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# (U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 23 July–20 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) MEXICO: On 18 August, an unspecified number of robbers armed with rifles boarded an oil platform approximately 58 NM northwest of Ciudad del Carmen in the Bay of Campeche.

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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

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**(U) Figure 1. Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea in the Gulf of America**



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1. **(U) MEXICO:** On 18 August at 2230 local time, an unspecified number of robbers armed with rifles boarded an oil platform approximately 58 NM northwest of Ciudad del Carmen in the Bay of Campeche, near position 19:33N – 092:16W. After boarding the platform, the robbers approached the accommodation complex, firing their weapons into the air to scare personnel onboard. The perpetrators stole a number of self-

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contained breathing apparatus before fleeing the area. No injuries to the crew or personnel onboard were reported. (Clearwater Dynamics)

2. (U) MEXICO: On 9 August at an unspecified time, six robbers armed with pistols and rifles boarded an offshore supply vessel while operating off Dos Bocas in the Bay of Campeche, near position 18:39N – 093:18W. After threatening the crew, the robbers stole a number of breathing apparatus, and then escaped. The crew and vessel were reported safe following the incident. (Clearwater Dynamics)

## (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

(U) No current incidents to report.

## (U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 12 August at an unspecified time, a number of perpetrators attacked a passenger boat while underway from Bille to Port Harcourt, Rivers State waterways (exact position not specified). It was also reported that the same perpetrators were associated with other attacks within the area. (Clearwater Dynamics)

## (U) PERSIAN GULF

(U) No current incidents to report.

## (U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA

(U) No current incidents to report.

## (U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

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

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escaped. No crew were injured and the tug and barge continued their voyage to their next port of call. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

**(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT**

(U) No current incidents to report.

**(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA**

(U) No current incidents to report.

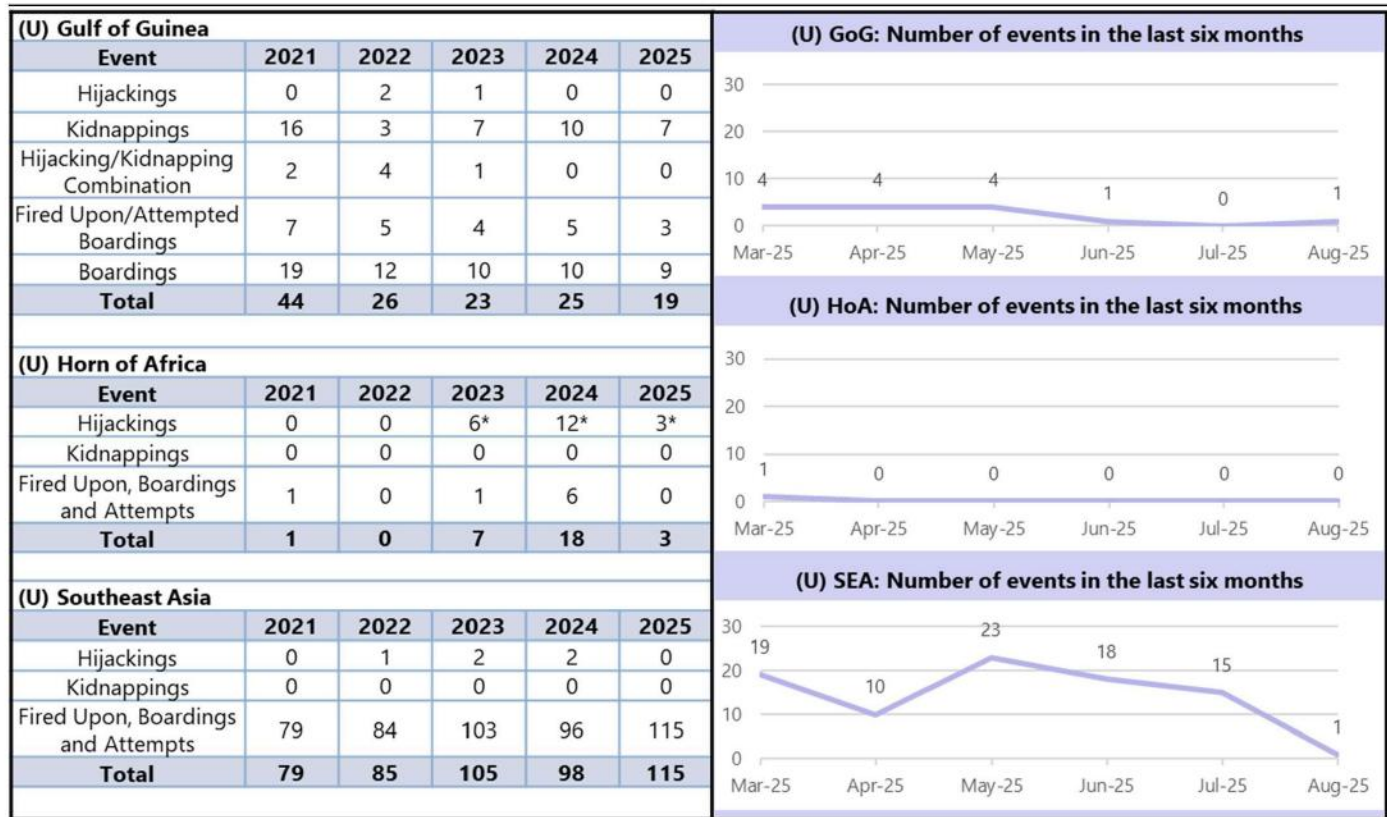


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# (U) Appendix A: Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea Statistics and Trends

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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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### (U) Active U.S. Maritime Advisories

Title	Effective Date	Expiration Date
<a href="#">2025-010: Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean – Piracy / Armed Robbery / Kidnapping for Ransom</a>	13 Aug 2025	9 Feb 2026
<a href="#">2025-009: Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman – Iranian Illegal Boarding / Detention / Seizure</a>	13 Aug 2025	9 Feb 2026
<a href="#">2025-008: Gulf of Guinea – Piracy / Armed Robbery / Kidnapping for Ransom</a>	18 Jun 2025	15 Dec 2025
<a href="#">2025-007: Global – U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts</a>	9 Apr 2025	6 Oct 2025
<a href="#">2025-006: Worldwide – Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence</a>	9 Apr 2025	6 Oct 2025
<a href="#">2025-005: Red Sea, Bab el-Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Persian Gulf, and Somali Basin – Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels</a>	28 Mar 2025	24 Sep 2025
<a href="#">2025-004: Black Sea and Sea of Azov – Military Combat Operations</a>	5 Mar 2025	1 Sep 2025

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