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# (U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 22 October–19 November 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. SINGAPORE STRAIT: On 16 November, armed intruders boarded and robbed a Marshall Islands-flagged LNG Tanker while in transit.
2. SINGAPORE STRAIT: On 16 November, a robbery occurred onboard a Cyprus-flagged bulk carrier ship while in transit.
3. SINGAPORE STRAIT: On 16 November, an attempted robbery occurred on a tanker underway in the Phillip Channel when two armed perpetrators boarded the vessel but fled with no items stolen.
4. SINGAPORE STRAIT: On 15 November, armed intruders boarded a tanker underway in the Phillip Channel, stole engine spare parts, and fled after threatening the duty engine crew.
5. INDONESIA: On 15 November, a robbery was attempted aboard a tanker in Belawan Anchorage, but the perpetrator escaped with no items stolen after the alarm was raised.
6. NIGERIA: On 13 November, three perpetrators boarded an anchored tanker in Lagos, stole ship's stores, and escaped after the crew raised the alarm.

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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

(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



1. **NIGERIA:** On 13 November at 0110 local time, three unauthorized perpetrators were sighted near the paint locker of a tanker anchored in Ijugu Channel Anchorage, Lagos. The alarm was immediately raised, and the crew was subsequently mustered. The perpetrators absconded with stolen ship's stores following the heightened state of alertness demonstrated by the crew. No crew members were reported injured. (IMB/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) GULF OF GUINEA:** On 07 November, a Netherlands-flagged cargo ship was attacked by pirates. The crew members escaped kidnapping by barricading themselves in the citadel. The pirates entered and searched the ship. A security team from Cameroon later came to the crews aid and found the ship abandoned by the pirates. (Vesseltracker/Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) GHANA:** On 30 October, a Panama-flagged Ro-Ro vessel was boarded while underway to Tema Pilot Station. It has been reported that the Ghanaian Navy dispatched a patrol boat before intercepting and boarding the vessel. Ten perpetrators were located and detained. (IMB/Closed, Clearwater Dynamics)

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**(U) PERSIAN GULF**

(U) No current incidents to report.

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

1. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 07 November, it has been reported that there has been a suspicious approach. A small craft with three persons onboard came to within 2nm of the vessel before returning to a suspected mothership. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 06 November, it has been reported that a Malta-flagged tanker is under attack southeast of Hobyo, Somalia. One craft with armed perpetrators approached and fired shots at the tanker. It has been reported that as well as small arms fire, the pirates have fired RPGs towards the vessel and the pirates have boarded. (CLOSED/UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 28 October, the Puntland Police Forces reported two Iranian dhows were engaged by a Somalian group. One dhow has been seized by the authorities, the second dhow has evaded capture and remains unlocated. (Clearwater Dynamics, UKMTO/Closed)

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## (U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA



1. **SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 16 November at 0208 local time, an attempted robbery was reported on a Marshall Islands-flagged tanker transiting the Eastbound Lane of the Phillip Channel. Two perpetrators, reportedly armed with knives, boarded the vessel and were discovered in the engine room. The Master confirmed that the crew and vessel remained safe, and no items were reported stolen. The tanker continued its voyage to Vietnam without requiring assistance. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 16 November at 0200 local time, two intruders armed with swords boarded a Marshall Islands-flagged LNG tanker. Perpetrators were spotted in the engine room and once spotted by the crew, immediately ran out to the poop deck and escaped. All crew members were accounted for with some auxiliary engine spare parts reported missing. (Clearwater Dynamics/ReCAAP/Vesseltracker)
3. **SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 16 November at 0030 local time, a robbery occurred onboard a Cyprus-flagged bulk carrier ship. Crew had discovered the padlock to the engine room broken. A search onboard was conducted with no sight of perpetrators. All crew

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**members accounted for with some engine spare parts and fire hydrant nozzles stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics/ReCAAP/Vesseltracker)**

- 4. INDONESIA: On 15 November, an attempted robbery was reported on a tanker in Belawan Anchorage. The Officer of the Watch sighted an unauthorized individual entering the bosun's store. Following the raising of the alarm and the mustering of the crew, the perpetrator absconded. A subsequent inspection confirmed that no ship's property was stolen. Port authorities were notified of the incident. (IMB/CLOSED/Clearwater Dynamics)**
  
- 5. SINGAPORE STRAIT: On 15 November at 1730 local time, a robbery was reported aboard a tanker transiting the Traffic Separation Scheme in the Phillip Channel. The Chief Engineer encountered armed intruders in the engine-room workshop. The intruders threatened the duty engine crew with machetes and metal rods before absconding. The general alarm was raised, a PA announcement was made, and Vessel Tracking Information Service West was immediately informed. A subsequent search confirmed that engine spare parts had been stolen. (IFC/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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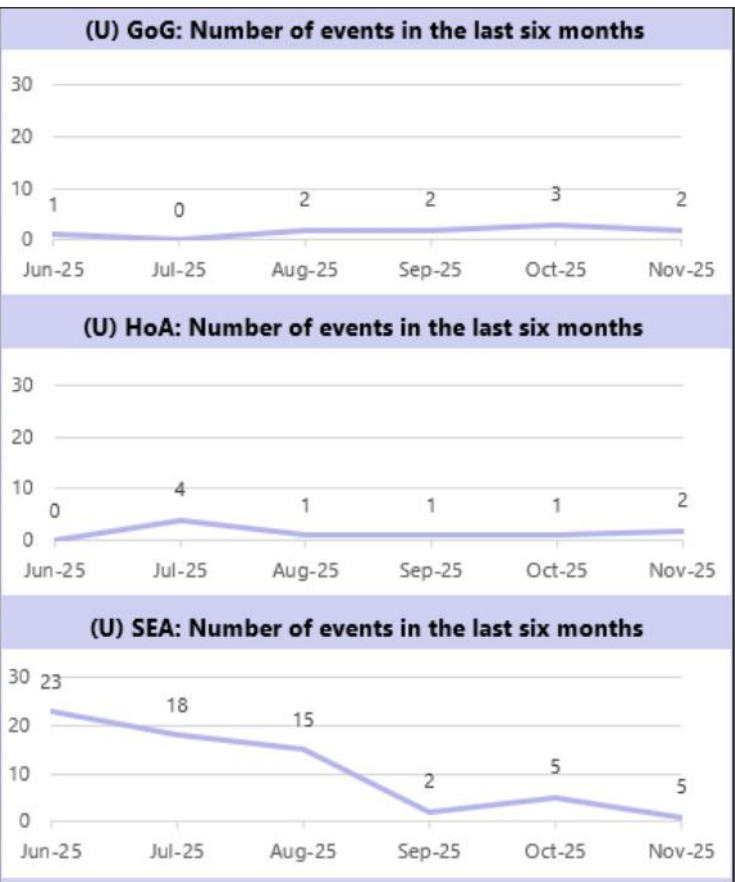
| <b>(U) Gulf of Guinea</b>        |           |           |           |           |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Event                            | 2021      | 2022      | 2023      | 2024      | 2025      |
| Hijackings                       | 0         | 2         | 1         | 0         | 0         |
| Kidnappings                      | 16        | 3         | 7         | 10        | 8         |
| Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination | 2         | 4         | 1         | 0         | 0         |
| Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings   | 7         | 5         | 4         | 5         | 5         |
| Boardings                        | 19        | 12        | 10        | 10        | 14        |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>44</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>27</b> |

| <b>(U) Horn of Africa</b>          |          |          |          |           |           |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Event                              | 2021     | 2022     | 2023     | 2024      | 2025      |
| Hijackings                         | 0        | 0        | 6*       | 12*       | 3*        |
| Kidnappings                        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         |
| Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts | 1        | 0        | 1        | 6         | 8         |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>11</b> |

| <b>(U) Southeast Asia</b>          |           |           |            |           |            |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Event                              | 2021      | 2022      | 2023       | 2024      | 2025       |
| Hijackings                         | 0         | 1         | 2          | 2         | 0          |
| Kidnappings                        | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0         | 0          |
| Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts | 79        | 84        | 103        | 96        | 127        |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>79</b> | <b>85</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>98</b> | <b>127</b> |



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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="#">2025-014-Global U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts</a>   | 06 Oct 2025    | 04 Apr 2026     |
| <a href="#">2025-013-Worldwide-Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence</a>   | 06 Oct 2025    | 04 Apr 2026     |
| <a href="#">2025-012-Red Sea, Bab el Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Persian Gulf, and Somali Basin-Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels</a>    | 24 Sep 2025    | 26 Mar 2026     |
| <a href="#">2025-11: Black Sea and Sea of Azov-Military Combat Operations</a>   | 29 Aug 2025    | 28 Feb 2026     |
| <a href="#">2025-010: Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean –Piracy / Armed Robbery / Kidnapping for Ransom</a>   | 13 Aug 2025    | 9 Feb 2026      |
| <a href="#">2025-009: Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman – Iranian Illegal Boarding / Detention / Seizure</a>  | 13 Aug 2025    | 9 Feb 2026      |
| <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     |

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