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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 11 March – 08 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. ****LATE REPORT** (U) PHILIPPINES:** On 28 March at 0700 local time, an attempted robbery occurred onboard a container ship.
2. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 07 April at 0045 local time, a container vessel was struck by an unidentified projectile.
3. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 05 April at 1248 local time, a vessel was attacked by 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. (Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA

2. **(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)
3. **(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)

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(U) PERSIAN GULF



1. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 07 April at 0045 local time, a container vessel was struck by an unidentified projectile while operating approximately 25NM south of Kish Island, Iran. The vessel was reportedly struck above the waterline. All crew members reported safe. (UKMTO)
2. **(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)
3. **(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)
4. **(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)
5. **(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)

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6. **(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)
7. **(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)
8. **(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)
9. **(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)

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(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA



1. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 05 April at 1248 local time, a container vessel was attacked by multiple unknown projectiles while conducting loading operations in Khor Fakkan Port. All crew members reported safe. (UKMTO)
2. **(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)
3. **(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)

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(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA



1. ****LATE REPORT** (U) PHILIPPINES:** On 28 March at 0700 local time, an attempted robbery occurred onboard a shipping container anchored at Manila anchorage. The duty crew discovered three perpetrators on board. All crew members reported safe. (IMB)
2. **(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)
3. **(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)
4. **(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)

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(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

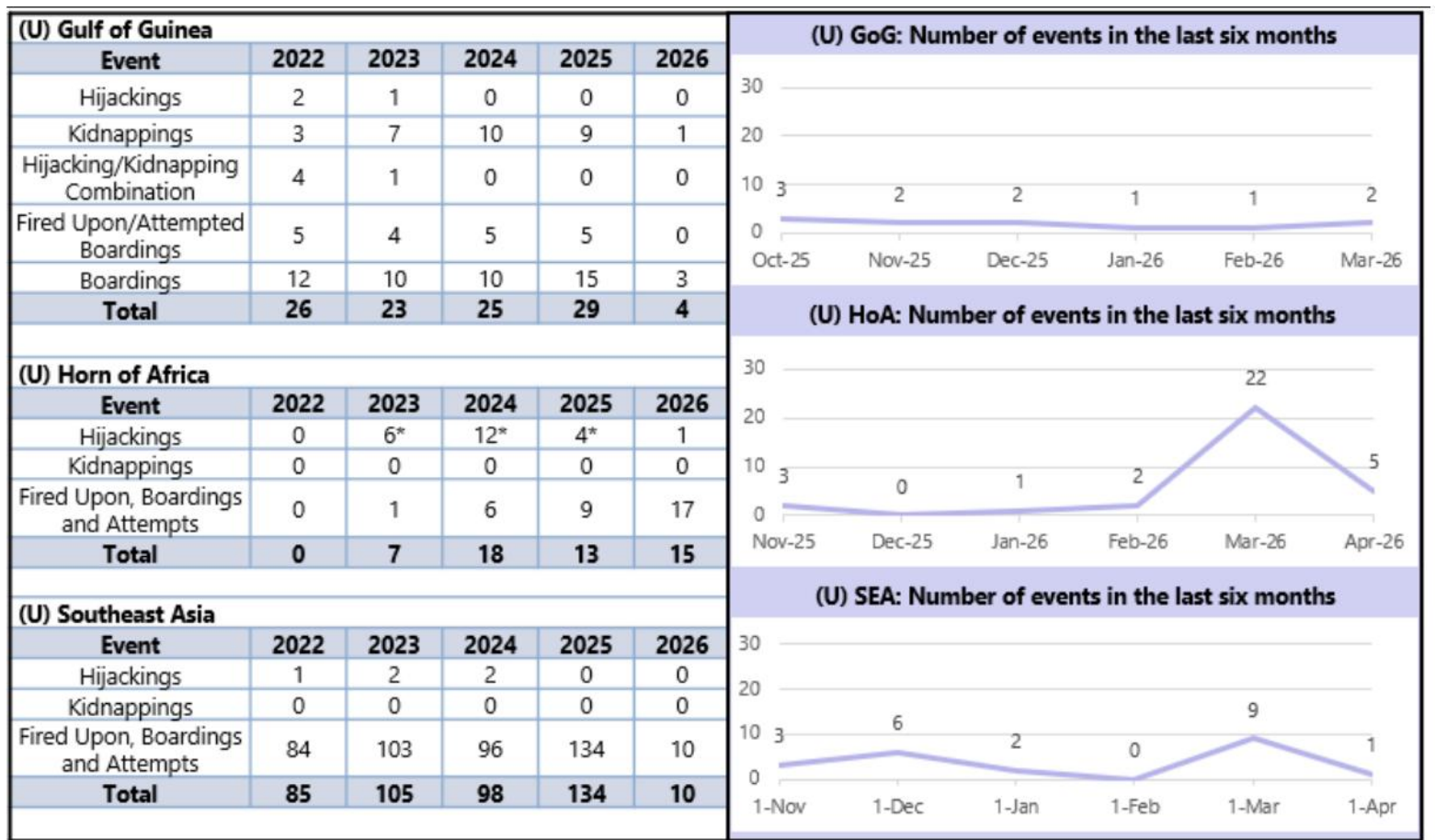
(U) No current incidents to report.

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

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(U) * 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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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

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