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# (U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 25 June–23 July 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) COLOMBIA: On 20 July, two perpetrators armed with knives boarded a tanker anchored at Cartagena Anchorage.

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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

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**(U) Figure 1. Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea in South America**



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1. **(U) COLUMBIA:** On 20 July at 0240 local time, two perpetrators armed with knives boarded a tanker anchored at Cartagena Anchorage, near position 10:18N – 075:33W. After the crew spotted the perpetrators and notified the bridge, the alarm sounded which resulted in the perpetrators' escape. A search was conducted with no perpetrators found onboard. Nothing was reported stolen. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

**(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.

**(U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA**

(U) No current incidents to report.

**(U) PERSIAN GULF**

(U) No current incidents to report.

**(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA**

1. (U) GULF OF ADEN: On 13 July at 2150 UTC, a suspicious boat approached a Comoros-flagged crude oil tanker while underway in the Gulf of Aden (exact position not specified). The suspicious boat approached the tanker from the port side shortly after it exited the Bab el Mandeb Strait. The boat was not detected on radar, but was spotted visually. The boat, without navigational lights, closed to between 400 and 550 meters and then crossed ahead of the tanker's bow. The boat appeared to have been unmanned, but this was not confirmed. After the master was alerted to the suspicious boat and arrived to the bridge, the boat was no longer visible and could not be re-identified. The tanker and crew were safe and continued their voyage. (Clearwater Dynamics)
2. (U) RED SEA: On 7 July at 1653 UTC, several small boats fired RPGs at the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *Eternity C* while underway approximately 50 NM southwest of Hodeidah, Yemen, near position 14:28N – 042:09E. At 1703 UTC, the vessel reported that it had been attacked by five RPGs and was being approached by multiple small boats. On 8 July at 0710 UTC, the vessel had sustained significant damage and lost all propulsion. On 9 July at 0645 UTC, the Company Security Officer relayed information that search and rescue operations

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had commenced overnight and that five crew members had been rescued. At 1600 UTC, the bulk carrier had sunk near position 14:27N – 042:21E. Three persons reportedly have lost their lives as a result of attacks and 10 persons have been rescued—eight persons are crew members of Filipino nationality and the other two persons are a Greek and an Indian national who were part of the three-person security team. The Huthis may have picked up as many as six persons. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics; Joint Maritime Information Center; Maritime Executive)

3. (U) RED SEA: On 6 July at 1125 UTC, personnel on small boats opened fire with small arms and RPGs on the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *Magic Seas* while underway approximately 51 NM southwest of Hodeidah, Yemen, near position 14:28N – 042:08E. There was an exchange of small arms fire between the onboard armed security team (AST) and the attackers in small boats. An RPG damaged the bridge while the crew, except for the master and the security team, mustered in the citadel. At approximately 1401 UTC, a missile struck the vessel in the cargo hold. Four unmanned surface vessels (USVs) also attacked the bulk carrier: the AST neutralized two, and two impacted the vessel. At 1449 UTC, the crew prepared to abandon ship due to an active fire in the cargo hold and flooding in the engine room. At 1541 UTC, the crew abandoned ship near position 14:57N – 041:39E and was recovered by a passing merchant vessel. All crew members were safe while the bulk carrier remained abandoned and unlit. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics; Joint Maritime Information Center)

## (U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 9 July at 0220 local time, the crew of the Denmark-flagged product tanker *Torm Elizabeth* spotted a blue wooden boat alongside its port quarter while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:03N – 103:41E. The master raised the alarm and the crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, six perpetrators were observed escaping into the boat. A search was conducted with no perpetrators found onboard. The crew found padlocks for the deck store, steering gear room, and engine casing broken. Ship's stores were reported stolen. All crew members were safe and no injuries were reported. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
2. (U) INDONESIA: On 8 July at 0400 local time, while the Singapore-flagged asphalt tanker *Tasco Sakorn* was underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:10N – 103:51E, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineer discovered the aft door behind the galley ajar. After entering the engine room, he found that engine stores and spare parts were missing. A security search was conducted but no perpetrators were found onboard and no suspicious boats were sighted in the tanker's vicinity. All crew members were safe with no injuries reported. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

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3. (U) INDONESIA: On 7 July at 0330 local time, three perpetrators boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier *Star Laura* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:03N – 103:38E. After the crew observed the perpetrators in the engine room, the alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Realizing the crew's alertness, the perpetrators escaped. A search was conducted with no perpetrators found onboard. Nothing was stolen. All crew members were safe with no injuries reported. The ship proceeded to its next port of call. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
4. (U) INDONESIA: On 7 July at 0015 local time, six perpetrators boarded the France-flagged container ship *CMA CGM Fort James* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:03N – 103:39E. The crew had discovered a broken lock when conducting security rounds at anchorage in Singapore following the transit. A review of CCTV footage revealed that the perpetrators armed with knives and a gun-like object had boarded the vessel via the chock liner on the poop deck when the vessel had been in transit. The perpetrators had then fled the vessel after an alarm had sounded in the engine room. After the incident, all crew members were safe and nothing was reported stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
5. (U) INDONESIA: On 6 July at 2212 local time, three perpetrators attempted to board the Kuwait-flagged crude oil tanker *Al Salmi* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:03N – 103:37E. After the crew observed the attempt, the ship's alarm was activated, deck lights switched on, and search lights shone at the perpetrators. Realizing the crew's alertness, the perpetrators aborted their attempt and escaped. A search by the crew was conducted with no perpetrators found onboard. All crew members were safe with no injuries reported. Nothing was stolen. No assistance was required and the ship continued its voyage. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
6. (U) INDONESIA: On 6 July at 2030 local time, three perpetrators boarded the Singapore-flagged container ship *Kota Nabil* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:02N – 103:39E. After the crew sighted the perpetrators near bay 34 on the port side of the ship, the alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Realizing the crew's alertness, the perpetrators escaped. A search was conducted with no perpetrators found onboard. Subsequent review of CCTV footage revealed that four perpetrators had broken the padlock to the steering gear room. Nothing was reported stolen. All crew members were safe with no injuries reported. (ReCAAP)
7. (U) INDONESIA: On 6 July at 0035 local time, four robbers boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier *Al Lulu* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:02N – 103:39E. The crew spotted the robbers, who were armed with knives and one was armed with a gun-like object, in the engine room. The ship's alarm was

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activated and the crew mustered. A search was conducted with no perpetrators found onboard. All crew members were safe with no injuries reported. No further assistance was required and the ship resumed its voyage. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

8. (U) INDONESIA: On 5 July at 0320 local time, four robbers boarded a container ship while anchored at Belawan Anchorage, near position 03:54N – 098:46E. The duty crew spotted the robbers armed with knives onboard the ship. The officer on watch attempted to contact the duty crew, but did not receive a response. The officer then raised the alarm, which caused the remaining crew to become alert, and for the robbers to escape. It was reported that the robbers stole ship's properties and stores, and the crew's personal effects. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)
9. (U) INDONESIA: On 4 July at 2250 local time, five perpetrators armed with gun-like objects boarded the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *Modigliani* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:04N – 103:42E. After the perpetrators were sighted at the poop deck, the alarm was activated and the crew mustered. Upon realizing the crew's alertness, the perpetrators escaped. A search was conducted with no perpetrators found onboard. All crew members were safe with no injuries reported. The master confirmed that no further assistance was required and the vessel resumed its voyage to its next port of call. (IMB; ReCAAP)
10. (U) INDONESIA: On 4 July at 0438 local time, the crew of the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *Medi Palmarola* sighted four robbers disembarking the ship at the stern. The vessel was underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:44E. The master raised the alarm and mustered the crew. A search was conducted with no perpetrators found onboard. All crew members were safe with no injuries reported. The master confirmed that no further assistance was required and the vessel proceeded to its next port of call. Upon its arrival at Singapore, the Police Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation and confirmed spare parts were stolen. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
11. (U) INDONESIA: On 4 July at 0335 local time, six perpetrators boarded the Malta-flagged product tanker *Stellata* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:06N – 103:44. After the crew spotted the perpetrators at the poop deck, the master raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Upon realizing the crew's alertness, the perpetrators jumped overboard and escaped. A search was conducted with no perpetrators found onboard. All crew members were safe with no injuries reported. Nothing was reported stolen. The master confirmed that no further assistance was required and the tanker resumed its voyage. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
12. (U) INDONESIA: On 3 July at 0020 local time, four perpetrators boarded the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *Beagle* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near

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position 01:02N – 103:39E. The duty crew sighted the perpetrators armed with knives at the starboard quarter. After the master raised the alarm and mustered the crew, a search was conducted with no perpetrators found onboard. All crew members were safe with no injuries reported. Nothing was reported stolen. No further assistance was required and the ship continued its voyage. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

13. (U) INDONESIA: On 2 July at 0412 local time, four perpetrators attempted to board a bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:02N – 103:38E. (No further information is available) (IMB)
14. (U) INDONESIA: On 1 July at 0410 local time, four perpetrators boarded a Singapore-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:03N – 103:37E. After the crew observed the perpetrators in the port quarter of the vessel, the alarm was raised and the crew mustered. All crew members were safe, nothing was reported stolen, and the bulk carrier did not require assistance. The vessel proceeded to its next port of call. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)
15. (U) INDONESIA: On 1 July at 0150 local time, five robbers boarded a Liberia-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:34E. After the robbers were observed the engine room, the alarm was raised and they escaped. The captain informed that all crew members were safe, and that ship's engine spare parts had been stolen. The bulk carrier continued its voyage to its next port of call. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)
16. (U) INDONESIA: On 28 June at 0055 local time, five robbers armed with knives boarded a Bahamas-flagged container ship while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:04N – 103:42E. The crew reported sighting the robbers in the engine room. After the incident, the master reported all crew members were safe, and that engine spare parts had been stolen. The ship did not require any assistance and proceeded to its next port of call. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)
17. (U) INDONESIA: On 27 June at 0032 local time, four robbers boarded the Cameroon-flagged LPG tanker *Tulip* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:43E. The duty crew spotted the robbers armed with gun-like objects in the engine room. The master raised the alarm and mustered the crew to conduct a security search. The search was completed with no perpetrators found onboard. All crew members were safe with no injuries reported. The robbers had apparently stolen engine spare parts. The vessel required no assistance and continued to its next port of call. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

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18. (U) INDONESIA: On 23 June at 0323 local time, four robbers armed with knives boarded the Singapore-flagged product tanker *Theresa* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS near position 01:03N – 103:41E. After the duty crew sighted the robbers in the engine room, the alarm was activated and a search was conducted with no perpetrators being found onboard. All crew members were safe with no injuries reported. Three paint drums were stolen. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
19. (U) INDONESIA: On 18 June at 0218 local time, while the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier *Queen* was underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:08N – 103:45E, the crew sighted four to five perpetrators on the stern deck. A search was conducted, with no perpetrators found onboard. All crew members were safe with no injuries reported. After arrival at the anchorage area, Singapore authorities boarded and conducted a search. They discovered starboard concertina wires were cut and was a possible entry point for the robbers. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

## (U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

1. (U) BANGLADESH: On 10 July at 0220 local time, seven perpetrators boarded the Liberia-flagged LPG tanker *Kalolimnos* anchored at Chattogram Anchorage, near position 22:08N – 091:43E. After the duty watchman observed the perpetrators attempting to enter the bosun store, he raised the alarm, causing the perpetrators to escape empty-handed in a boat. Following the incident, all crew members were reported safe. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
2. (U) BANGLADESH: On 21 June at 0215 local time, eight robbers armed with knives boarded a container ship anchored at Chattogram Anchorage, near position 22:09N – 091:44E. After the robbers stole ship's stores, they escaped. Following the incident, the Coast Guard boarded the ship and conducted an investigation. All crew members were safe with no reported injuries. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)
3. (U) INDIA: On 19 June during the late evening, five perpetrators boarded the Antigua and Barbuda-flagged offshore supply vessel *HM Pathfinder* while anchored approximately 2.5 NM offshore of Kakinada, near position 17:00N – 082:20E. The duty crew spotted the perpetrators boarding the vessel from a fishing boat. After the alarm was raised, the Indian Coast Guard was notified and they dispatched a patrol craft to the location. Upon sighting the Coast Guard vessel, the perpetrators attempted to escape but were detained after a short pursuit. The vessel and crew were reported safe. (newindianexpress.com; Clearwater Dynamics)

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(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

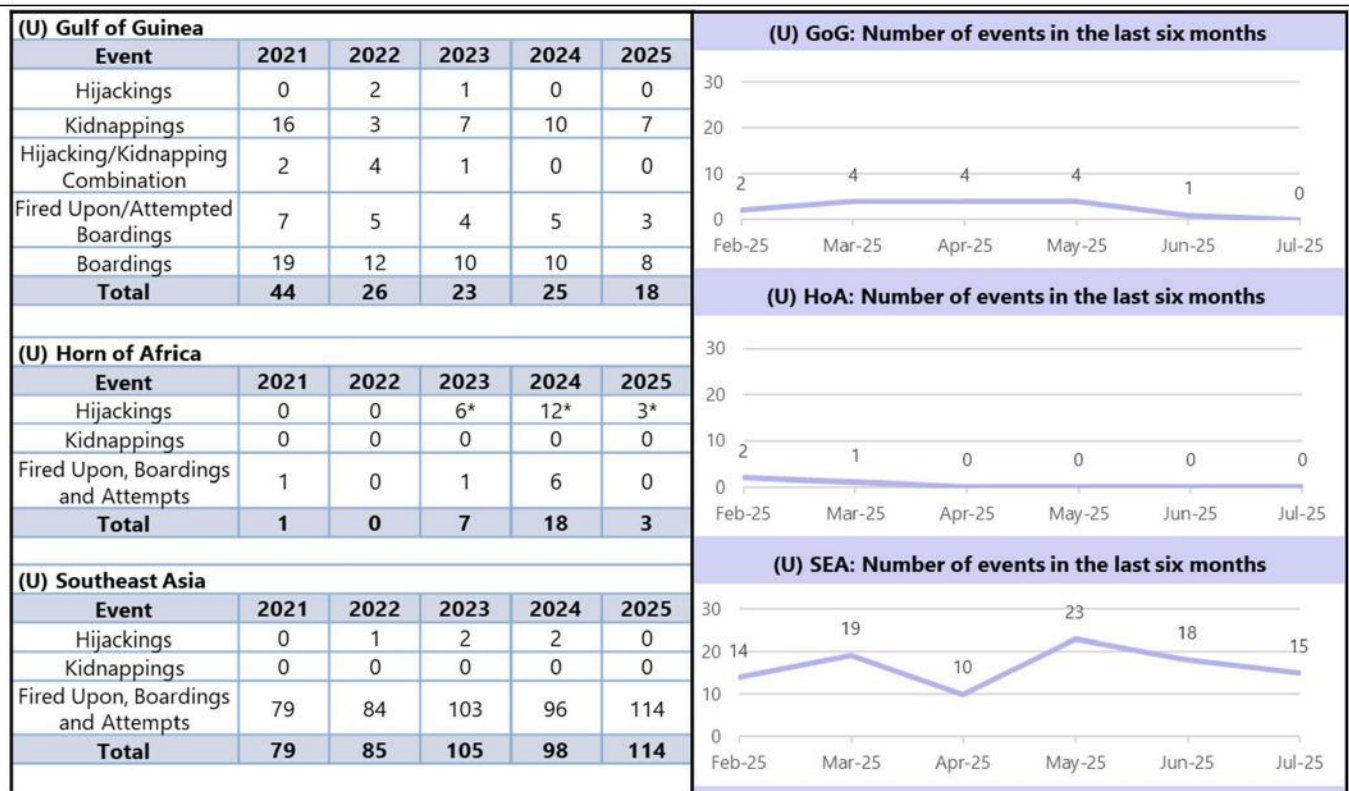
(U) No current incidents to report.

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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 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">2025-008: Gulf of Guinea – Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom</a>                                                                     | 18 Jun 2025    | 15 Dec 2025     |
| <a href="#">2025-007: Global – U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts</a>                                                                | 9 Apr 2025     | 6 Oct 2025      |
| <a href="#">2025-006: Worldwide – Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence</a>                                                    | 9 Apr 2025     | 6 Oct 2025      |
| <a href="#">2025-005: Red Sea, Bab el-Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Persian Gulf, and Somali Basin – Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels</a> | 28 Mar 2025    | 24 Sep 2025     |
| <a href="#">2025-004: Black Sea and Sea of Azov – Military Combat Operations</a>                                                                          | 5 Mar 2025     | 1 Sep 2025      |
| <a href="#">2025-003: Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean – Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom</a>                                            | 14 Feb 2025    | 11 Aug 2025     |
| <a href="#">2025-002: Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman – Iranian Illegal Boarding/Detention/Seizure</a>                                                 | 14 Feb 2025    | 11 Aug 2025     |

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