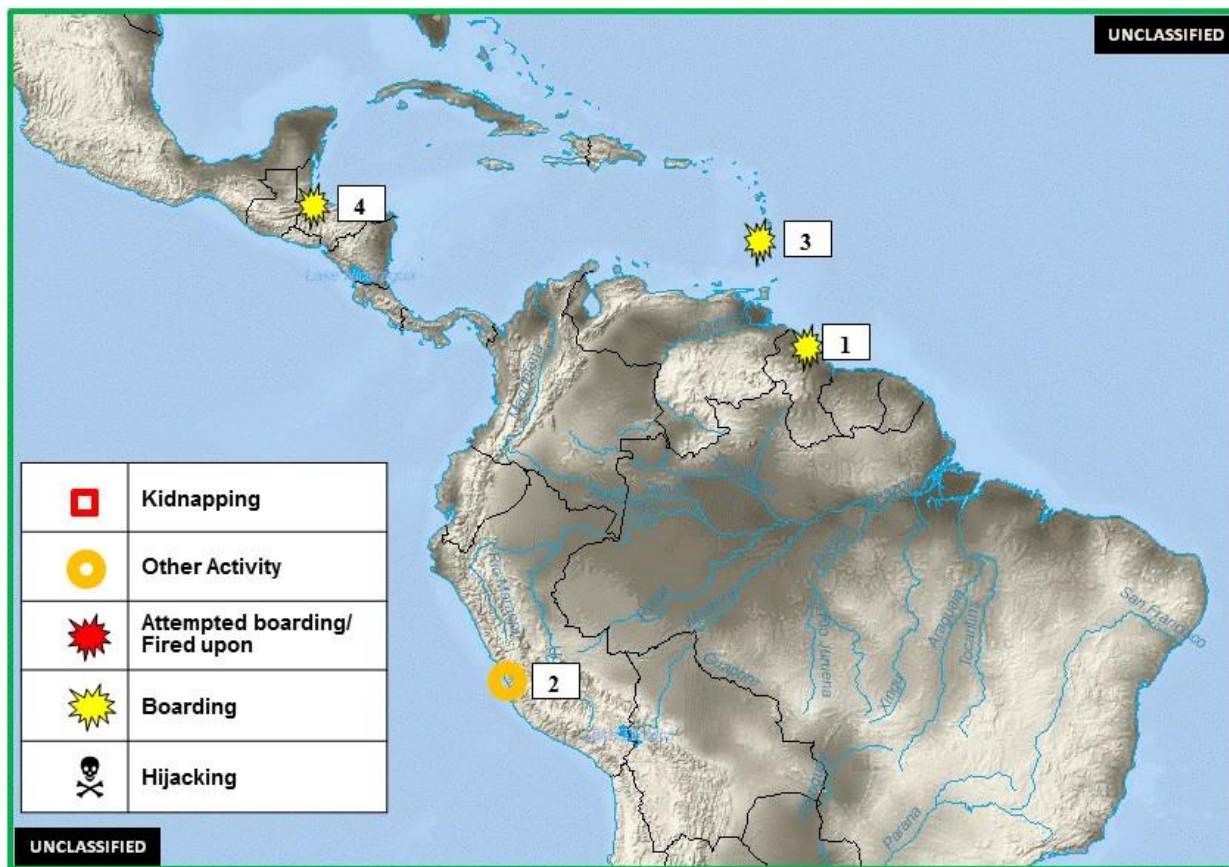


Figure 1. Central America - Caribbean - South America Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) GUYANA: On 1 July, unnoticed, an anchored reefer was boarded by robbers near position 06:59N - 058:02W, Georgetown Outer Anchorage. Upon completion of a search, some forward ship's store items were found missing. Vessel and crew are safe. Incident reported to local agent. (IMB)

2. (U) PERU: On 29 June, Peruvian Drug Enforcement agency officers searched the very large container ship CAP SAN SOUNIO at the Callao container terminal on arrival from Buenaventura, Colombia. They seized a 24-kilogram shipment of cocaine, hidden in a compartment under cargo deck. One crewman was reportedly detained. (www.fleetmon.com)

3. (U) ST LUCIA: On 22 June, a robber boarded a sailing yacht anchored in Rodney Bay Gros Islet. The dinghy fuel tank and fuel line, dinghy anchor and chain were stolen during the night. (www.safetyandsecuritynet.org)

4. (U) GUATEMALA: On 17 June, a yacht anchored in Rio Dulce was planning an early departure and lowered the dinghy/outboard from the davits at 0430 hrs. At 0515 when preparing to raise anchor, the owner noticed that the dinghy was missing. On investigation it was found that the painter had been cleanly cut. A police report was made.

(www.safetyandsecuritynet.org)

5. (U) ECUADOR: On 17 June, authorities in the port of Guayaquil found 1,289 kilograms of cocaine in a shipping container listed to carry a consignment of frozen shrimp. The container was supposed to be shipped to the port of Antwerp. (www.maritimeherald.com)

6. (U) BONAIRE: On 14 June, a dinghy locked to the Fisherman's Pier was searched and the fuel line disconnected. The tank had been moved but remained, it was locked to the dinghy, preventing the theft. (www.safetyandsecuritynet.org)

7. (U) BONAIRE: On 14 June, after sunset, the unlocked fuel tank was stolen from a dinghy at the Dive Friends Pier. (www.safetyandsecuritynet.org)

8. (U) SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES: On 12 June, an unlocked dinghy and outboard motor were stolen from the jetty in Mayreau Saline Bay while owners were ashore for the evening. A police report was made. (www.safetyandsecuritynet.org)

9 (U) SINT MAARTEN: On 8 June, a robber boarded an unlocked catamaran berthed at Blue Pearl Marina. The robber stole the dinghy and outboard, cellphones and laptop. The dinghy/outboard were found the next day, hidden nearby. (www.safetyandsecuritynet.org)

10. (U) ST LUCIA: On 6 June, a robber stole an in-the-water dinghy from a sailing yacht anchored in Rodney Bay. (www.safetyandsecuritynet.org)

11. (U) COSTA RICA: On 6 June, authorities announced that 300 kilograms of cocaine had been found hidden in the ventilation shaft of a shipping container aboard Italy-flagged ship MN CALA PALMA in the port of Moin. (www.maritimeherald.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) LIBYA: On 24 June, the Libyan Navy intercepted 948 African migrants in three separate operations off the northwest town of Garabulli, a navy spokesman said. (www.pvilt.com)

2. (U) ITALY: On 22 June, the container ship ALEXANDER MAERSK picked up 113 migrants from a boat off southern Italy, a Maersk company spokesman said. The ship had received a request from the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre to change its course late and pick up the migrants, the spokesman further said. (www.gcaptain.com)

3. (U) LIBYA: On 21 June, Coast Guard authorities picked up 301 African migrants from two inflatable boats after their engines failed near its western coast, a spokesman said. (www.marinelink.com)

4. (U) LIBYA: On 10 June, Libyan Coast Guard units intercepted 152 African and Arab migrants off the northwestern towns of Zuwara and Garabulli, local media reported. The coast guard said that the migrants were aboard two sinking rubber dinghies when they were rescued. The migrants were taken to Tripoli. (www.pvilt.com)

5. (U) LIBYA: Between 9 and 10 June, the migrant rescue ship AQUARIUS rescued 629 migrants during six different operations. The ship is en route Valencia, Spain. (www.fleetmon.com)

6. (U) BULGARIA: On 7 June, authorities in the Port of Varna intercepted 16.2 tons of precursor chemicals used in the

production of synthetic drugs. Two Dutch nationals were arrested. (www.focus-fen.net)

7. (U) ITALY: On 7 June, Italy's Guardia di Finanza (GDF) finance police intercepted a Dutch fishing boat 130 nm southeast of Sicily after tracking the vessel from the air for two days, a statement said, arresting all nine members of the vessel's crew. A search of the vessel turned up 10 tons of hashish. Two of the detained, including the first officer, have been identified as members of a "dangerous" Maltese criminal organization, the authorities said. They had been arrested in Spain last summer in a joint operation between the GDF and Spanish police for trafficking 6,000 cases of contraband cigarettes. (www.thelocal.it)

8. (U) ITALY: On 4 June, authorities in Portofino arrested a 50-year old woman from England for the hijacking of a yacht owned by a local boat rental company. Reportedly, the woman found the keys to start the yacht and was on the way out of the harbor when a harbor worker managed to jump aboard in time, grabbing the keys from the ignition and steering the vessel back to its mooring. He then called the port authority and the local Carabinieri paramilitary police, who arrested her. A local newspaper dubbed her "the Portofino pirate". (www.telegraph.co.uk)

F. (U) WEST AFRICA:

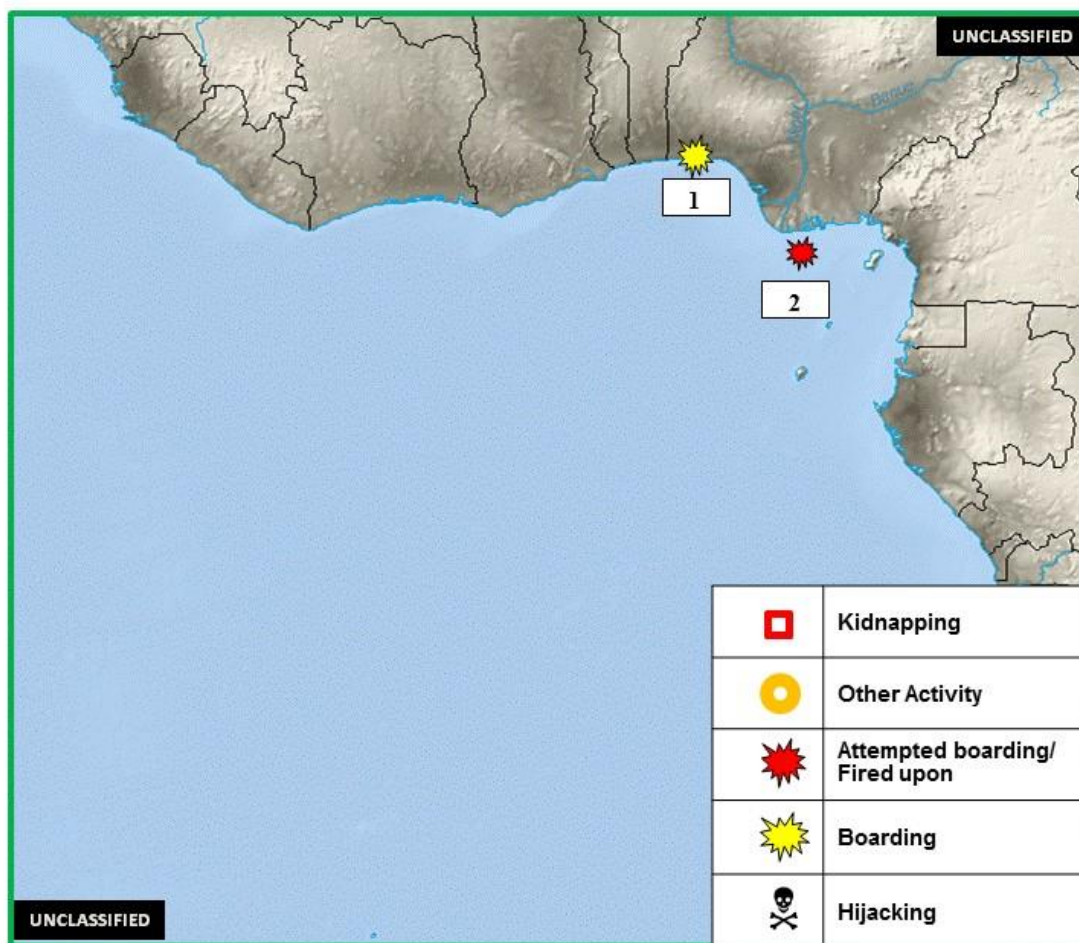


Figure 2. West Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 3 July, duty crewman on routine rounds onboard a product tanker anchored near position 06:16N - 003:11E, Lagos Secure Anchorage saw a boat tied up to the anchor chain and alerted the bridge. The crewman sighted a robber approaching him and retreated into the accommodation and secured the doors. Master raised the alarm, SSAS

activated, distress message sent, patrol boats informed via VHF, crew mustered and ship's whistle sounded. Upon hearing the alarm, the robber escaped. Two patrol boats responded to the calls and searched the area. (IMB; MDAT-GoG; www.sguardian.com; www.pviltd.com)

2. (U) NIGERIA: On 1 July, vessel reported being attacked near position 04:08N - 006:57E, 20 nm southwest of Bonny. (MDAT-GoG)

3. (U) CANARY ISLANDS: On 24 June, Spanish authorities announced they had seized 1,850 kilograms of cocaine from a 12-meter, UK-flagged yacht named PEPPER SAUCE and arrested three persons, one from England and two from France. The vessel and arrested crew were taken to Las Palmas for further processing. (www.euroweeklynews.com)

4. (U) NIGERIA: On 24 June, Nigerian Navy officials from the ship NNS VICTORY arrested eight men on suspicion of smuggling when the officials found 3,434 bags of contraband rice in their wooden boat in Calabar. It is believed that the men were smuggling the rice from Cameroon. (www.punchng.com)

5. (U) NIGERIA: On 18 June, Nigeria Navy authorities announced the arrest of eight suspects in connection with the smuggling of over 100,000 liters of illegally refined automotive gas oil. The suspects, who were arrested along the Calabar waterways on a barge, were said to have smuggled the products from Port Harcourt in Rivers State. (www.punchng.com)

6. (U) GHANA: On 13 June, duty crewmen on routine rounds aboard a Singapore-flagged offshore supply vessel anchored near position 04:53N - 001:42W, Takoradi Anchorage, saw a small boat approaching the vessel. As the watchmen made their way aft, the robbers boarded the vessel. Alarm was raised. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. (IMB; www.pviltd.com)

7. (U) MOROCCO: On 10 June, the navy rescued 472 migrants in the vicinity of Gibraltar, the army said in a statement. The migrants were rescued after their vessel broke down, the statement added. (www.pviltd.com)

8. (U) NIGERIA: On 9 June, one robber boarded a tanker anchored near position 06:27N - 003:22E, Apapa, Lagos. The robber had inserted a hose into a cargo tank. When spotted, the robber jumped into water and escaped in a speed boat with 7 others. (www.pviltd.com)

9. (U) LIBERIA: On 6 June, the China-flagged fishing ship FU HAI YU 6666 was caught secretly offloading 132 tons of fish products at the China Union BMC Pier at the Freeport of Monrovia without proper import permits. The ship's parent company, Africa Zhong Sheng Hai, was issued a large fine by the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority. (www.frontpageafricaonline.com; www.africanindy.com)

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

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

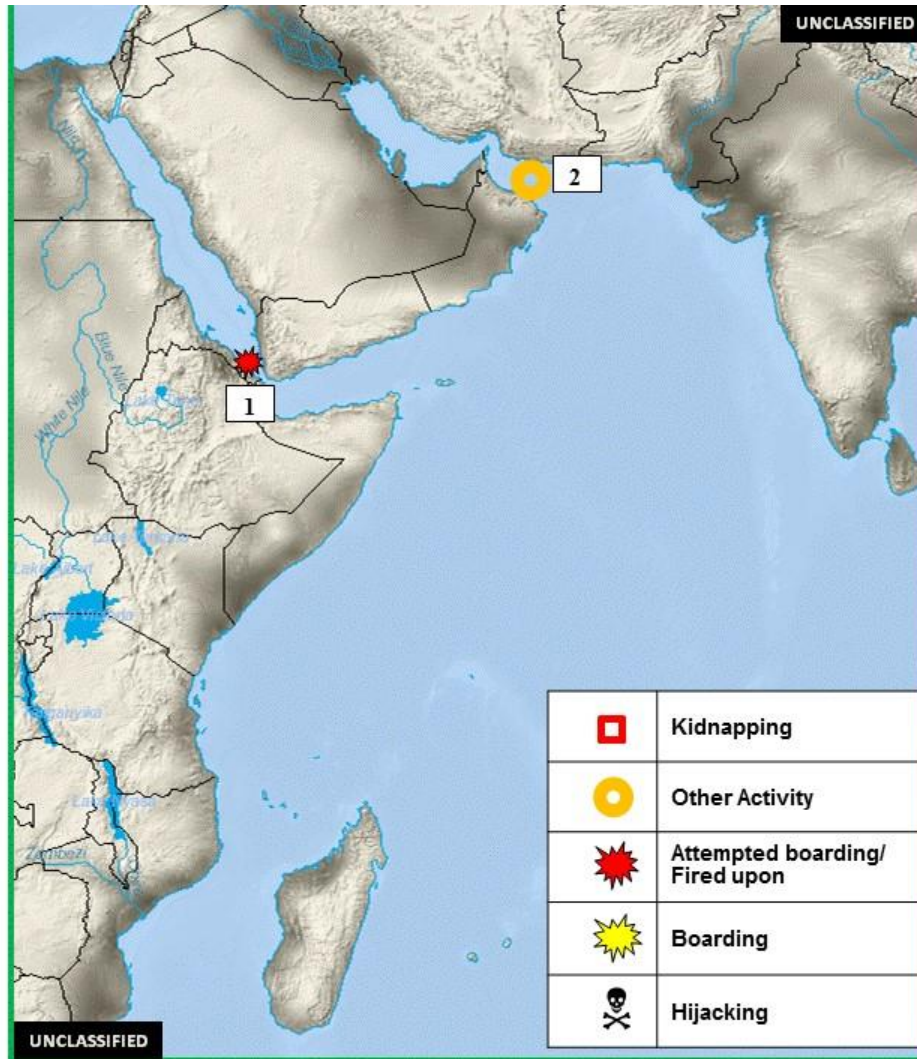


Figure 3. Indian Ocean - East Africa - Red Sea
Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) RED SEA: On 4 July, a merchant vessel in position: 13:33N - 042:40E, approximately 5 nm south of Hanish Islands, Yemen, reported being approached at speed by three white and blue hulled skiffs. Each skiff had 7 - 8 persons onboard. The skiffs fired at the vessel, embarked security team returned fire. The crew and vessel are safe. (UKMTO; www.sguardian.com; www.pvilttd.com)

2. (U) GULF OF OMAN: On 4 July, a merchant vessel in position: 24:02N - 059:55E, 77 nm northeast of Muscat, reported being approached at speed by white white hulled small craft with four persons onboard each skiff. The closest point of approach on the merchant vessel was 500 meters. (UKMTO, www.sguardian.com; www.pvilttd.com)

3. (U) RED SEA: On 26 June, a merchant vessel in transit reported a suspicious approach by 2 speedboats near position 13:30N - 042:43E, 10 nm south of Jazirat al Hanish al Jabir Island, approximately 31 nm west of Yemeni coast. Vessel reported speedboats with 8-10 persons in each boat. Embarked security team showed weapons and speedboats departed. Speedboats had previously approached 2 other MVs in the vicinity. Vessel is safe. (UKMTO; www.pvilttd.com; www.sguardian.com)

4. (U) INDIAN OCEAN: On 8 June, the naval Combined Task Force 150 (CTF 150) reported that the French frigate,

NIVÔSE, had seized 251-kilograms of heroin from a dhow off the Somali coast. Further details of the location of the seizure were not disclosed. French forces have seized almost 1.2 tons of heroin as part of CTF 150 in the past three months. (www.pvilttd.com)

5. (U) SEYCHELLES: On 7 June, the Seychelles Coast Guard patrol ship ANDROMACHE intercepted a Sri Lanka-flagged fishing vessel north-west of the main island of Mahe during a routine patrol. A Coast Guard team boarded the vessel to conduct an inspection, during which evidence relating to illegal fishing was found. Six Sri Lankan nationals were arrested on suspicion of illegal fishing. (www.sguardian.com)

6. (U) ARABIAN SEA: Between 3 and 5 June, the Australian warship HMAS WARRAMUNGA seized three large-scale drug shipments totaling more than 5.9 tons from vessels in the Arabian Sea. The ship halted vessels and seized shipments of cannabis weighing 3.3 tons, 2.6 tons and 40 kilograms respectively. HMAS WARRAMUNGA is deployed to the region as part of Operation Manitou and the vessel has seized 31.8 tons of cannabis resin and 2 tons of heroin since it started operations in November 2017. (www.pvilttd.com)

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

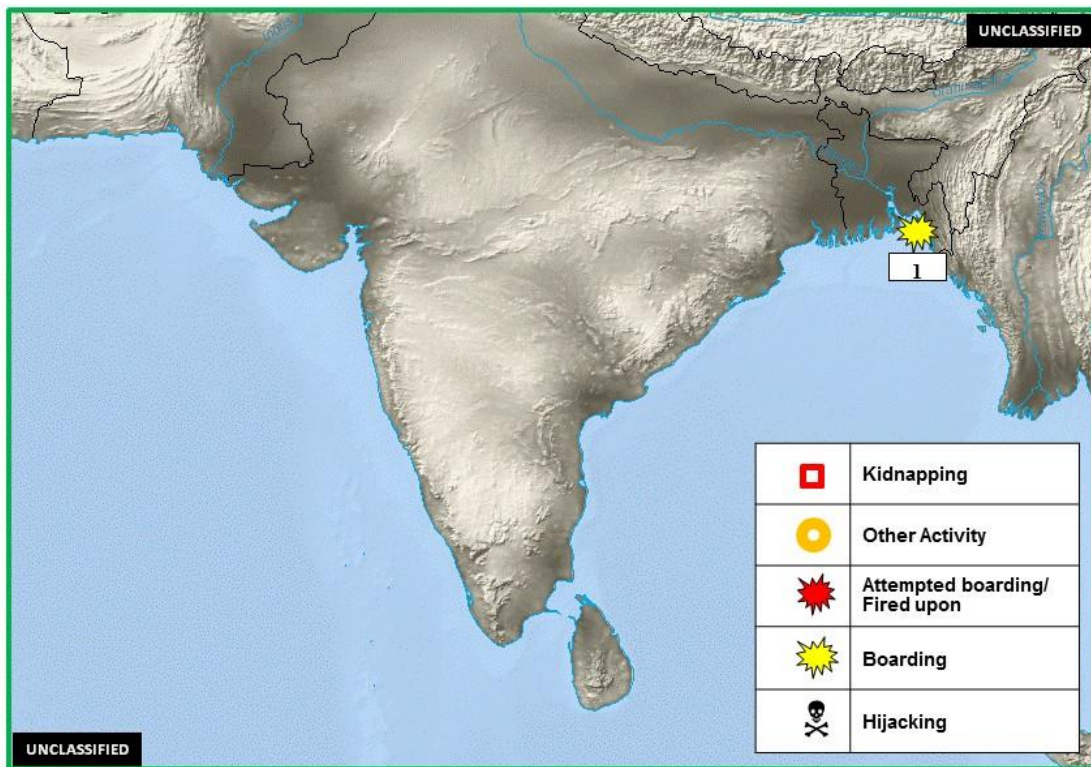


Figure 4. East Asia - Southeast Asia - Indian Subcontinent Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) BANGLADESH: On 3 July, eight robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored bulk carrier using ropes attached to hooks near position 22:19N - 091:43E, Chittagong Anchorage. The robbers took desk watchman hostage and tied him up, stole the aft mooring ropes, and escaped. Incident reported to local agent. (IMB)

2. (U) INDONESIA: On 16 May, five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored Panama-flagged bulk carrier using a rope near position 05:32S - 105:18E, Tarahan Anchorage, Indonesia. They took hostage a duty crewman tied him up and threatened him with knives. The robbers stole ship's property and engine spares and escaped. The crewman managed to free himself and raised the alarm. Duty officer sounded the ship's horn and crew was mustered. (IMB; www.pvilttd.com)

3. (U) SINGAPORE: On 18 June, police arrested nine men for their suspected involvement in an illegal sale of marine gas oil. The Police Coast Guard acted on a tip-off that a foreign-registered tugboat and a Singapore-registered vessel were involved in the illegal transaction at sea off Selat Puah Anchorage. The Singapore-registered vessel is suspected of misappropriating 400 liters of marine gas oil. (www.pviltld.com)

J. (U) NORTHEAST ASIA:

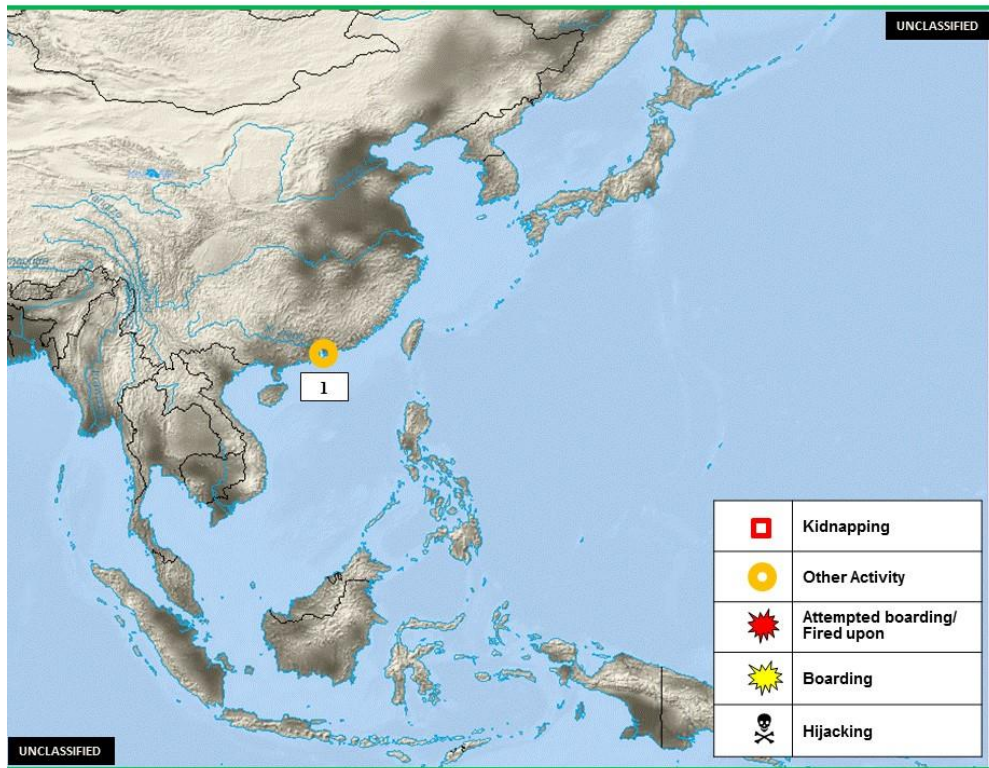


Figure 5. Northeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) HONG KONG: On 27 June, Hong Kong Customs seized about 29,000 kilograms of suspected Guatemalan rosewood from a container at the Tsing Yi Customs Cargo Examination Compound. Through risk assessment, customs officers inspected a container arriving in Hong Kong from Honduras and found the suspected Guatemalan rosewood. (www.hspace.com)

2. (U) EAST CHINA SEA: On 27 June, Japan's Defence Ministry reported to the United Nations of the suspected ship-to-ship goods transfers involving a North Korean tanker on the high seas in violation of UN sanctions. The North Korean-flagged tanker YU PHYONG 5 was first spotted beside a small vessel of unknown nationality on June 21 in waters around 400 kilometers off Shanghai in the East China Sea. On the next day, the North Korean tanker was seen beside a similar vessel around 450 kilometers off Shanghai. The vessel, carrying a flag similar to that of China, may have been the same as the one seen the previous day, according to the ministry. In each case a hose was connected between the North Korean tanker and the other vessel, leading the government to "strongly suspect" that they were engaged in ship-to-ship transfers banned by the United Nations. The YU PHYONG 5 has been designated as a vessel subject to an asset freeze and prohibited from entering any foreign port under a UN resolution. (www3.nhk.or.jp; Kyodo)

3. (U) HONG KONG: On 4 June, customs officials seized about 140 kilograms of suspected scheduled dried seahorses and 220 kilograms of dried shark fins from a shipping container at the Kwai Chung Customs House Cargo Examination Compound. Through risk assessment, customs officers inspected the 20-foot container declared to contain fish maw arriving in Hong Kong from Indonesia, finding the contraband. (www.7thspace.com)

4. (U) HONG KONG: On 4 June, authorities seized 7,000 kilograms of suspected smuggled mercury from a shipping container at the Kwai Chung Cargo Examination Compound. Through risk assessment, customs officers inspected a 40-foot container declared to contain plastic material arriving from Indonesia. Upon inspection, customs officers found the suspected smuggled mercury in the container. (www.7thspace.com)

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

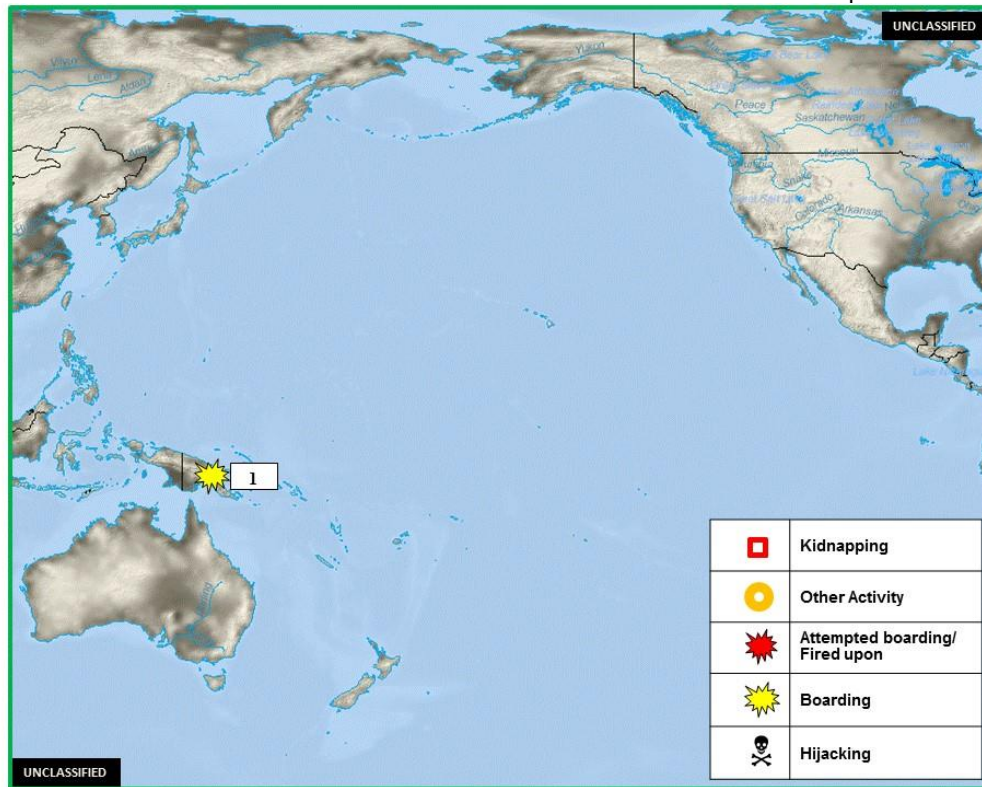


Figure 6. Australia - New Zealand – Pacific Ocean Area Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) PAPUA NEW GUINEA: On 28 June, five men armed with knives boarded a small boat with a crew of 3 men near Lae. The robbers attacked the men, cutting one man's left hand off. The robbers then stole a 75-hp outboard motor and fled. By 2 July, all five suspects had been arrested. (www.thenational.com.pg)

2. (U) NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN: On 16 June, U.S. and Chinese authorities announced that they had boarded and then detained the China-flagged fishing vessel RUN DA suspected of illegal, unreported, unregulated (IUU) fishing activity in international waters 860 miles east of Hokkaido, Japan. The fishing vessel is suspected of violating the worldwide driftnet moratorium called for by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 46/215. The captain of the RUN DA admitted to fishing with driftnets up to 5.6 miles in length. The joint boarding team discovered one ton of squid and 80 tons of chum salmon on board. A China Coast Guard vessel is escorting the RUN DA back to China for prosecution. The PRC has jurisdiction for any enforcement actions taken upon the vessel, master and owner. (www.kinyradio.com; www.fis.com)

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
- 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
- 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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