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## (U) **WORLDWIDE: Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 5 October – 2 November 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) INDIA:** On 31 October, as many as six robbers armed with knives and rods boarded a chemical tanker anchored at Kandla Anchorage.

**B. (U) UKRAINE:** On 31 October, shelling hit two tugboats involved in the transportation of grain barges at the port of Ochakiv.

**C. (U) NIGERIA:** On 28 October at an unspecified time, robbers armed with machetes boarded an underway offshore supply vessel approximately 12 NM west of Escravos.

#### 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

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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) PERU: On 14 October at 0130 local time, robbers managed to board the anchored Brazil-flagged tanker JOSE DO PATROCINIO at Callao Anchorage, near position 11:58S – 077:12W. The duty crew onboard the vessel heard noises from the forward store space and raised the alarm, resulting in unauthorized persons escaping with ship's stores. The vessel reported the incident to port control and the harbor master. Port police boarded the tanker to investigate the theft. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; vesseltracker.com)

2. (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)

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

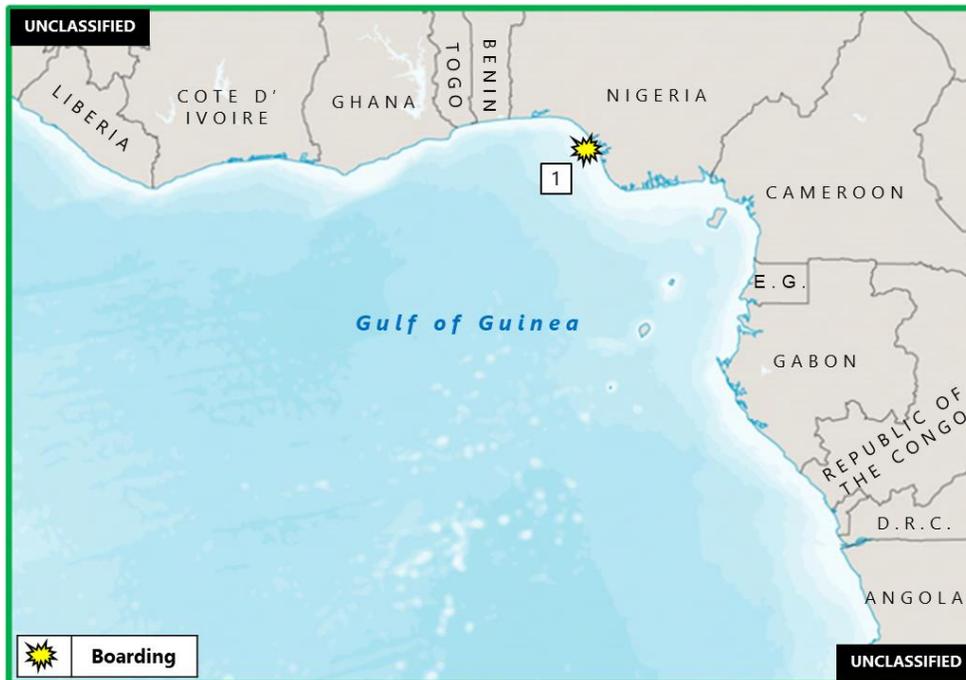
**D. (U) NORTHERN EUROPE – BALTIC:** No current incidents to report.

## E. (U) MEDITERRANEAN – BLACK SEA:



(U) Figure 1. Mediterranean – Black Sea Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea

1. (U) UKRAINE: On 31 October, shelling hit two tugboats involved in the transportation of grain barges at the port of Ochakiv, near position 46:36N – 031:33E. According to reporting from the Ukrainian Operational Command South, fire broke out onboard the vessels after they were hit. Two crew members were reported killed, another was injured, and one is missing. There is no indication of whether the strikes specifically targeted the tugboats or resulted from indiscriminate shelling of the port area. (Maritime Executive; Clearwater Dynamics)

**F. (U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA:**

(U) Figure 2. West Africa – Gulf of Guinea Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 28 October at an unspecified time, robbers armed with machetes boarded an underway offshore supply vessel (OSV) approximately 12 NM west of Escravos, near position 05:30N – 004:57E. After boarding, the perpetrators attacked the captain and two additional crew members, stole valuables from the vessel, and forced the crew to transfer approximately 3200 USD via their phones. The robbers escaped following the approach of a security vessel coming to assist the OSV. The captain and two crew members attacked by the robbers were transferred to a hospital and are reported to be in critical condition. (Clearwater Dynamics)

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

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

1. (U) YEMEN: On 21 October at 1415 local time, there were two drone explosions in close proximity to Marshall Islands-flagged crude oil tanker NISSOS KEA while calling at the Ash Shihir oil terminal near position 14:39N – 049:30E. Both explosions missed the tanker, which aborted loading operations and departed the area. The crew and vessel were reported safe and unharmed. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics; Dryad Global)

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

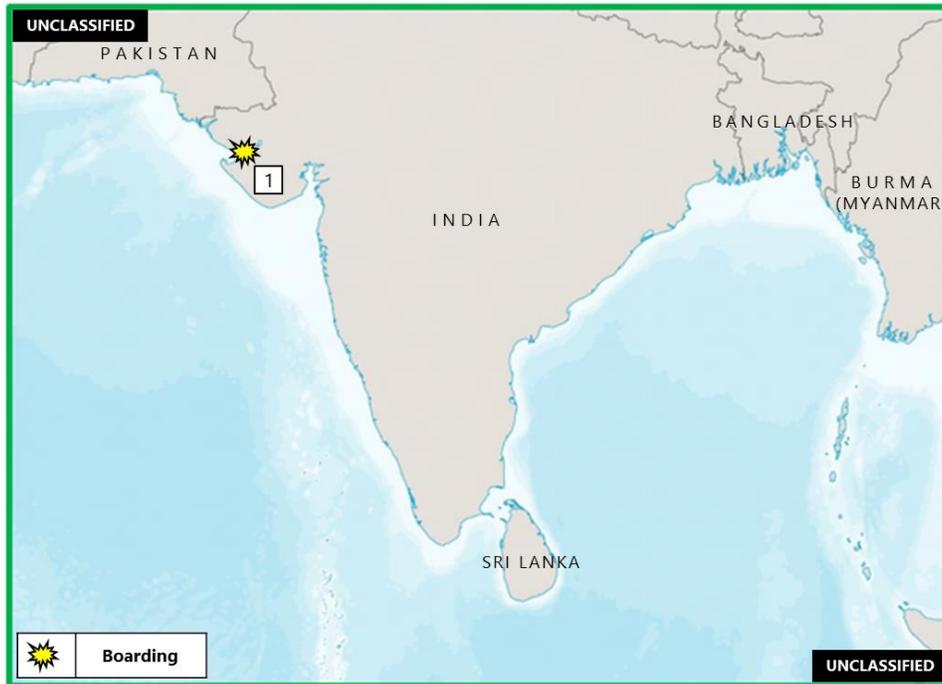
1. (U) INDONESIA: On 23 October at 2359 local time, five robbers boarded the underway Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier GENCO ENDEAVOUR close to Little Karimum Island in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS), near position 01:09N – 103:26E. The crew sighted the unauthorized personnel

near the steering gear room and activated the ship's general alarm. Upon realizing they had been discovered, the robbers escaped empty-handed. The ship reported the incident to the Singapore Vessel Traffic System. The Singapore police coast guard later boarded the vessel for an investigation. Information was shared with Indonesian authorities. (IMB; ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

2. (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)

3. (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)

4. (U) INDONESIA: On 15 October at 0400 local time, a boarding occurred on anchored Hong Kong-flagged bulk carrier SAGA FORTUNE 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, ReCAAP)

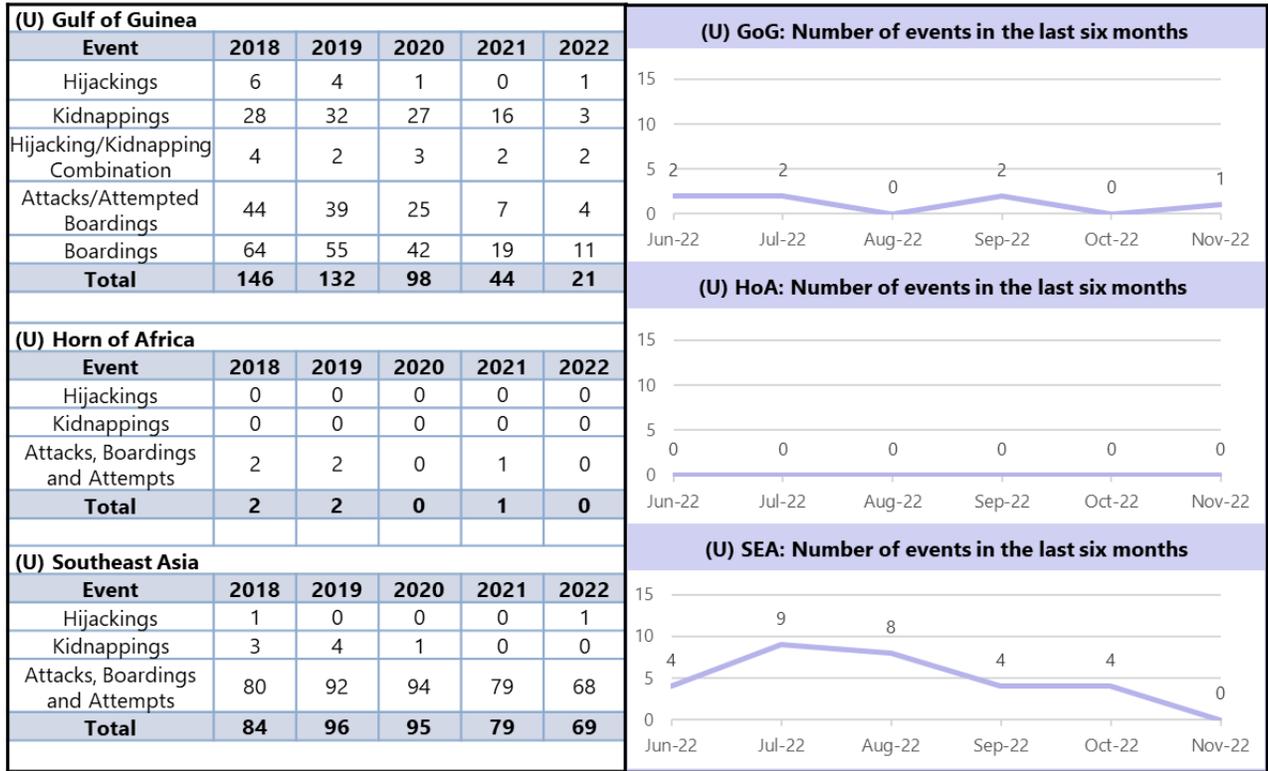
**J. (U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT:**

(U) Figure 3. Indian Subcontinent Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea

1. (U) INDIA: On 31 October at 2200 local time, as many as six robbers armed with knives and rods boarded a chemical tanker anchored at Kandla Anchorage, near position 22:47N – 070:04E. After duty crew spotted the robbers onboard, the alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's property. The incident was reported to the Port Authority. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

**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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