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(U) **WORLDWIDE: Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 11 August – 8 September 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 current incidents to report.

3. (U) **Summary:**

A. (U) NIGERIA: On 7 September, a passenger boat was attacked while transiting the Bonny River, between Bonny and Onne. Five passengers have been reported as kidnapped.

B. (U) GHANA: On 6 September, six robbers in a small boat attempted to board a bulk carrier anchored in Tema Anchorage.

C. (U) GABON: On 5 September, five robbers boarded the St Kitts and Nevis-flagged offshore supply vessel TAMPEN while it was anchored in the Owendo Inner Anchorage, Libreville. Two crewmen were injured and one crewman is reported missing.

D. (U) INDIA: Between 1 and 2 September, a group of six robbers boarded a fishing boat near Point Calimere.

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E. (U) COLOMBIA: On 1 September, the Colombian Navy announced the seizure of 1.8 tons of cocaine and a semi-submersible craft used to smuggle the drugs.

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:

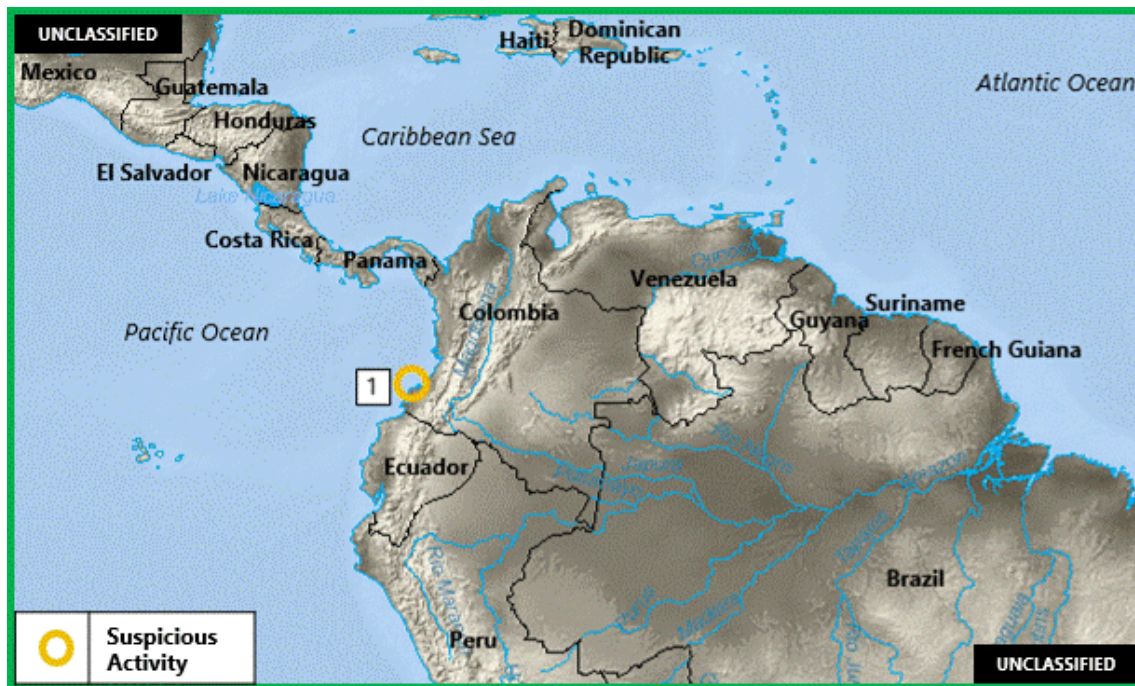


Figure 1. Central America – Caribbean – South America Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) COLOMBIA: On 1 September, the Colombian Navy announced the seizure of 1.8 tons of cocaine and a semi-submersible craft used to smuggle the drugs. The seizure operation was carried out in an estuary in northern Nariño Department. (www.gcaptain.com)

2. (U) BRAZIL: On 31 August, two robbers boarded a tanker anchored in Fazendinha Anchorage, near position 00:03S – 051:06W. The robbers were spotted near the forecandle, the alarm was raised, and the perpetrators escaped through the anchor hawse pipe. Nothing was reported stolen and the crew were reported as safe. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

3. (U) MARTINIQUE: On 25 August, robbers stole a dinghy and outboard motor from a sailing yacht anchored in Grand Anse D'Arlet. (www.safetyandsecuritynet.org)
 4. (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)
 5. (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)
 6. (U) GRENADA: On 16 August, robbers boarded a catamaran anchored in Carriacou. (www.caribbeansafetyandsecurity.com)
 7. (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)
- 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 AFRCA:

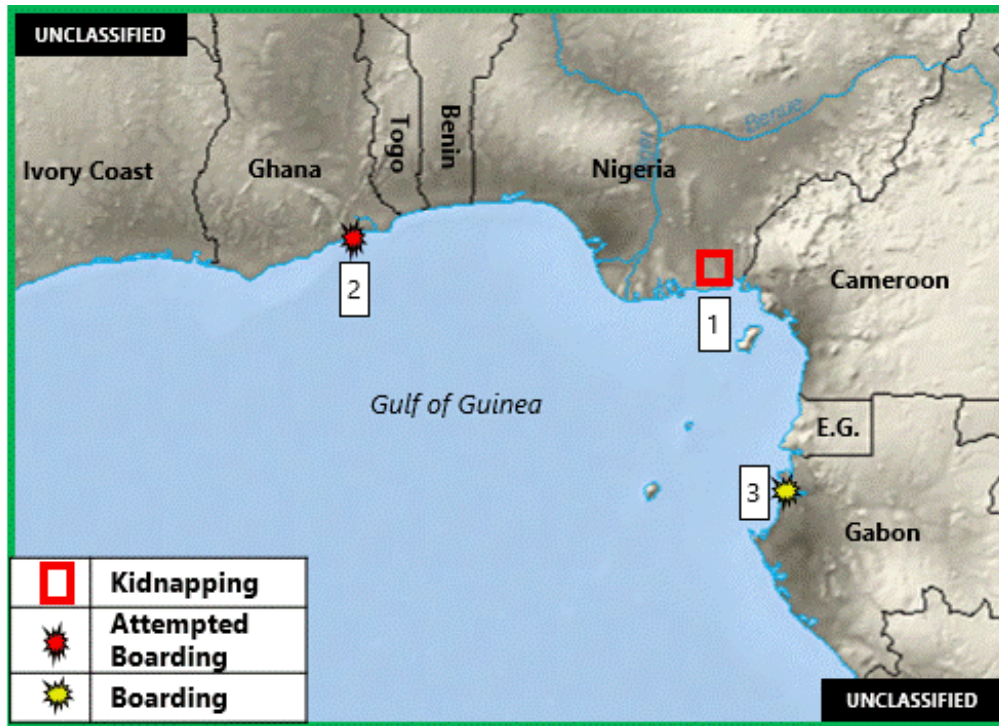


Figure 2. West Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 7 September, a passenger boat was attacked while transiting the Bonny River, between Bonny and Onne. Five passengers have been reported as kidnapped. (Clearwater Dynamics)

2. (U) GHANA: On 6 September, six robbers in a small boat attempted to board a bulk carrier anchored in Tema Anchorage, near position 05:31.2N – 000:00.9E. A duty crewman saw the robbers, raised the alarm, and shouted at the robbers, who circled the ship and then moved away. Incident reported to the port control. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

3. (U) GABON: On 5 September, five robbers boarded the St Kitts and Nevis-flagged offshore supply vessel TAMPEN while it was anchored in the Owendo Inner Anchorage, Libreville, near position 00:22N – 009:24E. The alarm was raised and the crew secured themselves inside the ship. Two crewmen were injured due to gunfire and required hospitalization. One crewman was reported as missing, possibly kidnapped but not confirmed. The remaining crew were reported as safe, and local authorities were notified. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; Dryad Global; www.hellenicshippingnews.com; www.rigzone.com; www.onmanorama.com)

4. (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)

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)

I. (U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA:

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 28 August, two robbers boarded the Liberia-flagged tanker SOLAR CATIE while anchored in Belawan Anchorage, near position 03:47N – 098:42E. The robbers stole items of ship's property and escape unnoticed. The theft was discovered by duty crew once the tanker had departed and the vessel's CCTV had been reviewed. The incident was reported to the Company Security Officer. (IMB; ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

3. (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)

4. (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)

2. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 18 August, four robbers boarded the China-flagged dredger YI HANG YUN 1068 while at anchor in Manila South Anchorage Area, near position 14:33N – 120:57E. The chief engineer was confronted by one robber armed with a gun, who pointed the weapon at the chief engineer's head and locked him in a comfort room. Three additional robbers were attempting to steal items from the vessel but noticed that the crew were in the mess hall. Upon seeing the crew, the perpetrators made their escape empty-handed in a white motorbanca. The crew was mustered and a search of the vessel was conducted, which confirmed nothing had been stolen. The master reported the incident to the Manila Vessel Traffic Management Service and a Philippine Coast Guard vessel was dispatched to the area. The Coast Guard vessel carried out boardings and searches of all motorbancas within the area; however the perpetrators were not located. The Coast Guard vessel then returned to the dredger to carry out an investigation. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

5. (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)

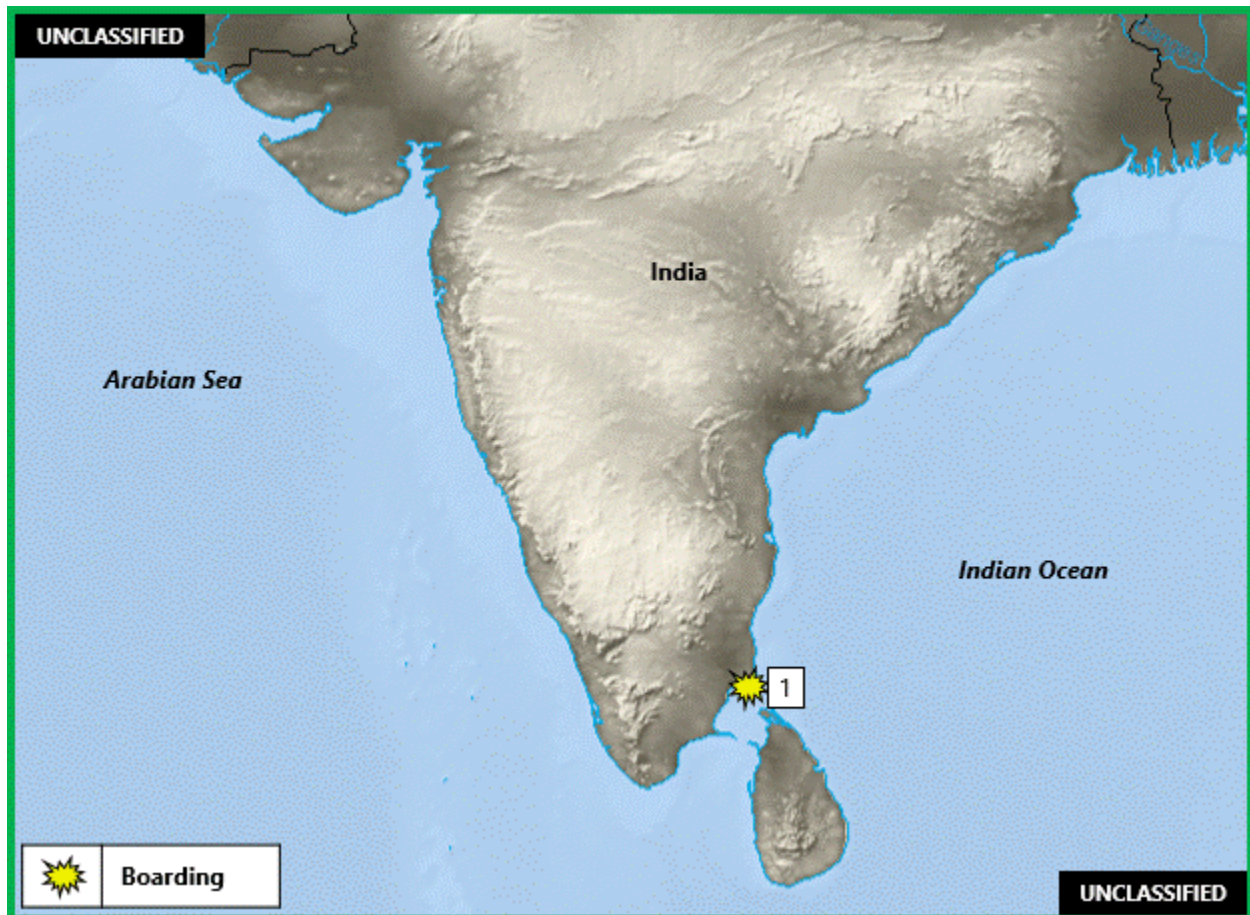
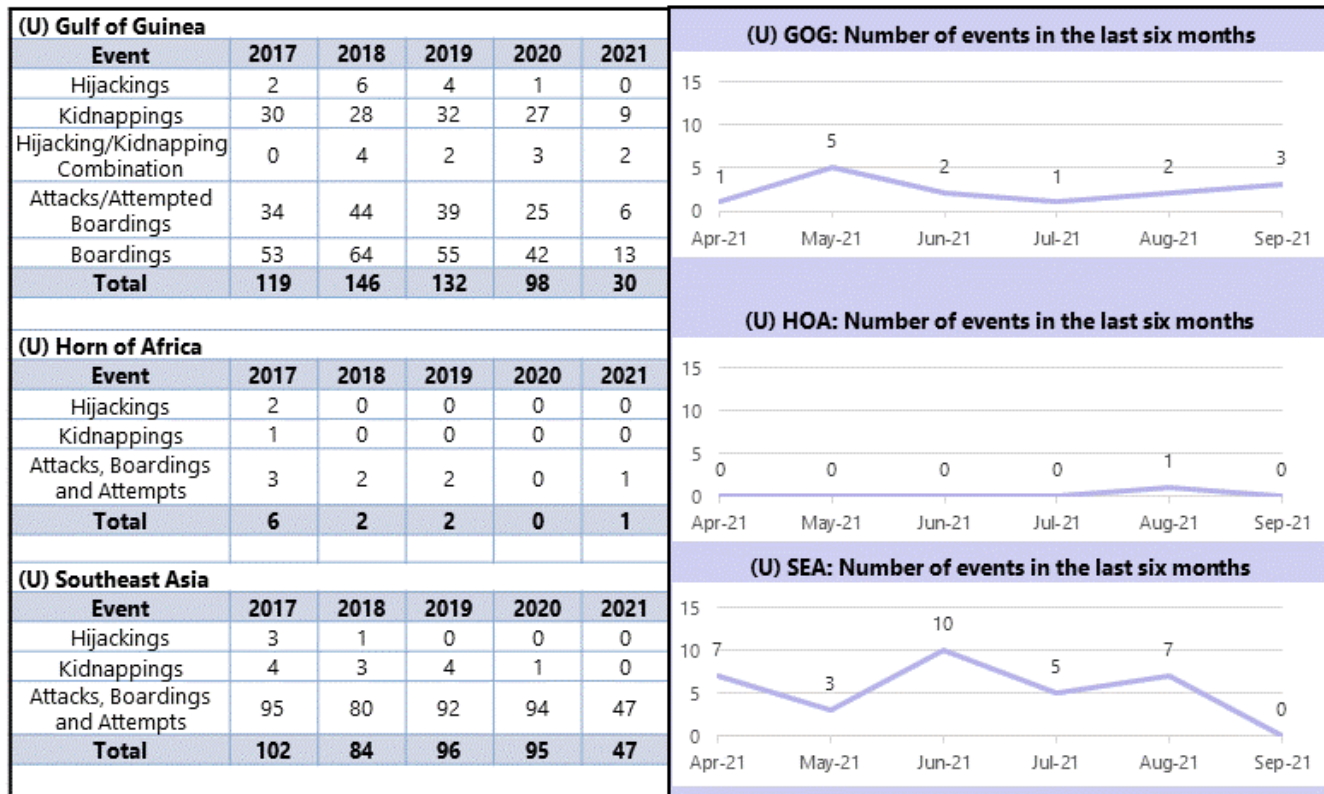
J. (U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT:

Figure 3. Indian Subcontinent Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. INDIA: between 1 and 2 September, a group of six robbers boarded a fishing boat near Point Calimere, stealing the group's radio, GPS equipment, and personal electronics. (www.thehindu)

K. (U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA: No current incidents to report.

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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(U) The Worldwide Threat to Shipping reports are posted weekly on the ONI Intelligence Portal:
<https://www.oni.navy.mil/News/Shipping-Threat-Reports/>