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## (U) **WORLDWIDE: Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 21 September – 19 October 2022**



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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, Advisories and Alerts:** No warnings, advisories, or alerts issued this week. See Appendix C for active advisories.

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

**A. (U) INDONESIA:** On 17 October at 0105 local time, three robbers boarded an underway Malta-flagged bulk carrier in the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait.

**B. (U) INDONESIA:** On 16 October at 2230 local time, three robbers boarded an underway Panama-flagged bulk carrier in the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait.

**C. (U) INDONESIA:** On 15 October at 0400 local time, a boarding occurred on an anchored bulk carrier at Panjang Anchorage.

**D. (U) SOUTH CHINA SEA:** (Late Reporting) On 9 September, armed robbers in a canoe attacked two fishing boats in the Spratly Islands.

**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 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.

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

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

1. (U) SAINT LUCIA: On 6 October at 0030 local time, four robbers armed with knives and machetes boarded a yacht moored in the Soufriere Marine Management Area, near position 13:51N – 061:04W. The perpetrators stole electronics (a phone, a tablet, and a computer) and personal items (clothing). The crew were uninjured, and the incident was reported to the local police. (CSSN – Caribbean Safety and Security Net)

2. (U) PERU: On 29 September at 0015 local time, robbers boarded a berthed tanker near position 12:02S – 077:08W at Callao Port. The perpetrators stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed. During routine rounds, the duty crew discovered evidence of a robbery. The vessel notified local authorities and port control of the incident. (IMB; 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 – GULF OF GUINEA:** No current incidents to report.

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

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

1. (U) EGYPT: On 21 September, thieves boarded and robbed an anchored container ship, presumably in the Southern Anchorage of the Suez Canal, near position 29:50N – 032:34E. (Securewest.com, MARAD)

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

U) Figure 1. East Asia – Southeast Asia Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 17 October at 0105 local time, three unauthorized persons boarded underway Malta-flagged bulk carrier MINOAN GRACE in the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait near position 01:09N – 103:26E. Duty crew members spotted the robbers in the engine room and raised the alarm. After a search of the vessel, no perpetrators were located. The master declared nothing had been stolen and all crew were safe. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System, notified the Republic of Singapore Navy and Singapore Police Coast Guard, and shared incident information with Indonesian authorities. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

2. (U) INDONESIA: On 16 October at 2230 local time, three unauthorized persons boarded an underway Panama-flagged bulk carrier HEILAN BRIGHT in the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait near position 01:09N – 103:27E. Duty crew members sighted the robbers in the steering gear room and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the perpetrators jumped overboard. The master declared nothing had been stolen and all crew were safe. The master

reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System, notified the Republic of Singapore Navy and Singapore Police Coast Guard, and shared incident information with Indonesian authorities. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

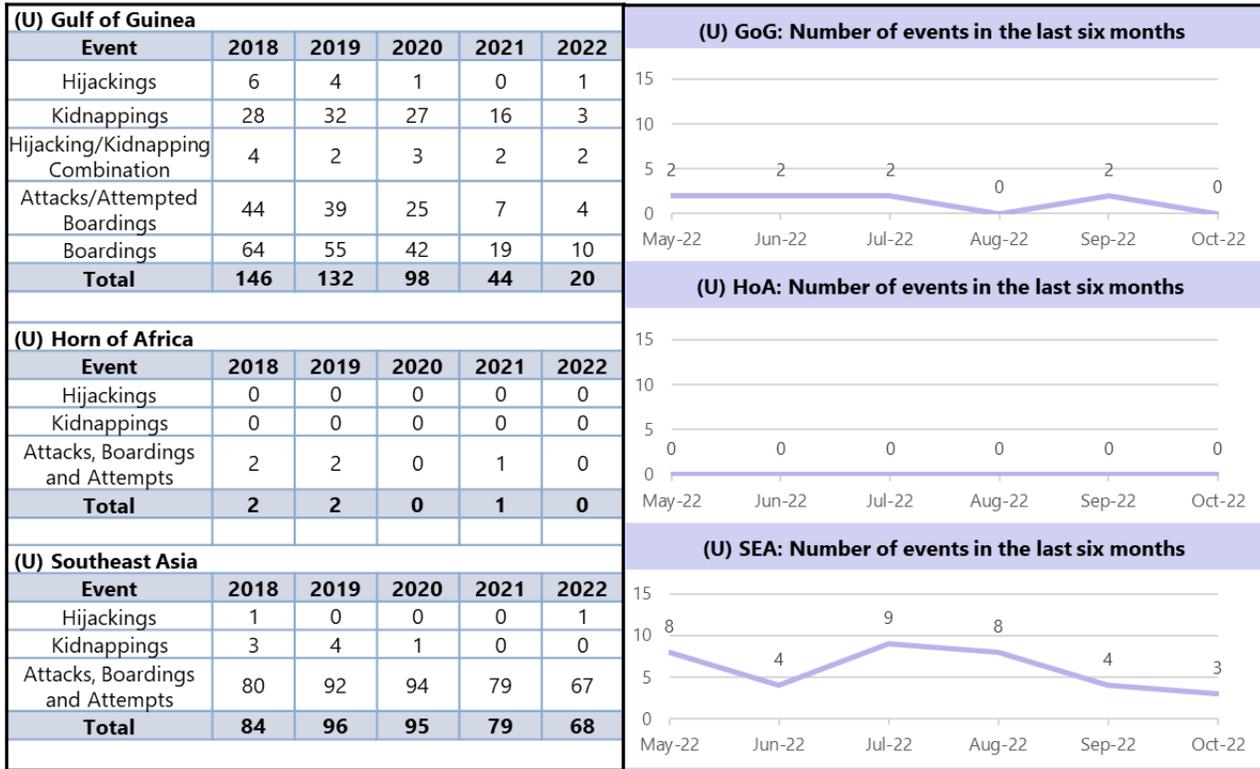
3. (U) INDONESIA: On 15 October at 0400 local time, a boarding occurred on an anchored bulk carrier at Panjang Anchorage, near position 05:28S – 105:18E. The perpetrators gained access to the vessel and escaped unnoticed with ship's property. Duty crew members noticed the theft while conducting routine rounds, and reported the incident to the local agent. (Clearwater Dynamics)

4. (U) SOUTH CHINA SEA: On 9 September, armed robbers in a canoe attacked fishing boats launched from the underway Vietnam-flagged fishing trawler QNG 90962 TS in the Spratly Islands, near position 08:21N – 115:17E. When the canoe approached the first fishing boat, one of the perpetrators pointed a gun towards the boat while another swam to the boat and forced the five crew members to transfer seafood and flashlights to the canoe. After robbing the first boat, perpetrators in the canoe approached and fired three shots at the second boat, seriously injuring one crew member. The injured crew member was taken ashore and his condition was reported as stable. The fishing trawler reported the incident to the authorities. (ReCAAP)

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

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 crewmembers 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.

**7. (U) Appendix C: Active U.S. Maritime Advisories**

Title	Effective Date	Expiration Date
<a href="#">2022-005-Various-GPS Interference &amp; AIS Spoofing</a>	9 SEP 22	8 MAR 23
<a href="#">2022-009-Black Sea and Sea of Azov-Military Combat Operations</a>	4 SEP 22	3 MAR 23
<a href="#">2022-008-Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden, Bab al Mandeb Strait, Red Sea, and Western Indian Ocean-Threat to Commercial Vessels</a>	30 AUG 22	26 FEB 23
<a href="#">2022-007-Gulf of Guinea-Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom</a>	6 JUL 22	2 JAN 23
<a href="#">2022-006-Global-Overview of the U.S. Maritime Advisory System</a>	15 JUN 22	12 DEC 22

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