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## (U) **WORLDWIDE: Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 28 July – 25 August 2021**

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#### 1. (U) **Scope Note**

(U) The Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) message 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.

2. (U) **Warnings and Advisories:** No active advisories or warnings.

#### 3. (U) **Summary:**

A. (U) PANAMA: On 22 August, robbers boarded a sailing yacht anchored in Linton Bay.

B. (U) MALAYSIA: On 21 August at 0300 local time, four robbers armed with knives boarded the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier GOOD LUCK 1, underway in the westbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS).

C. (U) INDONESIA: On 20 August at 2220 local time, robbers boarded the Bahamas-flagged bulk carrier NEFELI while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.

D. (U) GRENADA: On 16 August, robbers boarded a catamaran anchored in Carriacou.

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**E. (U) NIGERIA:** On 16 August at 0600 local time, robbers attacked an oil platform approximately 10 NM southwest of Bayelsa State coast.

**F. (U) GUATEMALA:** On 15 August, robbers boarded a sailing yacht anchored in Rio Dulce.

**G. (U) INDONESIA:** On 27 July, Indonesian authorities detained the Bahamas-flagged tanker STROVOLOS off Batam Island in the Singapore Strait while carrying 40,000 tons of crude oil believed to have been stolen from Cambodia.

#### 4. (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 last 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.

**A. (U) NORTH AMERICA:** No current incidents to report.

**B. (U) CENTRAL AMERICA – CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA:**



Figure 1. Central America – Caribbean – South America Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) PANAMA: On 22 August, robbers boarded a sailing yacht anchored in Linton Bay. A report was made to the coast guard and the police. ([www.caribbeansafetyandsecurity.com](http://www.caribbeansafetyandsecurity.com))

2. (U) GRENADA: On 16 August, robbers boarded a catamaran anchored in Carriacou. ([www.caribbeansafetyandsecurity.com](http://www.caribbeansafetyandsecurity.com))

3. (U) GUATEMALA: On 15 August, robbers boarded a sailing yacht anchored in Rio Dulce. A report was made to the coast guard and the police. ([www.caribbeansafetyandsecurity.com](http://www.caribbeansafetyandsecurity.com))

4. (U) PERU: On 18 August at 01:30 local time, seven robbers armed with knives boarded a bulk carrier anchored in Callao Anchorage, near position 12:00S – 077:11W. The robbers tied up a duty crewman, stole ship's stores, and escaped. The incident was reported to local authorities. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

5. (U) ECUADOR: On 5 August, robbers attempted to board the Malta-flagged container ship CMA CGM ALASKA while underway approximately 17 NM south-southwest of Guayaquil, near position 02:29S – 080:04W. The alarm was raised and local authorities were notified. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers pulled away. Coast guard officers boarded the ship and escorted it to a safe port. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

6. (U) BONAIRE: On 2 August, robbers stole a 9.9-HP outboard motor from a dinghy tied to a sailing yacht anchored in Kralendijk mooring field. A report was made to the police and the marina. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))

7. (U) BRAZIL: On 30 July, robbers boarded a general cargo ship anchored in Fazendinha Anchorage, near position 00:03S – 056:06W. They were able to board the vessel, steal items of ship's stores, and escape unnoticed. The robbery was discovered by a duty crewman conducting routine rounds. The incident was reported to the local agent who also informed the harbor master. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

8. (U) COLOMBIA: On 29 July, two robbers boarded the Hong Kong-flagged bulk carrier OTAGO HARBOUR anchored in Cartagena Anchorage, near position 10:19N – 075:31W. A duty crewman on routine rounds saw the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's property. The incident was reported to local authorities. (IMB; ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

**C. (U) ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA:** No current incidents to report.

**D. (U) NORTHERN EUROPE – BALTIC:** No current incidents to report.

**E. (U) MEDITERRANEAN – BLACK SEA:** No current incidents to report.

## F. (U) WEST AFRICA:



Figure 2. West Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 16 August at 0600 local time, robbers attacked an oil platform approximately 10 NM southwest of Bayelsa State coast, near position 04:15N – 005:45E. The armed men approached the platform in one speedboat and an exchange of gunfire took place with the military personnel onboard the platform. Upon seeing a nearby security vessel, the speedboat fled the area. (Clearwater Dynamics)

2. (U) NIGERIA: On 10 August, possible pirates attacked a passenger boat while underway on the Bonny River, close to Onne Port, near position 04:38N – 006:09E. Five passengers were reported kidnapped while the remaining passengers, including the passenger boat captain, were allowed to continue on their journey to Port Harcourt. (www.dailypostng.com; Clearwater Dynamics)

3. (U) GUINEA: On 1 August, four robbers boarded a bulk carrier anchored in Conakry Anchorage, near position 09:16N – 013:48W. The alarm was raised as the intruders forced their way into the accommodation area, resulting in non-duty crewmen locking themselves in their cabins. The intruders broke into the master's cabin, and forced the master to open the ship's safe and hand over cash. Then the intruders tried to kidnap the duty crew and master, but failed. The intruders escaped, taking cash and technical equipment from the master's cabin. The master returned to the bridge to inform the port authorities and activated the ship's SSAS. Further investigations are ongoing. (Clearwater Dynamics)



4. (U) NIGERIA: On 1 August, five crewmen kidnapped from the Ghana-flagged fishing vessel IRIS S on 31 May were released. (Clearwater Dynamics; [www.koreaherald.com](http://www.koreaherald.com))

5. (U) GHANA: On 31 July, robbers approached a container ship anchored in Tema Anchorage, near position 05:35N – 000:03E. The robbers were spotted by duty crew members, the alarm was raised, and the fire hoses were activated. These actions resulted in the robbers departing. Within an hour, the same robbers approached the containership for a second time, however, this attempt was also unsuccessful. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

**G. (U) ARABIAN GULF:** No current incidents to report.

**H. (U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA:**

1. (U) SOMALIA: On 13 August, a vessel reported being attacked while underway approximately 100 NM northeast of Mogadishu, near position 02:58N – 046:44E. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics; [www.gcaptain.com](http://www.gcaptain.com))

**I. (U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA:**

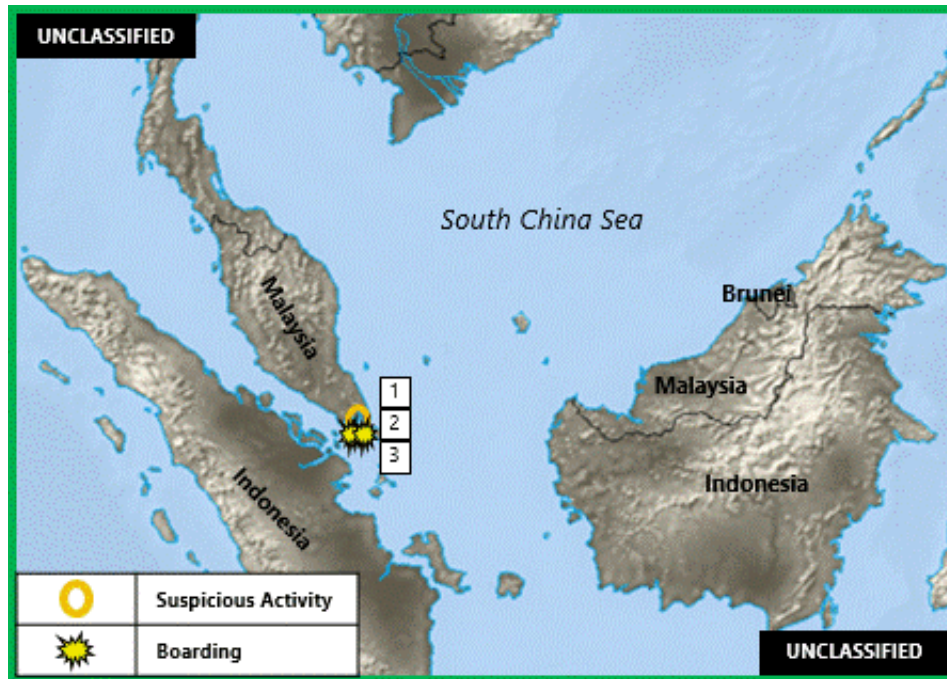


Figure 3. East Asia – Southeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 27 July, Indonesian authorities detained the Bahamas-flagged tanker STROVOLOS off Batam Island in the Singapore Strait while carrying 40,000 tons of crude oil believed to have been stolen from Cambodia. The investigation is ongoing. ([www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com))

2. (U) MALAYSIA: On 21 August at 0300 local time, four robbers armed with knives boarded the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier GOOD LUCK 1, underway in the westbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS), near position 01:18N – 104:14E. The robbers escaped after stealing ship's stores. All crew were reported as safe, and the vessel has continued its voyage. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

3. (U) INDONESIA: On 20 August at 2220 local time, robbers boarded the Bahamas-flagged bulk carrier NEFELI while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:15N – 104:06E. Four robbers armed with knives boarded the vessel before being spotted by duty crew in the engine room. The alarm was raised and the robbers made their escape after stealing ship's stores. All crew were reported as safe, and the vessel has continued its voyage. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

4. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 13 August at 01:30 local time, five robbers boarded a container vessel anchored in Manila Quarantine Anchorage, near position 14:35N – 125:50E. They tied up one crew member before stealing ship's properties and then making their escape. The incident was reported to port authorities and the Philippine Coast Guard. (Clearwater Dynamics)

5. (U) INDONESIA: On 8 August at 01:20 local time, robbers boarded a bulk carrier anchored in Tanjung Priok Anchorage, near position 06:02S – 106:53E. The robbers were armed with knives and tied up a duty crewman. The robbers then broke into the steering gear room and stole spare parts. Another member of the crew found the tied-up crewman and alerted the bridge. The alarm was then raised. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers made their escape by jumping into the sea. (Clearwater Dynamics)

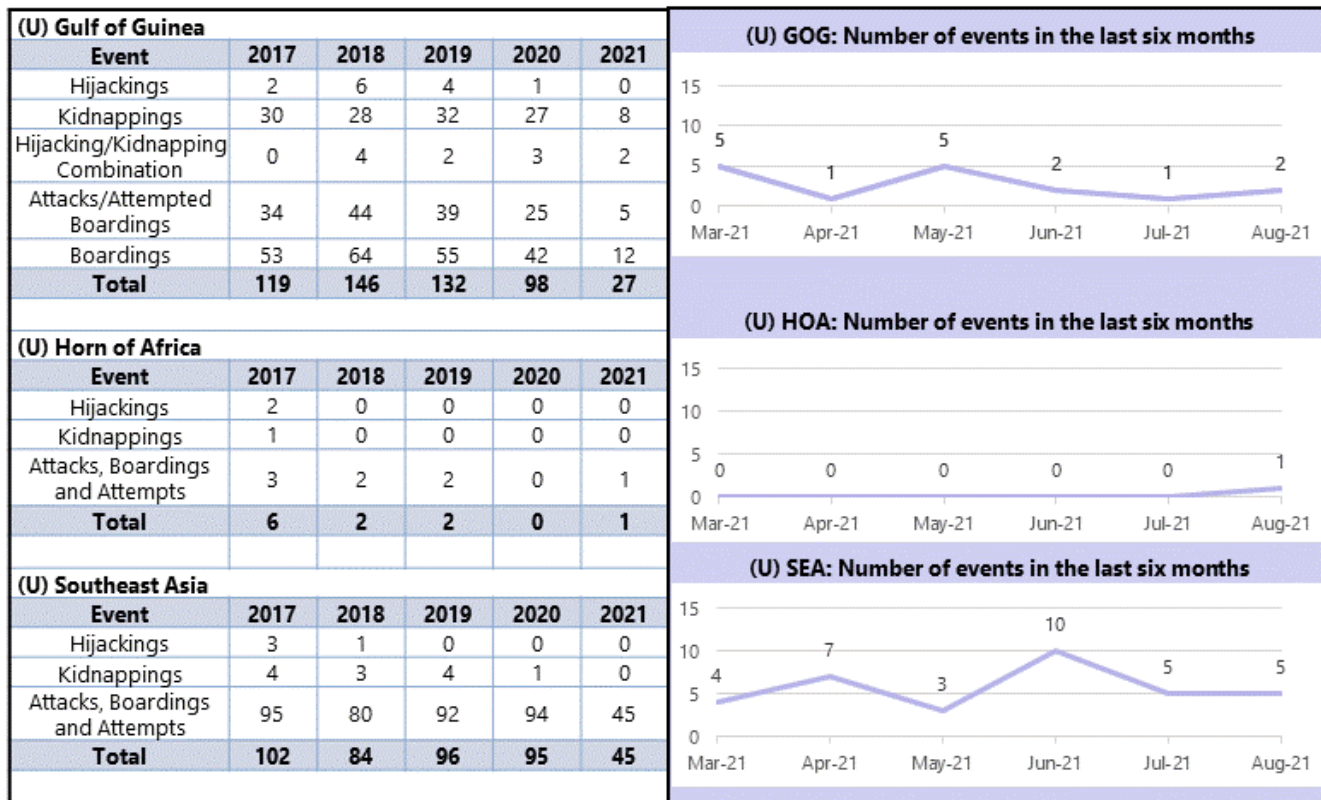
6. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 4 August at 21:40 local time, three robbers boarded the Hong Kong-flagged container vessel SEA SPAN NEW YORK anchored in Manila Quarantine Anchorage, near position 14:33N – 120:55E. A duty crewman spotted the robbers trying to steal ship's property from the forecastle store room. One of the robbers attempted to stab the duty crewmen before the other two robbers tied the duty crewman to the forecastle deck. The robbers then broke the padlock to the forecastle storeroom, stole ship's properties, and made their escape. The duty crewman managed to untie himself and reported the incident to the bridge. The alarm was then raised and the crew mustered. The incident was reported to local authorities. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

**J. (U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT:** No current incidents to report.

**K. (U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA:**

1. (U) PAPUA NEW GUINEA: On 29 July, two robbers boarded the Singapore-flagged tanker PUFFIN PACIFIC anchored in Rabaul Anchorage, near position 04:15S – 152:11E. The robbers were able to board the tanker and enter the accommodation area through a door on the starboard side upper deck. The robbers were spotted by duty crew members and the alarm was raised. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers made their escape with a laptop they had been able to steal from the ship's office. They used the port anchor chain to escape into a small, unlit rowing boat, in which a third perpetrator was waiting. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

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



## 6. (U) Appendix B: Definitions and Sourcing

**A. (U) Definitions:** 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.

**B. (U) Sourcing:** ONI derives information in this report primarily from government agencies, piracy reporting centers, maritime security companies, and open press.

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<https://www.oni.navy.mil/News/Shipping-Threat-Reports/>