

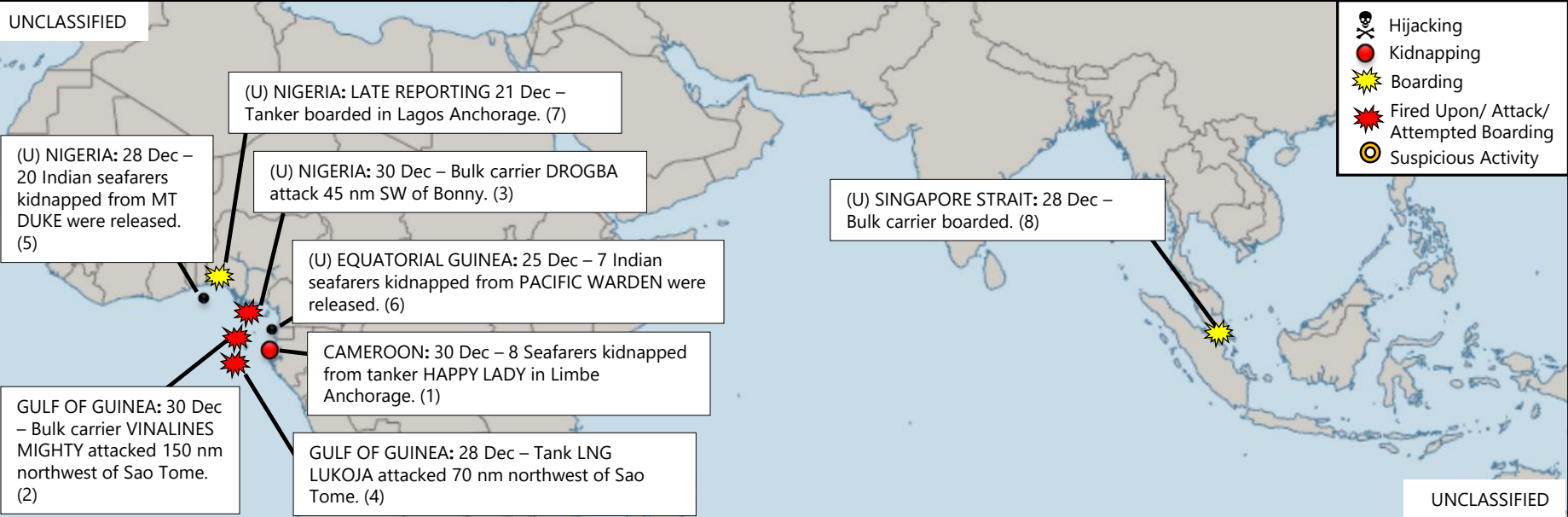


# (U) GULF OF GUINEA/HORN OF AFRICA/SOUTHEAST ASIA: Weekly Piracy Update for 25 - 31 December 2019

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

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(U) Gulf of Guinea Incidents						(U) Horn of Africa Incidents						(U) Southeast Asia Incidents											
Event	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Event	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Event	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019						
Hijackings	2	0	2	6	4	Hijackings	0	0	2	0	0	Hijackings	16	2	3	1	0						
Kidnappings	23	26	30	28	31	Boardings	0	0	1	0	0	Kidnappings	0	19	4	3	4						
Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination	0	3	0	4	2	Attacks/Attempted Boardings	0	1	3	2	2	Attacks, Boardings and Attempts	238	96	95	82	90						
Attacks/Attempted Boardings	40	54	35	44	39	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>94</b>						
Boardings	29	39	53	64	53	UNCLASSIFIED						UNCLASSIFIED											
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>129</b>																		

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### Gulf of Guinea

1. (U) **KIDNAPPING** - CAMEROON: On 30 December, gunmen boarded and kidnapped eight crewmembers (five Greeks, two Filipinos and one Ukrainian) from the Greece-flagged tanker HAPPY LADY while anchored 2 miles off Limboh Terminal, Cameroon. One Greek crewmember was injured during the attack when a stray bullet from a gunman struck him. He was later taken to a local hospital. (IMB; [www.arxmaritime.com](http://www.arxmaritime.com); [www.hellenicshippingnews.com](http://www.hellenicshippingnews.com))
2. (U) **ATTACK** – GULF OF GUINEA: On 30 December, three pirates attacked and boarded Vietnam-flagged bulk carrier VINALINES MIGHTY approximately 150 NM northwest of Sao Tome. All crew are safe. ([www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com))
3. (U) **ATTACK** – NIGERIA: On 30 December, pirates attacked and boarded the Singapore-flagged bulk carrier DROGBA in the Bight of Bonny, 45 NM south-southwest of Bonny, Nigeria, while en route from Lagos to Port Harcourt, Nigeria. The pirates fled after encountering an embarked Nigerian Navy armed security team. The ship reached Port Harcourt later that evening. ([www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com))
4. (U) **ATTACK** – GULF OF GUINEA: On 28 December, pirates attacked the Bermuda-flagged tanker LNG LUKOJA in Gulf of Guinea 70 NM northwest of Sao Tome, while en route to Bonny, Nigeria. The tanker crew managed to avoid a pirate boarding by evasive maneuvering. The Nigerian naval vessel DEFENDER 6 responded and escorted the tanker to Bonny. ([www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com))
5. (U) **KIDNAPPING UPDATE** – NIGERIA: On 26 December, authorities from the Indian High Commission in Abuja, Nigeria stated that the government of India has established contact with pirates who kidnapped 20 Indian crewmembers from the Marshall Islands-flagged tanker M/T DUKE off Benin on 15 December. All crew members reportedly alive. ([www.worldmaritimenews.com](http://www.worldmaritimenews.com))
6. (U) **KIDNAPPING UPDATE** – EQUATORIAL GUINEA: On 25 December, offshore vessel operator Swire Pacific Offshore (SPO) announced that pirates released seven of its crewmembers from the PACIFIC WARDEN who were abducted off Equatorial Guinea in November. ([www.marinelink.com](http://www.marinelink.com))
7. (U) **BOARDING** – NIGERIA: On 21 December, two robbers boarded a tanker anchored near position 06:15N - 003:13E, Lagos Secure Anchorage Area. When a duty crewmember noticed the robbers, he raised the alarm and the crew mustered. A Nigerian naval patrol boat responded and searched the waters around the tanker, but found nothing. A search was carried out on the vessel, which determined that nothing was stolen. (IMB)

### Horn of Africa

(U) No incidents to report.



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### Southeast Asia

(U) 8. **BOARDING** – SINGAPORE STRAIT: On 28 December, the chief engineer onboard a bulk carrier underway near position 01:16.2N - 104:13.4E saw four robbers armed with knives in the engine room. The alarm was raised, deck lights switched on, and crew mustered. Upon seeing the crew response, the robbers fled. A search was carried out and foot prints were noticed on the quarter deck, but nothing was stolen. (IMB)

### 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.