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(U) HORN OF AFRICA/GULF OF GUINEA/ SOUTHEAST ASIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report for 1 – 7 November 2018

8 November 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. One suspicious approach was reported this past week.

A. (U) Details:

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

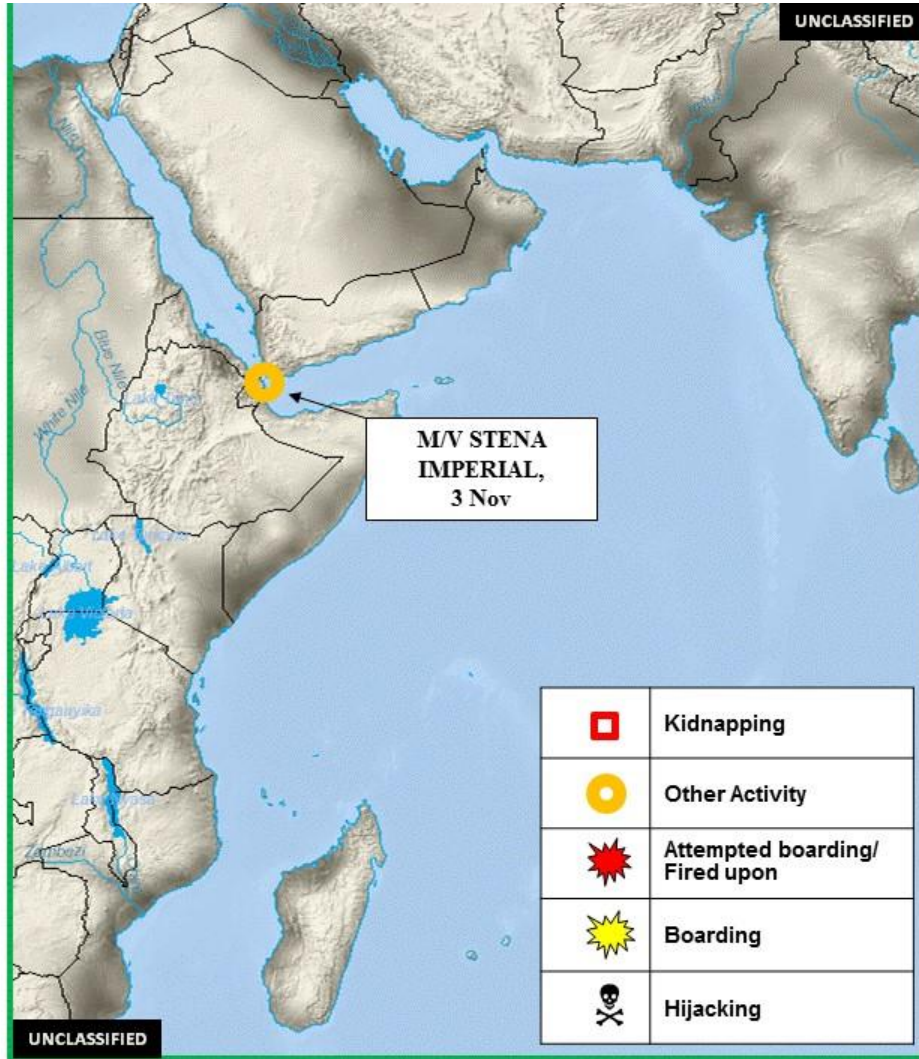
(U) Vessels Boarded: No incidents to report.

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

(U) Other Activity:

1. (U) RED SEA: On 3 November, merchant vessel M/V STENA IMPERIAL was approached by two skiffs, with 4 to 5 persons onboard each boat, near position 13:04N - 043:09E, Bab el Mandeb Strait. Two skiffs approached to 8 cables at which point onboard armed security team fired a warning flare, both skiffs then passed astern. One skiff then began a second approach, a further warning flare was fired and the skiff turned away. Crew and vessel are safe. (UKMTO; www.pvilt.com; www.sgwardian.com; www.stenabulk.com)

B. (U) Incident Disposition:



(U) Figure 1. Horn of Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 1 – 7 November 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	Nov 2018	Oct 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	1	2	3	1	0	2
Total	0	0	0	1	2	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 8 - 14 November 2018 and Graphic Aids to 10-Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

(U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 8 - 14 November 2018

A. (U) NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA: Northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, with seas of 2 - 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, with seas of 3 - 5 feet.

B. (U) GULF OF OMAN: East-northwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with northwest winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

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

D. (U) SOMALI COAST: Northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the southern section of the coastline. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast 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 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the southern section of the coastline.

E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN: Southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 7 - 9 feet.

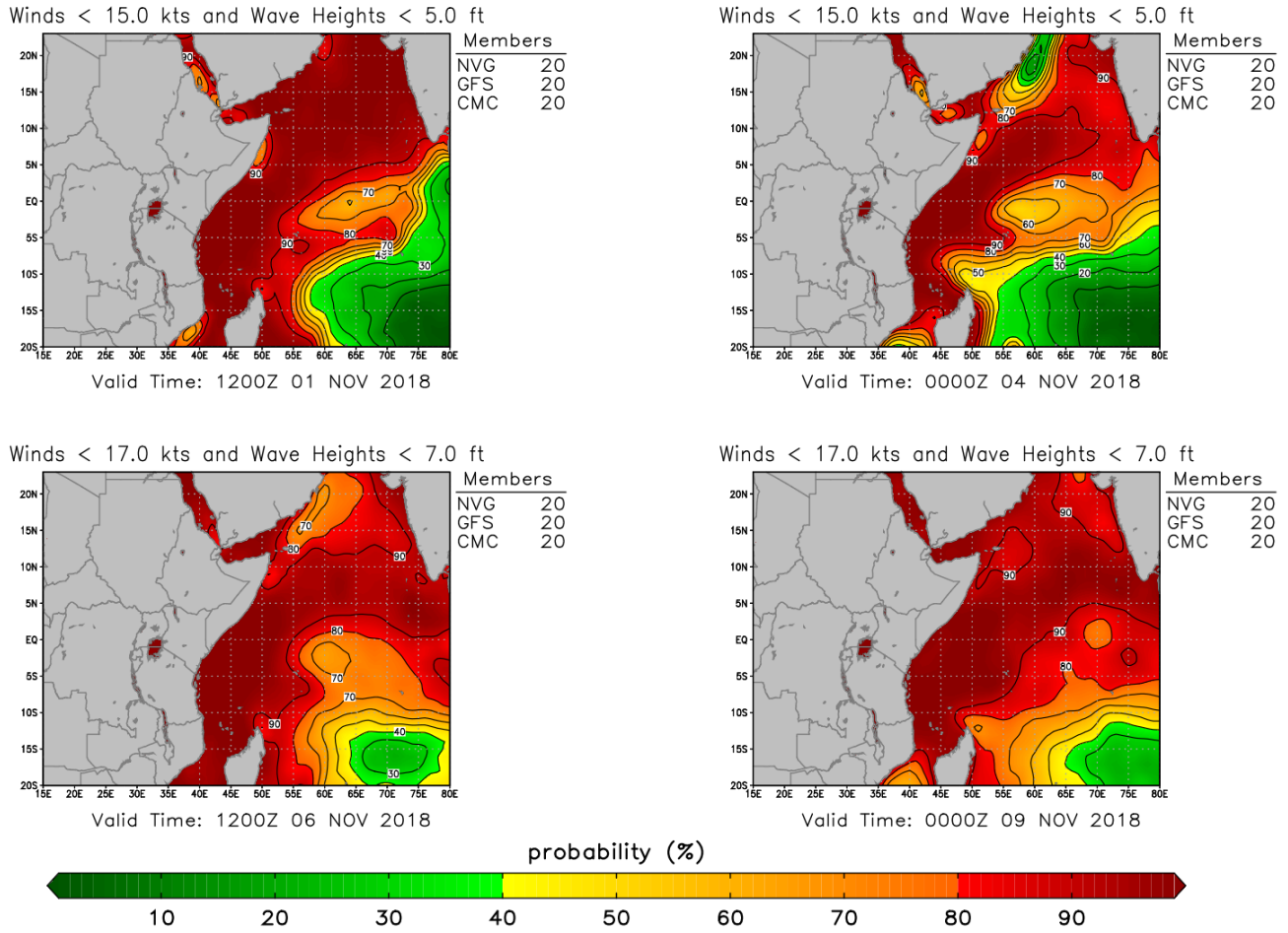
F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: Northerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern Channel; with southerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the southern Channel. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the northern Channel; with southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 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 dominates much of the weather causing winds to remain light and seas low. Expect increased localized wind flow through the Strait of Hormuz due to funneling effects and occasional shamal winds across the Arabian Gulf.

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10-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast, DTG: 2018103000



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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 low level. One vessel was attacked this past week; with late reporting on a boarding event from the previous week. A ship hijacked the previous week was released this past week.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination: No incidents to report.

(U) Kidnapping:

1. (U) TOGO: On 2 November, the merchant taker M/T ANUKET AMBER anchored in Lome, after pirates released the ship and escaped with 12 kidnapped crewmen. Pirates attacked tug ARK TZE on 29 October off the coast of the Republic of Congo and boarded the ANYKET AMBER next. The pirates kidnapped 4 persons from the ARK TZE and took them to the ANUKET AMBER. The pirates took an additional 8 hostages when they left the ship. (www.lss-sapu.com; www.fleetmon.com)

(U) Vessels Boarded:

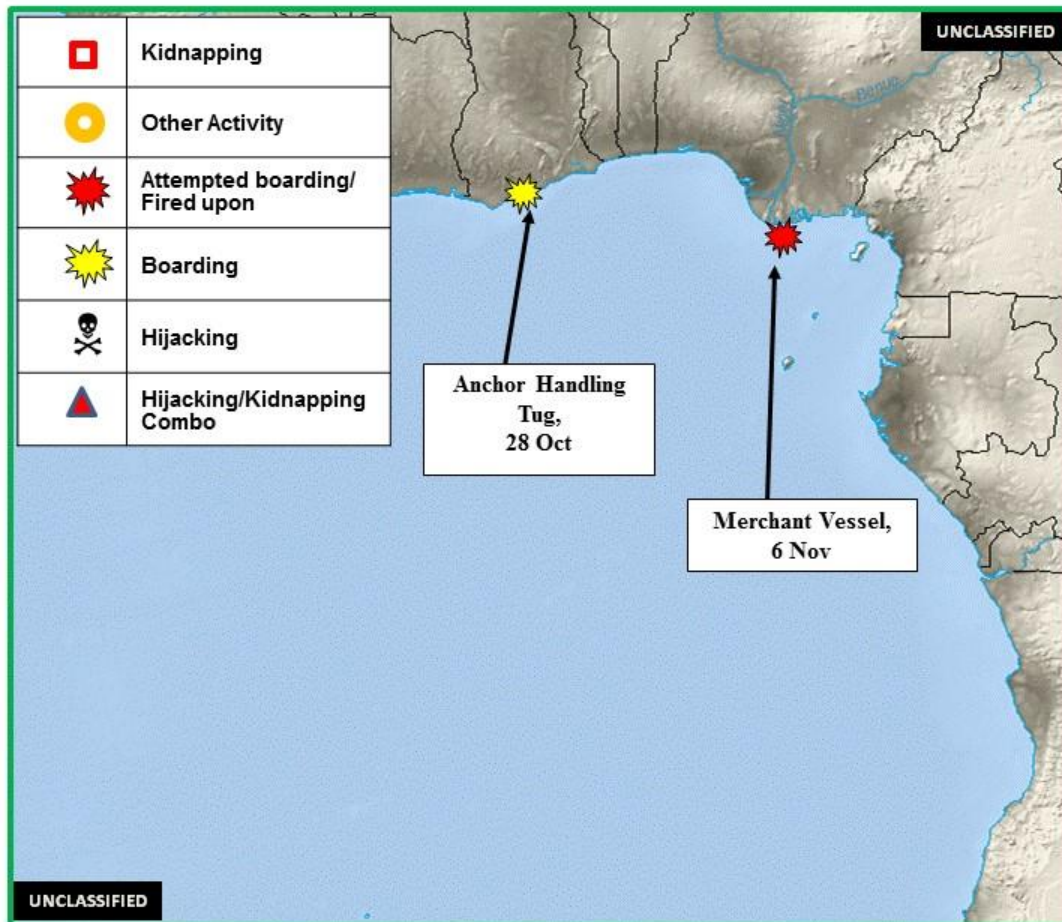
1. (U) GHANA: On 28 October, a robber managed to board a berthed anchor handling tug vessel anchored near position 04:56.4N – 001:42.0W, Sekondi Port. Ship’s properties were stolen and the robber escaped unseen. During routine rounds a duty crewman noticed the padlock to the deck container damaged and on reviewing the CCTV recording the theft was identified. Incident reported to local Authorities. (IMB)

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

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 6 November, a merchant vessel reported being attacked near position 03:55N - 006:56E, 30 nm southwest of Bonny Island. (IMB; www.pvilttd.com)

(U) Other Activity: No incidents to report.

B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 3. Gulf of Guinea Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 1 – 7 November 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	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Hijacked	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	2	9
Kidnapping	0	3	0	5	21	30	26	22	26
Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination	0	2	0	2	4	0	3	0	0
Boarding	0	1	0	6	58	53	39	29	33
Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding	1	0	1	2	42	35	54	41	32
Total	1	6	1	15	131	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 8 - 14 November 2018

A. (U) GULF OF GUINEA: Southerly winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 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 moderate level. Four boarding events were reported this past week; with no further information available on one of the events.

A. (U) Details

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

(U) **Kidnapping:** No incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Boarded:

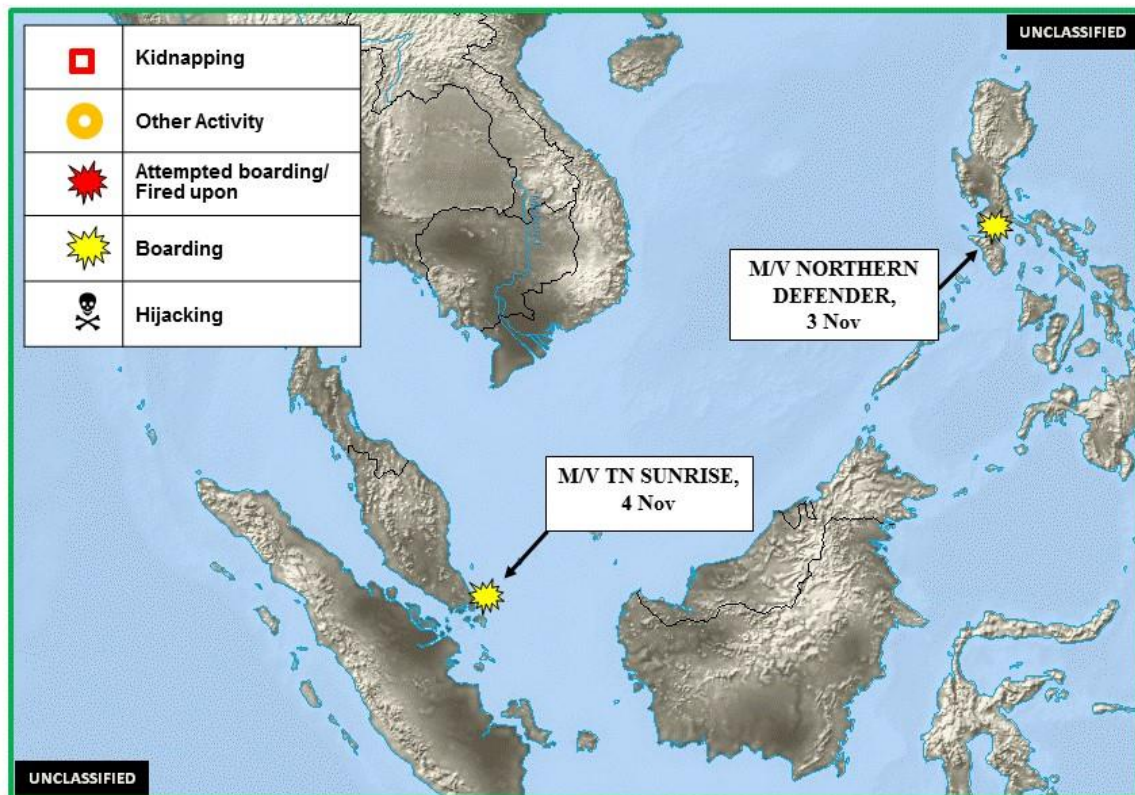
1. (U) INDONESIA: On 4 November, five robbers armed with knives boarded the bulk carrier M/V TN SUNRISE underway near position 00:56N – 105:06E, 11 nm east of Pulau Merapas. They threatened the Master, stole his personal effects and money from the ship's safe and escaped. SSAS activated. Incident reported to local authority. (IMB; www.fleetmon.com)

2. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 3 November, two robbers boarded anchored Liberia-flagged container ship M/V NORTHERN DEFENDER near position 13:42N - 121:03E, Tabangao Anchorage area, Batangas Bay. The robbers boarded from a small motor boat three meters in length and painted blue. The robbers stole various items including fire nozzles and cable wire from the ship. The ship's master and crew were not aware of the robbery on board their ship until the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) maritime patrol team alerted and informed them of the stolen items which were confiscated by the PCG. (ReCAAP; www.pvilttd.com)

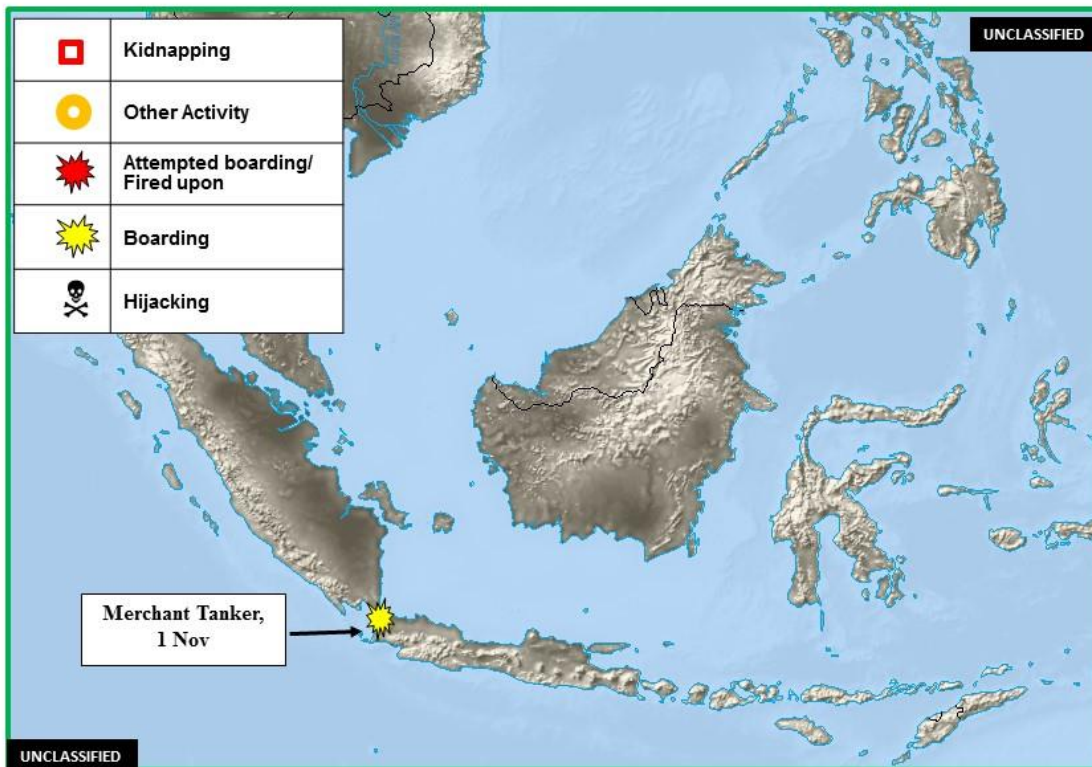
3. (U) INDONESIA: On 1 November, robbers board an anchored crude oil tanker near position 05:53S – 105:59E, Merak Anchorage. The robbers stole engine spares and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds when the ship's crew noticed the store room door open. (IMB)

(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, 1 – 7 November 2018



(U) Figure 5. Southeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 1 – 7 November 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	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Attacks, Boardings, Attempted Boardings	4	0	4	7	75	90	96	238	177
Hijackings	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	16	16
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	2	4	19	0	4
Total	4	0	4	7	78	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 8 - 14 November 2018

A. (U) SOUTHERN SOUTH CHINA SEA: East-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

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

C. (U) ANDAMAN SEA: Northerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern section; with northerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern section. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Easterly winds of 20 - 25 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the northern section; with southeast winds of 20 - 25 knots, and seas of 5 - 7 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: Expect strong gusts in and around scattered thunderstorms, throughout the Malacca Strait and the Andaman Sea due to funneling effects and daytime heating.

(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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