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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 2–30 April 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 25 April, an unknown number of robbers boarded unnoticed a Liberia-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS).
2. (U) INDONESIA: On 24 April, one perpetrator attempted to board a berthed container ship in the port of Jakarta.
3. (U) INDONESIA: On 21 April, robbers boarded a barge under tow by a tugboat in the Singapore Strait.
4. (U) GABON: (Late Reporting) On 1 April, four perpetrators on a motorboat approached a Malta-flagged bulk carrier approximately 37 NM off Libreville.

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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

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) CENTRAL AMERICA – CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA

1. (U) HAITI: On 2 April at 0300 UTC, armed individuals boarded a drifting Panama-flagged bulk carrier while approximately 6 NM west of the port of Port-au-Prince, near position 18:34N – 072:27W. Crew members sought safety in their cabins and the engine room. The armed assailants abducted two crew members before fleeing. The incident was reported to the Haitian coast guard. (Clearwater Dynamics; lenouvelliste.com; IMB)

(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. Suspicious Approach in Gulf of Guinea

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1. **(U) GABON: (Late Reporting)** On 1 April at 0430 UTC, four perpetrators on a motorboat approached a Malta-flagged bulk carrier approximately 37 NM off Libreville, near position 00:30N – 008:49E. Despite verbal warnings from the embarked armed security team, the motorboat continued its approach. The security team then fired warning shots into the water near the craft after which the boat departed the area. All crew members were reported safe, there was no damage to the vessel, and the bulk carrier continued its voyage to its next port of call. (MDAT-GoG; Clearwater Dynamics)
2. (U) COTE D'IVOIRE: On 22 April, one perpetrator attempted to board a Singapore-flagged container ship while anchored at Abidjan Anchorage, near position 05:13N – 004:03W (exact time not specified). Duty crew spotted the perpetrator climbing up the vessel's anchor chain and raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm, the perpetrator escaped. The crew was reported safe. (Clearwater Dynamics)

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3. (U) NIGERIA: On 21 April at 1920 UTC, four robbers boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged product tanker *Sea Panther* while underway approximately 104 NM southwest of Brass, near position 03:03N – 004:48E. After the robbers gained access to the vessel from a black-hulled boat, the crew retreated to the citadel while the robbers remained onboard for approximately 4 hours. All crew members were reported safe and items of crew belongings, cash, and ship's properties were stolen. The incident was reported to authorities and the ship continued its transit to its next port of call. (MDAT-GoG; Clearwater Dynamics; vesseltracker.com; Maritime Executive; IMB)
4. (U) LIBERIA: On 14 April at 0230 local time, one perpetrator boarded a product tanker in Monrovia Anchorage, near position 06:21N – 010:52W. After the crew spotted the perpetrator on the poop deck, the alarm was raised and the crew mustered which resulted in the perpetrator escaping. Nothing has been reported stolen and the incident was reported to the Monrovia Regional Rescue Center. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)
5. (U) COTE D'IVOIRE: On 8 April at 0145 local time, one perpetrator attempted to board a Marshall Islands-flagged container ship while anchored at Abidjan Anchorage, near position 05:13N – 004:04W. The duty crew spotted the perpetrator while climbing the vessel's anchor chain near the forecandle from a small boat. The alarm was raised which resulted in the perpetrator escaping empty-handed. (Clearwater Dynamics)
6. (U) NIGERIA: On 5 April, armed men onboard a speedboat equipped with a 200-horsepower engine attacked a passenger boat while in transit between Port Harcourt and Bille, Rivers State (exact location and time not specified). The perpetrators kidnapped five passengers and then escaped. (Clearwater Dynamics)
7. (U) ANGOLA: On 3 April at 0041 local time, a robber boarded a merchant vessel anchored at Luanda Anchorage, near position 08:42S – 013:17E. When the duty crew spotted the robber on the deck, the perpetrator was seen jumping into the water where a small boat was located near the starboard bow. After searching the vessel, the crew discovered that the door to the paint locker had been forced open and three drums of paint had been stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) PERSIAN GULF

1. (U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ: On 4 April at 0800 UTC, vessels further experienced GPS interference, with disruptions lasting several hours, affecting navigation systems, and requiring vessels to rely on backup methods. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics)

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(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA

1. (U) MOZAMBIQUE: On 15 April at 0010 local time, eight robbers armed with knives boarded a tanker while anchored at Beira Anchorage, near position 19:56S – 035:03E. After the duty crew spotted the perpetrators, the bridge was notified. The alarm was raised, a ship-wide announcement was made, the crew mustered, and the authorities were contacted. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped on their boat. During the search, the crew discovered that ship's properties had been stolen. The local police were later able to recover the stolen goods. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)
2. (U) GULF OF ADEN: On 15 April at 1700 UTC, multiple boats with armed persons onboard approached a Palau-flagged bulk carrier while underway approximately 100 NM east of Aden, Yemen, near position 12:47N – 046:45E. The boats followed the ship for approximately two hours with shots reportedly being fired. After the master altered the ship's course toward the Yemen coastline, the boats aborted their approach and departed the area. All crew are reported safe and the vessel continued its voyage to its next port of call. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics; Maritime Executive)
3. (U) RED SEA: On 2 April at 0700 UTC, vessels experienced electronic interference in the central region, near position 21:00N – 038:10E, with disruptions lasting several hours, affecting navigation systems and requiring vessels to rely on backup methods. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics)

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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 25 April at 0300 local time, an unknown number of robbers boarded the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *ASL Trinity* unnoticed while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:02N – 103:39E. After the crew discovered footprints on the deck, a security search discovered that the steering gear room lock had been broken and the door left unsecured. Generator spare parts were reported stolen and the crew was not injured. Following the vessel anchoring, the coast guard conducted a further search. (IMB; ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 24 April at 0400 local time, one perpetrator attempted to board a berthed container ship in the port of Jakarta, near position 06:05S – 106:53E. The duty crew spotted the perpetrator attempting to board the vessel by rope. Upon seeing the crew member, the perpetrator escaped by boat. The ship reported that a padlock on the steering gear room door was broken. No stores were reported stolen. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 21 April at 0200 local time, robbers boarded a barge under tow by a tugboat in the Singapore Strait (the position where the incident occurred was not specified).

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The robbers were able to steal items of properties from the barge and escape unnoticed. During a routine inspection, the duty crew noted that barge items were missing and reported the incident to local authorities. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

4. (U) INDONESIA: On 22 April at 2300 local time, four robbers boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier *Panagia Force* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:34E. The crew sighted the robbers armed with knives in the engine room. The alarm was raised and the crew conducted a search of the vessel with no further sighting of perpetrators. Three crew members were found tied up in the engine room but they were not injured. Engine spare parts and personal belongings were confirmed stolen. The bulk carrier continued its voyage to its next port of call. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)
5. (U) INDONESIA: On 21 April at 0134 local time, three perpetrators armed with knives boarded the Panama-flagged crude oil tanker *Aquaris* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:04N – 103:42E. The duty crew spotted the perpetrators in the engine control room and notified the bridge. The master raised the alarm and mustered the crew to search the vessel. All crew were safe with no injuries reported. Nothing was reported stolen. The ship did not require assistance and continued its transit to its next port of call. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)
6. (U) INDONESIA: On 20 April at 0500 local time, three perpetrators armed with gun-like objects boarded the Liberia-flagged container ship *MSC Tara III* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:03N – 103:37E. After the crew sighted the perpetrators at the upper deck, the crew notified the master of the armed unauthorized persons onboard. The master raised the alarm and mustered the crew for safety and to conduct a search. All crew members were safe with no injuries reported. Nothing was reported stolen. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)
7. (U) INDONESIA: On 7 April at 0345 local time, three robbers boarded the Malta-flagged tanker *Hafnia Hong Kong* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:08N – 103:28E. The duty crew spotted the robbers onboard the tanker. The captain reported that all crew members were safe and that a breathing apparatus compressor and four padlocks had been stolen. The vessel did not require assistance and continued its voyage to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
8. (U) INDONESIA: On 6 April at 2350 local time, five perpetrators boarded the Vietnam-flagged bulk carrier *Silver Star* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:04N – 103:42E. No equipment was reported missing, and the vessel and crew are reported safe. The ship did not require assistance and continued its transit to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

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9. (U) INDONESIA: On 3 April at 0340 local time, three robbers armed with knives boarded the Hong Kong-flagged container ship *SITC Yuncheng* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:09N – 103:48E. The master confirmed that the perpetrators were spotted on the starboard side quarter of the main deck. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered to conduct a search. After the search, the crew determined that the robbers had stolen lashing equipment, and had jumped overboard and escaped. All crew members were safe, with no injuries reported. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP; IMB)

(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

1. (U) BANGLADESH: On 4 April at 0300 local time, five robbers from a wooden boat boarded a general cargo ship while anchored at Chittagong Anchorage, near position 21:30N – 091:30E. The robbers stole approximately 30 cans of paint and escaped. The captain reported that all crew members were safe and that the Bangladesh coast guard had been notified. The anti-smuggling team investigated the incident and on 6 April apprehended the robbers and returned the stolen property to the ship. The perpetrators were then turned over to the local police. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

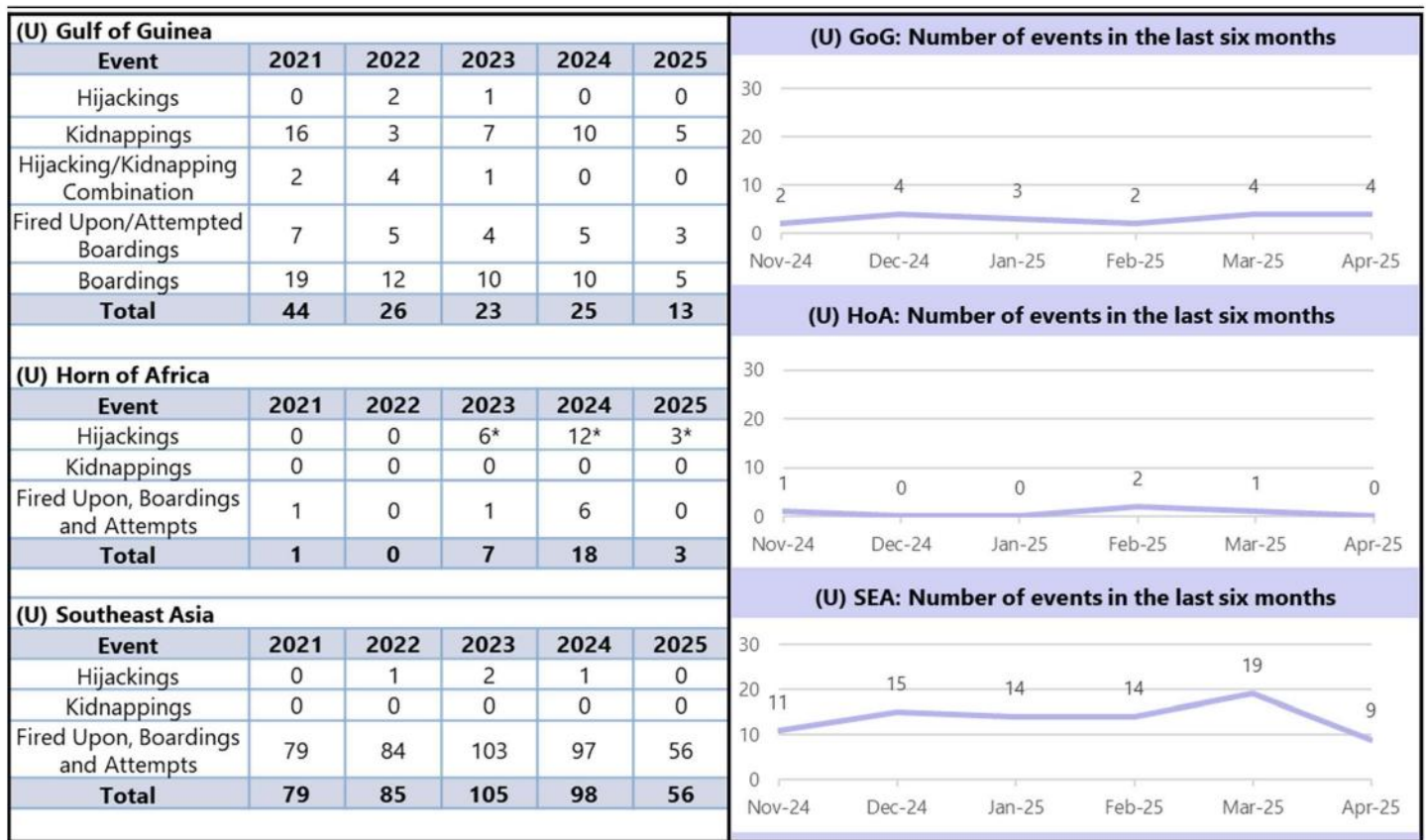
(U) No current incidents to report.

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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
2025-007: Global – U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts	9 Apr 2025	6 Oct 2025
2025-006: Worldwide – Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence	9 Apr 2025	6 Oct 2025
2025-005: Red Sea, Bab el-Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Persian Gulf, and Somali Basin – Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels	28 Mar 2025	24 Sep 2025
2025-004: Black Sea and Sea of Azov – Military Combat Operations	5 Mar 2025	1 Sep 2025
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
2024-014: Gulf of Guinea – Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	20 Dec 2024	18 Jun 2025

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