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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 04 March – 01 April 2026

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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) QATAR:** On 31 March at 2235 UTC, a tanker was struck by two unidentified projectiles.
2. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 30 March at 1806 UTC, a tanker was attacked by an unmanned vehicle.
3. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 30 March at 0538 UTC, a container ship was targeted by two unidentified projectiles.

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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 incidents are not double-counted. In the event 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.

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(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

1. **(U) TURKEY:** On 25 March at 1740 local time, a Sierra Leone-flagged tanker was hit by an Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (UUV) while underway 11NM off the coast of Turkey. The vessel sustained damage to the engine room and bridge, all crew members were reported safe. (Open Source)

(U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA

2. ****LATE REPORT** (U) GULF OF GUINEA:** On 15 March at 0001 local time, a robbery occurred onboard a Hong Kong-flagged bulk carrier while berthed at Eko Terminal, Lagos Port. A number of perpetrators boarded the vessel from the riverside and stole a quantity of paint. All crew members were reported safe. (CLOSED)
3. **(U) IVORY COAST:** On 21 March at 0125 local time, a robbery occurred onboard a Vanuatu-flagged supply vessel while anchored at Abidjan inner anchorage. Four perpetrators were spotted boarding the vessel and stole an FRC engine and some paint cans. All crew members were reported safe. (CLOSED)
4. **(U) NIGERIA:** On 08 March, a number of perpetrators attacked 16 passengers aboard a passenger boat operating around buoy 12 along the Ibaka-Calabar waterways. The Nigerian Navy engaged the perpetrators, all hostages were rescued and reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

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(U) PERSIAN GULF



1. **(U) QATAR:** On 31 March at 2235 UTC, a tanker was struck by two unknown projectiles while operating 17NM north of Ras Laffan. The vessel received damage above the waterline on the port side of the ship, all crew members were reported safe. (UKMTO)
2. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 30 March at 1806 UTC, a Kuwait-flagged tanker was attacked by an unmanned vehicle while anchored approximately 26NM northwest of Dubai. The Master of a Singapore-flagged tanker in the area reported a fire on the starboard bow of the tanker, all crew members were reported safe. (Master of Vessel)
3. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 30 March at 0538 UTC, a container vessel was targeted by two unknown projectiles approximately 22NM northeast of Ras Tanura. All crew members were reported safe. (UKMTO)
4. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 21 March at 2308 local time, an unknown projectile exploded near a bulk carrier 15NM north of Sharjah. All crew members were reported safe. (UKMTO)
5. **(U) QATAR:** On 19 March at 0130 local time, a Qatar-flagged tug boat was struck by an unknown projectile approximately 4NM east of Ras Laffan. All crew members were reported safe. (UKMTO/CLOSED)

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6. **(U) IRAQ:** On 11 March at 2230 UTC, two tankers were struck by an aerial attack. The vessel's CSOs informed the UKMTO the vessel had a fire onboard and the crew had been evacuated. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
7. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 11 March at 0205 local time, a bulk carrier was struck by an unknown projectile approximately 50NM northwest of Dubai, all crew members were reported safe and accounted for. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
8. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 11 March at 0158 local time, a container ship was struck by an unknown projectile approximately 25NM northwest of Ras al Khaymah. The extent of the damage is unknown, all crew members were reported safe and accounted for. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
9. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 10 March at 0800 local time, a bulk carrier was targeted by an aerial attack. No damage was reported, all crew members were reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
10. **(U) SAUDI ARABIA:** On 07 March at 1210 local time, a Liberia-flagged vessel was attacked by a UAV 10NM north of Jubail. All crew members are reported safe and a skeleton crew remains onboard. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics/CLOSED)
11. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 06 March, a tugboat was struck by an unknown projectile. All crew members were reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
12. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 04 March at 2240 local time, a Bahamas-flagged oil tanker reported a large explosion on the port side of the vessel, later witnessing a small craft leave the area. As a result of this, the vessel began to discharge ballast water. All crew members were reported safe. (UKMTO/Closed)
13. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 04 March at 1109 local time, a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile while transiting in the eastbound lane of the Strait of Hormuz. The strike caused a fire to break out in the engine room. Reports state the crew abandoned the vessel and all crew members are accounted for. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
14. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 04 March at 0623 local time, a container ship was struck by an unknown projectile 20NM west of Dubai. The vessel hasn't reported any damage, all crew were reported members safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

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(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA

1. **(U) ARABIAN SEA:** On 25 March at 0834 UTC, an Iran-flagged dhow was hijacked by possible pirates while operating approximately 400NM east of Mogadishu. (MSCIO)
2. **(U) GULF OF OMAN:** On 18 March at 2300 UTC, a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile approximately 11NM east of Khor Fakkan, United Arab Emirates, causing a fire onboard. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

1. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 19 March at 0345 local time, a robbery occurred onboard a Cyprus-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the Philip Channel. Four perpetrators were sighted in the engine control room. All crew members were reported safe and items of ship's parts were reported to be stolen. (IFC)
2. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 19 March at 0155 local time, an attempted robbery occurred onboard a Liberia-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the Philip Channel. Four perpetrators were spotted in the steering gear room. One crew member received a minor head injury and nothing was reported stolen. (IFC)
3. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 18 March at 0130 local time, an attempted robbery occurred onboard a Hong Kong-flagged bulk carrier while it was underway in the Phillip Channel. Four perpetrators were spotted near the gangway. The crew were reported safe and it is undetermined if anything was stolen. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)
4. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 06 March at 1920 local time, an attempted robbery occurred onboard a tanker while underway in the Eastbound Lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme, Phillip Channel. Seven perpetrators with knives were discovered in the engine room. The crew were reported safe and nothing was reported stolen. (IMB/Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

(U) No current incidents to report.

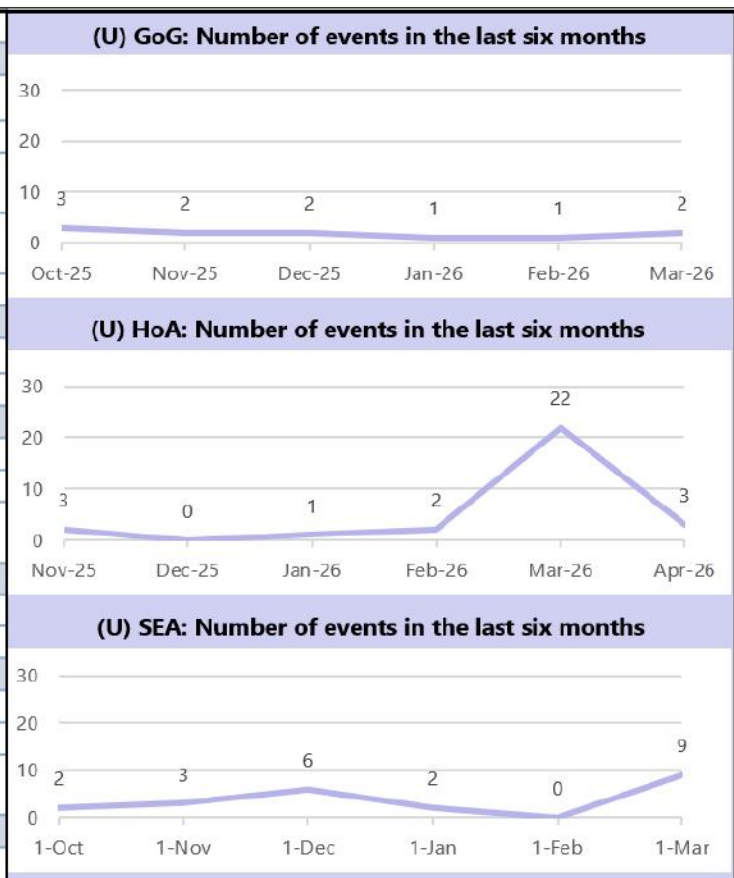
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(U) Appendix A: Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea Statistics and Trends

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(U) Gulf of Guinea					
Event	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Hijackings	2	1	0	0	0
Kidnappings	3	7	10	9	1
Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination	4	1	0	0	0
Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings	5	4	5	5	0
Boardings	12	10	10	15	3
Total	26	23	25	29	4
(U) Horn of Africa					
Event	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Hijackings	0	6*	12*	4*	1
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0
Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts	0	1	6	9	17
Total	0	7	18	13	15
(U) Southeast Asia					
Event	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Hijackings	1	2	2	0	0
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0
Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts	84	103	96	134	9
Total	85	105	98	134	9



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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

2026-006-Red Sea, Bab el Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, and Somali Basin-Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels	26 Mar 2026	22 Sep 2026
2026-005-Black Sea and Sea of Azov-Military Combat Operations	19 Mar 2026	15 Sep 2026
2026-004-Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman-Iranian Attacks on Commercial Vessels	13 Mar 2026	09 Sep 2026
2026-002-Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean-piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	09 Feb 2026	08 Aug 2026
2025-015-Gulf of Guinea-Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	15 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

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