



(U) GULF OF GUINEA/HORN OF AFRICA/SOUTHEAST ASIA: Weekly Piracy Update for 13 - 19 February 2020

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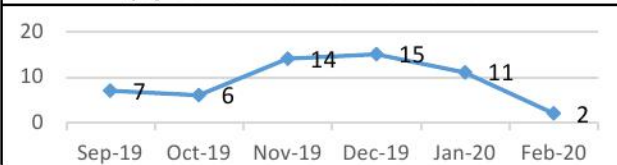
(U) Piracy and Armed Robbery Activity Levels: Gulf of Guinea: *Moderate* / Horn of Africa: *Low* / Southeast Asia: *Low*

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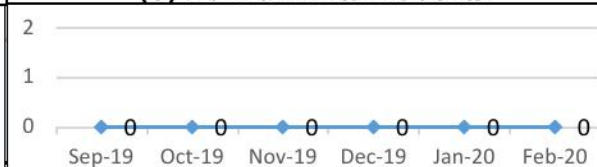
(U) Gulf of Guinea Incidents



Event	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Hijackings	0	2	6	4	0
Kidnappings	26	30	28	32	1
Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination	3	0	4	2	0
Attacks/Attempted Boardings	54	35	44	39	7
Boardings	39	53	64	55	5
Total	122	120	146	132	13

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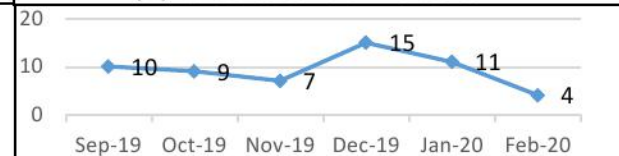
(U) Horn of Africa Incidents



Event	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Hijackings	0	2	0	0	0
Boardings	0	1	0	0	0
Attacks/Attempted Boardings	1	3	2	2	0
Total	1	6	2	2	0

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(U) Southeast Asia Incidents



Event	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Hijackings	2	3	1	0	0
Kidnappings	19	4	3	4	1
Attacks, Boardings and Attempts	96	95	82	92	14
Total	117	102	86	96	15

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Gulf of Guinea

1. (U) **ATTACK** – NIGERIA: On 16 February, Nigerian soldiers torched more than 20 homes in a community in the oil-rich Niger Delta after “suspected pirates” killed six people, security sources and residents said. Gunmen reportedly attacked a gunboat escorting a vessel in the volatile waters off the Nigerian coast, a Nigerian security source said. “During the ensuing gun battle, four of the soldiers and two civilians onboard the vessel were killed,” the source added. Security forces focused on the nearby community of Lutugbene to launch a manhunt for the assailants in the wake of the attack. (www.guardian.ng)

2. (U) **BOARDING** – SAO TOME and PRINCIPE: On 14 February, armed pirates in two boats approached and boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged container ship MAERSK TEMA near position 01:33N - 005:19E, 102 NM northwest of Sao Tome. Master raised the alarm, sent distress message, stopped the ship and all crew members mustered in the citadel. Upon receiving the distress message, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC) immediately alerted authorities in the region, and commenced liaising with the authorities and vessel operators. A security vessel with a Nigerian Navy team was dispatched to assist. The Sao Tome Navy/Authorities requested a nearby Portuguese patrol boat to assist as well. The crew emerged from the citadel after the Nigerian naval personnel boarded and searched the ship. Some ship’s equipment were reported as damaged. Under the escort of the security vessel, the ship proceeded to a safe port. (IMB; MDAT-GoG; www.fleetmon.com)

(U) A suspicious approach event occurred the previous week, with no further information available.

Horn of Africa

(U) No incidents to report.

Southeast Asia

(U) No incidents to report.

Terms of Reference

- (U) Attempted Boarding - Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.
- (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) Robbery - Theft from a vessel or from persons a board the vessel.
- (U) Suspicious Approach - All other unexplained activity in close proximity by an unknown vessel.

Piracy Levels

- (U) High: 5 or more piracy incidents in this one-week period.
- (U) Moderate: 2–4 piracy incidents in this one-week period.
- (U) Low: 0–1 piracy incidents in this one-week period.