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(U) HORN OF AFRICA/GULF OF GUINEA/ SOUTHEAST ASIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report for 20 - 26 September 2018

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1. (U) Horn of Africa - Piracy Events Over the Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in East Africa waters is at a low level. No events were reported this past week.

A. (U) Details:

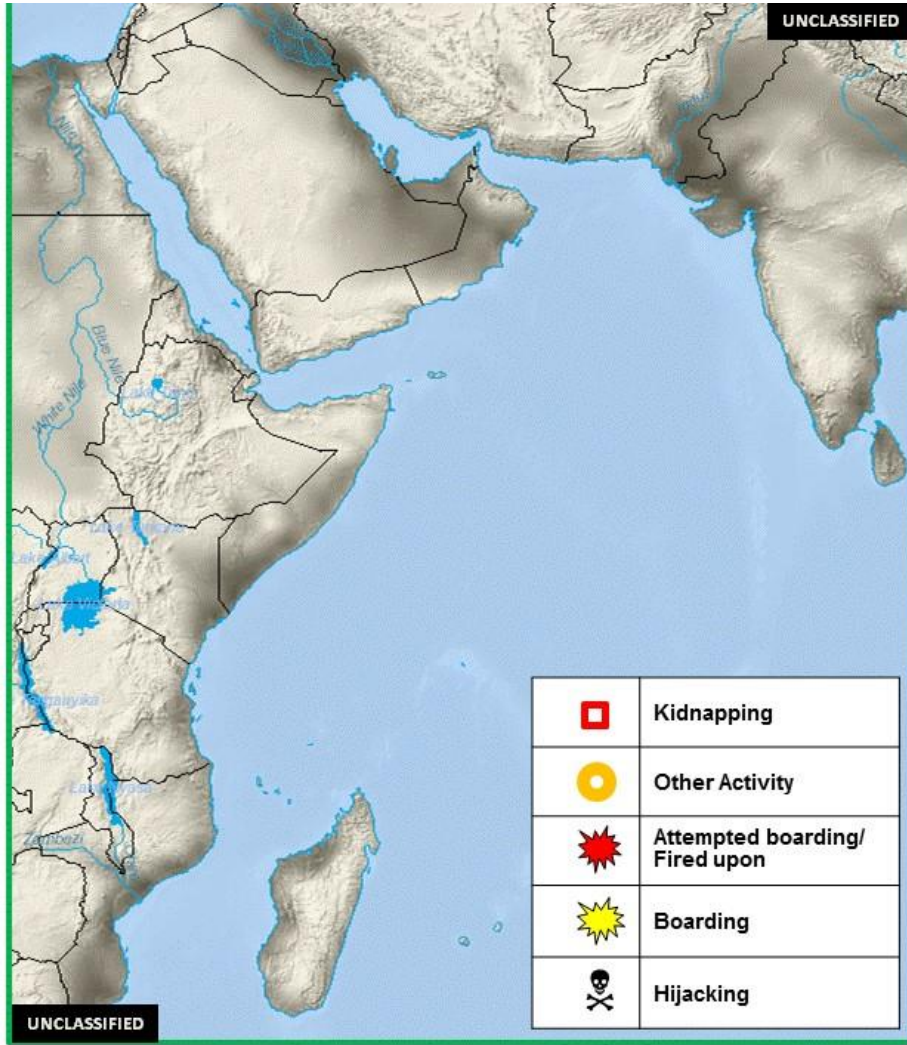
(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Boarded: No incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings: No incidents to report.

(U) Other Activity: No incidents to report.

B. (U) Incident Disposition:



(U) Figure 1. Horn of Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 20 - 26 September 2018

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Horn of Africa Activity

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(U) Table 1.									
(U) Summary of Horn of Africa Piracy Events									
Vessels	This Week	Last Week	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Hijacked	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Boarding	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	2
Total	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	0	2
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(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked. Hijacked dhows are frequently used as motherships by pirates and released without a ransom being paid.

2. (U) Weather Forecast for 26 September - 3 October 2018 and Graphic Aids to 10-Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

(U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 26 September - 3 October 2018

A. (U) NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA: Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, with seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Westerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, with seas of 3 - 5 feet.

B. (U) GULF OF OMAN: Easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

D. (U) SOMALI COAST: Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the southern section of the coastline. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** West-southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with south-southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the southern section of the coastline.

E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN: Southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 6 - 8 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet.

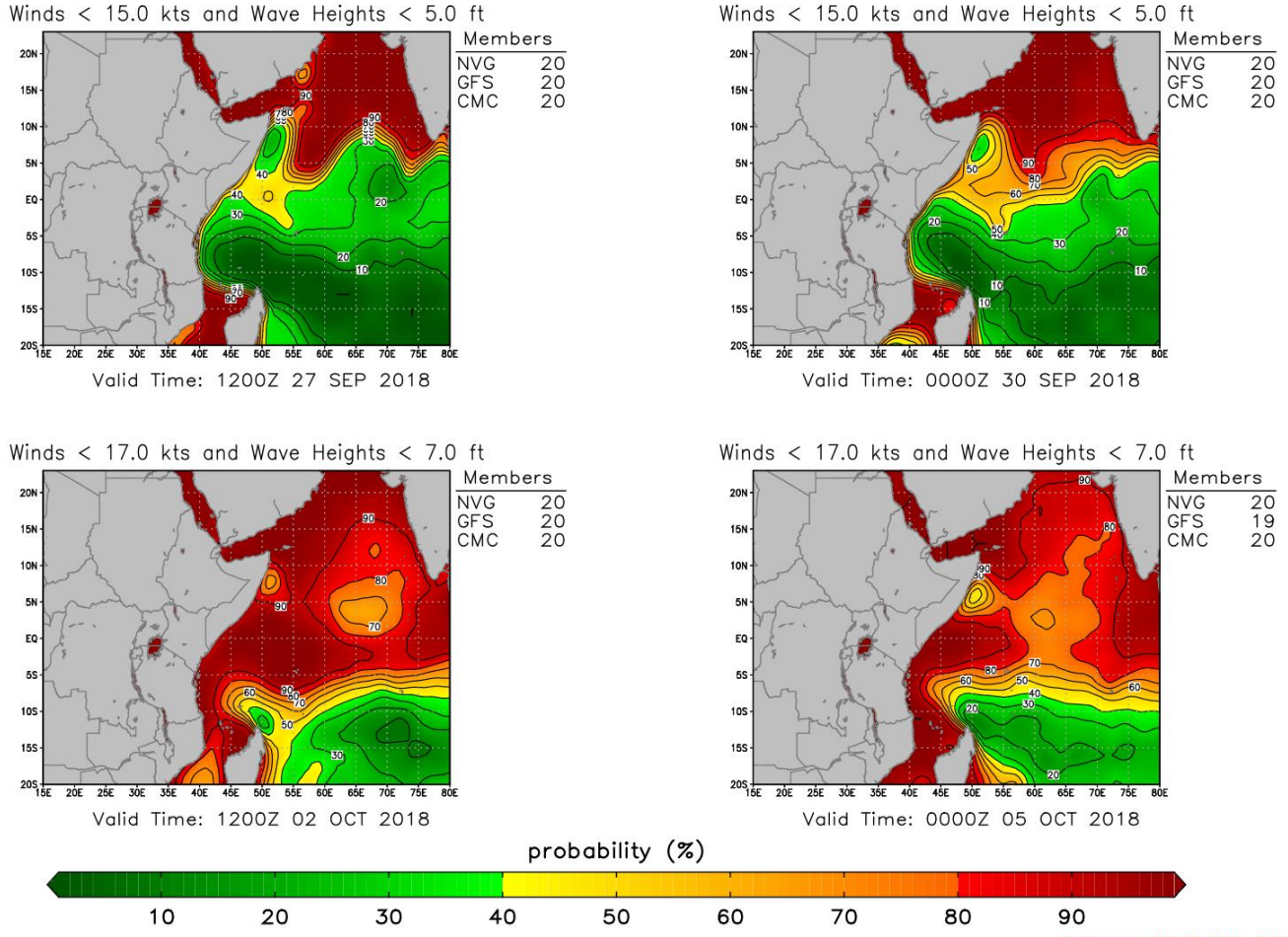
F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: East-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the northern Channel; with northerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the southern Channel. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 7 - 9 feet in the northern Channel; with southerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 8 - 10 feet in the southern Channel.

G. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS: The northern Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are variable with most areas having an average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having an average speed of 2 knots. Currents' speed along the Somali Basin are northeasterly averaging between 2 - 3 knots.

H. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: High pressure continues to dominate the weather pattern over the region producing mostly clear skies with isolated areas of thunderstorm activity. Isolated thunderstorms and rain showers can be routinely expected along the Somali coast and increased southerly wind flow through the Bab Al Mandeb Strait due to funneling effects.

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10-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast, DTG: 2018092500



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(U) Figure 2. Ten-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast (Graphic courtesy of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, FNMOC)

(U) In the graphic above, green shading represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents an increased likelihood of pirate activity.

3. (U) Gulf of Guinea - Piracy Events Over the Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in West Africa waters is at a high level. Two kidnappings, three boardings, and one attack were reported this past week; with no further information available on one kidnapping event and two boarding events.

A. (U) Details

(U) **Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Kidnapping:**

- (U) NIGERIA: On 22 September, Switzerland-flagged bulk carrier GLARUS was attacked near position 03:40N - 006:40E, 48 nm south of Bonny. According to Massoel, the Geneva, Switzerland-based owner of the ship, 12 out of

19 crew were kidnapped. The ship was transiting from Lagos to Harcourt, Nigeria. The ship reached Bonny anchorage after the attack and was brought to anchor. The kidnapped crew are from the Philippines, Slovenia, Ukraine, Romania, Croatia and Bosnia. (IMB; www.gcaptain.com; www.fleetmon.com; www.pvilt.com)

(U) Vessels Boarded:

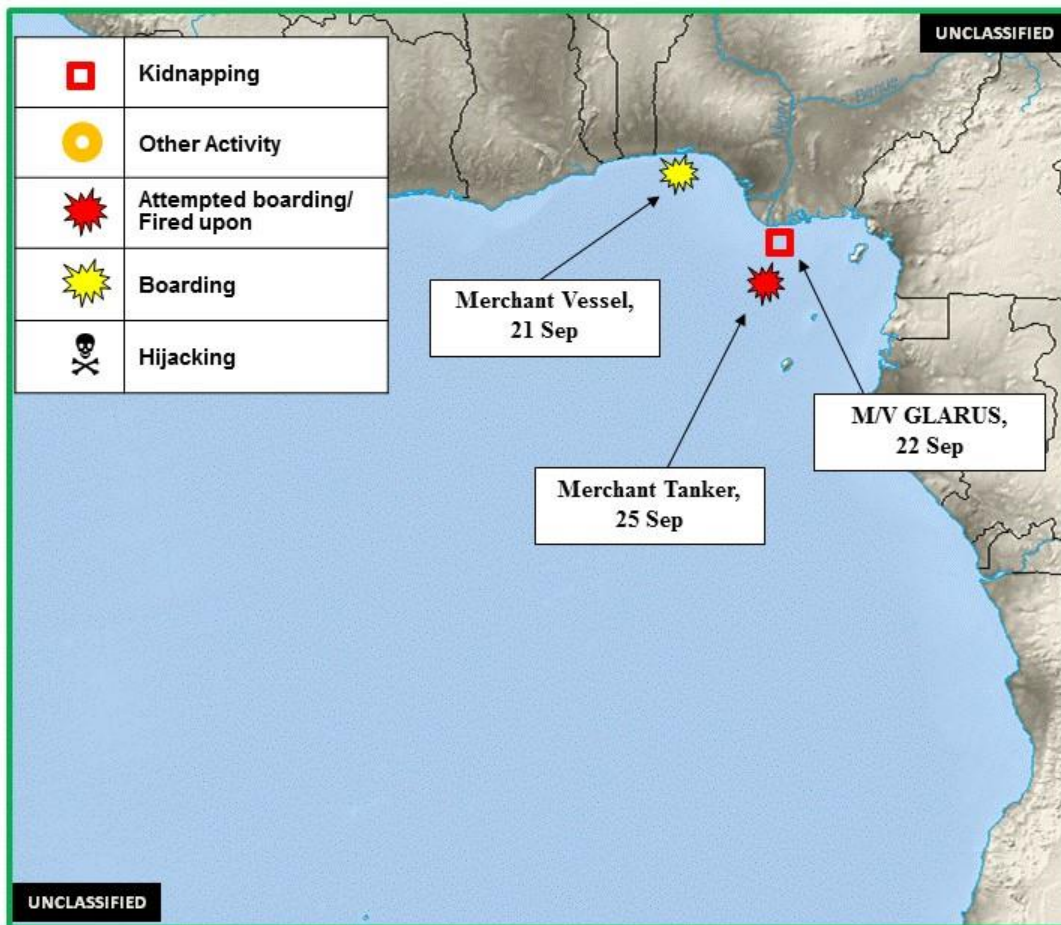
1. (U) NIGERIA: On 21 September, two robbers boarded a vessel anchored near position 06:16N - 003:13E, Lagos Anchorage. Once challenged, they escaped with a rope. Nothing was reported as stolen. (MDAT-GoG; www.sguardian.com)

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding/Attack:

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 25 September, six armed pirates in a speed boat approached a tanker underway near position 02:45N - 006:39E, 100 nm south-southwest of Bonny Island. Master increased speed, took evasive maneuvers, raised the alarm, contacted the escort vessel and the non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The pirates fired two gun shots and moved away. All crew safe and no damage reported. (MDAT-GoG)

(U) Other Activity: No incidents to report.

B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 3. Gulf of Guinea Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 20 - 26 September 2018

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Gulf of Guinea Activity

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(U) Table 2.									
(U) Summary of Gulf of Guinea Piracy Events*									
Vessels	This Week	Last Week	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Hijacked	0	0	0	1	6	2	0	2	9
Kidnapping	2	0	2	0	14	30	26	22	26
Hijacking/Kidnapping Combo	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0
Boarding	3	0	4	2	49	53	39	29	33
Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding	1	1	4	2	37	35	54	41	32
Total	6	1	10	5	108	120	122	94	100
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(U) Table 2 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. * Militant activity is no longer listed in this table.

4. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 26 September - 3 October 2018

A. (U) GULF OF GUINEA: South-southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 6 - 8 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet.

B. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: High pressure continues to dominate the weather in the region. Isolated thunderstorms and rain showers can be routinely expected along the West Africa coast.

5. (U) Southeast Asia - Piracy Events Over the Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in Southeast Asia waters is at a low level. Kidnapped fishermen were released this past week. Late reporting was received on three boarding events.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Kidnapping:

1. (U) MALAYSIA: On 20 September, police in Sabah State killed two men believed to be involved in the abduction of two Indonesian fishermen after a high-speed chase at sea near Bohayan Island. In the 11 September kidnapping incident, two Indonesian fishermen were abducted near Gaya Island in Semporna while two other crew members managed to hide inside the fishing vessel. (www.freemalaysiatoday.com)

(U) Vessels Boarded:

1. (U) SINGAPORE STRAIT: On 19 September, Panama-flagged LPG tanker was boarded by three robbers near position 01:14N - 103:57E, in the westbound lane of the traffic separation scheme of the Singapore Strait. Three perpetrators were sighted at the stern of the ship. The chief engineer sustained injuries to his face and hands after the perpetrators confronted him and forcibly took his gold chain. A wooden pole was used by the robbers who made their escape when the alarm was raised. Remaining crew safe with no injuries reported. The master reported the incident to Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS). (www.pvilt.com)

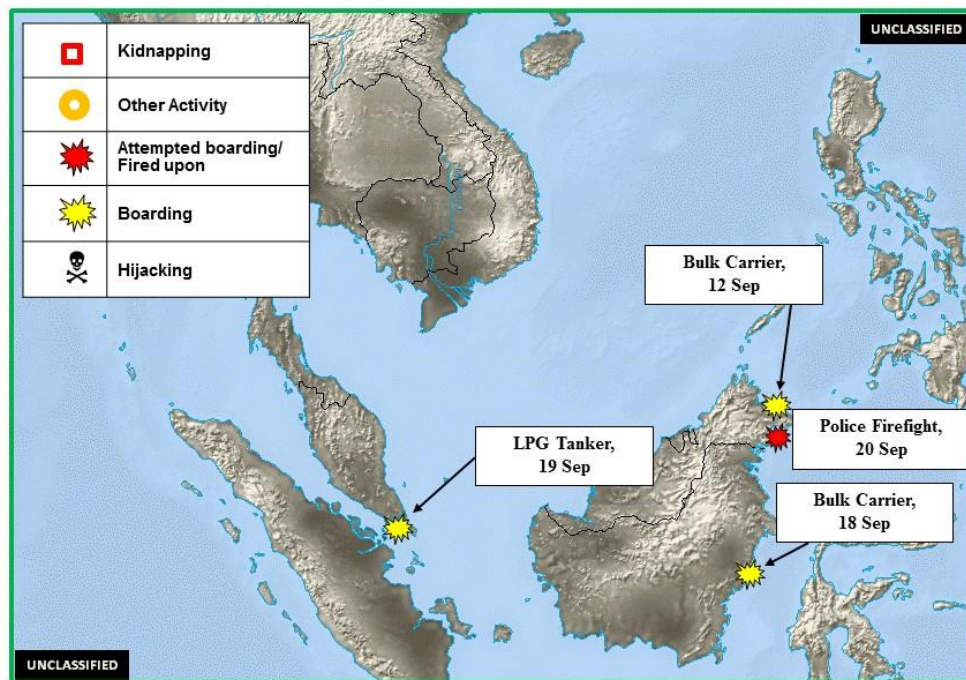
2. (U) INDONESIA: On 18 September, robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored bulk carrier twice in three hours near position 00:14S - 117:34E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda. On both occasions, the duty watchman noticed the robbers on the forecastle deck and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ship's stores. (IMB)

3. (U) MALAYSIA: On 12 September, a robber boarded a Malta-flagged bulk carrier from a craft via the portside anchor chain in position 05:45N - 118:04E, Berth 1 AB, Sandakan, Malaysia. Another two robbers were waiting in a craft near the ship. Nothing stolen. Incident reported to local agent. (www.pvilt.com)

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding/Attack: No incidents to report.

(U) Other Activity: No incidents to report.

B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 4. Southeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 20 - 26 September 2018

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Southeast Asia Activity

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(U) Table 3.									
(U) Summary of Southeast Asia Piracy Events									
Vessels	This Week	Last Week	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Attacks, Boardings, Attempted Boardings	0	4	4	6	63	90	96	238	177
Hijackings	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	16	16
Kidnappings	0	0	1	1	2	4	19	0	4
Total	0	4	5	7	66	97	117	254	197
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(U) Table 3 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. This table includes incidents not described in this product line.

6. (U) Southeast Asia Weather Forecast for 26 September - 3 October 2018

A. (U) SOUTHERN SOUTH CHINA SEA: Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Westerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet.

B. (U) MALACCA STRAIT: West-southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern Strait; with southeast winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the southern Strait. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern Strait; with northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the southern Strait.

C. (U) ANDAMAN SEA: Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern section; with southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 6 - 8 feet in the southern section. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Light and variable winds, with seas 2 - 4 feet in the northern section; with northwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern section.

D. (U) SOUTHERN SULU SEA - NORTHERN CELEBES SEA: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet.

E. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS: Currents in the southern South China Sea, Malacca Strait, and Andaman Sea are generally less than 1 knot with a few areas in the southern South China Sea averaging 1 knot.

F. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: The presence of Typhoon 28W south of Kadena on Okinawa, Japan, is causing increased winds and seas in the northeastern portion of the South China Sea. Expect strong gusts in and around scattered

thunderstorms, throughout the Malacca Strait and the Andaman Sea due to funneling effects and daytime heating. As Invest area 94W develops and transits northeast, the northeastern South China Sea will see increased winds and seas.

Forecaster's Note: The west Pacific Ocean's Tropical Cyclone Season runs from April to October. Expect numerous tropical cyclones to impact the region during this timeframe that could change the forecast.

(U) Appendix

(U) Terminology and References

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting, and it also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity, are independent of target vessel status, and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authorities.

(U) Terms of Reference

(U) The following terms have been adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping 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) Robbery – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.

(U) Suspicious Approach – All other unexplained activity in close proximity by an unknown vessel.

(U) 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.

(U) Sourcing

(U) Information contained in this report is derived through direct reporting and analysis of reports from the following agencies and commercial sources:

- Agence France Presse (AFP)
- Associated Press (AP)
- BBC News
- DNK Intelligence & Operations Centre (DNK IOC)
- EU Naval Forces (EU)
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur
- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
- Lloyd's
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S.
- Maritime Security Centre - Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Marine Domain Awareness for Trade - Gulf of Guinea (MDAT- GoG)
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- Noonsite.com (Noonsite), website
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center (ReCAAP ISC)
- Reuters
- Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
- Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN)
- The Maritime Executive (website)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
- United Press International (UPI)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

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