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## (U) WORLDWIDE: Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report 3 July–7 August 2019

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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:

1. (U) **MARAD ADVISORY 2019-008-Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea, Red Sea-Threats to U.S. and International Shipping from Iran.** Description: This revised advisory cancels U.S. Maritime Advisory 2019-006. Reference: U.S. Maritime Advisory 2019-004. Issue: The heightened military activities and increased political tensions in this region continue to present risk to commercial shipping due not only to this threat, but also due to the potential for miscalculation or misidentification. Additionally, vessels operating in the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman may encounter GPS interference and other communications jamming, which could occur with little to no warning.
- (U) Description: Following the 12 May 2019 attacks against four commercial vessels in the vicinity of the anchorage off Fujairah, UAE, (see U.S. Maritime Alert 2019-002A) and the 13 June 2019 attacks against two additional commercial vessels transiting in the Gulf of Oman (see U.S. Maritime Alert 2019-003A), there is a continued possibility that Iran and/or its regional proxies could take actions against U.S. and partner interests in the region.

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- (U) Guidance: U.S. commercial vessels operating in this area are advised to review U.S. Maritime Advisory 2019-004 and contact the U.S. Navy 5th Fleet NCAGS watch, per the below contact information, for additional guidance.
- (U) Contact Information: U.S. flag vessels are advised to report any incidents immediately to coalition naval vessels on VHF Channel 16, the 5th Fleet Battle Watch via phone at 973-1785-3879, and email details to: CUSNC.BWC@ME.NAVY.MIL. U.S. flag commercial vessels bound for the Strait of Hormuz in either direction are encouraged to contact the U.S. Navy 5th Fleet Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS) Watch at least two days prior to transit at: CUSNC.NCAGS\_BW@ME.NAVY.MIL or 973-3904-9583.
- (U) Per 33 CFR 101.305, all suspicious activities and events must be reported to the U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802. In this region, such activities and events should additionally be reported to the U.S. Navy 5th Fleet NCAGS Watch at the email address or phone number listed above.
- (U) For maritime industry questions about this advisory, contact GMCC@uscg.mil. Supplemental information may also be found on the MARAD Office of Maritime Security website at: <https://go.usa.gov/xUKsb>.
- (U) Cancellation of Prior Advisories: This advisory supersedes and cancels U.S. Maritime Advisory 2019-006. This message will automatically expire on 25 December 2019. For more information about U.S. Maritime Alerts and Advisories, including subscription details, please visit <http://www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI>.

### 3. (U) Summary

1. (U) ARABIAN GULF: On 4 August, Iranian Revolutionary Guards seized an Iraq-flagged oil tanker in the Arabian Gulf.
2. (U) MEXICO: On 4 August, crew onboard a maintenance pontoon reported ship's stores and properties stolen in Ciudad del Carmen Anchorage.
3. (U) GERMANY: On 2 August, German authorities on Friday said they had seized 4.5 tons of cocaine worth 1 billion euros (\$1.11 billion) in the northern port city of Hamburg.
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5. (U) TAIWAN: On 31 July, Taiwan-flagged general cargo ship YU TAI NO.1 collided with a vessel south of Kinmen, shortly after leaving Kinmen bound for Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
6. (U) INDONESIA: On 31 July, two robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier in Belawan Anchorage.
7. (U) INDONESIA: On 31 July, six robbers armed with knives boarded a chemical tanker waiting for a pilot 5 NM north of Tanjung Priok.
8. (U) NIGERIA: On 29 July, a supply vessel berthed at Onne port was approached by two people in a canoe.
9. (U) PANAMA: On 28 July, robbers boarded a sailing yacht anchored in Linton Bay and stole the dinghy and outboard motor.
10. (U) KENYA: On 26 July, a robber boarded a tanker berthed in Mombasa Port.
11. (U) NIGERIA: On 25 July, ten robbers boarded a berthed bulk carrier during cargo operations at Berth No. TC09, Lagos.
12. (U) IRAN: On 21 July, Iran released nine Indian crew members from the Panama-flagged oil tanker M/T RIAH after it was detained on July 15.

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

1. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Government of Japan convoy schedule for August 2019. To apply for JMSDF escort, visit [http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/maritime\\_fr2\\_000000.html](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: Email: [hqt-info-piracy@mlit.go.jp](mailto:hqt-info-piracy@mlit.go.jp) (MSCHOA)
2. (U) GULF OF ADEN: China Navy convoy schedule for August 2019. For further information, please email: [planavy@navy.mil.cn](mailto:planavy@navy.mil.cn) (MSCHOA)

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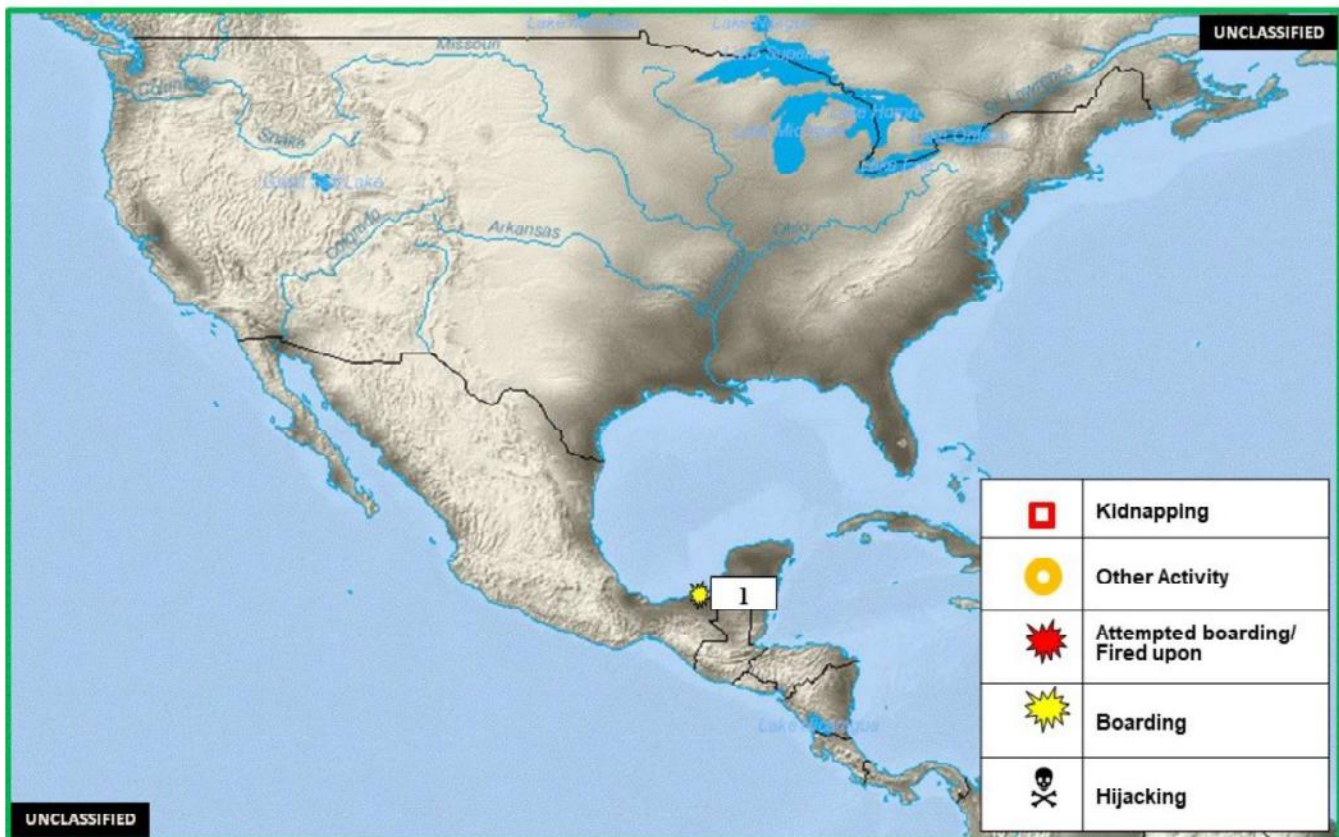


3. (U) GULF OF ADEN: South Korea Navy convoy schedule for August 2019. All merchant vessels wishing to join the convoy group must submit their application forms directly to the ROK naval warship carrying out the mission. The ROK MTG can be reached at the Escort Task Group CCC: Email: cheonghae29@navy.mil.kr or cheonghae29@gmail.com (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 past 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.

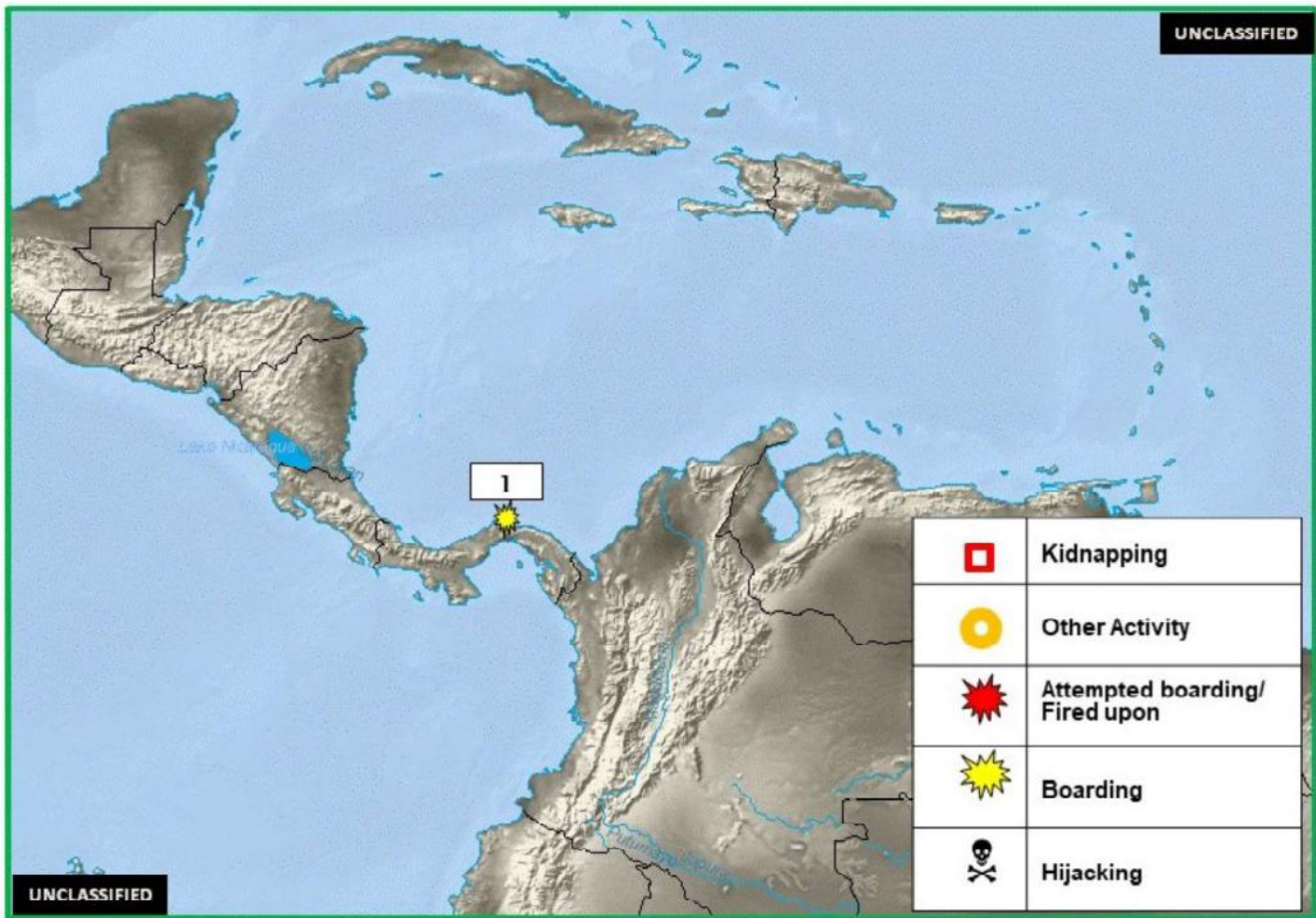
### A. (U) NORTH AMERICA:



(U) Figure 1. North America Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) MEXICO: On 4 August, crew onboard a maintenance pontoon reported ship's stores and properties stolen near position 18:48N - 091:47W, Ciudad del Carmen Anchorage. A machete was found near the store room. Master later received information from another vessel in the vicinity that robbers had attempted to board their vessel as well. Incident reported to the Mexico Navy. Three patrol boats were dispatched to investigate. (IMB)
2. (U) MEXICO: During the overnight hours on 27 and 28 July, two small fishing boats reportedly were boarded while operating approximately 5 NM north of Progreso, Yucatan. Both boat crews reported that the robbers stole their outboard motors and other important equipment. ([www.maritimeherald.com](http://www.maritimeherald.com))

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



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

1. (U) PANAMA: On 28 July, robbers boarded a sailing yacht anchored in Linton Bay and stole the dinghy and outboard motor. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))
2. (U) PANAMA: On 27 July, authorities seized nearly 4 tons of cocaine after intercepting a speedboat via air and sea along the northern perimeter of Isla Grande in the province of Colon. The seizure occurred during a regular patrol. ([www.pvilt.com](http://www.pvilt.com))
3. (U) PANAMA: On 26 July, authorities seized approximately 4,000 cocaine bricks from a boat off the coast of Panama. Police did not disclose a precise location for the drug seizure. Four Colombian nationals were arrested at the scene. ([www.pvilt.com](http://www.pvilt.com))
4. (U) BONAIRE: On 26 July, robbers boarded a sailing yacht anchored in Kralendijk and stole a dinghy and outboard motor. A subsequent search located it, minus the fuel tank. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))
5. (U) PUERTO RICO: On 24 July, robbers boarded a sailing yacht berthed in Puerto Real. They thoroughly ransacked the yacht, stealing almost everything of any value. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))
6. (U) SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES: On 20 July, a sailing yacht anchored off Princess Margaret Beach was boarded while the owners were ashore. Cash and an LED flashlight were stolen. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))



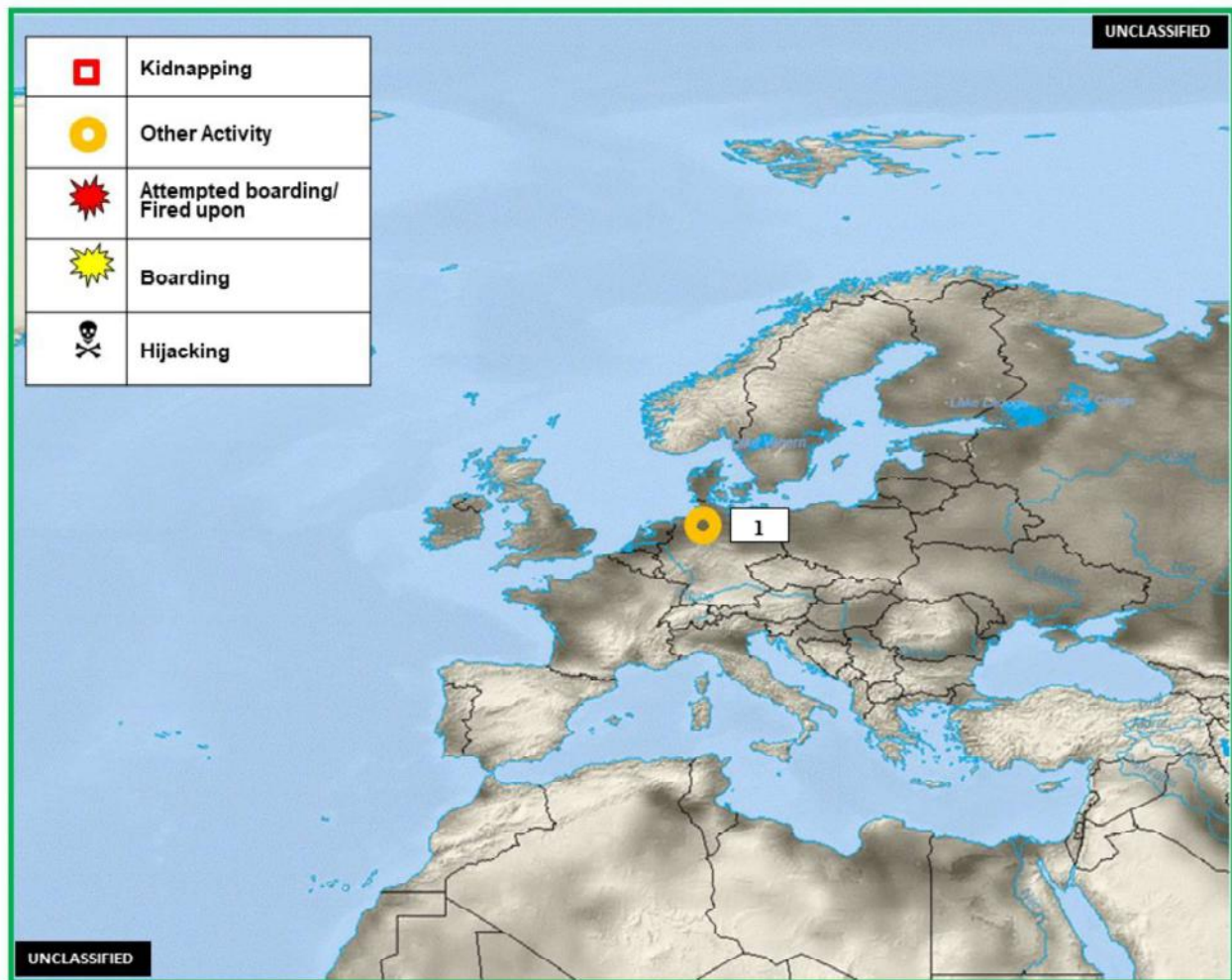
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7. (U) PANAMA: On 13 July, a monohull with two persons onboard traveled from Linton Bay to the San Blas Islands in Panama. Engine issues caused the yacht to make an unplanned stop in Bahia Nombre de Dios, where no other boats were anchored. The necessary repairs were completed but the hour was late and entering the San Blas in the dark was not an option. The crew planned to lock themselves in securely for the night. They were down below and surprised just after sunset by noise on deck. The captain went up to the cockpit and was ambushed and then restrained by two swimmers who had boarded and concealed themselves behind opposite sides of the spray hood. Immediately a boat with four other men arrived and the captain was held at gunpoint. For 45 minutes the men ransacked and inspected every space in the yacht, stealing cash, credit cards, phones, cameras and video equipment, laptops, a drone, and other items. Some of the men appeared to be high on drugs and were only marginally under the control of the armed leader. Two of the men forced the crew member back into a cabin and indicated they intended to rape her, but the leader prevented this. Once they had collected all things of value, all six men departed in their boat. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))
8. (U) PANAMA: On 13 July, a robber attempted to board a sailing yacht anchored in Linton Bay. The yacht owner was awakened by the noise and confronted the robber, who fled. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))
9. (U) SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES: On 9 July, a charter boat was boarded during the night and its dinghy and outboard motor stolen. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))
10. (U) PANAMA: On 5 July, armed robbers boarded a sailing yacht anchored in Linton Bay. The robbers stole everything they could carry and escaped. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))
11. (U) SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES: On 7 July, a robber boarded a sailing yacht anchored at L'Ance Guyac Point on Canouan. The robber was attempting to unlock the chained dinghy and outboard. The yacht owner awoke and scared the robber away. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))
12. (U) SAINT MARTIN: On 3 July, robbers stole a dinghy and outboard from a sailing yacht anchored at Chicken Island. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))

**C. (U) ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA:**

1. (U) AZORES: On 12 July, Portugal's criminal investigation police seized half a ton of cocaine on a sailboat in the Azores archipelago and detained two men of foreign nationality. They were detained under the ongoing Operation TIPHON to combat narcotic drugs trafficking by sea. ([www.macaubusiness.com](http://www.macaubusiness.com))

**D. (U) NORTHERN EUROPE - BALTIC:**



(U) Figure 3. Northern Europe - Baltic Piracy and Maritime Crime

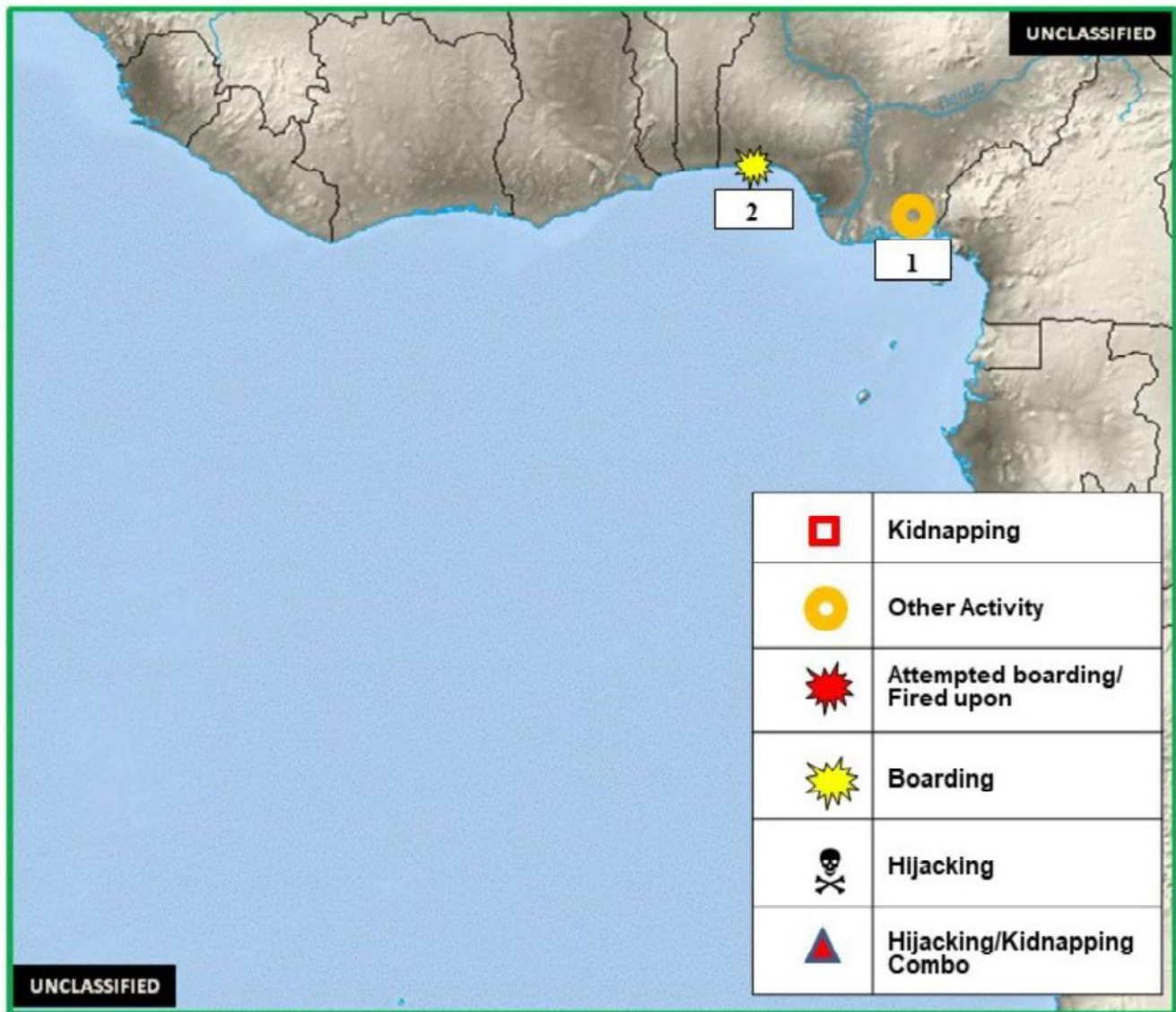
1. (U) GERMANY: On 2 August, German authorities said they had seized 4.5 tons of cocaine worth 1 billion euros (\$1.11 billion) in the northern port city of Hamburg - the nation's biggest drug haul to date. The Hamburg customs office said it had examined a suspicious shipping container two weeks ago that came from the Uruguayan capital Montevideo and was bound for the Belgian city of Antwerp. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com))

(U) **MEDITERRANEAN - BLACK SEA:**

1. (U) UKRAINE: On 25 July, authorities seized the Russia-flagged tanker NIKA SPIRIT moored in a port on the Danube River. ([www.splash247.com](http://www.splash247.com))
2. (U) GREECE: On 20 July, the cruise ship MARELLA DISCOVERY rescued 111 migrants, including 33 children, off Greece. Media reports that the migrant boat was found in distress about 40 NM off Greece's Peloponnese peninsula. The migrants were taken to the Greek port of Kalamata, and the Greek Coast Guard arrested two of the boat's operators. ([www.maritime-executive.com](http://www.maritime-executive.com))
3. (U) GIBRALTAR: On 4 July, British Royal Marines detained the tanker GRACE 1 because officials said it was transporting oil to Syria, a violation of European Union sanctions. ([www.upi.com](http://www.upi.com))

F. (U) **WEST AFRICA:**





(U) Figure 4. West Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime

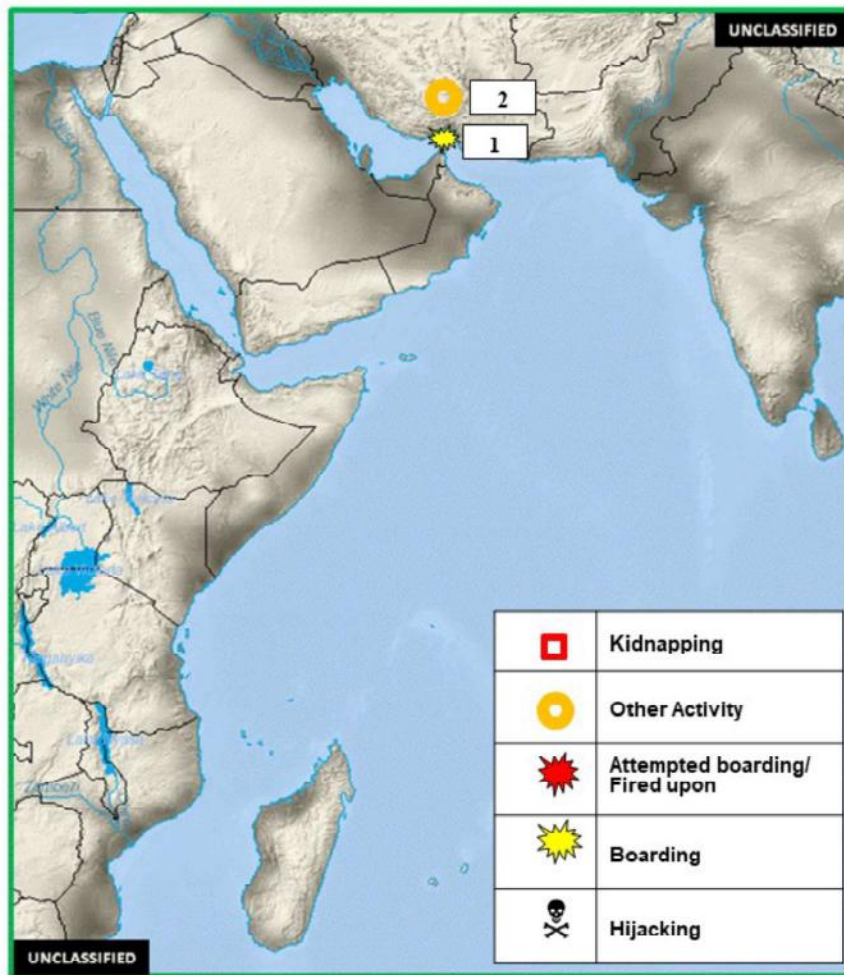
1. (U) NIGERIA: On 29 July, a supply vessel berthed at Onne port was approached by two people in a canoe. Duty officer saw the canoe, raised the alarm, and at that point the canoe moved away. No items were stolen. ([www.csoalliance.com](http://www.csoalliance.com))
2. (U) NIGERIA: On 25 July, ten robbers boarded a berthed bulk carrier during cargo operations near position 06:25N - 003:20E, Berth No. TC09, Lagos. They assaulted and took hostage the duty crewman on routine rounds. The robbers stole ship's stores from the paint store room. They released the duty crewman and escaped in their boat. Alarm was raised, crew was mustered, and a search was carried out. The crewman received minor injuries during the incident. Local authorities informed. (IMB)
3. (U) LIBERIA: On 29 July, armed robbers boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier BLISS anchored near position 06:19N - 010:51W, Monrovia Roads. The robbers stole ship's property and escaped. The master tried to call port control but received no response. (IMB; [www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com))

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4. (U) NIGERIA: On 29 July, three robbers armed with metal poles boarded a berthed container ship near Tin Can Island, Lagos Port. They attacked a duty crewman on routine rounds, stole his personal belongings, and escaped. Alarm was raised and a search was carried out. The duty crewman was slightly injured during the incident and further medical checkup was initiated. The incident was reported to local authorities. (IMB)
5. (U) NIGERIA: On 26 July, during routine rounds, a duty crewman onboard a tanker anchored near position 06:18N - 003:23E, Lagos Anchorage, smelled a strong odor of oil cargo. He approached the forward cargo tanks and noticed one unauthorized person jumping overboard with a hose. Alarm was raised and crew was mustered. Investigations indicated that the person was trying to steal cargo. Incident reported to the navy patrol boat in the vicinity. A search of the surrounding waters conducted. Nothing reported stolen. (IMB)
6. (U) SIERRA LEONE: On 21 July, five robbers armed with knives in a small wooden boat boarded an anchored container ship near position 08:28N - 013:28W, Freetown Anchorage, using a rope attached with a hook. The robbers took hostage the duty crew and stole personal belongings and ship's properties. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. All doors locked and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped. Port control informed. During the incident the duty crew sustained injuries. (IMB)
7. (U) NIGERIA: On 13 July, pirates boarded the Turkey-flagged general cargo ship PAKSOY 1 near position 02:58N - 004:40E, 120 NM southwest of Port Harcourt. The ship was en route from Douala, Cameroon, to Abijan, Ivory Coast. Ten Turkish crewmen were taken hostage. The remaining crew, according to Turkish sources citing a ship owner's statement, took the ship to Tema Anchorage in Ghana. (www.maritimebulletin.net)
8. (U) NIGERIA: On 8 July, armed men attacked a passenger boat in the Bille waterways of Rivers State, killing one person. (www.thenationonline.net)
9. (U) DR CONGO: On 7 July, two unarmed robbers boarded an anchored vessel at 0430 hrs local time off Pointe-Noire. The two suspects stole ropes and fled in a white skiff. The vessel and crew were reported safe. (www.pvilt.com)
10. (U) CAMEROON: On 3 July, at least 30 separatist gunmen attacked an army boat in the locality of Ekpambiri. A rescue mission was dispatched to the scene and three soldiers were found alive but in critical condition. Ten soldiers are reportedly missing. (www.journalducameroun.com/en)

G. (U) ARABIAN GULF:

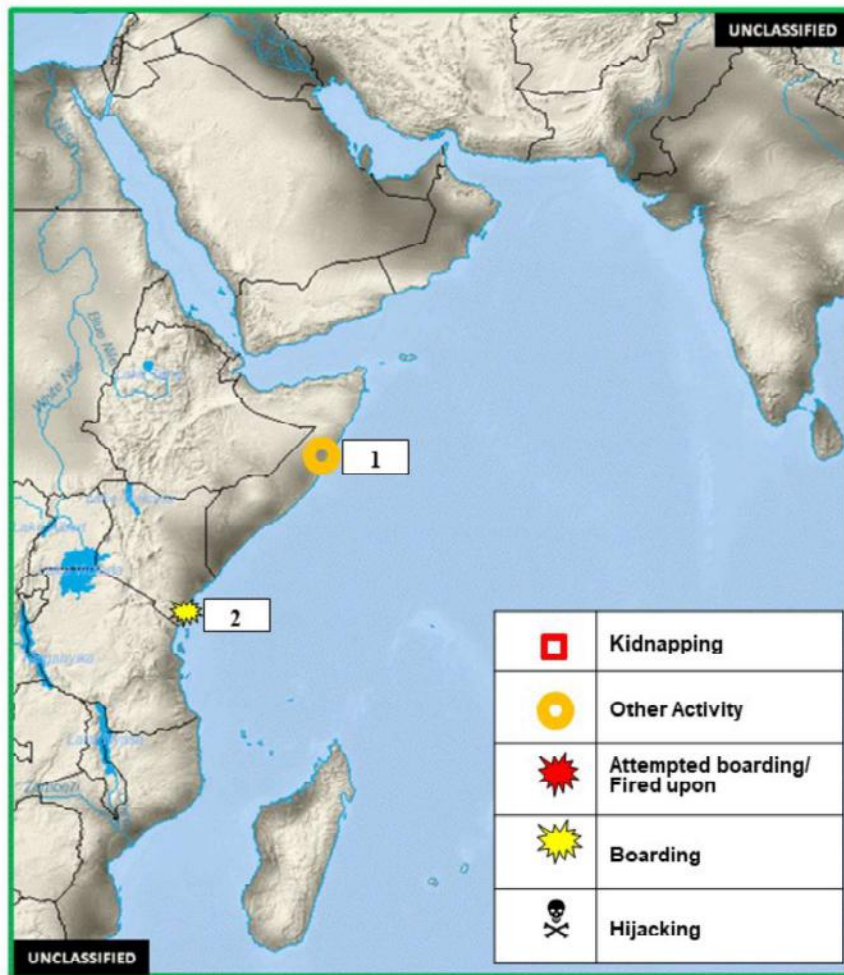




(U) Figure 5. Arabian Gulf Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) ARABIAN GULF: On 4 August, Iranian Revolutionary Guards seized an Iraq-flagged oil tanker in the Arabian Gulf which they said was smuggling fuel. Seven crewmen. ([www.gcaptain.com](http://www.gcaptain.com))
2. (U) IRAN: On 21 July, Iran released nine Indian crew members from the Panama-flagged oil tanker RIAH after it was detained on 14 July. ([www.maritime-executive.com](http://www.maritime-executive.com))
3. (U) ARABIAN GULF: On 19 July, UK-flagged tanker STENA IMPERO diverted from her inbound transit of the Strait of Hormuz and entered Iranian waters. Subsequent reporting indicates that the ship was detained by Iranian forces. (BBC; [www.gcaptain.com](http://www.gcaptain.com); [www.marinetraffic.com](http://www.marinetraffic.com); [www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com))
4. (U) ARABIAN GULF: On 19 July, Iranian forces briefly detained the Liberia-flagged VLCC tanker MESDAR in the Strait of Hormuz. (BBC; [www.gcaptain.com](http://www.gcaptain.com); [www.marinetraffic.com](http://www.marinetraffic.com); [www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com))
5. (U) ARABIAN GULF: On 14 July, Iranian naval forces seized the Panama-flagged tanker RIAH in the Strait of Hormuz. The Iranian government subsequently released a statement accusing the ship and crew of smuggling oil. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com))

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



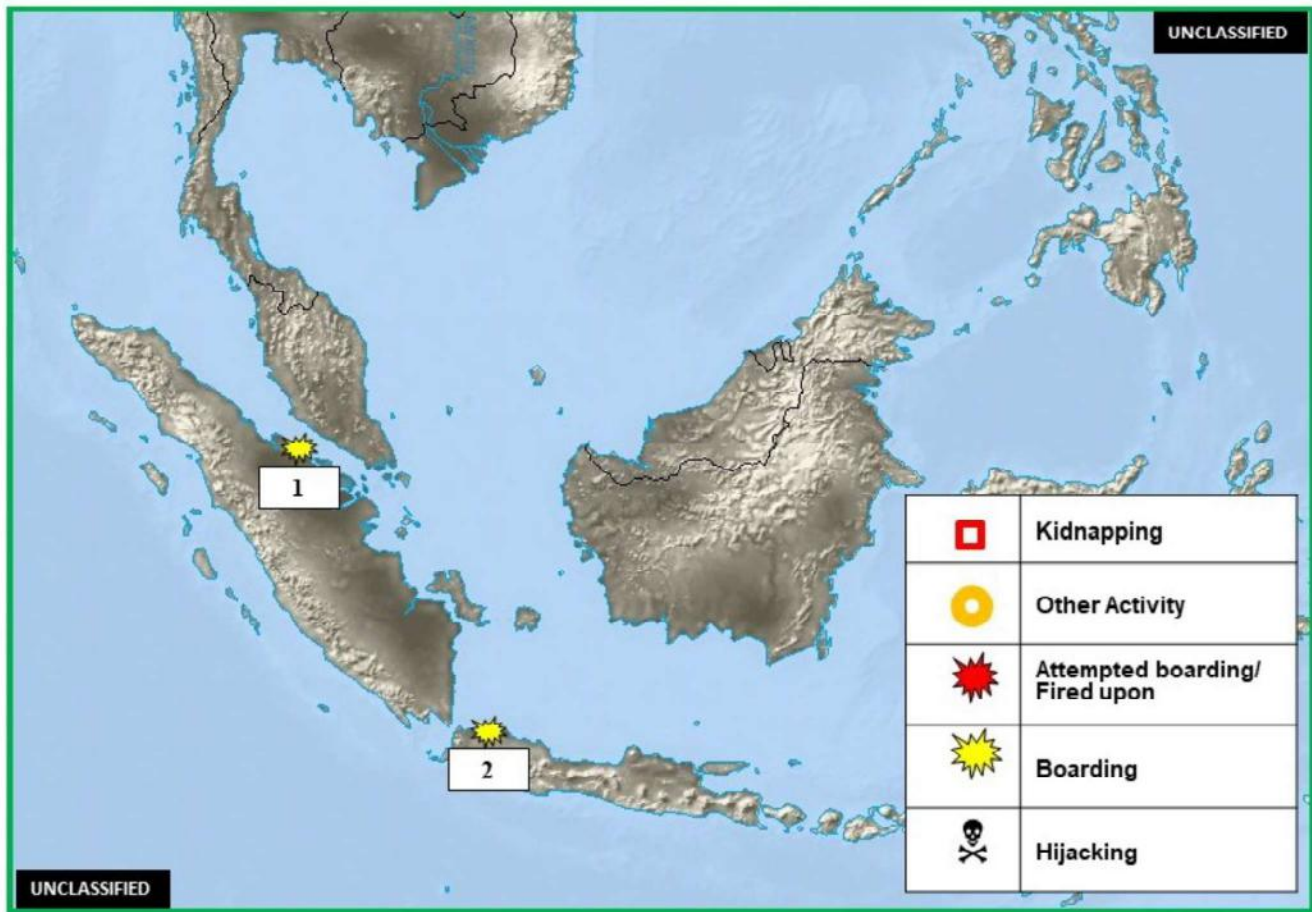
(U) Figure 6. Indian Ocean - East Africa - Red Sea Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) SOMALIA: On 1 August, Somaliland's government prematurely released 19 convicted pirates who were serving time in a prison in the Seychelles for piracy. In 2011, the Seychelles and Somaliland signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the transfer of sentenced pirates between the government Somaliland and Seychelles. In 2012, the 19 convicts were transferred into the custody of the Somaliland authorities where the pirates were to complete their sentences. The men were initially sentenced to serve between 30 and 42 years for their acts. ([www.seychellesnewsagency.com](http://www.seychellesnewsagency.com); [www.menafm.com](http://www.menafm.com))
2. (U) KENYA: On 26 July, a duty crewman on routine rounds onboard a tanker berthed near position 04:04S - 039:39E, Mombasa Port, reported to the duty officer that there was a suspicious person at the wharf. They monitored this person until he started to climb on the forward spring lines. Master immediately informed port control. A patrol boat came and checked the wharf surroundings. A search of the ship was conducted and found that ship's stores were stolen. (IMB)
3. (U) RED SEA: On 8 July, naval forces from the Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen foiled an attempted attack on an unidentified commercial ship in the southern Red Sea by the Iran-aligned Houthis, who denied the allegation. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com))
4. (U) RED SEA: On 1 July, a merchant vessel underway near position 12:51N - 043:14E, 11 NM northwest of Perim Island, was approached by three skiffs with five persons in each skiff. The skiffs approached to within 0.1 NM. When the



embarked armed security team on the merchant vessel showed their weapons, the skiffs departed. The crew and vessel are safe. (UKMTO)

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



(U) Figure 7. East Asia - Southeast Asia - Indian Subcontinent Piracy and Maritime Crime

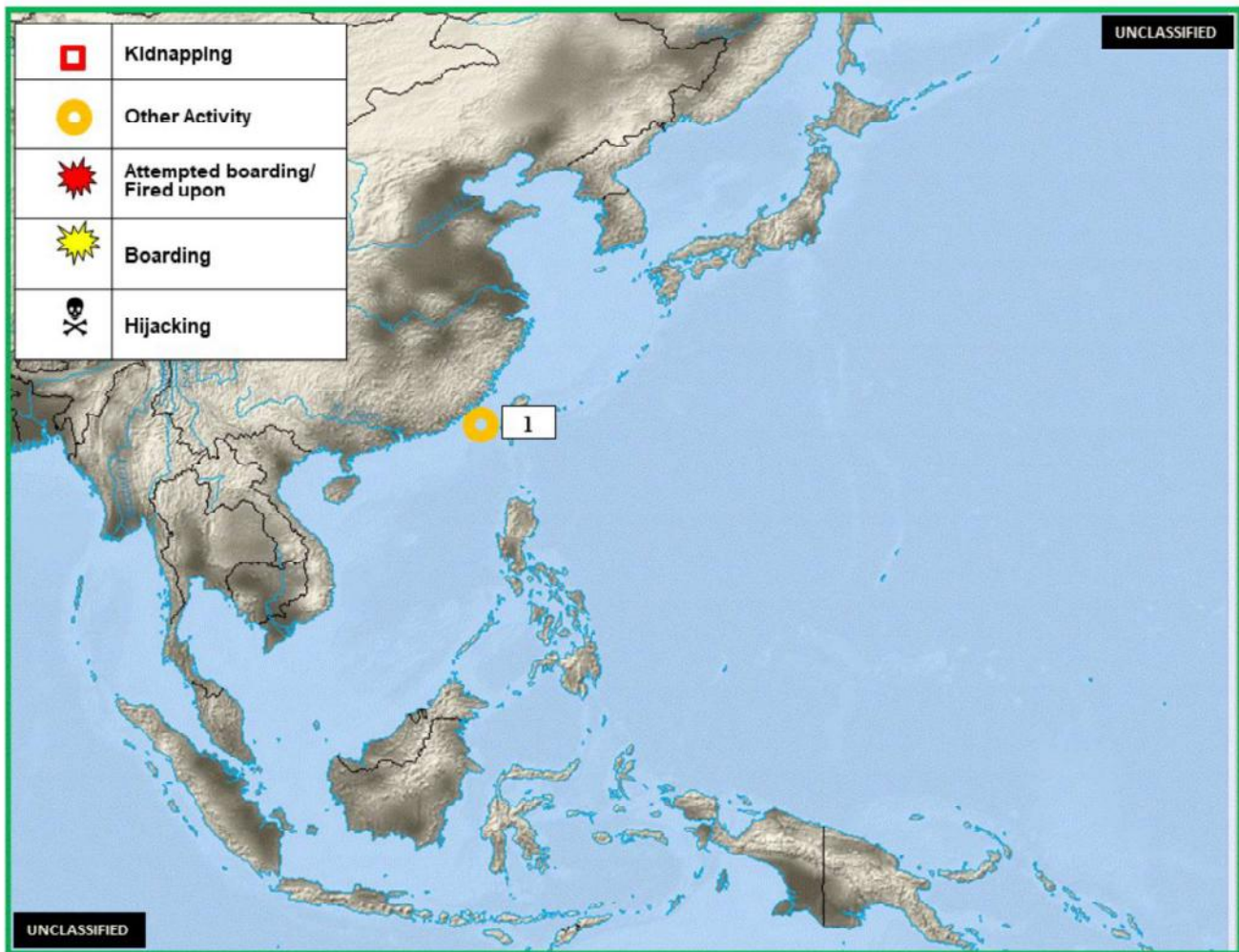
1. (U) INDONESIA: On 30 July, two robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier near position 03:56N - 098:48E, Belawan Anchorage. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped empty-handed. Incident reported to the port control. (IMB)
2. (U) INDONESIA: On 30 July, six robbers armed with knives boarded a chemical tanker waiting for a pilot near position 06:01S - 106:52E, 5 NM north of Tanjung Priok. They injured the chief engineer on routine rounds. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped empty-handed. Incident reported to local authorities. (IMB)
3. (U) INDONESIA: On 27 July, four armed robbers boarded a berthed tanker during cargo operations near position 01:45N - 101:22E, SDS Terminal St 1, Lubuk Gaung. An alert crewman noticed the robbers near the engine room and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped through the steering gear room. A search was carried out. Incident reported to local authorities. (IMB)
4. (U) VIETNAM: On 26 July, the third officer on routine rounds onboard a general cargo ship berthed near position 10:44N - 106:44E, Lotus Port, noticed an unauthorized person on deck throwing items over the side. He further saw two

boats collecting the items. Alarm was raised. Seeing the approaching officer, the unauthorized person escaped. Upon checking it was found the padlock of the forward store room was broken. Local authorities were notified. (IMB)

5. (U) INDONESIA: On 24 July, a suspicious boat came alongside the tug with two persons onboard near position 01:04N - 103:54E, PT Dharma Sentosa Marindo Yard, Batam. One of them was armed with a knife. An alert crewman raised the alarm resulting in the boat moving away. Incident reported to local authorities. (IMB)
6. (U) INDONESIA: On 23 July, four robbers in a boat boarded an offshore tug berthed near position 01:04N - 103:54E, PT Dharma Sentosa Marindo Yard, Batam. The second mate on routine rounds noticed footprints on the main deck. Further checks revealed a storeroom padlock broken. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Vessel's properties were reported stolen. (IMB)
7. (U) INDONESIA: On 21 July, seven pirates armed with a pistol and knives in a small speed boat boarded the South Korea-flagged bulk carrier CK BLUEBELL underway near position 02:55N - 105:10E, 16 NM northwest of Pulau Damar. They used a ladder attached with a hook to board the ship. The master and the second officer were taken hostage, tied up, and assaulted by the pirates. The pirates stole cash and crew personal belongings before escaping. Incident reported to Korean authorities. (IMB; [www.marinelink.com](http://www.marinelink.com))
8. (U) MYANMAR: On 19 July, Arakan Army insurgent elements attacked two navy vessels in the Taung Sein River in Myebon Township. An Army officer and two sailors were killed in the attack. ([www.irrawaddy.com](http://www.irrawaddy.com))
9. (U) INDONESIA: On 16 July, robbers boarded a barge under tow near position 01:10:23N - 103:39.09E, 0.6 NM west of North Nipa Beacon. The barge was carrying scrap metal bound for Penang, Malaysia. The master of tug boat SUNG FATT 31 reported to the Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) that his crew spotted the perpetrators boarding the barge SUNG FATT 36 from an unknown number of sampans. The perpetrators stole scrap metal and escaped via the sampans. There was no confrontation between the perpetrators and the crew. Singapore Police Coast Guard and Republic of Singapore Navy notified. ([www.pvilttd.com](http://www.pvilttd.com))
10. (U) MALAYSIA: On 11 July, six small wooden boats approached a tug and barge underway near position 01:13N - 103:31E, 2.9 NM south of Tanjung Piai, Johor. The unauthorized persons boarded the barge, stole its cargo of scrap metal, and escaped. The master contacted the local authorities who dispatched a patrol vessel to investigate. (IMB)

**J. (U) NORTHEAST ASIA:**





(U) Figure 8. Northeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) TAIWAN: On 31 July, Taiwan-flagged general cargo ship YU TAI NO.1 collided with a vessel south of Kinmen, shortly after leaving Kinmen bound for Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Master reported collision or contact with an unidentified Navy or patrol ship, possibly from the Chinese Navy. Navy ship didn't stop and sailed away. ([www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com))
2. (U) NORTH KOREA: On 27 July, North Korean authorities released the Russia-flagged fishing vessel XIANG HAI LIN 8 after seizing the vessel on 17 July approximately 55 NM east of Wonsan. The crew consists of 15 Russians and two South Koreans. ([www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com); AFP)

**K. (U) AUSTRALIA - NEW ZEALAND - PACIFIC OCEAN AREA:**

(U) 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](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) 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 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) **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) Sourcing**

- 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)
- Maritime Asset Security and Training (MAST) Ltd
- 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)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

(U) The Weekly Piracy Update (WPU) and WTS Reports are posted each week on the ONI Intel Portal and can be found at: <http://www.oni.navy.mil/News/Weekly-Piracy-Reports/>

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