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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 04 February – 04 March 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. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 04 March, a Bahamas-flagged oil tanker was attacked by an unknown projectile.
2. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 04 March at 1109 local time, a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile.
3. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 04 March at 0623 local time, a container ship was struck by an unknown projectile.
4. **(U) GULF OF OMAN:** On 03 March, a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile.
5. **(U) GULF OF OMAN:** On 03 March, an unknown aerial projectile exploded in very close proximity to a Malta-flagged bulk carrier.
6. **(U) BAHRAIN:** On 02 March, a vessel was struck by two unknown projectiles.
7. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMMIRATES:** On 01 March, a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile.
8. **(OMAN):** On 01 March, a Marshall Islands flagged vessel was struck by an unknown projectile.
9. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMMIRATES:** On 01 March, an unknown projectile exploded in very close proximity to a Liberian flagged vessel.
10. **(U) OMAN:** On 01 March, a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile.
11. **(U) SINGAPORE SRAIT:** On 28 February, an attempted robbery occurred on a Singapore-flagged bulk carrier.
12. **(U) SINGAPORE SRAIT:** On 27 February, a robbery occurred on a Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier.
13. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 26 February, an Iranian-flagged vessel was attacked by two small crafts.

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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.

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(U) NORTH AMERICA

1. **(U) MEXICO:** On 08 February, there was a report of a robbery on board an oil platform operating in the Bay of Campeche. Prior to boarding, an unspecified number of heavily armed perpetrators began firing shots into the air to intimidate workers and prevent resistance. Having been subdued by attackers, the workers retreated into the engine room. Reports suggests that thirty Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus units were stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics/CLOSED)

(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

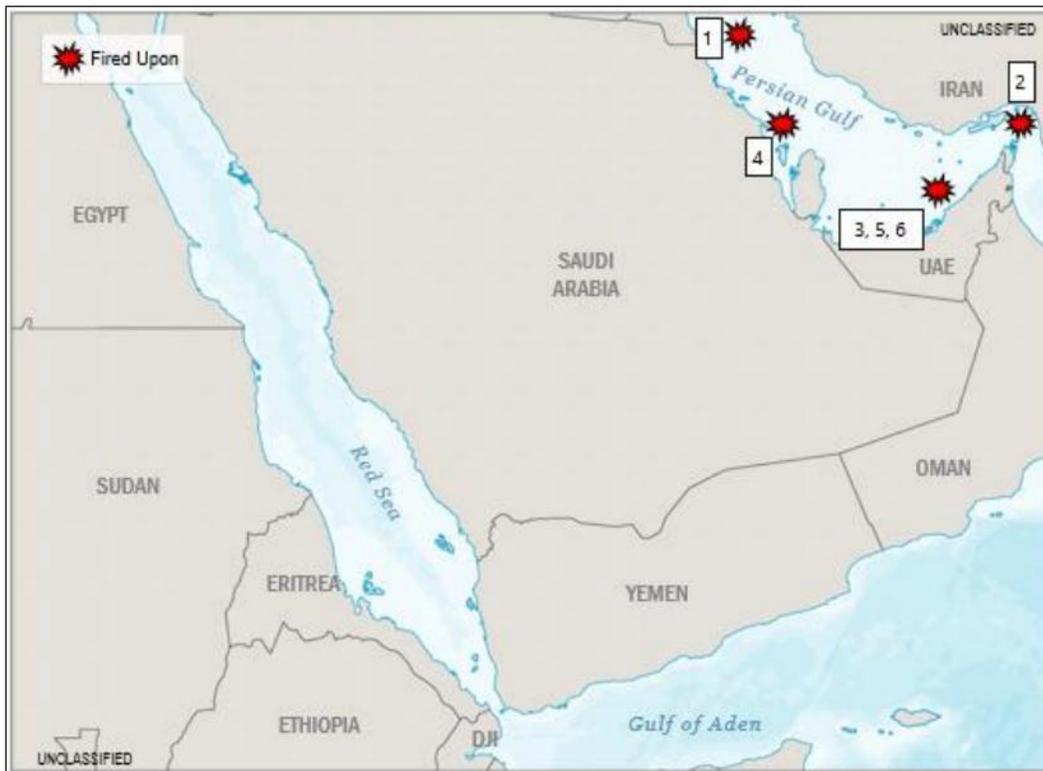
(U) No current incidents to report.

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(U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA

1. **(U) ANGOLA:** On 05 February at 0800 local time, an attempted robbery occurred onboard a floating, production, storage, and offloading unit approximately 50 NM off the coast of Angola. The intruder was spotted climbing on one of the mooring chains, and fled when we was spotted. The crew is reported safe and nothing was stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics/CLOSED)

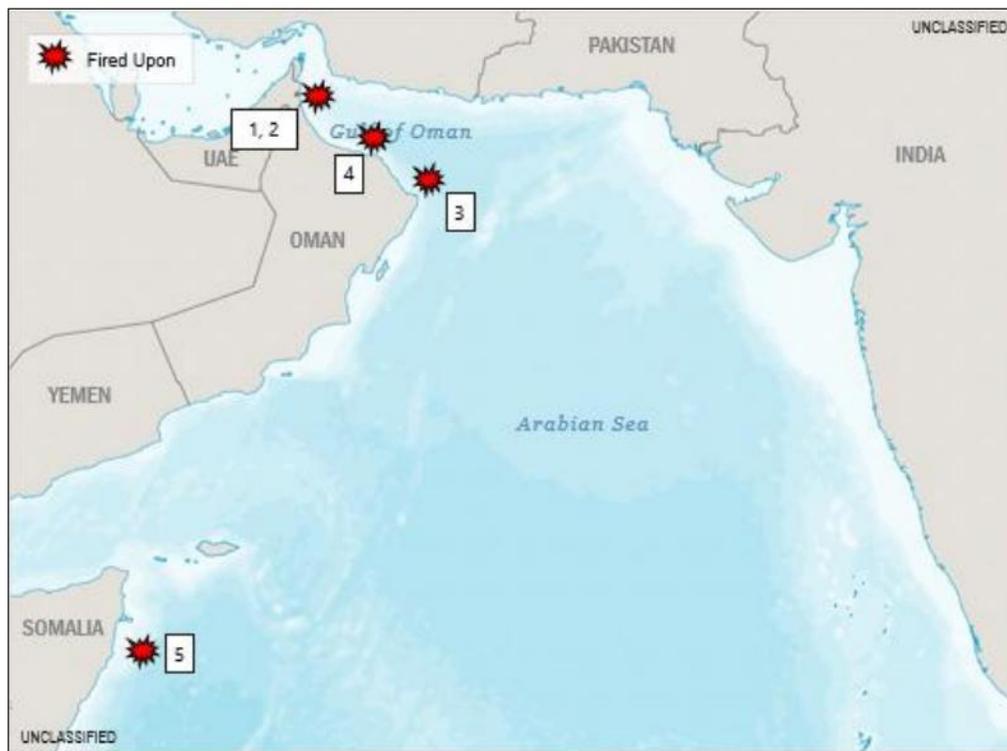
(U) PERSIAN GULF



1. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 04 March at 2240 local time, a Bahamas-flagged oil tanker reported a large explosion on the port side of the vessel which caused the vessel to begin discharging ballast water. The crew witnessed a small craft leave the area. All crew members are reported safe. (UKMTO/Closed)
2. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 04 March at 1109 local time, a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile while transiting in the eastbound lane of the Strait of Hormuz. The strike caused a fire to break out in the engine room. Reports state that the crew abandoned the vessel, all crew members are accounted for. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 04 March at 0623 local time, a container ship was struck by an unknown projectile 20NM west of Dubai. The vessel hasn't reported any damage, all crew members safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

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4. **(U) BAHRAIN:** On 02 March at 0257 local time, a vessel was struck by two unknown projectiles while in the Port of Bahrain. The resulting fire was contained and all crew members were safe and evacuated. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
5. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 01 March at 1645 local time, a Liberia-flagged oil tanker was struck by an unknown projectile 35NM west of Sharjah, UAE. It's reported that the projectile did not make contact with the vessel but exploded in very close proximity, no significant damage was reported and all crew members are accounted for. (UKMTO/CLOSED/Clearwater Dynamics)
6. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 01 March at 0830 local time, a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile 17NM northwest of Mina Saqr. The projectile caused a fire to break out on board, but has since been extinguished and all crew members reported safe. The vessel intends to continue its voyage. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA

1. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 03 March at 2240 local time, a Panama-flagged bulk carrier was struck by an unknown projectile 7NM east of Fujairh, UAE. The strike did not cause any significant fires or flooding, all crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 03 March at 2230 local time, a Marshall Islands-flagged tanker was struck by an aerial attack while anchored 10NM east of Fujairah. The

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smokestack reportedly received minor damage, all crew members reported safe.
(UKMTO/ Clearwater Dyanmics)

3. **(U) OMAN:** On 03 March at 1950 local time, a Malta-flagged bulk carrier was struck by an unknown projectile 134NM east-southeast of Muscat, Oman, causing a large explosion to occur onboard. No further reported damage, all crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/ Clearwater Dyanmics)
4. **(U) OMAN:** On 01 March at 0950 local time, a Marshall Islands-flagged oil tanker was struck by an unknown projectile 50NM north of Muscat in the Gulf of Oman. A fire broke out in the engine room and is now under control. One crew member reportedly died following the incident. (UKMTO/OPEN/Clearwater Dyanmics)
5. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 26 February at 1833 UTC, an Iranian-flagged vessel was attacked by two small craft 19NM east of Kadal. A group of suspected pirates attempted to attack and board the vessel with the likely intention of using it as a mothership. The vessel took defensive actions resulting in the small craft retreating towards the coast. It was reported that one pirate was killed and two others injured. (MSCIO/CLOSED)
6. **(U) RED SEA:** On 17 February, 70 NM southwest of Aden, Yemen a vessel was approached by three white skiffs, one of which had five assailants onboard. Small arms fire ensued. There were zero casualties and minimal damage to the vessel.
(UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

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(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA



1. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 28 February at 0248 local time, an attempted robbery occurred onboard a Singapore-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the Eastbound Lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme, Phillip Channel. Three perpetrators were discovered in the engine room. The crew is safe and nothing was reported stolen. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 27 February at 0300 local time, a robbery occurred onboard a Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the Phillip Channel. Five perpetrators were sighted by the duty crew, one of them armed with a knife, allowing them to escape. The crew is safe and a mobile phone was reported stolen. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)
3. ****LATE REPORT** (U) PHILIPPINES:** On 20 February at 0354 local time, a robbery occurred onboard a Marshall Islands-flagged container ship. After the proper authorities were alerted, a search was conducted but no perpetrators were caught. All crew members reported safe. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)

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(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

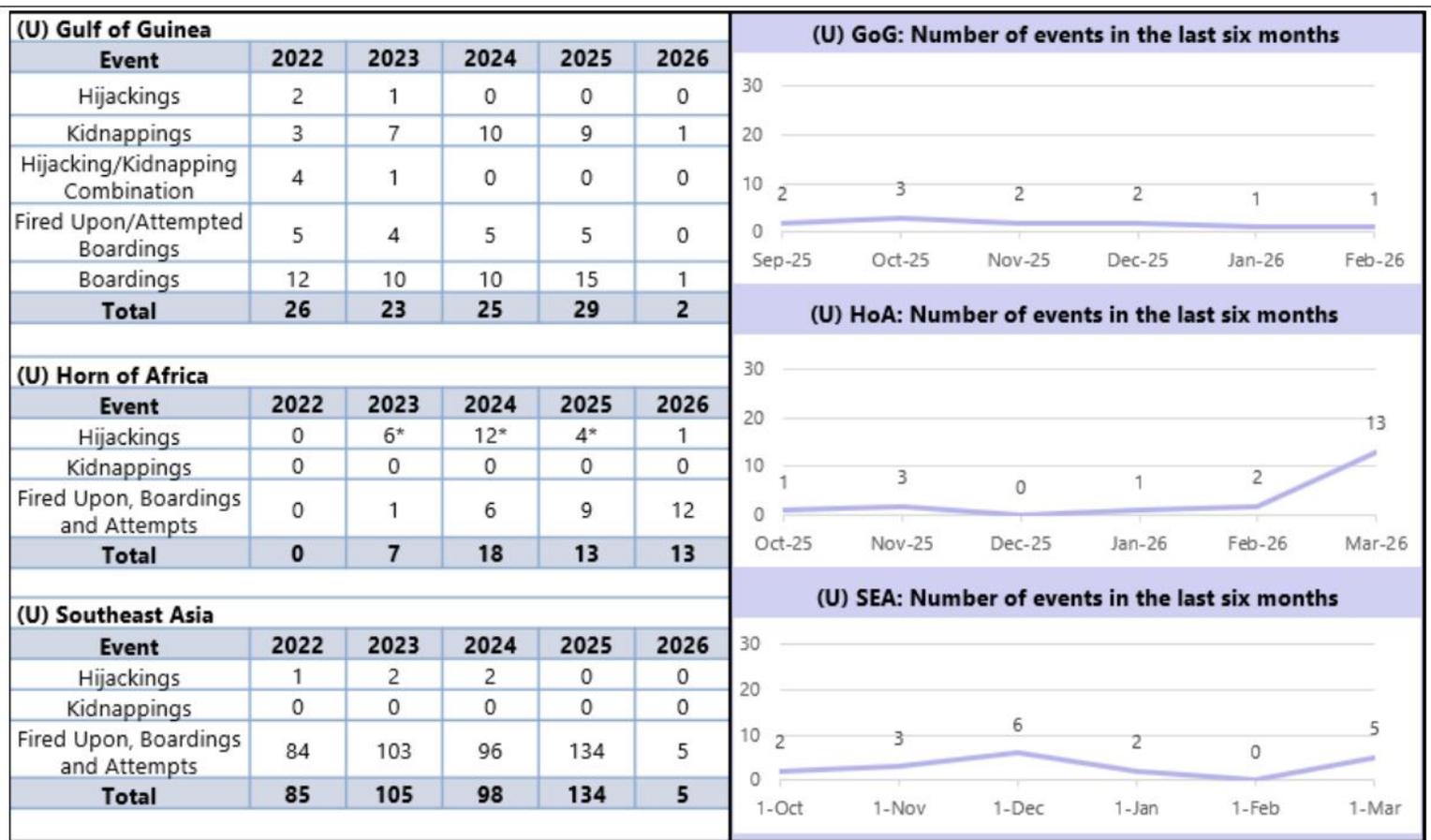
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(U) Appendix A: Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea Statistics and Trends

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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

2026-003-Black Sea and Sea of Azov Military Combat Operations	27 Feb 2026	27 Aug 2026
2026-001-Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman-Iranian illegal Boarding / Detention / seizure	09 Feb 2026	08 Aug 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
2025-014-Global U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts	06 Oct 2025	04 Apr 2026
2025-013-Worldwide-Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence	06 Oct 2025	04 Apr 2026
2025-012-Red Sea, Bab el Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Persian Gulf, and Somali Basin-Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels	24 Sep 2025	26 Mar 2026

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