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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 9 July–6 August 2025

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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. (U) INDONESIA: On 3 August, 10 robbers boarded a barge under tow by a Singapore-flagged tug while in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS).

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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 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.

(U) NORTH AMERICA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) CENTRAL AMERICA – CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA

1. (U) COLOMBIA: On 20 July at 0240 local time, two perpetrators armed with knives boarded a tanker anchored at Cartagena Anchorage, near position 10:18N – 075:33W. After the crew spotted the perpetrators and notified the bridge, the alarm sounded which resulted in the perpetrators' escape. A search was conducted with no perpetrators found onboard. Nothing was reported stolen. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) NORTHERN EUROPE – BALTIC

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) MEDITERRANEAN – BLACK SEA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) PERSIAN GULF

(U) No current incidents to report.

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(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA

1. (U) GULF OF ADEN: On 13 July at 2150 UTC, a suspicious boat approached a Comoros-flagged crude oil tanker while underway in the Gulf of Aden (exact position not specified). The suspicious boat approached the tanker from the port side shortly after it exited the Bab el Mandeb Strait. The boat was not detected on radar, but was spotted visually. The boat, without navigational lights, closed to between 400 and 550 meters and then crossed ahead of the tanker's bow. The boat appeared to have been unmanned, but this was not confirmed. After the master was alerted to the suspicious boat and arrived to the bridge, the boat was no longer visible and could not be re-identified. The tanker and crew were safe and continued their voyage. (Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

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(U) Figure 1. Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea in Southeast Asia



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1. (U) INDONESIA: On 3 August at 1130 local time, 10 robbers from 9 sampans boarded the barge *LKH 2882* under tow by the Singapore-flagged tug *HK TUG 8* while in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS. The robbers removed scrap metal from the barge and escaped. No crew were injured and the tug and barge continued their voyage to their next port of call. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

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2. (U) INDONESIA: On 9 July at 0220 local time, the crew of the Denmark-flagged product tanker *Torm Elizabeth* spotted a blue wooden boat alongside its port quarter while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:03N – 103:41E. The master raised the alarm and the crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, six perpetrators were observed escaping into the boat. A search was conducted with no perpetrators found onboard. The crew found padlocks for the deck store, steering gear room, and engine casing broken. Ship's stores were reported stolen. All crew members were safe and no injuries were reported. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

1. (U) BANGLADESH: On 10 July at 0220 local time, seven perpetrators boarded the Liberia-flagged LPG tanker *Kalolimnos* anchored at Chattogram Anchorage, near position 22:08N – 091:43E. After the duty watchman observed the perpetrators attempting to enter the bosun store, he raised the alarm, causing the perpetrators to escape empty-handed in a boat. Following the incident, all crew members were reported safe. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

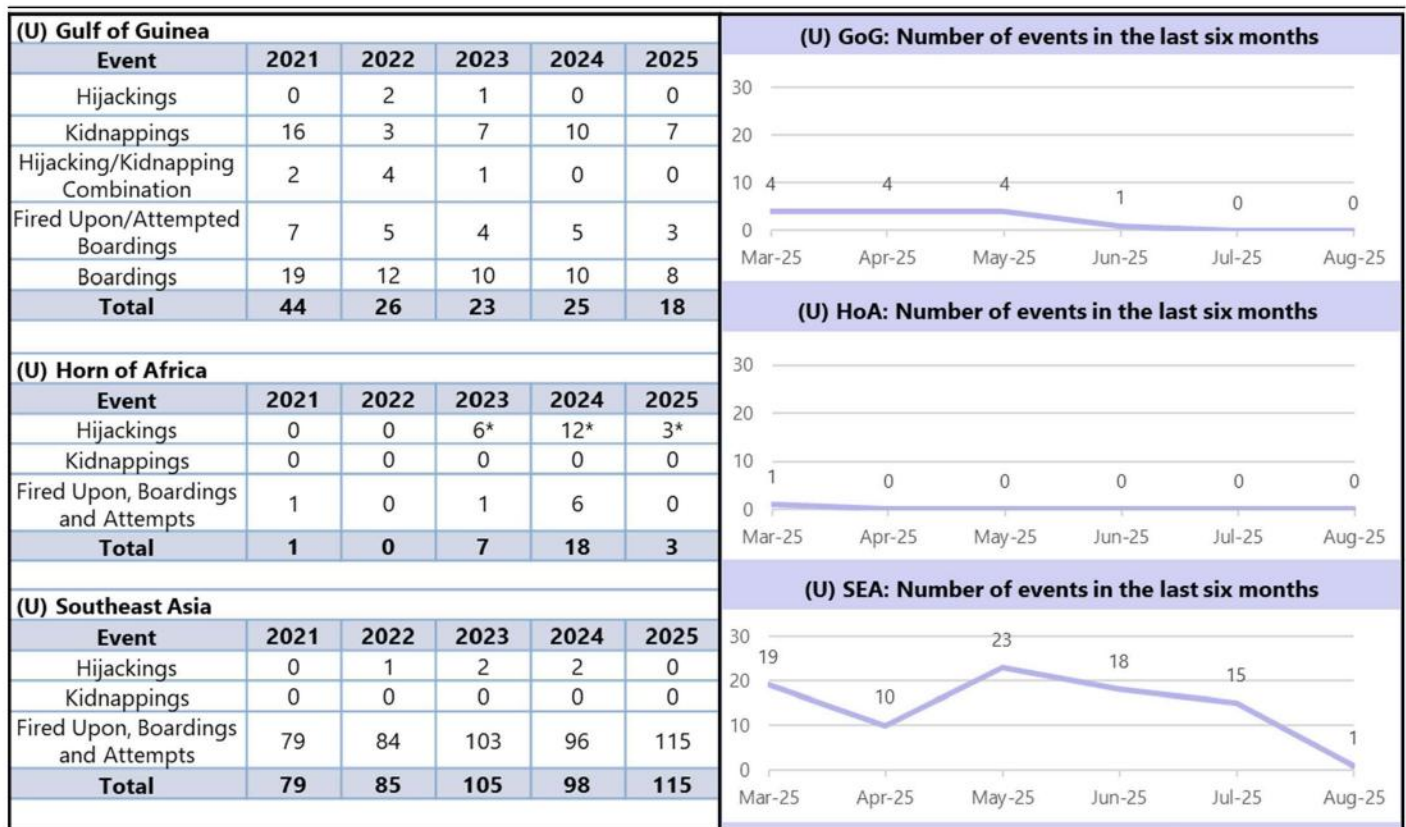
(U) No current incidents to report.

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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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(U) Active U.S. Maritime Advisories

Title	Effective Date	Expiration Date
2025-008: Gulf of Guinea – Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	18 Jun 2025	15 Dec 2025
2025-007: Global – U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts	9 Apr 2025	6 Oct 2025
2025-006: Worldwide – Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence	9 Apr 2025	6 Oct 2025
2025-005: Red Sea, Bab el-Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Persian Gulf, and Somali Basin – Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels	28 Mar 2025	24 Sep 2025
2025-004: Black Sea and Sea of Azov – Military Combat Operations	5 Mar 2025	1 Sep 2025
2025-003: Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean – Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	14 Feb 2025	11 Aug 2025
2025-002: Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman – Iranian Illegal Boarding/Detention/Seizure	14 Feb 2025	11 Aug 2025

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