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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 19 November–17 December 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 17 December, an attempted robbery onboard a Liberian flagged bulk carrier whilst underway in Phillip Channel.
2. SINGAPORE STRAIT: On 15 December, a robbery onboard a bulk carrier whilst underway in the Eastbound Lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme of the Phillip Channel.
3. GULF OF GUINEA: On 14 December, an attempted robbery onboard a bulk carrier while anchored at Luanda Angola.
4. SINGAPORE STRAIT: On 13 December, a robbery onboard a barge whilst under tow from a tug in the Eastbound of the Traffic Separation Scheme.

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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. (U) **LUANDA:** On 14 December, an attempted robbery occurred on a bulk carrier while anchored Luanda Angola. The vessel was boarded by two armed perpetrators who accessed the vessel via the anchor hawse. All crew were reported as safe. (Clearwater Dynamics/CLOSED)
2. (U) **ANGOLA:** On 07 December, a robbery occurred on a container vessel while anchored at Luanda anchorage. Crew had discovered razor wire cut on the starboard side with several cans of paint stolen from the paint locker. All crew were reported as safe. (Clearwater Dynamics/CLOSED)

(U) PERSIAN GULF

(U) No current incidents to report.

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(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA

1. **(U) BAB EL MANDEB:** On 05 December, there was an attack on a Barbados-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the BAM. The UKMTO have received reports from the Master stating that there were approximately 15 small craft. The small craft had some come within range of 200 meters and there was an exchange of fire from the armed security team on board the bulk carrier. On the return of fire from the security team, the small craft attack had been aborted, all crew were reported safe with no injuries. (Clearwater Dynamics/UKMTO/CLOSED)
2. **(U) MOZAMBIQUE:** On 26 November, a robbery occurred on a container vessel while berthed in Beira Port. It is reported that the duty crew noticed the robbery during routine rounds. Port Control was immediately informed of the incident. (Clearwater Dynamics/IMB)

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(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA



1. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 17 December at 0110 local time, an attempted robbery occurred on a Liberian flagged bulk carrier whilst underway in the Phillip Channel. The crew sighted three preparators in the engine room with batons. The crew is safe and nothing was reported stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics/IFC)
2. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 15 December at 0310 local time, a robbery occurred onboard a bulk carrier whilst underway in the Eastbound Lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme of the Philip Channel. The crew sighted four preparators armed with knives in the steering gear compartment. The crew is safe and a number of spare engine parts were stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics/IFC)
3. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 13 December at 0911 local time, a robbery occurred onboard a barge whilst under tow from a tug in the Eastbound Lane of the Traffic separation Scheme. The captain saw two sampans and twenty preparators boarding the barge. The crew is safe and items of scrap metal were stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics/IFC)

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4. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 27 November at 0150 local time, a robbery occurred on a tug boat towing a barge. The master reported to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) That a small boat with four to five perpetrators was alongside and were removing the scrap metal on the barge. (Clearwater Dynamics/IFC)

(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

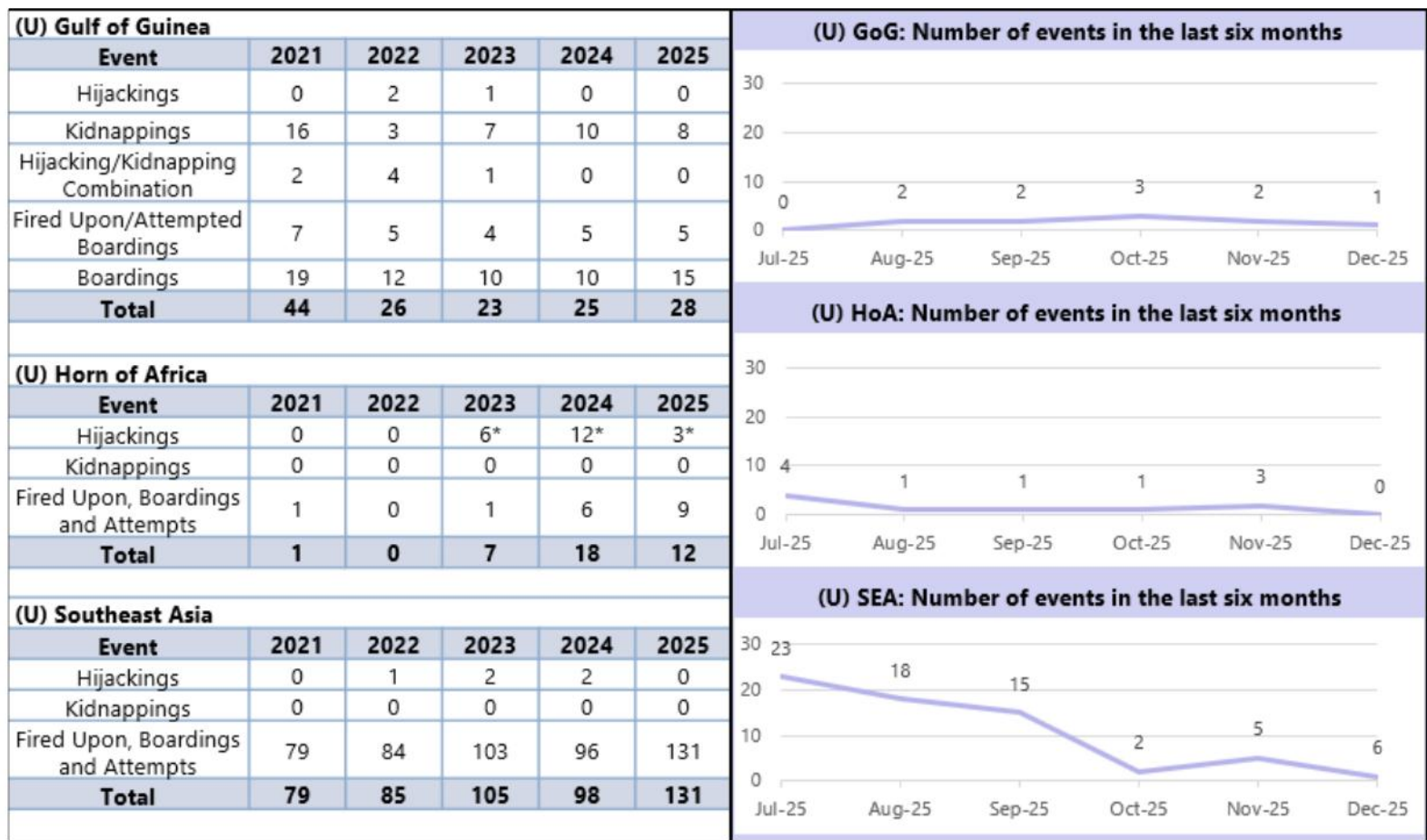
(U) No current incidents to report.

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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
2025-015-Gulf of Guinea-Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	12 Dec 2025	13 Jun 2026
2025-014-Global U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts	06 Oct 2025	04 Apr 2026
2025-013-Worldwide-Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence	06 Oct 2025	04 Apr 2026
2025-012-Red Sea, Bab el Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Persian Gulf, and Somali Basin-Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels	24 Sep 2025	26 Mar 2026
2025-11: Black Sea and Sea of Azov-Military Combat Operations	29 Aug 2025	28 Feb 2026
2025-010: Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean –Piracy / Armed Robbery / Kidnapping for Ransom	13 Aug 2025	09 Feb 2026
2025-009: Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman – Iranian Illegal Boarding / Detention / Seizure	13 Aug 2025	09 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	09 Apr 2025	06 Oct 2025
2025-006: Worldwide – Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence	09 Apr 2025	06 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

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