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## (U) **WORLDWIDE: Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report** **13 February - 13 March 2019**



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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) **MDAT-GoG Warning 003/MAR/2019 Update 001**: Category: Attack. Description: On 9 March 2019 at 1550 UTC, a vessel was under attack by two skiffs in position 03:50N - 006:30E, 20 nm south of Brass. The vessel and crew now safe at Bonny Anchorage. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area. Source: Reported to MDAT-GoG by phone. Any queries regarding this warning notice ring 0033 298 22 88 88 for further information. MDAT-GoG watchkeeper email: [watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org](mailto:watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org), emergency tel: +33(0) 298 22 88 88.

#### 3. (U) **Summary:**

A. (U) SAUDI ARABIA: On 12 February, Saudi Border Guards announced that they had thwarted an attempt to smuggle drugs into the Kingdom using a jet ski.

B. (U) BRAZIL: On 10 March, two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored bulk carrier by using a rope with a hook in Macapa Anchorage.

C. (U) MYANMAR: On 10 March, members of the Arakan Army, an insurgent group, attacked a Myanmar police force boat in Kardi Creek near Yathedaung township in Rakhine state.

D. (U) VIETNAM: On 10 March, authorities detained the product tanker ARISTA LEO on suspicion of fuel smuggling in the Con Dao Island area.

E. (U) NIGERIA: On 9 March, pirates armed with machine guns in two speed boats boarded an offshore support vessel underway 32 nm southeast of Brass. Five crewmen were kidnapped.

F. (U) NIGERIA: On 8 March, two skiffs with 4 persons on each skiff approached a merchant tanker near position 03:14N - 006:27E, approximately 80 nm southwest of Bonny Island.

G. (U) VIETNAM: On 6 March, a Vietnamese fishing boat reported that they were rammed and sunk while operating near Discovery Reef in the Paracel Islands chain.

H. (U) MARTINIQUE: On 4 March, a cable locked dinghy/outboard was stolen from the dinghy dock at the La Dunette restaurant in St Anne.

I. (U) PANAMA: Between 24 February and 3 March, an unoccupied and locked catamaran in Portobello Bay was boarded.

J. (U) TURKEY: On 4 March, narcotics police seized 185 kilograms of cocaine in an anti-narcotics operation in Istanbul.

K. (U) UNITED STATES: On 28 February, authorities in the Port of New York/Newark seized a cargo container on a ship coming from South America. The container was found to be carrying 3,200 pounds of cocaine.

L. (U) MARTINIQUE: On 25 February, an unoccupied yacht, berthed at the Carenantilles pontoon in La Marin, was boarded while owners were away.

M. (U) INDONESIA: On 25 February, a duty watchman on routine rounds onboard an anchored bulk carrier noticed two robbers attempting to board via the anchor chain in Taboneo Anchorage.

N. (U) GRENADA: On 19 January, a 50-foot catamaran was suspiciously approached approximately 38 nm east of Grenada.

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

A. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Government of Japan convoy schedule for March 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: 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 March 2019. For further information, please email: [planavy@navy.mil.cn](mailto:planavy@navy.mil.cn), or call Tel: 441 221 061 or 00870 773120140. (MSCHOA)

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: South Korea Navy convoy schedule for March 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 directly at (001)-870-776-444-280 or (001)-870-773-110-438. Email: [choiyoun981@navy.mil.kr](mailto:choiyoun981@navy.mil.kr) or [kes0539@hanmail.net](mailto:kes0539@hanmail.net) (MSCHOA)

#### **5. (U) Details: Monthly Incidents by Region**

(U) This section lists reports of active violence against shipping, credible threats to shipping, or the potential for a situation to develop into a direct threat to shipping over the last 30 days. Every effort is made to ensure that incidents are not double-counted. In the event double-counting is detected, or an incident is later found to be

different than initially reported, an explanation of the cancellation of the inaccurate report will be made in at least one message prior to dropping the erroneous report.

**A. (U) NORTH AMERICA:**

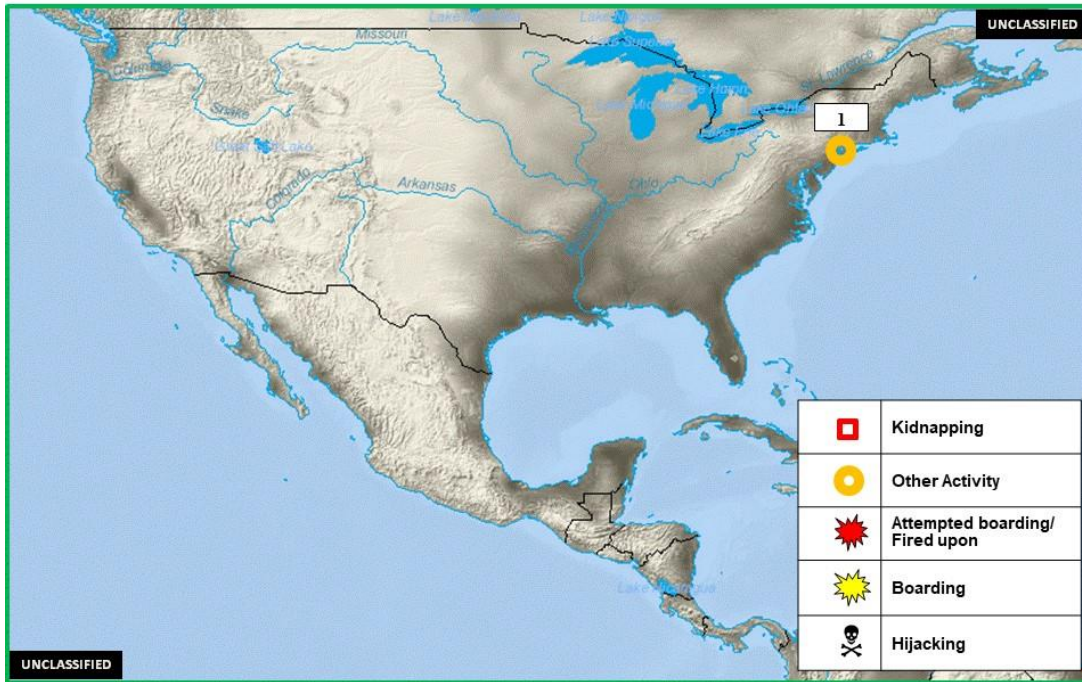


Figure 1. North America Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) UNITED STATES: On 28 February, authorities in the Port of New York/Newark seized a cargo container on a ship coming from South America. The container was found to be carrying 3,200 pounds of cocaine. ([www.nbcnews.com](http://www.nbcnews.com))

2. (U) MEXICO: On 18 February, a navy spokesman announced that they had seized more than 630 kilograms of cocaine from a speedboat off the coast of Sinaloa state. The navy said in a statement that soldiers roped down from a hovering helicopter to the boat and detained 15 crew members. Eight of those detained were from Ecuador, four were Colombian and three were Mexican. ([www.pvilt.com](http://www.pvilt.com))

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

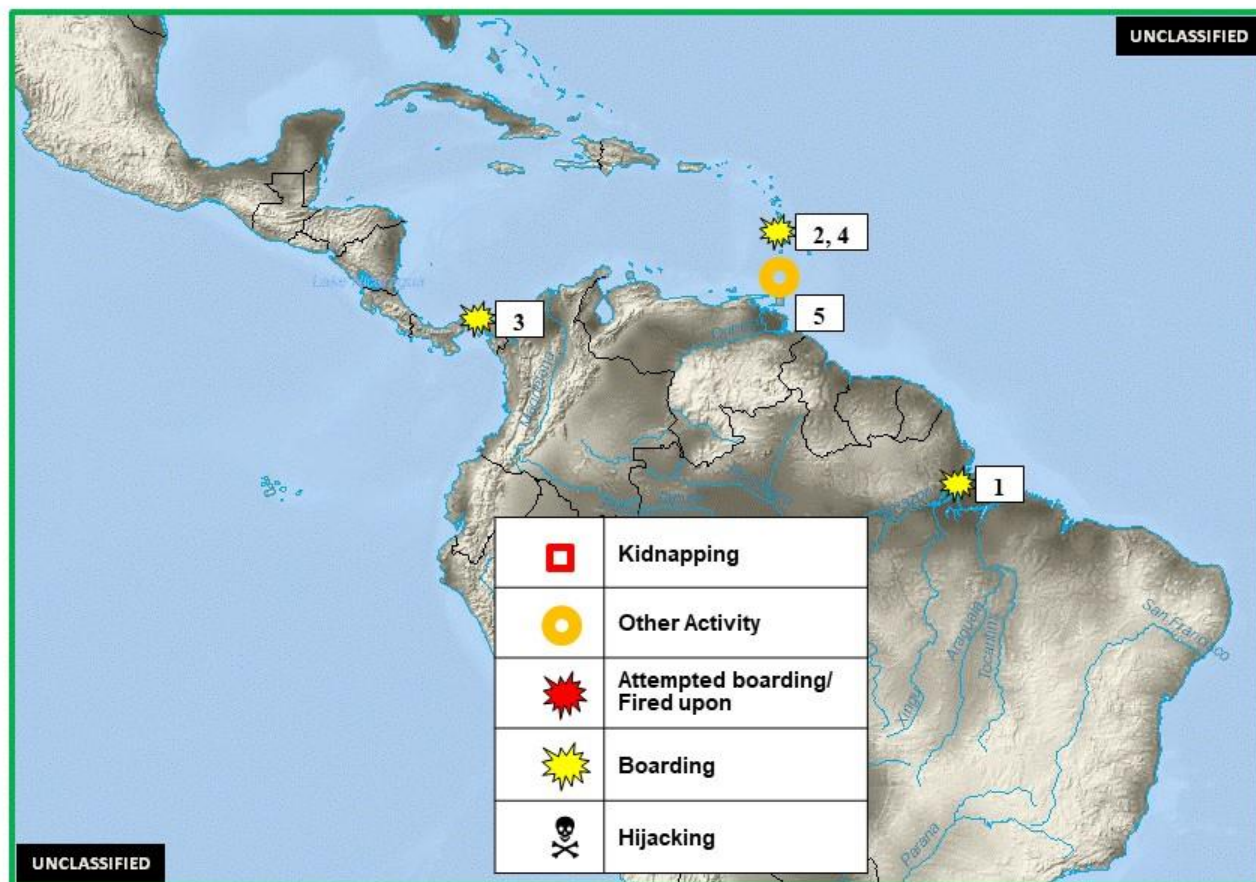


Figure 2. Central America - Caribbean - South America Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) BRAZIL: On 10 March, two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored bulk carrier by using a rope with a hook near position 00:03N - 050:57W, Macapa Anchorage. Duty crewman on routine rounds spotted the robbers and immediately informed the duty officer, who raised the alarm. PA announcement made and all crew was mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident was reported to port authorities. (IMB)

2. (U) MARTINIQUE: On 4 March, a cable locked dinghy/outboard was stolen from the dinghy dock at the La Dunette restaurant in St Anne. A police report was made. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))

3. (U) PANAMA: Between 24 February and 3 March, an unoccupied and locked catamaran in Portobello Bay was boarded. The thieves gained access by damaging the sliding door, and stole the outboard engine that was stored inside. A police report was made. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))

4. (U) MARTINIQUE: On 25 February, an unoccupied yacht, berthed at the Carenantilles pontoon in La Marin, was boarded while owners were away. Two outboards were stolen from the yacht. Police report was made. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))

5. (U) GRENADA: On 19 January, a 50-foot catamaran was suspiciously approached near position 12:27N - 060:47W, approximately 38 nm east of Grenada. The suspicious craft trailed the catamaran and closed to within 200 meters before the catamaran crew engaged both engines and slowly outran the suspicious craft, which displayed flashing red-and-blue

lights, and also not communicating via radio or AIS. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))

6. (U) ARGENTINA: On 3 March, the Argentine Naval Prefecture (PNA) vessel MANTILLA spotted the China-flagged fishing vessel HUA XIANG 801 at a position about one nautical mile inside the exclusive economic zone boundary. She had her fishing gear deployed, and when MANTILLA approached, she fled the scene. The MANTILLA gave pursuit, and according to the PNA, the HUA XIANG 801 attempted to ram the PNA vessel. Despite multiple orders in Spanish and English to stop for boarding, the HUA XIANG 801 did not halt, even after MANTILLA fired warning shots. The fugitive vessel ultimately escaped into international waters, and Argentine authorities have asked other nations to help pursue her. ([www.fis.com](http://www.fis.com); [www.maritime-executive.com](http://www.maritime-executive.com))

7. (U) CURACAO: On 24 February, supply ship MIDNIGHT STONE, loaded with nine cargo containers, entered Willemstad Harbor, 40 miles from Venezuela's coast. One of the opposition supporters who disembarked from the ship said a Venezuelan Navy frigate had sped towards them as it approached Venezuelan waters the previous day. He said he had spoken by telephone from the boat with a Venezuelan naval commander. "It was a respectful conversation but at one point he said: 'If you enter (Venezuelan waters), you will be attacked,'" he said during an interview. ([www.news.yahoo.com](http://www.news.yahoo.com))

8. (U) BRAZIL: On 19 February, authorities seized 680 kilograms of cocaine hidden inside several bags in a cargo container of mineral ore at Santos Port. Authorities found the narcotics during a routine cargo inspection at an unspecified terminal at the port. The drugs were bound for Antwerp, Belgium. ([www.pvilttd.com](http://www.pvilttd.com))

9. (U) COLOMBIA: On 16 February, anti-narcotics elements of the national police seized 1.2 tons of cocaine from a 40-foot container at Cartagena Port. Authorities discovered the contraband following an anonymous tip-off. The container was due to be shipped to the U.S. via El Salvador. ([www.pvilttd.com](http://www.pvilttd.com))

10. (U) GUATEMALA: On 15 February, a yacht anchored off Livingston had its lifted, but not locked, dinghy stolen overnight, the hoisting lines had been cut. A police report was made. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))

11. (U) BRAZIL: Between 12 and 13 February, police seized 3.2 tons of cocaine in two separate seizures at Natal Port in Rio Grande do Norte state. On 12 February, police seized 1.2 tons of cocaine in a mango container, while authorities discovered 2 tons of the drug hidden in a container of melons on 13 February. Both containers were due to be loaded onto a cargo ship bound for the Netherlands, authorities said. ([www.pvilttd.com](http://www.pvilttd.com))

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

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

1. (U) FRANCE: On 2 March, at least 100 migrants stormed the Port of Calais and a group of 50 of them managed to board a ferry originating from the UK. Security forces evacuated and searched the ferry before arresting 44 migrants. Search operations continued over the night of 2-3 March and it was unclear if all the migrants, who were attempting to reach the UK, were apprehended. ([www.pvilttd.com](http://www.pvilttd.com))

2. (U) NETHERLANDS: On 26 February, Dutch customs officials in the Port of Rotterdam seized 90,000 bottles of Russian vodka in a shipping container that was believed to be en route to North Korea's top leadership circles. The vodka, contained in 3,000 boxes, had been recorded as being due for unloading in China, via the ports of Hamburg and Rotterdam. When officers sought to retrieve the container from the ship's hold, it was found to be concealed and hemmed in by the fuselage of an aircraft also due to be exported to China. Despite concerns about damaging the aircraft, Dutch authorities ordered the container's removal. Initial investigations heightened suspicions that the haul was to be taken to Pyongyang, North Korea, Dutch authorities said. ([www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com))

3. (U) ENGLAND: On 25 February, authorities in the Port of Portsmouth detained a Somali immigrant found in a vintage vehicle being transported across the English Channel from France. The owner of the vehicle was returning from a car show

in France with his car, a 1926 Vauxhall 14/40 open tourer, being moved aboard a transport trailer. They had just disembarked off the overnight ferry from Caen, France, when the immigrant was found in the covered vehicle. (www.portsmouth.co.uk)

#### E. (U) MEDITERRANEAN - BLACK SEA:

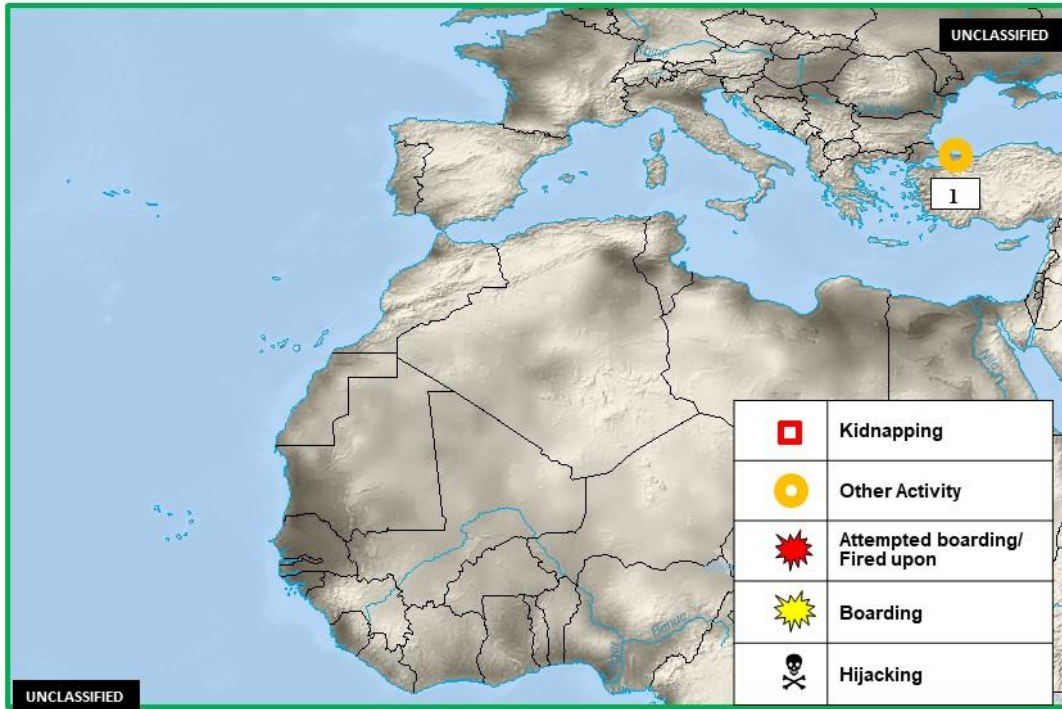


Figure 3. Mediterranean - Black Sea Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) TURKEY: On 4 March, narcotics police seized 185 kilograms of cocaine in an anti-narcotics operation in Istanbul. Acting on a tipoff, Istanbul Security Directorate's narcotics units seized a huge load of cocaine hidden inside a shipping container carrying bananas from Ecuador. (Daily Sabah Online)

2. (U) ROMANIA: On 27 February, press reports stated that coast guard forces opened fire on a Turkish boat that was fishing illegally in the Black Sea, according to the Romanian Border Police. The incident occurred about 65 miles east of Constanta. The Turkish boat, named F/V OSTIK SENOL, didn't stop when the Romanian coast guard asked them and thus the Romanian sailors started firing warning shots. The Romanian Border Police said the Turkish authorities identified the boat in the Istanbul Port the following day and administratively sanctioned its crew for the illegal crossing of the border. (www.romania-insider.com)

## F. (U) WEST AFRICA:

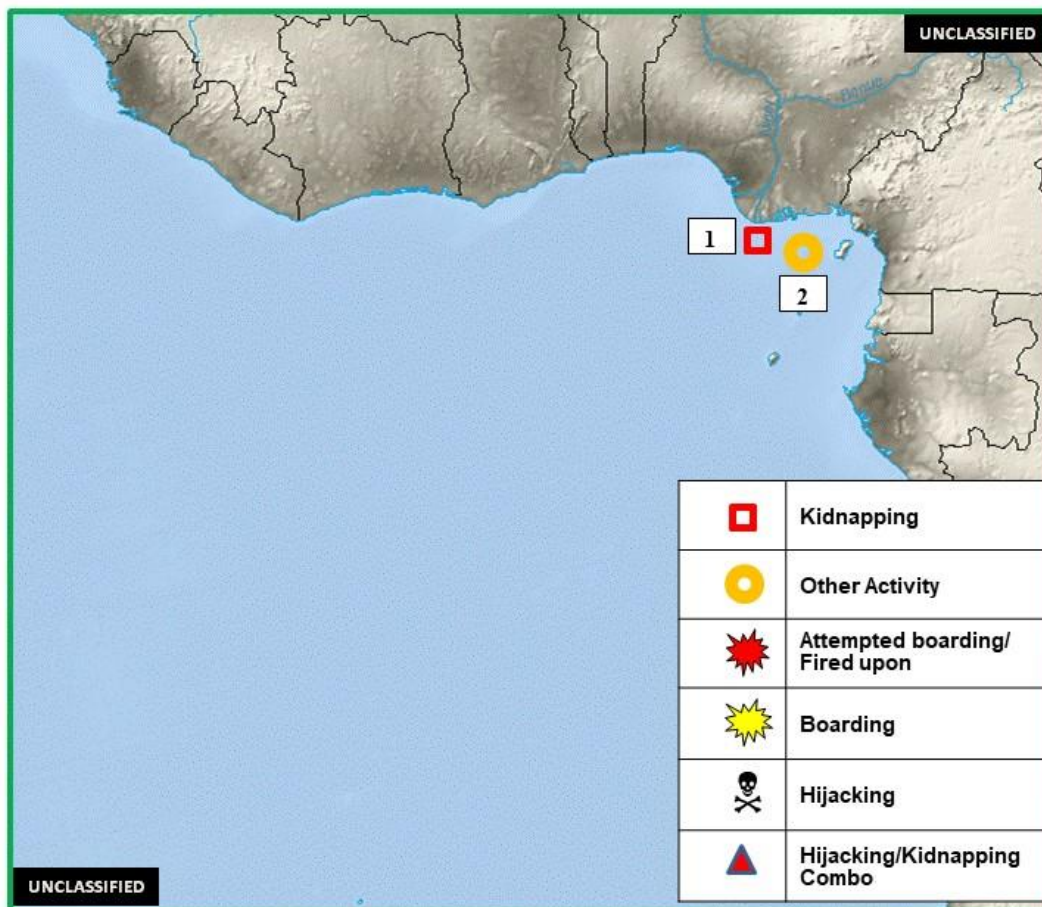


Figure 4. West Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 9 March, pirates armed with machine guns in two speed boats approached an offshore support vessel underway near position 03:57N - 006:39E, 32 nm southeast of Brass. The Captain immediately notified the naval escort security boat which maneuvered to engage the attackers. One speed boat closed in from port side of the vessel and crossed the bow, while the other speed boat exchanged fire with the security boat. Alarm raised, crew proceeded to the engine room, and all power was shut down. The pirates boarded the vessel with the aid of an elongated ladder. They broke into the accommodation, vandalized the cabins and took crew belongings and vessel's properties. The pirates then proceeded to the engine room, kidnapped five men and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the vessel under escort to a safe anchorage. One Nigerian Navy armed guard reported killed in the exchange of fire between the naval security boat and the pirates. Investigations ongoing. (IMB)

2. (U) NIGERIA: On 8 March, two skiffs with 4 persons on each skiff approached a merchant tanker near position 03:14N - 006:27E, approximately 80 nm southwest of Bonny Island. The skiffs closed to within 2 cables. Tanker commenced evasive maneuvering and the skiffs withdrew. (MDAT-GoG)

3. (U) TOGO: On 3 March, pirates attacked the Malta-flagged tanker HISTRIA IVORY, with 21 Romanian sailors onboard, near position 05:37N - 001:11E, 30 nm south of Lome. Three sailors were kidnapped, information confirmed by the Romanian Foreign Affairs Ministry, which has set up a crisis cell. (IMB; [www.romaniajournal.ro](http://www.romaniajournal.ro))

4. (U) NIGERIA: On 2 March, the merchant tanker CAP THEODORA reported being boarded near position 04:37N -

003:16E, 104 nm southwest of Lagos. Alarm was raised and all crew mustered in the citadel. Upon receiving information on the incident, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) immediately informed the Nigerian authorities. Nigerian naval patrol boat was dispatched to assist the tanker. The IMB PRC continued to liaise with the authorities and the owners until the naval team boarded the tanker and confirmed all crew safe. The tanker later resumed her intended passage to the next port. (IMB; MDAT-GoG; [www.pvilttd.com](http://www.pvilttd.com))

5. (U) GHANA: On 23 February, robbers boarded an anchored cargo vessel near position 04:54N - 001:40W, Takoradi Anchorage. They stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to local authorities. (IMB)

6. (U) NIGERIA: On 28 February, an offshore supply vessel reported being attacked near position 03:54N - 007:04E, 29 nm south-southwest of Bonny. A Nigerian Navy patrol boat responded. Vessel and crew reported safe. (IMB)

7. (U) NIGERIA: On 27 February, armed pirates in two skiffs fired upon a tanker underway near position 03:08N - 006:03E, 70 nm south of Brass. Alarm raised and crew mustered in citadel. Due to the presence of armed guards and ship hardening measures, the pirates aborted the attack. Vessel and crew reported safe. (IMB)

8. (U) NIGERIA: On 27 February, a merchant vessel reported being attacked near position 03:18N - 006:13E, 58 nm south of Bayelsa. All crew took shelter in the citadel. Nigerian authorities and navy notified. The attack was aborted by approach of security patrol boat. Vessel and crew reported safe. (MDAT-GoG)

9. (U) NIGERIA: On 21 February, four to six armed persons in a speed boat approached a container vessel underway near position 02:59N - 005:56E, 81 nm southwest of Bayelsa. Due to evasive maneuvers, the boarding was unsuccessful. They made a second attempt and fired upon at the vessel. They failed and left the area. Nigerian Navy notified. Vessel and crew reported safe. (IMB)

10. (U) NIGERIA: On 21 February, an offshore vessel reported being boarded near position 03:54N - 007:26E, 34 nm south-southeast of the Bonny River. All crew retreated to the citadel. After about two hours, the crew emerged and found that the pirates had left the vessel. Nigerian authorities and Navy notified. Vessel and crew reported safe. (MDAT-GoG; [www.pvilttd.com](http://www.pvilttd.com))

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

1. (U) OMAN: On 20 February, local media reported that coast guard personnel arrested four foreign individuals of an unconfirmed nationality and seized two vessels being used to smuggle diesel near Khasab Port. There was no confirmation of the volume of diesel seized. Due to large subsidies on fuel, smuggling is common, though authorities have repeatedly cut subsidies and introduced registration systems to curb smuggling. ([www.pvilttd.com](http://www.pvilttd.com))



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

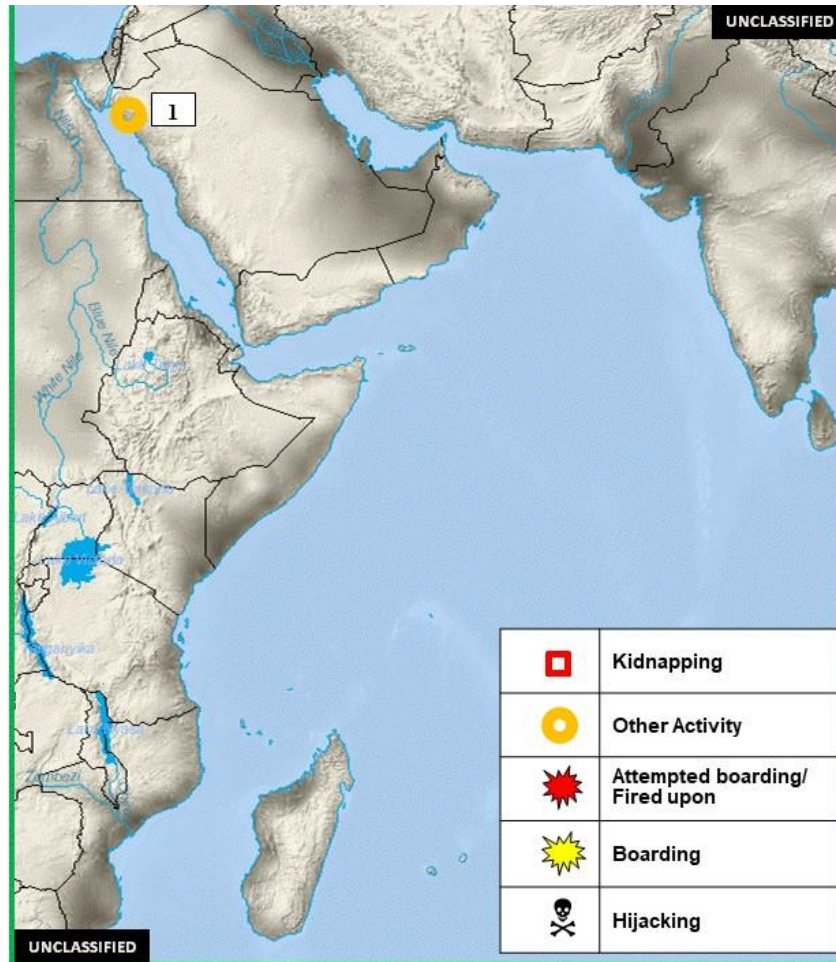


Figure 5. Indian Ocean - East Africa - Red Sea  
Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) SAUDI ARABIA: On 12 February, Saudi Border Guards announced that they had thwarted an attempt to smuggle drugs into the Kingdom using a jet ski. Officers found more than 31,000 Captagon pills on the jet-ski when they intercepted it off the coast of Tabuk. The jet-ski laden with the amphetamines was being driven by an Egyptian national, who was arrested. ([www.arabnews.com](http://www.arabnews.com))

2. (U) INDIAN OCEAN: On 2 March, the Royal Navy destroyer HMS DRAGON boarded a dhow on suspicion of drug smuggling. A search of the vessel revealed 2,000 kilograms of hashish in 101 large bags. ([www.portsmouth.co.uk](http://www.portsmouth.co.uk))

3. (U) GULF OF ADEN: On 26 February, a sailing yacht was approached in position 12:56N - 048:17E by 1 skiff, approximately 62 nm south of Qana, Yemen. The skiff closed to 1 nm before departing. ([www.ukmto.org](http://www.ukmto.org))

4. (U) GULF OF ADEN: On 24 February, a merchant vessel was approached in position 12:16N - 044:03E by 2 skiffs, approximately 22 nm south of Al Khayman, Yemen. The skiff closed to 1 cable before departing. ([www.ukmto.org](http://www.ukmto.org); [www.sguardian.com](http://www.sguardian.com))

5. (U) OMAN: On 20 February, coast guard patrols arrested 10 people in a fishing vessel near Salalah as they attempted to smuggle an unconfirmed quantity of khat into the country. Officials said that police seized more than 2,200 packets of khat of an unknown weight. Trafficking attempts are common in Oman, particularly drugs and contraband fuel. ([www.pvilttd.com](http://www.pvilttd.com))

6. (U) INDIAN OCEAN: On 20 February, a crewman aboard the Taiwan-flagged fishing ship WEN PENG attacked other crewmen with a knife while the ship was working near position 09:30N - 082:00E, approximately 74 nm northeast of Sampur, Sri Lanka. One crewman was reportedly killed and up to 20 more were reported to have jumped overboard. The Captain locked himself in the bridge and Chief Engineer locked himself in the engine room. Taiwan authorities were notified and nearby ships began assisting those in the water. (www.fleetmon.com)

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

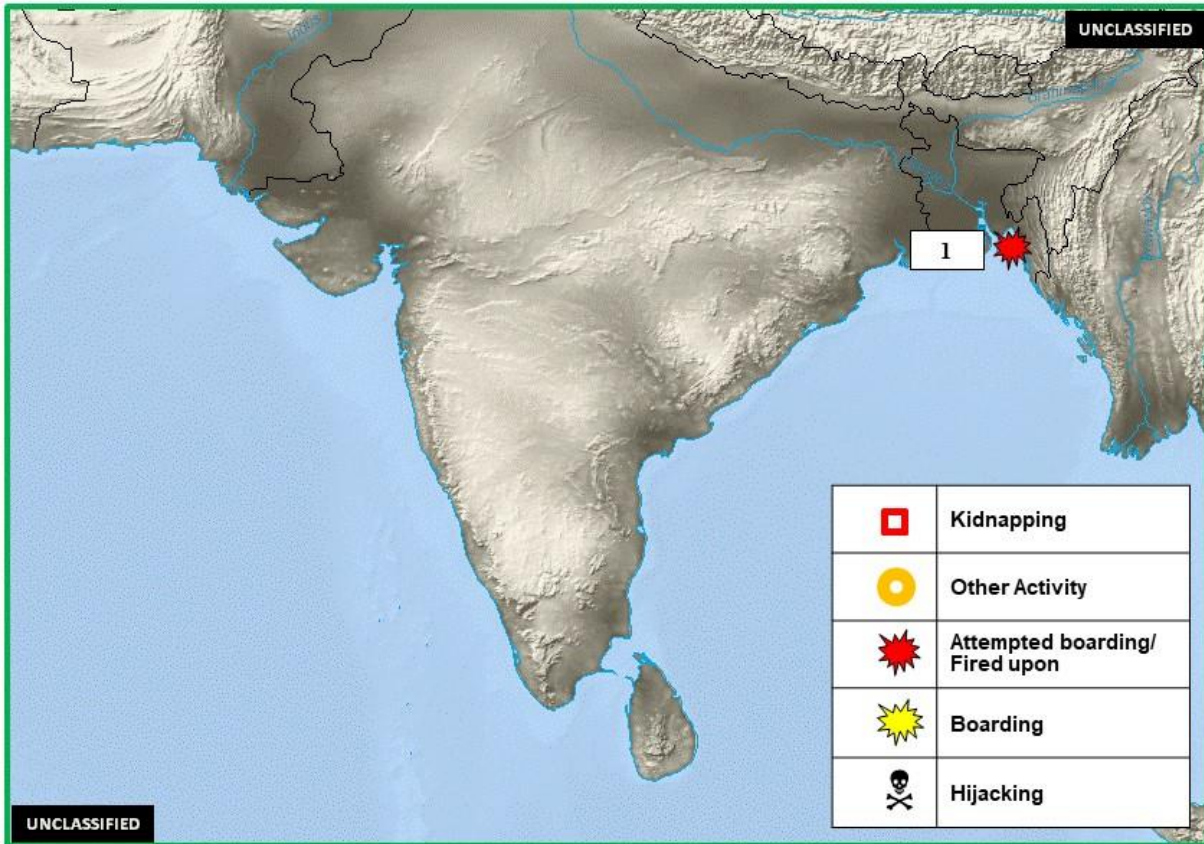


Figure 6. East Asia - Southeast Asia - Indian Subcontinent Piracy and Maritime Crime

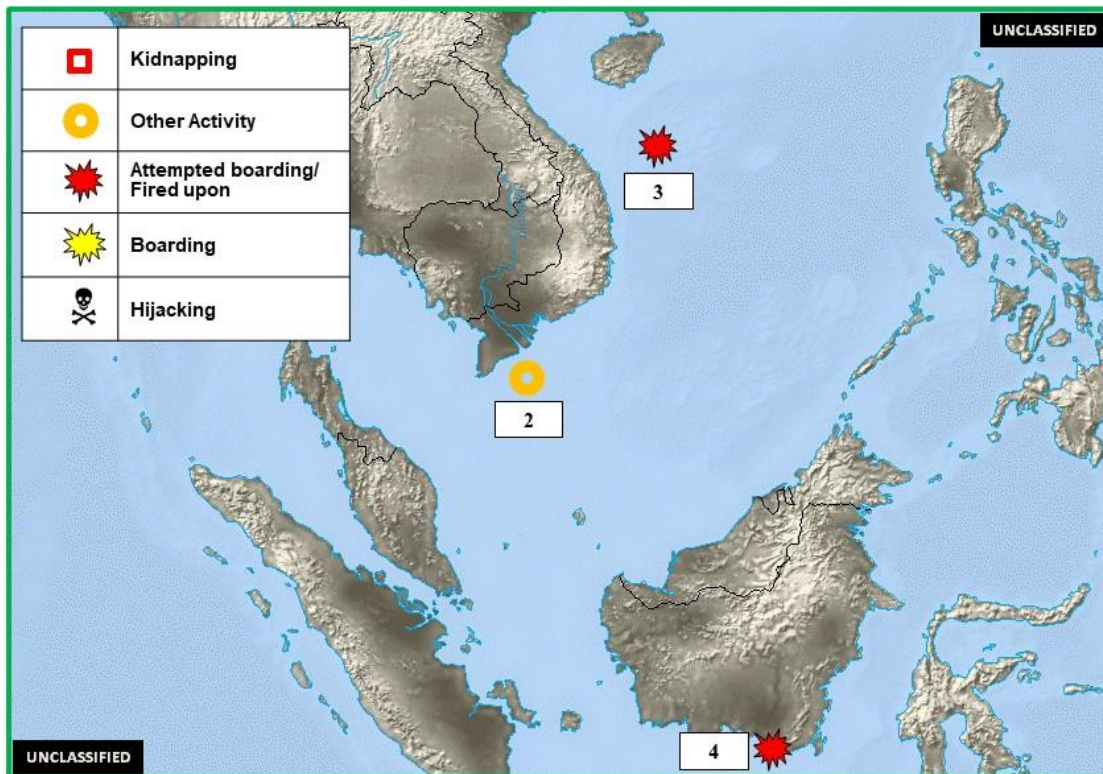


Figure 7. East Asia - Southeast Asia - Indian Subcontinent Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) MYANMAR: On 10 March, members of the Arakan Army, an insurgent group, attacked a Myanmar police force boat in Kardi Creek near Yathedaung township in Rakhine state. The police boat capsized, spilling the 14 police officers. ([www.menafm.com](http://www.menafm.com))

2. (U) VIETNAM: On 10 March, authorities detained the product tanker ARISTA LEO on suspicion of fuel smuggling in the Con Dao Island area. The ship was caught transferring 300 tons of gasoline to another ship. ([www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com))

3. (U) VIETNAM: On 6 March, a Vietnamese fishing reported that they were rammed and sunk while operating near Discovery Reef in the Paracel Islands chain. The five Vietnamese men onboard the fishing boat clung on to the floating wreckage of their ship until they were rescued. ([www.news.com.au](http://www.news.com.au))

4. (U) INDONESIA: On 25 February, a duty watchman on routine rounds onboard an anchored bulk carrier noticed two robbers attempting to board via the anchor chain near position 03:43S - 114:26E, Taboneo Anchorage. He immediately informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers retreated into their waiting skiff and escaped. Incident reported to Taboneo Port Control. (IMB)

5. (U) MALACCA STRAIT: On 5 March, 11 robbers boarded a barge under tow near position 01:128N - 103:34E, Strait of Malacca. Master reported that 11 robbers escaped in small boats with stolen scrap iron. No confrontation with the crew. All crew are safe. (ReCAAP)

6. (U) MALAYSIA: On 27 February, Malaysian authorities seized 3,300 rare turtles from a boat in a suspected trafficking case. The turtles, found in Australia and on the Indonesian island of Papua, are endangered due to high demand from exotic pet traders, wildlife experts said. Seven packages of turtles were discovered during a boat inspection near Johor on

Malaysia's southern coast, the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) said in a statement, adding that two people were arrested. (www.marinelink.com)

7. (U) BANGLADESH: On 25 February, four people were killed in a shootout with elite Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) forces in the Sundarbans. As a result of a tip-off, a team of RAB personnel conducted a raid as members of 'Arif Bahini' pirate group gathered in Jongra Channel area. As the pirates opened fire, RAB retaliated with gunshots triggering a shootout that lasted for an hour leaving four people including the ringleader dead on the spot. (www.en.banglatribune.com)

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

1. (U) CHINA: On 19 February, authorities from the Port of Yangtze boarded and detained M/V HAI XING SHUN after the ship entered the port without using the required automatic identification system (AIS) and ignoring radio calls. (www.fleetmon.com)

**A. K. (U) AUSTRALIA - NEW ZEALAND - PACIFIC OCEAN AREA:** 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) 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 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)
- Maritime Asset Security and Training (MAST) Ltd
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- Noonsite.com (Noonsite), website
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center (ReCAAP ISC)
- Reuters
- Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
- Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN)
- The Maritime Executive (website)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
- United Press International (UPI)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

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(U) The PAWW and WTS reports are posted each week on the ONI Intel Portal and can be found at: <http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence-Community/Piracy>