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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 29 January–26 February 2025

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(U) Executive Summary

(U) Scope

(U) The Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) report 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.

(U) Warnings, Advisories and Alerts: See Appendix C for active advisories.

(U) Summary:

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 26 February, five perpetrators boarded a Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS).
2. (U) GHANA: On 24 February, two perpetrators boarded a Malta-flagged product tanker while anchored at Takoradi Anchorage.
3. (U) INDONESIA: On 22 February, three robbers armed with knives and a gun-like object boarded a Portugal-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.
4. (U) MALAYSIA: On 19 February, seven perpetrators boarded an unmanned oil platform located southeast of Terengganu in the South China Sea.
5. (U) INDONESIA: On 16 February, four robbers armed with knives boarded a Norway-flagged general cargo ship while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.

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(U) 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 that 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.

(U) NORTH AMERICA

1. (U) GULF OF AMERICA: During the night of 14 February, armed men boarded and took control of a Mexico-flagged offshore oil platform in the Bay of Campeche (no position was specified). The robbers remained on the platform until the morning of 15 February. A call for assistance was made from the platform but no response was received. The robbers escaped with the platform crew's personal effects. Some of the crew had been assaulted during the incident and two were transferred to a hospital. (Clearwater Dynamics; theyucatantimes.com)

(U) CENTRAL AMERICA – CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) NORTHERN EUROPE – BALTIC

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) MEDITERRANEAN – BLACK SEA

(U) No current incidents to report.

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(U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA

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(U) Figure 1. Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea in the Gulf of Guinea

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1. **(U) GHANA:** On 24 February at 2338 local time, two perpetrators boarded a Malta-flagged product tanker while anchored at Takoradi Anchorage, near position 04:52N – 001:42W. After the duty crew spotted the perpetrators onboard the tanker, the alarm was raised, which caused the perpetrators to escape into a waiting small boat with two more persons onboard. Nothing has been reported stolen and all crew members were reported safe. (MDAT-GoG; Clearwater Dynamics)
2. (U) GULF OF GUINEA: On 1 February at 2115 local time, three perpetrators armed with guns boarded a Portugal-flagged general cargo ship while underway approximately 55 NM west of Bata, Equatorial Guinea, near position 02:02 N – 008:51E. After the perpetrators were detected cutting through razor wire to access the ship's deck, the master turned on the vessel's outside lights, the crew retreated to the citadel safe area, and a distress call was made. Following their discovery, the perpetrators escaped the ship and a small boat was observed on the ship's radar at a distance of approximately 1 NM, trailing the ship for 45 minutes before departing the area. All crew members were safe and no damage or theft were reported. The ship continued to Douala, Cameroon, under surveillance from Cameroonian Maritime Forces. (MDAT-GoG; Clearwater Dynamics)

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3. (U) GULF OF GUINEA: On 31 January at 2100 local time, pirates boarded a fishing vessel while operating 15 NM from the shore off Libreville, Gabon (exact location not specified). The pirates destroyed communications systems; threatened the crew; and kidnapped the captain, chief engineer and one crew member. All of the kidnapped crew were Senegalese nationals. The remainder of the crew sailed the vessel south to Port Gentil, Gabon. The Gabon authorities dispatched a military vessel to the vessel's location to investigate. (Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) PERSIAN GULF

(U) No current incidents to report.

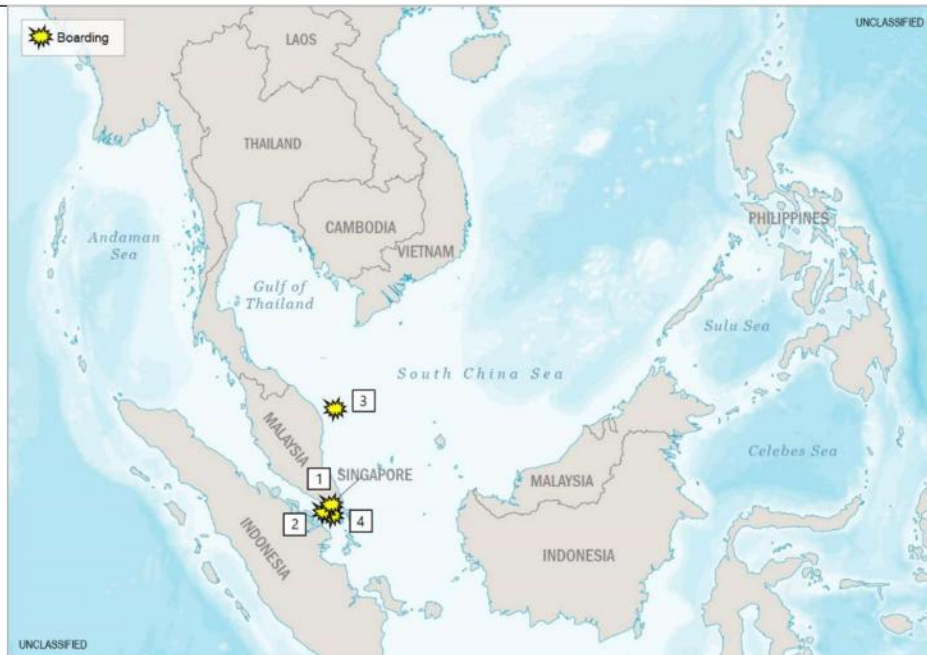
(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA

1. (U) SOMALIA: On 17 February at 0001 UTC, six armed pirates hijacked a Yemen-flagged fishing dhow, took the captain and four crew members hostage, and released the remaining crew. The dhow was operating off Garmaal, north of Eyl, near position 08:32N – 050:31E. Reports suggest the fishing vessel may be used as a mothership for maritime criminal activities. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMB; eunavfor.eu)
2. (U) SOMALIA: On the night of 7 February, six armed persons boarded and hijacked a fishing dhow reportedly flagged in Yemen while approximately 6 NM southeast of Eyl, near position 07:49N – 050:12E. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; Maritime Executive)

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(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

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(U) Figure 2. Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea in Southeast Asia

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1. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 26 February at 0520 local time, five perpetrators boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier *Ocean Diligence* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:06N – 103:44E. The duty crew sighted the unarmed perpetrators at the aft poop deck and raised the alarm, which mustered the crew. Seeing the crew's alertness, the perpetrators escaped empty-handed. The master confirmed that all crew members were safe and that the vessel was continuing to its next port of call. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 22 February at 0310 local time, three robbers armed with knives and a gun-like object boarded the Portugal-flagged bulk carrier *Cycladic Spire* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:02N – 103:39E. After the crew observed the robbers in the engine room, the alarm was raised and the crew mustered to conduct a search. The search revealed no perpetrators onboard and that engine spare parts had been stolen. The incident was reported to Singapore authorities, and the Singapore police coast guard boarded the ship upon arrival at the anchorage area. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) MALAYSIA:** On 19 February at 1223 local time, seven perpetrators boarded an unmanned oil platform located southeast of Terengganu in the South China Sea, near

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position 05:13N – 104:26E. The Petronas security group had alerted the Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) to suspicious activity on the unmanned structure. MMEA personnel discovered that the perpetrators had cut cables, gathered abandoned supplies, and dismantled equipment to later remove from the platform. MMEA authorities apprehended the perpetrators and took them to Terengganu for questioning. (Clearwater Dynamics)

4. (U) **INDONESIA:** On 16 February at 0200 local time, four robbers armed with knives boarded the Norway-flagged general cargo ship *Pelicana* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:02N – 103:41E. After the duty crew spotted the robbers in the engine room, the perpetrators escaped. The master confirmed that all crew members were safe and accounted for and that spare parts had been stolen. The ship continued its voyage to its next port of call. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)
5. (U) **INDONESIA:** On 16 February at 0445 local time, three unarmed perpetrators boarded the Panama-flagged bulk carrier *Atrotos Heracles* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:43E. The duty crew observed the perpetrators at the stern of the ship and raised the alarm. After the crew mustered and conducted a security search, they discovered that the perpetrators had escaped from the ship. The crew was not injured and nothing had been stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP; IMB)
6. (U) **INDONESIA:** On 14 February at 0255 local time, four perpetrators, one of whom carried a pistol and the other three carried knives, boarded the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *Cancun* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:04N – 103:41E. After spotting the perpetrators in the engine room, the duty crew raised the alarm and all crew mustered to conduct a search with no further sighting of the perpetrators. No crew members were injured and nothing was reported stolen. The vessel continued its voyage to its next port of call without the need for assistance. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
7. (U) **INDONESIA:** On 12 February at 0250 local time, four robbers armed with knives boarded a Greece-flagged crude oil tanker while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:06N – 103:44E. After the duty crew encountered the robbers in the engine room, the perpetrators escaped from the tanker. The master confirmed that the crew was safe and accounted for and that engine spares had been stolen. The vessel proceeded to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics)
8. (U) **INDONESIA:** On 11 February at 0330 local time, seven robbers boarded a Panama-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:32E. The duty crew spotted the robbers armed with a pistol and

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knives in the engine room. After threatening a crew member, the robbers stole spare parts before escaping the vessel. One crew member sustained minor injuries during the incident. The ship continued its transit to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics)

9. (U) INDONESIA: On 3 February at 0415 local time, six robbers armed with knives boarded the Malaysia-flagged product tanker *Zevirous* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:06N – 103:44E. After the duty crew sighted the robbers in the engine room, the alarm was raised and the crew mustered to search. The crew reported no perpetrators onboard, no injuries to the crew, and that engine spare parts had been stolen. (ReCAAP, Clearwater Dynamics)
10. (U) INDONESIA: On 3 February at 0359 local time, four robbers armed with knives and gun-like objects boarded the Norway-flagged bulk carrier *Balaja* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:43E. The duty crew spotted the robbers in the engine room which resulted in the perpetrators escaping. The master confirmed that all crew members were safe and accounted for, and that engine spares had been reported stolen. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)
11. (U) INDONESIA: On 1 February at 0600 local time, five perpetrators boarded the Panama-flagged petroleum product tanker *Haima* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:07N – 103:45E. An engine department crew member sighted the perpetrators coming out of the engine room. The chief engineer was informed and notified the bridge. After the alarm was raised, a search was conducted with no perpetrators found. The master reported that the crew was not injured and that nothing was stolen. The vessel continued to its next port of call. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)
12. (U) INDONESIA: On 29 January at 0105 local time, a robber boarded the Panama-flagged bulk carrier *Manali* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:04N – 103:42E. After the robber was sighted in the engine room, the alarm was raised and the crew mustered for safety in the citadel. A search was conducted with no reports from the crew of any perpetrators. Crew members were not injured and engine spares were stolen. (ReCAAP; IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

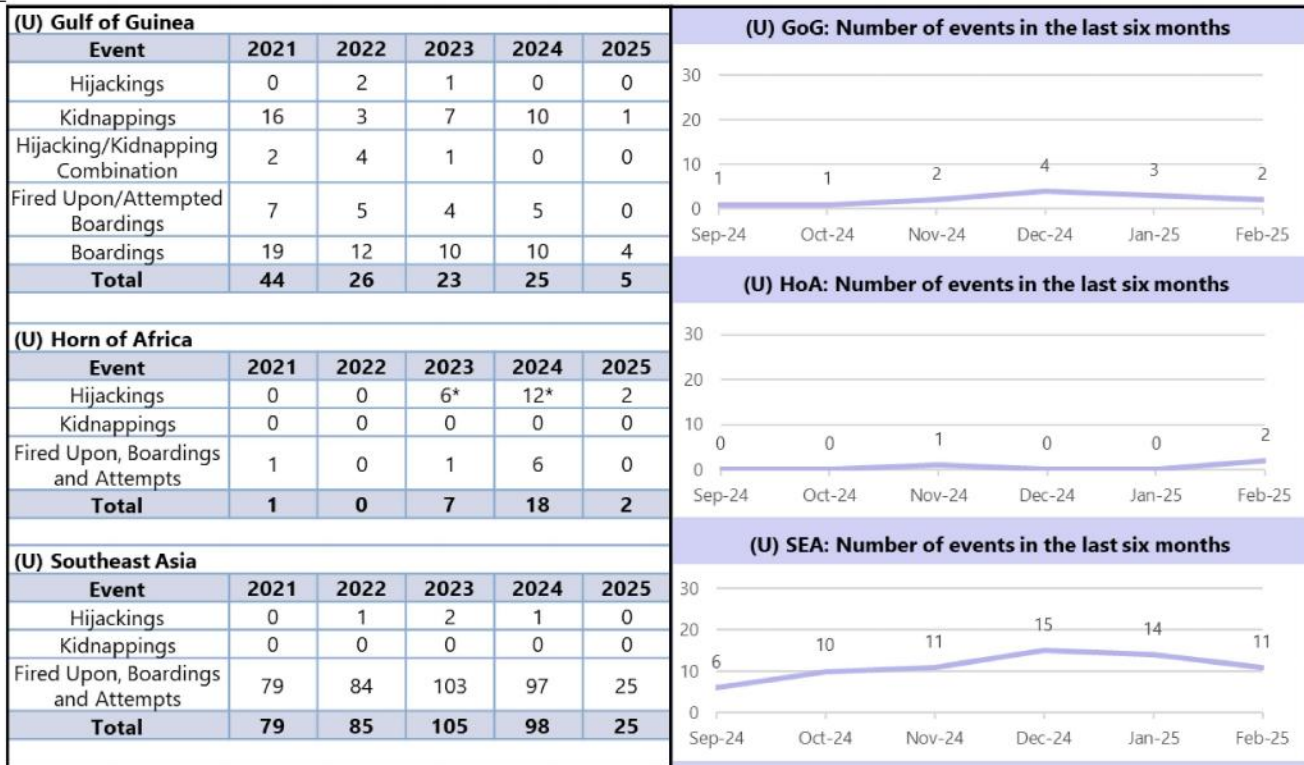
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(U) Appendix A: Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea Statistics and Trends

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(U) * HORN OF AFRICA HIJACKING NUMBERS INCLUDE DHOWS AND FISHING VESSELS

(U) Appendix B: Definitions

(U) In order to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference, we use the following definitions to describe a range of criminal antishipping 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) **Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement who forcefully remove crew members from vessel when disembarking.
- > (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.

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(U) Appendix C: Active U.S. Maritime Advisories

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(U) Active U.S. Maritime Advisories

Title	Effective Date	Expiration Date
2025-003: Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean – Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	14 Feb 2025	11 Aug 2025
2025-002: Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman – Iranian Illegal Boarding/Detention/Seizure	14 Feb 2025	11 Aug 2025
2025-001: Southern Red Sea, Bab el Mandeb Strait, and Gulf of Aden – Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels	14 Feb 2025	11 Aug 2025
2024-014: Gulf of Guinea – Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	20 Dec 2024	17 Jun 2025
2024-013: Global – U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts	11 Oct 2024	11 Apr 2025
2024-011: Worldwide – Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence	9 Oct 2024	7 Apr 2025
2024-012: Black Sea and Sea of Azov – Military Combat Operations	6 Sep 2024	21 Feb 2025

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