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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 16 July–13 August 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) Two U.S. Maritime Advisories (2025-009, and 2025-010) were issued on 13 August 2025. These advisories provide clarity on specific threats faced in the Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, and Indian Ocean. For maritime industry questions on these advisories, contact the Global Maritime Operational Threat Response Coordination Center at GMCC@uscg.mil. Supplemental information about U.S. Maritime Alerts and Advisories, including subscription details, may be found at <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/msci>. These advisories will automatically expire on 9 February 2026.

1. **(U) U.S. Maritime Advisory 2025-009: Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman – Iranian Illegal Boarding / Detention / Seizure**

This advisory cancels U.S. Maritime Advisory 2025-002. Although there is no specific threat to U.S.-flagged vessels, commercial vessels transiting this region may be at risk of being illegally boarded and detained or seized by Iranian forces. Iranian forces have utilized small boats and helicopters during boarding operations and have attempted to force commercial vessels into Iranian territorial waters.

2. **(U) U.S. Maritime Advisory 2025-010: Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean – Piracy / Armed Robbery / Kidnapping for Ransom**

This advisory cancels U.S. Maritime Advisory 2025-003. Although there are currently no specific piracy threats to U.S. flagged commercial vessels in this region, piracy continues to pose a general threat to all commercial vessels operating in the Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, and Indian Ocean. Since January 2025, there have been three reported boarding/hijacking incidents. Pirates have utilized fishing vessels as motherships. While the overall threat has diminished, the piracy threat still remains out to 600NM from the coast of Somalia. Specific case details are available at <https://www.oni.navy.mil/ONI-Reports/Shipping-Threat-Reports/Worldwide-Threat-to-Shipping/>.

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(U) Summary:

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 12 August, a number of perpetrators attacked a passenger boat while underway from Bille to Port Harcourt, Rivers State waterways.
2. (U) MEXICO: On 9 August, six robbers armed with pistols and rifles boarded an offshore supply vessel while operating in the Bay of Campeche.

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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

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



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1. **(U) MEXICO:** On 9 August at an unspecified time, six robbers armed with pistols and rifles boarded an offshore supply vessel while operating off Dos Bocas in the Bay of Campeche, near position 18:39N – 093:18W. After threatening the crew, the robbers

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stole a number of breathing apparatuses, and then escaped. The crew and vessel were reported safe following the incident. (Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) CENTRAL AMERICA – CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA

1. (U) COLOMBIA: 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

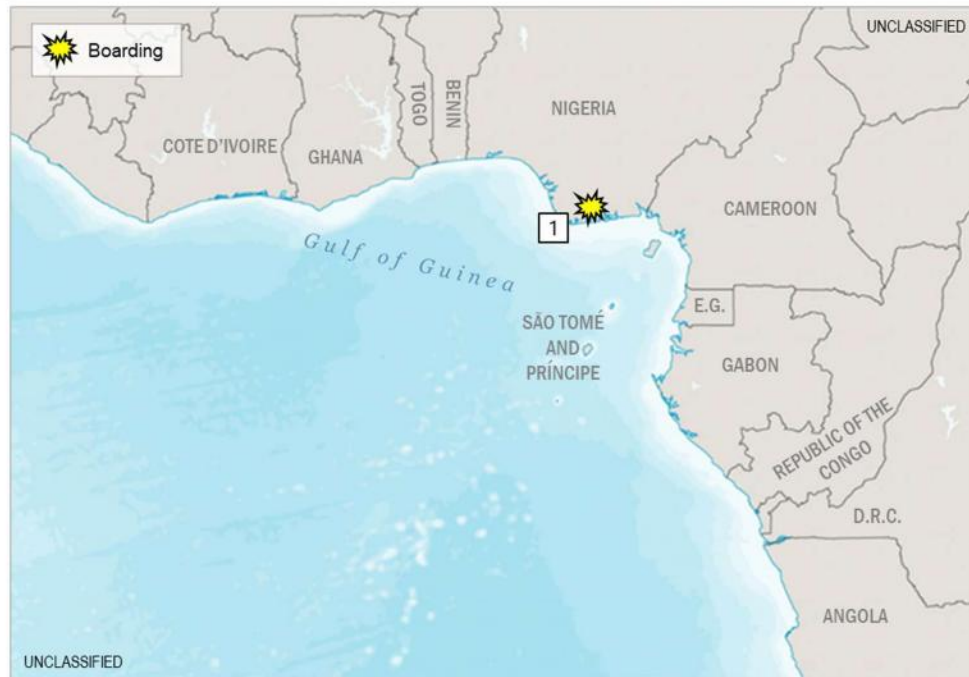
(U) No current incidents to report.

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(U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA

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(U) Figure 2. Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea in the Gulf of Guinea



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1. (U) **NIGERIA:** On 12 August at an unspecified time, a number of perpetrators attacked a passenger boat while underway from Bille to Port Harcourt, Rivers State waterways (exact position not specified). It was also reported that the same perpetrators were associated with other attacks within the area. (Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) PERSIAN GULF

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

1. (U) **INDONESIA:** On 3 August at 1130 local time, 10 robbers from 9 sampans boarded the barge *LKH 2882* under tow by the Singapore-flagged tug *HK TUG 8* while in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS. The robbers removed scrap metal from the barge and

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escaped. No crew were injured and the tug and barge continued their voyage to their next port of call. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

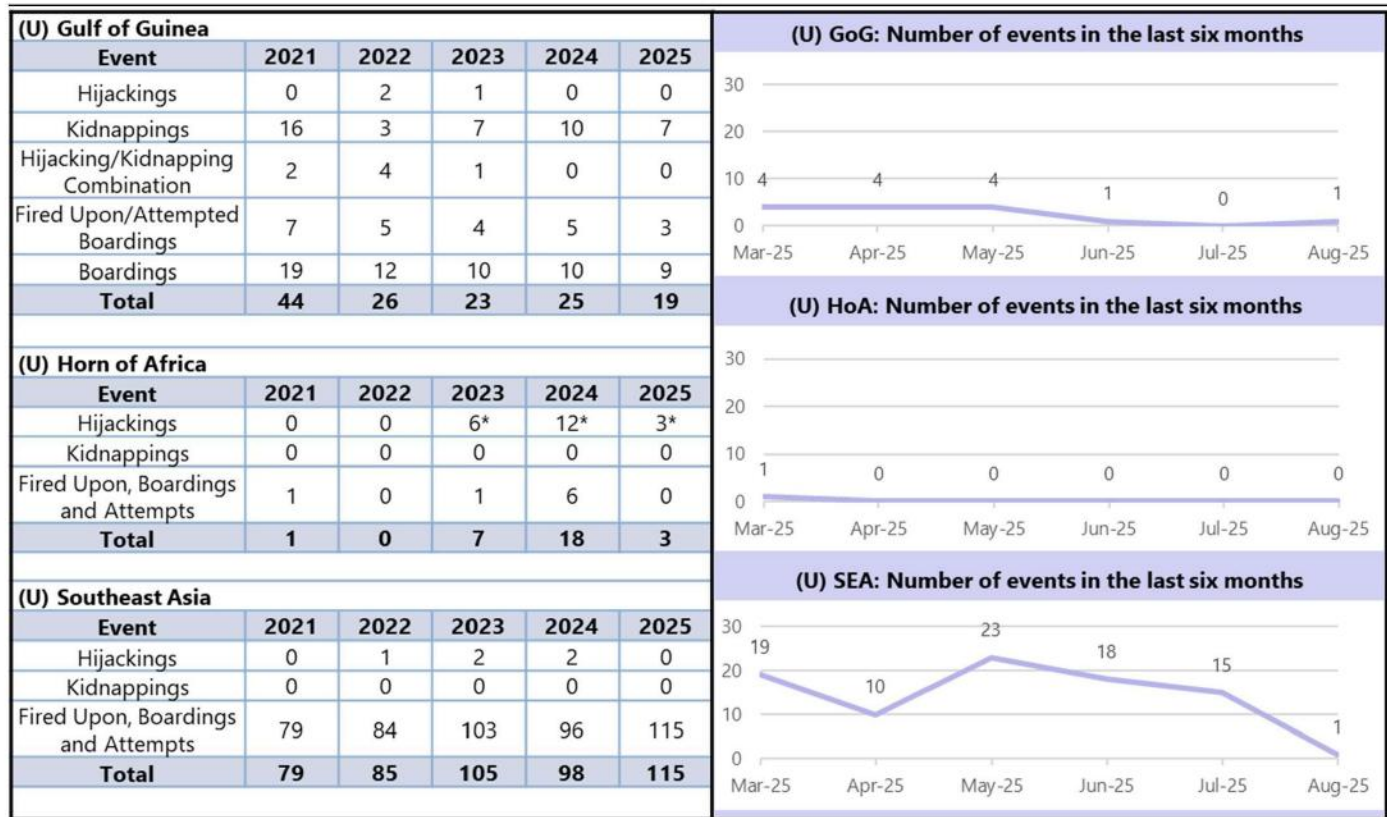
(U) No current incidents to report.

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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
2025-010: Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean – Piracy / Armed Robbery / Kidnapping for Ransom	13 Aug 2025	9 Feb 2026
2025-009: Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman – Iranian Illegal Boarding / Detention / Seizure	13 Aug 2025	9 Feb 2026
2025-008: Gulf of Guinea – Piracy / Armed Robbery / Kidnapping for Ransom	18 Jun 2025	15 Dec 2025
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

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