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(U) WORLDWIDE: Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report 24 July–28 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 2019-012-Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea, Red Sea-Threats to Commercial Vessels by Iran.** Description: This revised advisory cancels U.S. Maritime Advisories 2019-004 and 2019-008. References: U.S. Maritime Alerts 2019-004A, 2019-003A, 2019-002A, and 2019-001A. Issue: Heightened military activity and increased political tensions in this region continue to pose serious threats to commercial vessels. Associated with these threats is a potential for miscalculation or misidentification that could lead to aggressive actions. Vessels operating in the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman may also encounter GPS interference, bridge-to-bridge communications spoofing, and/or other communications jamming with little to no warning.

   Since May 2019, the following maritime incidents have occurred in this region:

   Six attacks against commercial vessels (see U.S. Maritime Alerts 2019-002A and 2019-003A);

   Shoot-down of U.S. Navy remotely piloted aircraft over international waters;

Attempted at-sea interdiction of Isle of Man-flagged M/V BRITISH HERITAGE;

Seizure of ex-Panama-flagged M/V RIAH;

Seizure of U.K.-flagged M/V STENA IMPERO (see U.S. Maritime Alert 2019-004A); and

Detention and subsequent release of Liberia-flagged M/V MESDAR (see U.S. Maritime Alert 2019-004A).

In at least two of these incidents, vessels reported GPS interference. One vessel reportedly shut off its Automatic Identification System (AIS) before it was seized, complicating response efforts. Vessels have also reported spoofed bridge-to-bridge communications from unknown entities falsely claiming to be U.S. or coalition warships. The United States is committed to safeguarding freedom of navigation, the free flow of commerce, and the protection of U.S. vessels and personnel in this region. Guidance: The international community, including the United States, continues maritime security operations within this region. Vessels operating in this area are advised to review security measures, ensure AIS is transmitting at all times, and monitor VHF Channel 16.

a) To afford best protection in the region, U.S. flagged commercial vessels are encouraged to: - Simultaneously register with both the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Office (UKMTO) and U.S. Fifth Fleet Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS) Watch when entering the Indian Ocean Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA) by e-mailing them the Initial Report from Annex D of Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Safety in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea (BMP5). - Provide transit plans for the Strait of Hormuz (SoH) and Persian Gulf (PG) to UKMTO and U.S. Fifth Fleet NCAGS via a single e-mail, including the time of entering/exiting the SoH Traffic Separation Scheme, an outline of the navigation plan for operating in the SoH and PG, and speed restrictions or other constraints. - In the event of any incident or suspicious activity, call UKMTO or the U.S. Fifth Fleet Battle Watch and activate the Ship Security Alert System immediately. - Answer all VHF calls from coalition navies. - Utilize other reports included in Annex D of BMP5 as necessary, including both UKMTO and Fifth Fleet NCAGS on each of these reports. b) All vessels should be aware that U.S. and other coalition naval forces may conduct maritime awareness calls, queries, and approaches to ensure the safety of vessels transiting the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, and Arabian Sea. If a U.S.-flagged commercial vessel suspects it is being hailed from a source falsely claiming to be a U.S. or coalition naval vessel, the U.S. Fifth Fleet Battle Watch should be immediately informed. c) If hailed by Iranian forces, U.S. flag commercial vessels should provide vessel name, flag state, and affirm that they are proceeding in accordance with international law as reflected in the Law of the Sea Convention. The master should immediately inform the U.S. Fifth Fleet Battle Watch. d) If Iranian forces seek to board a U.S.-flagged commercial vessel navigating these waters, the ship's Master should, if the safety of the ship and crew would not be compromised, decline permission to board, noting that the vessel is proceeding in accordance with international law, and immediately inform the U.S. Fifth Fleet Battle Watch. e) If Iranian forces board a U.S. flagged commercial vessel, the vessel should immediately contact the U.S. Fifth Fleet Battle Watch. The crew should not forcibly resist the boarding party. Refraining from forcible resistance does not imply consent or agreement to that boarding. f) The Maritime Global Security website at https://www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org/ offers industry issued best practices, including BMP5, and guidance to mariners by geographic region and provides contact and subscription information for regional maritime security reporting centers. g) Vessels operating in this area are advised to establish contact with both UKMTO and the U.S. Fifth Fleet NCAGS Watch, and to include both on all update or incident report emails, as detailed above. By including both as addressees on each email, awareness will be enhanced without creating an additional reporting burden. Contact Information: a) Fifth Fleet Battle Watch: + 973-1785-3879, and email details to: CUSNC.BWC@ME.NAVY.MIL. b) Fifth Fleet NCAGS: CUSNC.NCAGS_BW@ME.NAVY.MIL or +973-3904-9583 or +973-17850084. c) UKMTO: watchkeepers@ukmto.org or +44 (0) 2392 222060. UKMTO advisories and warnings are available at http://www.ukmto.org/.d) U.S. Coast Guard: Per 33 CFR 101.305, all suspicious activities, breaches of security, and transportation security incident events must also be reported to the U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center at +1-800-424-8802. e) 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. Cancellation of Prior Advisories: This message supersedes and cancels and U.S. Maritime Advisories 2019-004 and

2019-008. This advisory will automatically expire on 3 February 2020. 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) BANGLADESH: On 26 August, pirates kidnapped 18 fishermen near Nijhum Dwip in Hatia upazila of Noakhali.

2. (U) INDONESIA: On 21 August, five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored Singapore-flagged tug in Batam Anchorage.

3. (U) MALAYSIA: On 15 August, three robbers in two small boats boarded an underway Malaysia-flagged tug boat towing a barge, approximately 3.8 NM southeast of Tanjung Piai, Johor.

4. (U) NIGERIA: On 14 August, a robber boarded a supply vessel berthed at Federal Ocean Terminal of Onne Port.

5. (U) GRENADA: On 13 August, two robbers boarded a sailing yacht anchored in St. George's Inner Harbor.

6. (U) MOROCCO: On 12 August, Moroccan security services seized tons of cocaine on the Sidi Rahal beach, 123 kilometers south of Rabat in the province of Berrechid.

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

1. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Government of Japan convoy schedule for August and September 2019. 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: Email: hqt-info-piracy@mlit.go.jp (MSCHOA)

2. (U) GULF OF ADEN: China Navy convoy schedule for August and September 2019. For further information, please email: planavy@navy.mil.cn (MSCHOA)

3. (U) GULF OF ADEN: South Korea Navy convoy schedule for August and September 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)
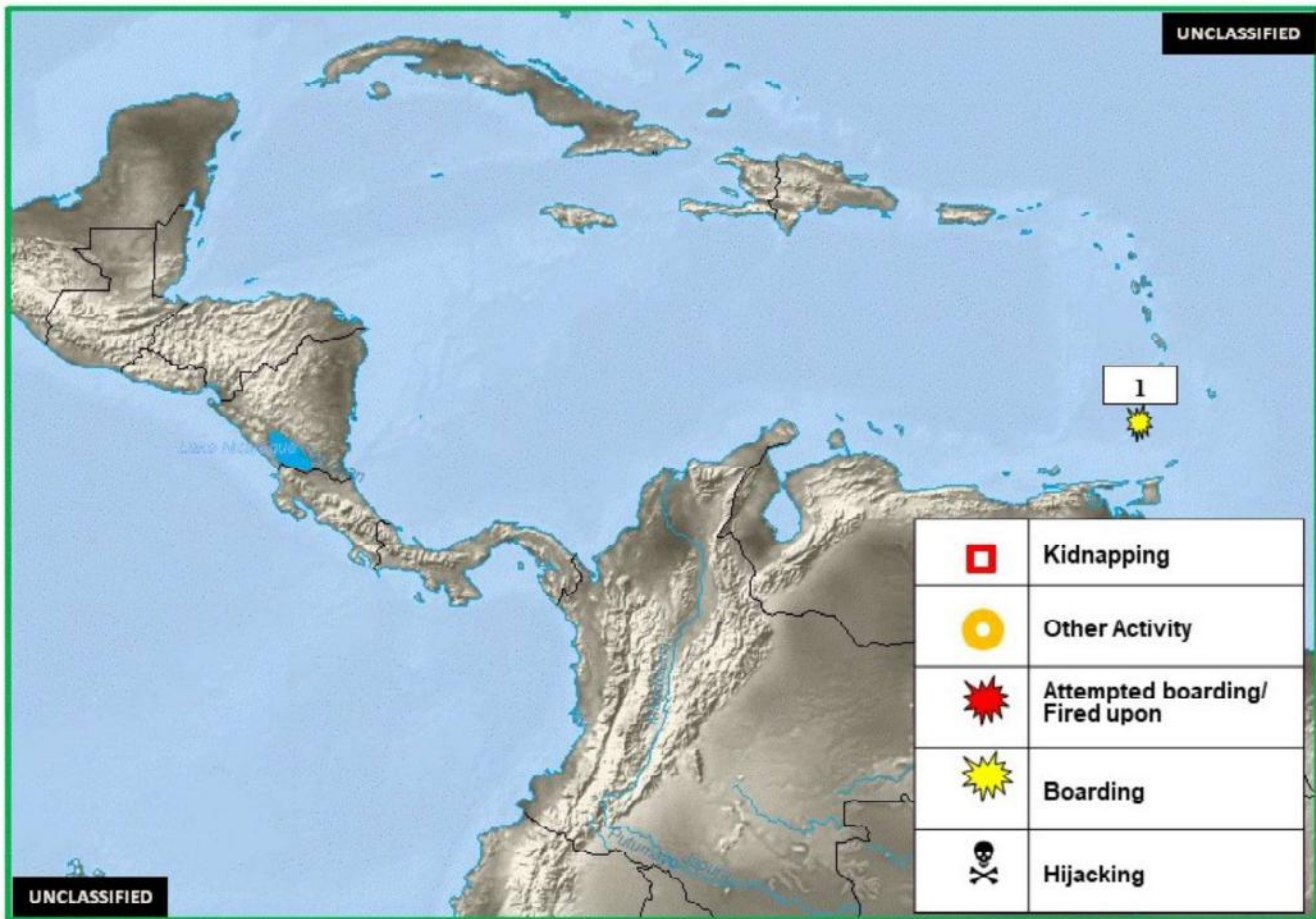
5. (U) Details: Monthly Incidents by Region

(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:

1. (U) MEXICO: On 11 August, authorities seized 1.2 tons of cocaine from a speedboat about 75 NM off the Port of Chiapas. Authorities seized the narcotics after noticing suspicious activity of a boat from a helicopter during an anti-narcotics surveillance mission. Seven people were arrested at the scene. (www.pviltd.com)

2. (U) MEXICO: On 4 August, crew onboard a maintenance pontoon boat 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. The 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)

3. (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)

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

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

1. (U) GRENADA: On 13 August, two robbers boarded a sailing yacht anchored in St. George's Inner Harbor. One intruder held a fishing knife to the owner's chest, advising him to be quiet while he communicated with an unseen accomplice who was in the main cabin. The cruiser complied, and the men departed a few minutes later. The victim went to the main cabin and found that the cables had been cut and the chart plotter removed, cash and cigarettes had also been taken. Incident reported to local police. (www.safetyandsecuritynet.org)

2. (U) BRAZIL: On 6 August, customs authorities seized 1.5 tons of cocaine concealed in a shipment of wood at Itajaí Port. The cocaine was discovered during a routine search operation. The contraband was concealed inside hollow wooden blocks and was due to be shipped to Antwerp. (www.pviltd.com)

3. (U) PANAMA: On 28 July, robbers boarded a sailing yacht anchored in Linton Bay and stole the dinghy and outboard motor. (www.safetyandsecuritynet.org)

4. (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.pviltd.com)

5. (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.pviltd.com)

6. (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)

7. (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)

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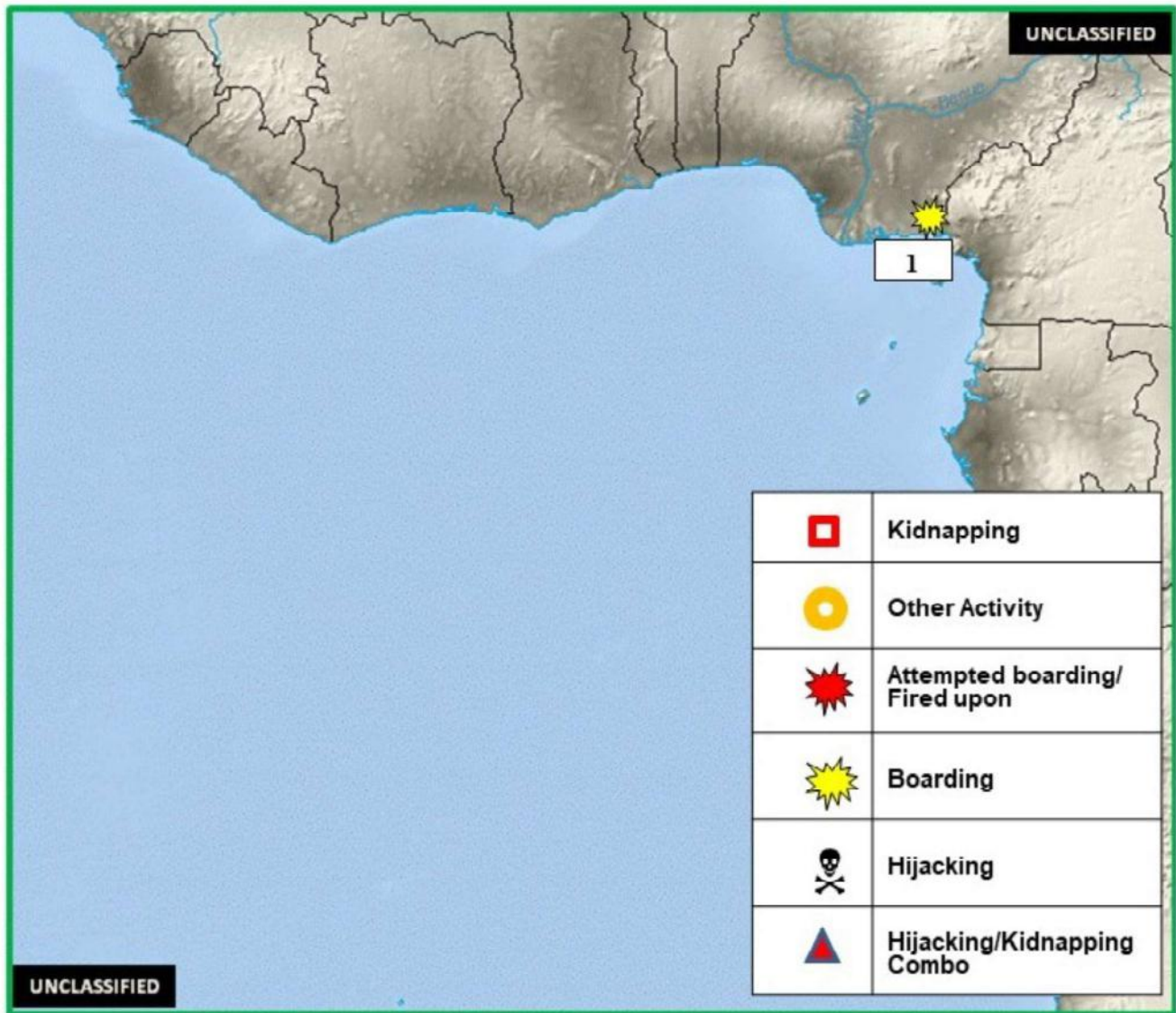
(U) No current incidents to report.

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

1. (U) ENGLAND: On 1 August, authorities in Felixstowe boarded and searched a cargo vessel, and removed a container for inspection. Inside, authorities found approximately 398 kilograms of heroin hidden among towels and bathrobes. (www.gcaptain.com)

2. (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)
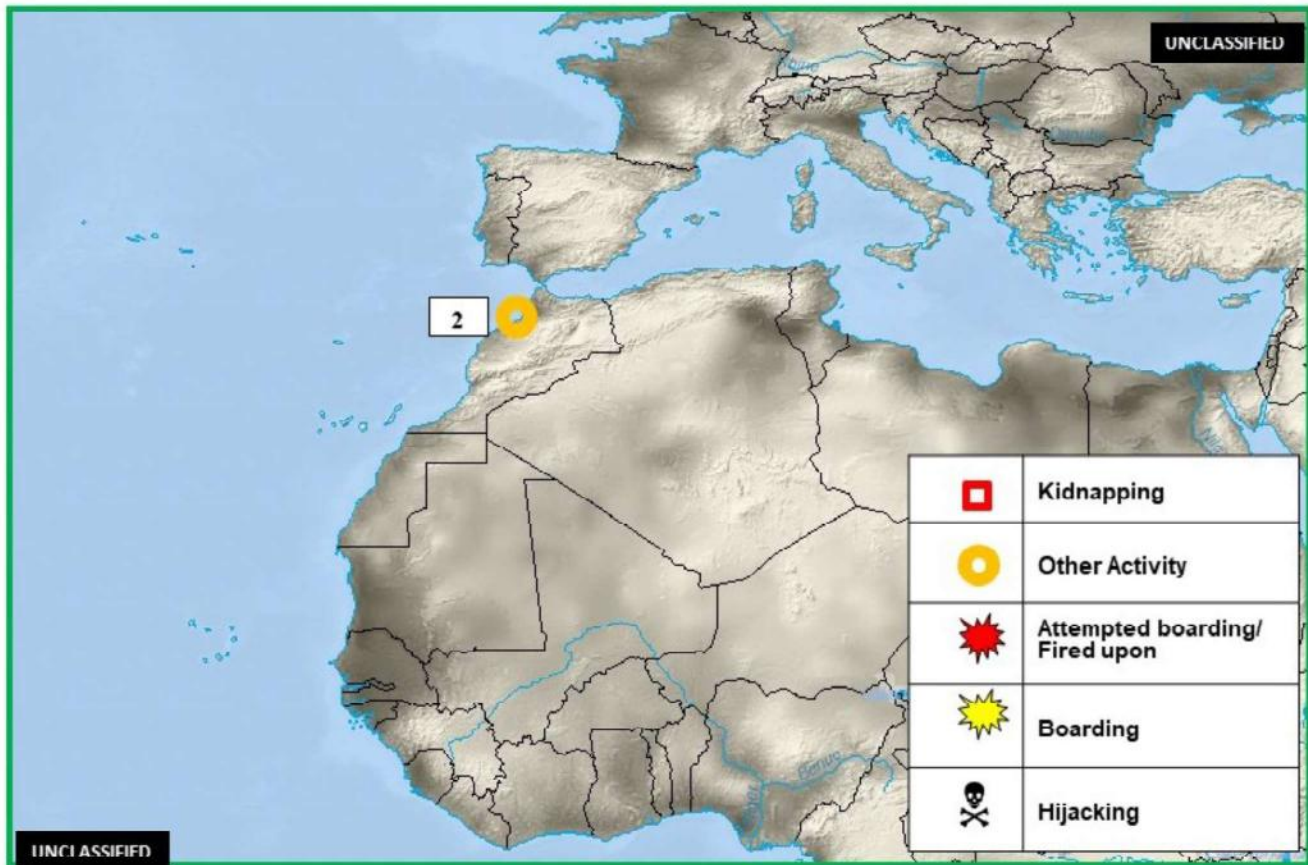
(U) **MEDITERRANEAN - BLACK SEA**:

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)

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

(U) Figure 2. West Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime

(U) Figure 3. West Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 14 August, a robber boarded a supply vessel berthed at Federal Ocean Terminal of Onne Port. The duty officer onboard the vessel noticed the robber stealing ship's properties via CCTV monitors and informed the master. The crew managed to lock the robber inside the pump room and an accomplice waiting in a canoe alongside the vessel escaped. Port authorities were notified of the attempted robbery and took the robber ashore for questioning. The crew members were reported safe. (www.pviltd.com)

2. (U) MOROCCO: On 12 August, Moroccan security services seized tons of cocaine on the Sidi Rahal beach, 123 kilometers south of Rabat in the province of Berrechid. Local news outlets reported that the origin and destination of the cocaine are still unknown. (www.moroccoworldnews.com)

3. (U) CAMEROON: On 15 August, robbers boarded a ship near position 03:52N - 009:31E, Douala Anchorage. (IMB)

4. (U) CAMEROON: On 15 August, pirates boarded the Antigua and Barbuda-flagged general cargo ship MARMALAITA near position near position 03:52N - 009:31E, Douala Anchorage. They kidnapped eight crewmen: four from the Philippines, three from Russia, and one from Ukraine. (IMB; www.fleetmon.com; Channel News Asia Online; www.pviltd.com)

5. (U) CAMEROON: On 15 August, pirates boarded the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier VICTORY C near position 03:52N - 009:31E, Douala Anchorage. They kidnapped nine crewmen, all from the Philippines. (IMB; www.fleetmon.com; Channel News Asia Online; www.pviltd.com)

6. (U) TOGO: On 12 August, a vessel was hijacked in the vicinity of Lome, close to the Ghanaian border. (www.sguardian.com)

7. (U) NIGERIA: On 9 August, 10 Turkish sailors were freed after being kidnapped by pirates off the coast of Nigeria last month, according to Turkey's state news agency Anadolu. The sailors, who Anadolu says are in good health, were seized by armed men who attacked the Turkish-flagged PAKSOY-1 cargo vessel. No details were immediately available on the release of the captives. (AFP)

8. (U) CAPE VERDE: On 3 August, authorities seized a sailboat carrying 2.2 tons of cocaine and arrested five men from Brazil. (www.macaubusiness.com)

9. (U) NIGERIA: On 29 July, a supply vessel berthed at Onne port was approached by two people in a canoe. The duty officer saw the canoe, raised the alarm, and at that point the canoe moved away. No items were stolen. (www.csoalliance.com)

10. (U) NIGERIA: On 25 July, 10 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)

11. (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)

12. (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)

13. (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)
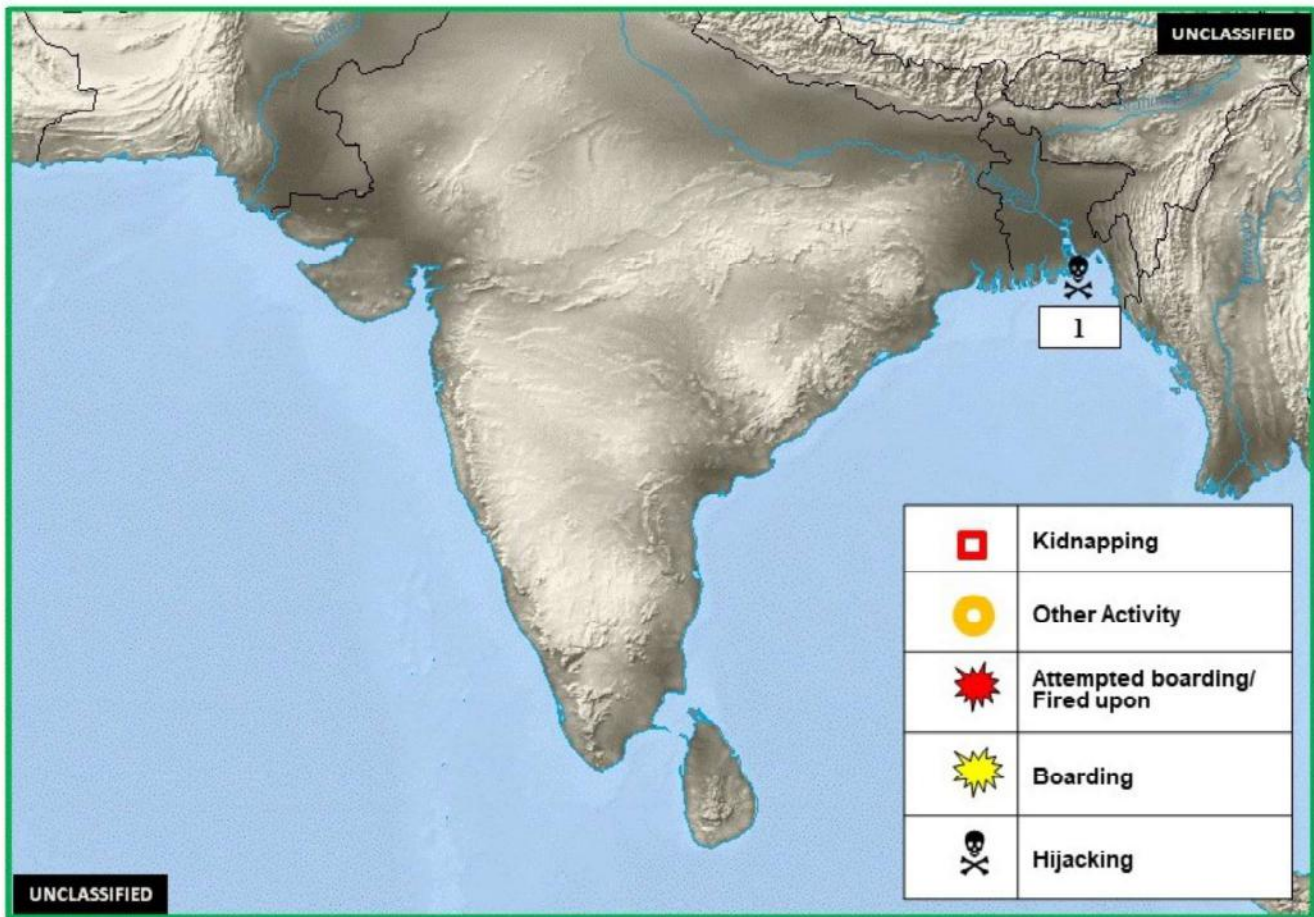
G. (U) ARABIAN GULF:

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. (www.gcaptain.com)

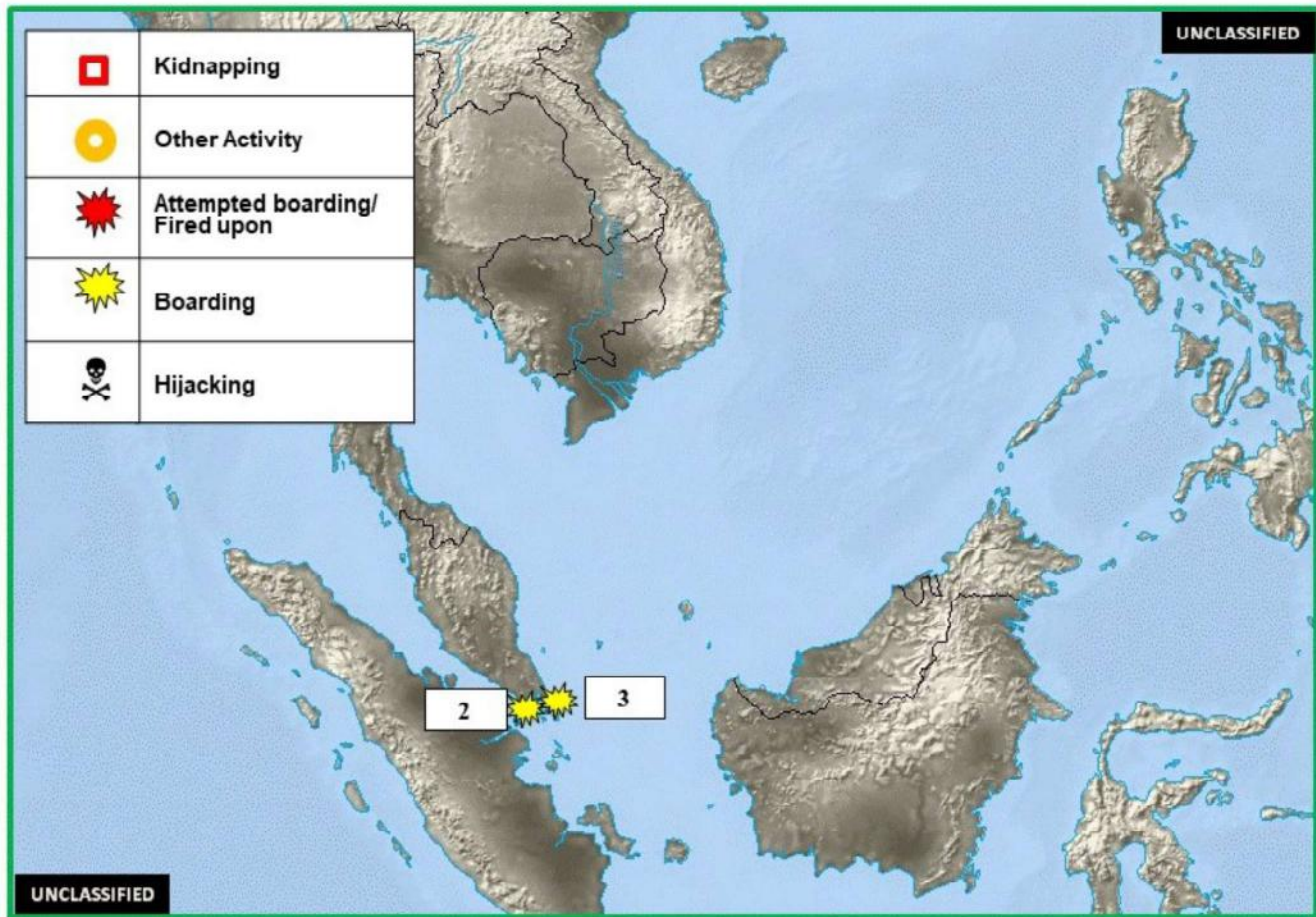## H. (U) INDIAN OCEAN - EAST AFRICA - RED SEA:

1. (U) MOZAMBIQUE: On 7 August, two armed robbers boarded an anchored chemical tanker via the hawse pipe near position 14:23.3S - 040:42.0E, Nacala Outer Anchorage, and broke into the forecastle storeroom. Alert crewman saw the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ships stores. (IMB)

2. (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 governments of Seychelles and Somaliland signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the transfer of sentenced pirates. 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; www.menafm.com)

3. (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)

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

(U) Figure 4. East Asia - Southeast Asis - Indian Subcontinent Piracy and Maritime Crime

(U) Figure 5. East Asia - Southeast Asis - Indian Subcontinent Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) BANGLADESH: On 26 August at 1200 local, pirates hijacked two Bangladeshi fishing vessels with 18 fishermen near Nijhum Dwip in Hatia upazila of Noakhali. (www.observerbd.com)

2. (U) INDONESIA: On 21 August, five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored Singapore-flagged tug in Batam Anchorage. When the crew detected the boarding, they raised the alarm, mustered, and called the local authorities who came to investigate. The robbers stole deck and engine room spares. (www.pviltd.com)

3. (U) MALAYSIA: On 15 August, three robbers in two small boats boarded an underway Malaysia-flagged tug boat towing a barge, approximately 3.8 NM southeast of Tanjung Piai, Johor. The master raised the alarm and reported the incident to the Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System via VHF. However, the robbers managed to steal some scrap metal and escape. The tug boat and barge resumed their passage westbound. (www.pviltd.com)

4. (U) MALAYSIA: On 18 August, three masked men in a boat approached a small fishing boat near Tawau, Sabah. The owner of the fishing boat started to flee and one of the masked men shot the driver of the boat, hitting him in the arm. The fishermen were able to get to port and the injured man received medical attention. Local police are investigating the incident. (www.headtopics.com)

5. (U) VIETNAM: On 11 August, a duty crewman on routine rounds onboard a container vessel moored near position 10:44.3N - 106:46.2E, Phuoc Long Mooring Buoy No. 03 saw two robbers armed with knives trying to break into the steering gear room. The duty officer was notified, the alarm was raised, and the crew was mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. Nothing reported stolen. (IMB)

6. (U) MALAYSIA: On 12 August, while underway to Port Klang from Sarawak, Malaysia, an unknown number of perpetrators boarded a Malaysia-flagged barge, towed by a Malaysia-flagged tug boat from a small boat near position 01:13N - 103:30E, 4.3 NM south of Tanjung Piai, Johor, Malaysia. They stole scrap metal and ropes from the barge before escaping. The master raised the alarm and reported the incident to Singapore's VTIS via the VHF. The crew was safe. (www.pviltd.com)

7. (U) INDONESIA: On 7 August, three robbers in a wooden boat came alongside an anchored Panama-flagged chemical tanker at 0400 hours local time in Tanjung Uban anchorage. They attempted to board the tanker using hooks attached with ropes. The duty officer on security rounds on the bridge noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, sounded the ship's whistle and shouted at the robbers. Hearing the alarm and seeing the alert crew, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped. (www.pviltd.com)

8. (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. The incident was reported to the port control. (IMB)

9. (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. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped empty-handed. Incident reported to local authorities. (IMB)

10. (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)

11. (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)

12. (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)

J. (U) NORTHEAST ASIA:

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)

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; AFP)

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

(U) PACIFIC OCEAN: On 19 August, the Taiwan-flagged long liner XING HUA SHENG NO. 616 was reportedly abandoned near position 40:10N - 163:05E, 810 NM east of Hokkaido, Japan. AIS is on and the vessel is drifting in a southerly direction. (www.fleetmon.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) 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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