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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 20 May – 17 June 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) GULF OF ADEN:** On 17 June at 1610 UTC, a vessel was attacked.
2. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 15 June at 1350 UTC, a tanker was attacked.
3. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 15 June at 0735 UTC, a vessel was attacked.
4. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 14 June at 0730 UTC, an attempted boarding occurred onboard a vessel.
5. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 13 June at 0503 local time, an attempted robbery occurred onboard a vessel.
6. **(U) OMAN:** On 12 June at 2230 UTC, a tanker was attacked.
7. **(U) OMAN:** On 11 June at 0705 UTC, a tanker was attacked.

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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.

(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

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA

1. **(U) IVORY COAST:** On 29 May at 0004 local time, there was a robbery on an Antigua and Barbuda offshore supply vessel while anchored at Abidjan inner anchorage. (Closed/Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

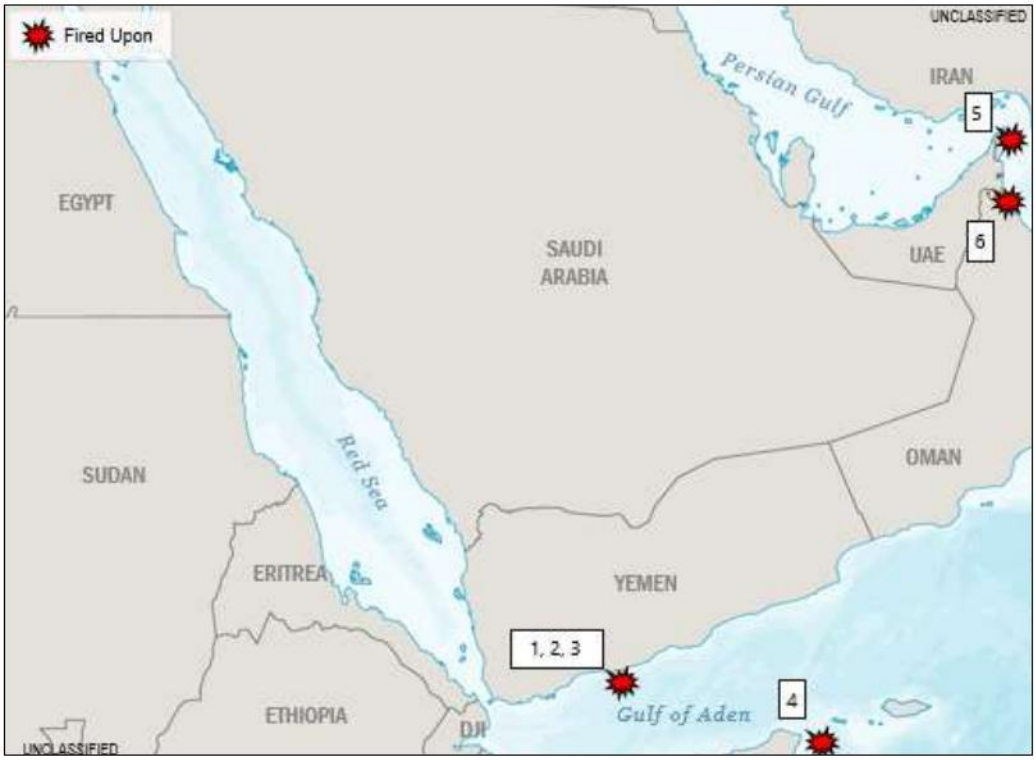
1. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 13 June at 0503 local time, an attempted robbery occurred onboard a bulk carrier while underway in the Phillip Channel. The vessel's crew reported the perpetrators upon spotting them, all crew members reported safe. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) PHILIPPINES:** On 03 June at 2015 UTC, an armed robbery occurred on board a container ship while anchored in Manila Anchorage. Four perpetrators armed with guns and a knife held the duty watchman captive and forced him to open the bosun's store. The perpetrators tie the watchman's hands with rope then escape with the ship's stores, all crew members reported safe. (IMB/Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) PERSIAN GULF

1. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 01 June at 1300 central time, there was an attack on a cargo ship while underway approximately 40NM southeast of Umn Qasr, Iraq**.** The vessel reported an explosion followed by a hit from an unknown projectile. UKMTO reported a second impact to the cargo vessel resulting in a fire, which has been extinguished. No reported injuries or casualties. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

2. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 28 May at 1930 central time, a tanker was approached by a skiff while underway IVO Yemen. The skiff came as close as 3NM of the vessel. The tanker conducted evasive maneuvers and the vessels armed security team was deployed to the bridge wing. The vessel mustered the crew and a VHF notification was issued by the tanker to surrounding vessels. (MASTER OF VESSEL/Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA



1. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 17 June at 1610 UTC, a vessel was fired upon by two skiffs with an unknown number of armed perpetrators onboard while underway 105NM southeast of Aden. The vessel's security team was deployed and an exchange of fire occurred, one crew member was injured during the incident. (UKMTO/CLOSED/Clearwater Dynamics)

2. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 15 June at 1350 UTC, a Panama-flagged tanker was attacked by four armed persons onboard a skiff while underway 104NM southeast of Aden. An exchange of fire occurred during the incident, all crew members reported safe. (Master of Vessel/Clearwater Dynamics)

3. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 15 June at 0735 UTC, a container vessel was attacked by a skiff while underway approximately 14NM south of Yemen. The skiff opened fire and attempted to board, all crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
4. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 14 June at 0730 UTC, an attempted boarding occurred a cargo vessel while underway 35NM southeast of Xaafuun. The vessel was approached by two boats carrying six persons and repeatedly fired their weapons and ordered the vessel to stop. The vessel's security team was deployed and returned fire, all crew members reported safe. (MSCIO/Clearwater Dynamics)
5. **(U) OMAN:** On 12 June at 2230 UTC, a tanker was attacked and struck by Iranian UAVs while underway 6NM east of Oman. The vessel sustained damage to the portside of the bow, all crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/OPEN SOURCE/Clearwater Dynamics)
6. **(U) OMAN:** On 11 June at 0705 UTC, a tanker was attacked while attempting to bypass the blockade imposed by US forces. The tanker experienced a fire in the engine room, all crew member reported safe. (UKMTO/OPEN SOURCE/Clearwater Dynamics)
7. **(U) OMAN:** On 10 June at 0930 UTC, a Palau-flagged tanker was struck by a missile while attempting to bypass the ongoing blockade imposed by American forces. The vessel was struck in the engine room, resulting in one casualty and two crew members missing. (UKMTO/OPEN SOURCE/Clearwater Dynamics)
8. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 10 June at 0430 UTC, a cargo vessel was attacked by a small craft approximately 88NM southwest of Balhaf, Yemen. An exchange of fire occurred between the six-armed perpetrators and the vessel's armed security team, all crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
9. **(U) OMAN:** On 08 June, a Palau-flagged tanker experienced a fire onboard approximately 15NM northeast Masirah. The cause of the fire remains unknown, all crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
10. **(U) GULF OF OMAN:** On 26 May at 0930 UTC, a tanker was attacked 60NM east of Muscat, Oman. The tanker reportedly experienced an external explosion on the port side aft. Some bunker fuel was discharged into the sea. All crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
11. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 23 May at 0215 UTC, a tanker was approached by one suspicious craft while underway approximately 200NM west of Socotra. The small craft contained five perpetrators on board and got within 100 meters of the vessel. The vessel's armed security team was deployed and the suspicious craft altered course. All crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
12. **(U) ARABIAN SEA:** On 22 May at 0020 UTC, a tanker was approached by a suspicious craft while underway approximately 98NM west of Socotra. The small craft contained five perpetrators on board and upon approaching the vessel, the vessel's armed security team fired warning shots which altered the course of the craft. All crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

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

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(U) Gulf of Guinea

Event	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Hijackings	2	1	0	0	0
Kidnappings	3	7	10	9	1
Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination	4	1	0	0	0
Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings	5	4	5	5	1
Boardings	12	10	10	15	6
Total	**26**	**23**	**25**	**29**	**8**

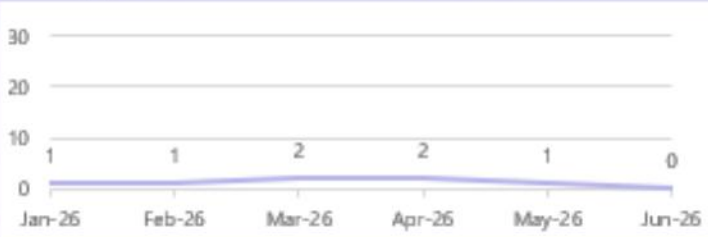
(U) Horn of Africa

Event	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Hijackings	0	6*	12*	4*	2
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0
Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts	0	1	6	9	34
Total	**0**	**7**	**18**	**13**	**36**

(U) Southeast Asia

Event	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Hijackings	1	2	2	0	0
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0
Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts	84	103	96	134	19
Total	**85**	**105**	**98**	**134**	**19**

(U) GoG: Number of events in the last six months



(U) HoA: Number of events in the last six months

(U) SEA: Number of events in the last six months

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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.

(U) Appendix C: Active U.S. Maritime Advisories

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

2026-008-Global-U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts	24 Apr 2026	21 Oct 2026
2026-007-Worlwide-Worldwide-Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence	24 Apr 2026	21 Oct 2026
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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