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## (U) **WORLDWIDE: Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report** **8 October - 7 November 2018**



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#### 1. (U) **Scope Note**

1. (U) The Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) message 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.

#### 2. (U) **Warnings and Advisories:**

A. (U) **MARAD ADVISORY 2018-014-GPS Interference-Eastern Mediterranean and Red Seas:** This revised advisory cancels U.S. Maritime Advisory 2018-007 Reference: U.S. Maritime Alerts 2018-004A, 2018-004B, 2018-008A. Issue: Multiple instances of significant GPS interference continue to be reported by vessels and aircraft operating in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea. These reports have been concentrated near Port Said, Egypt, the Suez Canal, and in the vicinity of the Republic of Cyprus. Additional instances of similar interference were reported in October 2018 near Jeddah Port, Saudi Arabia. This interference is resulting in lost or otherwise altered GPS signals affecting bridge navigation, GPS-based timing and communications equipment. Guidance: Exercise caution when transiting these areas. The U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center (NAVCEN) and NATO Shipping Center websites contain information regarding effective navigation practices for vessels experiencing GPS interference. The information reaffirms safe navigation practices when experiencing possible GPS disruption, provides useful details on reporting possible GPS disruption, and is intended to generate further discussions within the maritime community about other disruption mitigation practices and procedures. This guidance also recommends taking note of critical information such as the location (latitude/longitude), date/time, and duration of the outage/disruption, and providing photographs or screen shots of equipment failures during a disruption to facilitate analysis. The NAVCEN information is available at: <https://go.usa.gov/xQBau>. Contact Information: GPS disruptions or anomalies should be immediately reported to the NAVCEN at <https://go.usa.gov/xQBaw> or via phone at 703-313-5900, 24 hours a day. The NATO Shipping Center has requested that instances of GPS interference also be reported to them using the format on their Cyber Interference link: <https://shipping.nato.int/nsc/page10303037.aspx>. Cancellation: This message will automatically expire on May 2, 2019.

**3. (U) Summary:**

- A. (U) NIGERIA: On 6 November, a merchant vessel reported being attacked 30 nm southwest of Bonny Island.
- B. (U) INDONESIA: On 4 November, five robbers armed with knives boarded the bulk carrier M/V TN SUNRISE underway 11 nm east of Pulau Merapas.
- C. (U) GUATEMALA: On 3 November, authorities seized two tons of cocaine from a submarine 70 nm off Puerto Quetzal.
- D. (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 in the Bab el Mandeb Strait.
- E. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 3 November, two robbers boarded anchored Liberia-flagged container ship M/V NORTHERN DEFENDER in Tabangao Anchorage area, Batangas Bay.
- F. (U) INDONESIA: On 1 November, robbers board an anchored crude oil tanker in Merak Anchorage.
- G. (U) PANAMA: On 30 October, robbers boarded an unoccupied boat at anchor in Linton Bay.
- H. (U) MOZAMBIQUE: On 29 October, a duty crewman onboard a tanker anchored in Nacala Outer Anchorage.
- I. (U) GHANA: On 28 October, a robber boarded a berthed anchor handling tug vessel anchored in Sekondi Port.
- J. (U) MARTINIQUE: On 28 October, an in-the-water and not locked dinghy and outboard motor was stolen from a sailing yacht anchored in La Marin anchorage.
- K. (U) GRENADA: On 27 October, a lone swimmer boarded a sailing yacht in Mt. Hartman Bay.
- L. (U) SPAIN: On 25 October, authorities in the port of Malaga seized 6 tons of cocaine hidden amongst a cargo of bananas.
- M. (U) GRENADA: On 14 October, an 11-foot dinghy and 5 HP outboard was stolen from a sailing yacht moored in Grand Mal.
- N. (U) BONAIRE: On 11 October, two swimmers boarded a catamaran in the mooring field at Kralendijk.
- O. (U) SPAIN: On 30 September, one robber boarded a catamaran berthed in Puerto Noray, Melilla.

**4. (U) Counter-Piracy and Maritime Crime Announcements**

- A. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Government of Japan convoy schedule for November 2018. To apply for JMSDF escort, visit [http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/maritime\\_fr2\\_000000.html](http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/maritime_fr2_000000.html), please contact directly the Anti-Piracy Contact and Coordination Office, Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MILT), Japan: Tel: +81-3-5253-8932; Fax: +81-3-5253-1643. Email: INFO-PIRACY@mlit.go.jp. (MSCHOA)
- B. (U) GULF OF ADEN: China Navy convoy schedule for November 2018. For further information, please email: [planavy@navy.mil.cn](mailto:planavy@navy.mil.cn), or call Tel: 441 221 061 or 00870 773 120 215. (MSCHOA)

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: India Navy convoy escort schedule for November 2018. To register, email gcommcentre-dgs@nic.in; or visit ww.dgshipping.com. Telephone numbers for contact are: 91-22-22614646 or fax at 91-22-22613636. (MSCHOA)

D. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Pakistan Navy convoy schedule for November 2018. The application deadline is at least 1 day prior to the convoy escort. To register with the Pakistan Navy Convoy, please send an email to: fhq@paknavy.gov.pk. (MSCHOA)

E. (U) GULF OF ADEN: South Korea Navy convoy schedule for November 2018. All merchant vessels wishing to join the convoy group must submit their application forms directly to the ROK naval warship carrying out the mission. The ROK MTG can be reached directly at (001) +1 646 466 9528 or (001) +1 646 466 9521. Email: adenbay27@gmail.com or aden27@navy.mil.kr. (MSCHOA)

F. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Russian Navy convoy escort schedule for November and December 2018. For further information e-mail smb@msecurity.ru, isps@msecurity.ru or fax +7 (499) 642-83-29. (MSCHOA).

**5. (U) Details: 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 last 30 days. Every effort is made to ensure that 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.

A. (U) **NORTH AMERICA:** No current incidents to report.

B. (U) **CENTRAL AMERICA - CARIBBEAN - SOUTH AMERICA:**

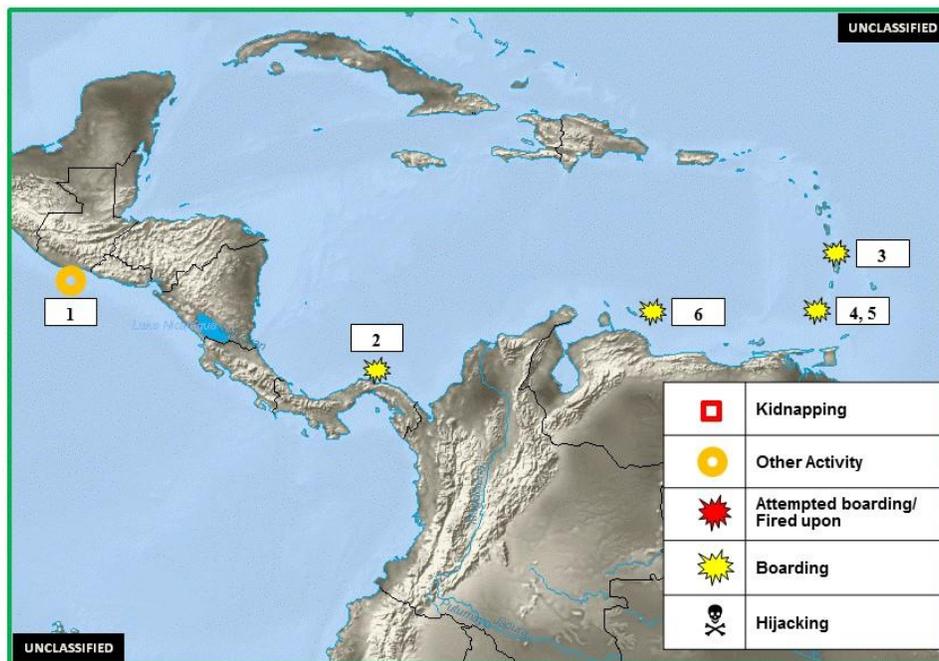


Figure 1. Central America - Caribbean - South America Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) GUATEMALA: On 3 November, authorities seized two tons of cocaine from a submarine 70 nm off Puerto Quetzal. The drugs were seized by navy officials during a routine operation in Guatemalan waters. Three Colombian nationals aboard the submarine were arrested in the operation. ([www.pvilttd.com](http://www.pvilttd.com))
2. (U) PANAMA: On 30 October, robbers boarded an unoccupied boat at anchor in Linton Bay. The owners had been absent for about 2 weeks and on their return discovered a pry bar had been used to defeat the companionway lock and gain entry. The thieves took 2 TVs, tools, dive gear and a great deal of other equipment. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))
3. (U) MARTINIQUE: On 28 October, an in-the-water and not locked dinghy and outboard motor was stolen from a sailing yacht anchored in La Marin anchorage. The dinghy was later recovered at a nearby beach. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))
4. (U) GRENADA: On 27 October, a lone swimmer boarded a sailing yacht in Mt. Hartman Bay. The robber attempted to steal a dinghy that was secured to the yacht. The robber gave up and swam away. Police report made. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))
5. (U) GRENADA: On 14 October, an 11-foot dinghy and 5 HP outboard was stolen from a sailing yacht moored in Grand Mal. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))
6. (U) BONAIRE: On 11 October, two swimmers boarded a catamaran in the mooring field at Kralendijk. The yacht was well locked and the security system detected their presence, at the same time a passing dinghy noticed the disturbance and the 2 men jumping into the water. A report was made on the VHF net. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))
7. (U) BONAIRE: On 11 October, two young men boarded a catamaran anchored in the Kralendijk mooring field. The yacht was locked and the security system detected their presence, at the same time a passing dinghy noticed the disturbance and the 2 men jumping into the water. A report was made on the VHF net. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))
8. (U) CURACAO: On 1 October, an occupied yacht anchored in Cabrita Bay had the in-the-water and cable locked 11-foot dinghy and 18-HP Nissan outboard stolen overnight. The painter and cable had both been cleanly cut near the waterline. A report was made to the police, port captain and on VHF net. ([www.safetyandsecuritynet.org](http://www.safetyandsecuritynet.org))
9. (U) COLOMBIA: On 15 October, the Colombian Navy seized one ton of cocaine in waters near Tumaco, Narino department. The drugs were found inside a hidden compartment of a small boat during a routine operation. ([www.pvilttd.com](http://www.pvilttd.com))
10. (U) VENEZUELA: On 14 October, two Guyanese citizens were kidnapped while operating a small passenger boat transporting people between Venezuelan and Guyana. The next day, one of the men was found in Venezuela's Orinoco River, he had been killed and dumped in the river. The reason for their abduction is said to be ransom. ([www.newsroom.gy](http://www.newsroom.gy))
11. (U) PUERTO RICO: On 13 October, authorities working with Caribbean Corridor Strike Force partners seized 2,325 pounds of cocaine from a go-fast vessel near Las Paulinas Beach in the municipality of Luquillo. ([www.ice.gov](http://www.ice.gov))
12. (U) VENEZUELA: On 10 October, five robbers with their faces covered and armed with large knives boarded a Hong Kong-flagged tanker via the anchor chain and hawse pipe near position 10:13N - 064:50W, Jose Anchorage. They held the duty deck patrol crew from behind, tied him up and threatened to kill him. They then escaped with some unsecured items. Master reported the incident to local port authorities, flag state, owners and other concerned parties. The master and crew took extra measures by fabricating a metal plate to fit in the existing metal grill to the hawse pipe to prevent further unlawful access.
13. (U) VENEZUELA: On 8 October, Venezuela National Guard forces stated that they found 147.5 kilograms of cocaine attached to the hull, below the waterline, of chemical tanker JOSE PROGRESS, berthed at Jose Petrochemical Complex. The

tanker was loaded with 40,000 tons of methanol bound for Belgium. Twenty crewmen are presently under investigation. (www.fleetmon.com)

**C. (U) ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA:**

1. (U) ENGLAND: On 19 October, Border Force officers at the Port of Tyne International Passenger Terminal seized approximately 115 kilograms of cocaine during a search of a Polish-registered truck that had arrived on a ferry from Amsterdam. (www.itv.com)

2. (U) ENGLAND: On 4 October, authorities at the Immingham docks announced they had seized 35 kilograms of heroin and the same amount of cocaine, along with 250 kilograms of cannabis hidden in a shipping container holding fruit juice. The container had arrived the night before on a ship from Rotterdam. (www.grimsbytelegraph.co.uk)

**D. (U) NORTHERN EUROPE - BALTIC:** No current incidents to report.

**E. (U) MEDITERRANEAN - BLACK SEA:**

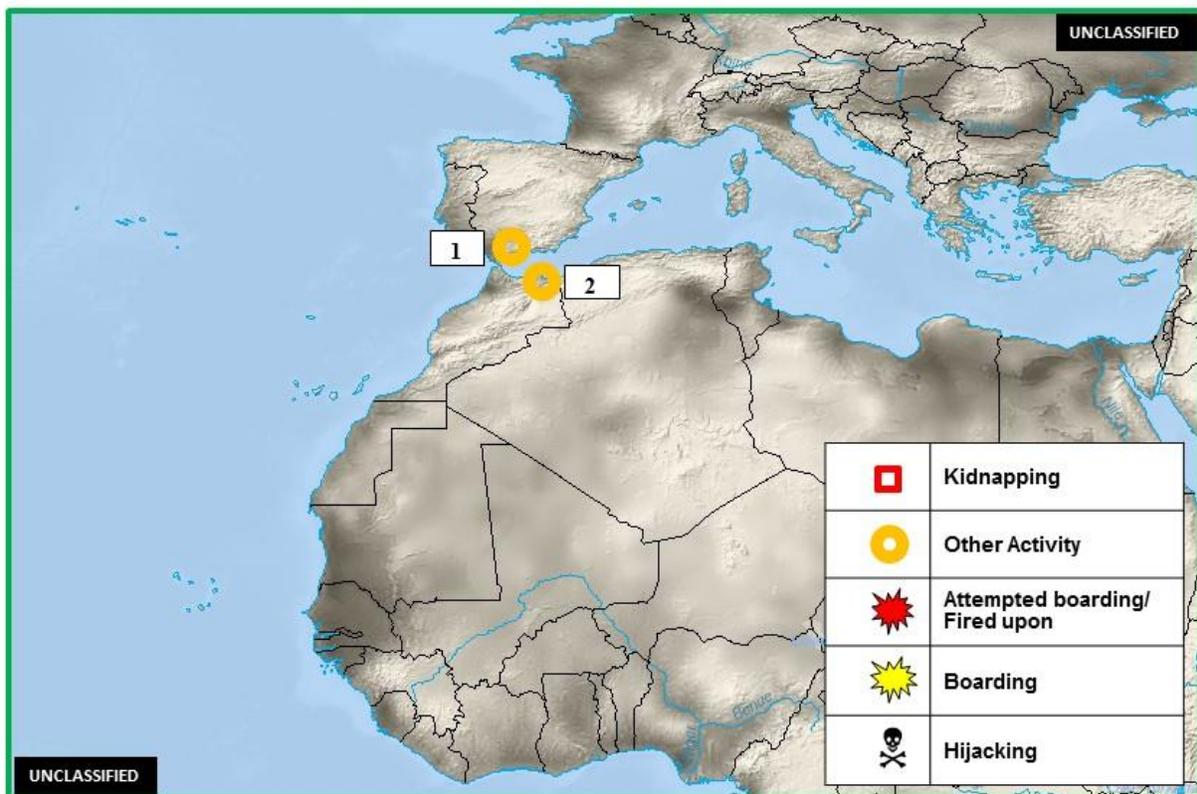


Figure 2. Mediterranean – Black Sea Piracy and Maritime Crime

1. (U) SPAIN: On 25 October, authorities in the port of Malaga seized 6 tons of cocaine hidden amongst a cargo of bananas. Sixteen people were arrested, and cash, weapons, and luxury vehicles were also seized. (www.ticotimes.net)

2. (U) SPAIN: On 30 September, one robber boarded a catamaran berthed in Puerto Noray, Melilla. The robber stole unsecured gear on the upper deck. Another boarding occurred the following night but all gear had been secured and nothing was stolen. (www.noonsite.com)

3. (U) SPAIN: On 30 October, the Spanish Interior Ministry declared that a joint operation between Spanish National Police and customs officers had led to the capture of 3,250 kilograms of hashish and the detention of eight people. The Ministry confirmed that the raid, which occurred in an area called the "Campo de Gibraltar" on the southwest coast of Spain, also led to the seizure of a small boat and three stolen vehicles which were prepared to transport the hashish. (www.menafn.com)

4. (U) GREECE: On 17 October, Greek Coast Guard personnel found a gas cylinder connected to the underwater section of the hull of container ship EVER CONQUEST, at Keratsini Piraeus Container Terminal. Fifty-one plastic packages were hidden in cylinder, containing 53 kilograms of marijuana. (www.fleetmon.com)

5. (U) TUNISIA: On 15 October, customs officials at Tunis's La Goulette Nord Port seized 11,000 ecstasy tablets aboard a private truck that had arrived from the Italian city of Genoa. The narcotics were hidden inside a washing machine. Security forces arrested the owner of the vehicle, who had previously been held on suspicion of trafficking electronic cigarettes through La Goulette. (www.pvilt.com)

6. (U) LIBYA: On 10 October, the self-declared Libyan National Army (LNA) seized two Italian fishing boats with 13 crew Onboard, 46 kilometers from Derna Port, eastern Libya. None of the crew were injured. Both vessels and those onboard were taken to Ras Al-Hilal Port east of Benghazi, according to the LNA. The group said that the vessels were detained inside Libyan territorial waters but that the crew were not under arrest. (www.pvilt.com)

**F. (U) WEST AFRICA:**

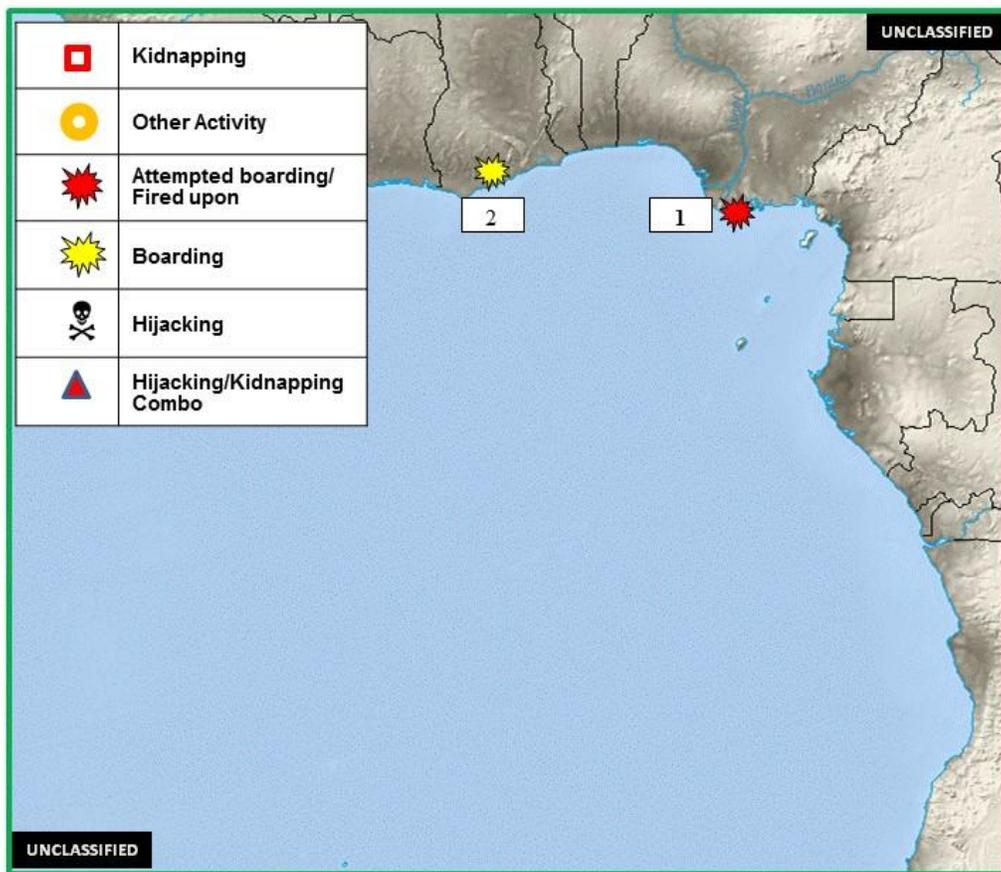


Figure 3. West Africa Sea Piracy and Maritime Crime

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](http://www.pvilttd.com))
2. (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)
3. (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 four crewmembers 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](http://www.lss-sapu.com); [www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com))
4. (U) REPUBLIC OF CONGO: On 29 October, offshore supply vessel ARK TZE was boarded and hijacked by armed pirates near position 04:57S - 010:43E, 68 nm west of Pointe Noire. All crew taken hostage and made to lie on deck while the pirates, ransacked and stole crew and ship's properties. The pirates kidnapped four crew and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the vessel to a safe port. One crewman reported injured. Bridge equipment damaged during the attack. (IMB; [www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com))
5. (U) REPUBLIC OF CONGO: On 29 October, pirates in a speed boat chased and fired upon LPG tanker BW FRIGG carrying out bunkering operations underway near position 04:46S - 010:08E, 101 nm, west of Pointe Noire. Emergency bunker stop and cast off initiated. Speed increased and the tanker made evasive maneuvers and escaped. All crew reported safe. (IMB; MDAT-GoG; [www.pvilttd.com](http://www.pvilttd.com); [www.sguardian.com](http://www.sguardian.com); [www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com))
6. (U) REPUBLIC OF CONGO: On 29 October, vessel owners lost contact with their vessel M/T ANUKET AMBER. the last known position was 04:47S - 010:08E, 102 nm west of Pointe Noire. The ship was reportedly hijacked. (MDAT-GoG; [www.pvilttd.com](http://www.pvilttd.com); [www.sguardian.com](http://www.sguardian.com); [www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com))
7. (U) NIGERIA: On 27 October, pirates attacked the container ship POMERANIA SKY, near position 03:21N - 006:30E, 60 nm southwest of Bonny. Eleven crewmen were kidnapped, 8 Poles, 2 Filipinos, and 1 Ukrainian. ([www.maritimebulletin.net](http://www.maritimebulletin.net); [www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com); [www.thenews.pl](http://www.thenews.pl); [www.sguardian.com](http://www.sguardian.com))
8. (U) NIGERIA: On 25 October, a merchant vessel reported being attacked near position 04:21N – 007:42E. (MDAT-GoG)
9. (U) REPUBLIC OF CONGO: On 20 October, a duty crewman onboard a landing craft anchored in Pointe Noire Anchorage saw two robbers armed with long knives lowering mooring ropes to their accomplice in a wooden boat. Alarm was raised and crew was alerted, resulting in the robbers escaping in their boat. Master contacted port control via VHF to request for assistance. Upon checking, several mooring ropes were found missing from the poop deck. (IMB)
10. (U) NIGERIA: On 26 October, 12 crewmen of Swiss-flagged bulk carrier GLARUS were released and are already in Switzerland, according to a press release from the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They were kidnapped on 22 September. All are reportedly in good health. No details were given on release and conditions of the release, to include whether or not a ransom was paid. ([www.maritimebulletin.net](http://www.maritimebulletin.net); [www.fleetmon.com](http://www.fleetmon.com); [www.swissinfo.ch](http://www.swissinfo.ch))
11. (U) NIGERIA: On 24 October, gunmen attacked a passenger boat in the Abonema waterways, kidnapping 10 persons, including a local community leader. The group was returning from a meeting with other community leaders when the event occurred. ([www.dailypost.ng](http://www.dailypost.ng))

12. (U) REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO: On 22 October, armed robbers boarded a Hong Kong-flagged merchant tanker anchored near position 04:46N - 011:47E, Pointe Noire Anchorage. Robbers boarded via the anchor chain. Alarm was raised, robbers escaped with ship's property in a motor boat. Crew and vessel safe. (IMB; MDAT-GOG; www.pvilttd.com)
13. (U) NIGERIA: On 17 October, a duty crewman on routine rounds onboard a product tanker anchored near position 06:15N - 003:13E, Lagos Secure Anchorage Area, saw a speed boat alongside the anchor chain. Five persons armed with guns and hooks were noticed attempting to board the tanker. The duty crewman shouted at the intruders and informed the bridge. Alarm was raised and fire pump was activated. Upon hearing the alarm, the persons aborted the attempted boarding and moved away. Incident reported to local authorities who dispatched a patrol vessel which searched the waters around the tanker. A search was made throughout the tanker. Nothing reported stolen. (IMB)
14. (U) NIGERIA: On 14 October, two robbers boarded a product tanker anchored near position 06:17N - 003:13E, Lagos Secure Anchorage Area. Duty watchman noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and sounded ship's horn resulting in the robbers jumping overboard and escaping. A search was made throughout the tanker. Incident reported to local authorities who dispatched a patrol vessel. Upon investigation, nothing reported stolen. (IMB; www.pvilttd.com)
15. (U) GHANA: On 9 October, one robber boarded anchored vessel near position 04:53N - 001:45W, Takoradi Anchorage. A crewman on routine security rounds saw the robber and raised the alarm. The robber escaped without stealing anything. (MDAT-GoG; www.pvilttd.com)

**G. (U) ARABIAN GULF:**

1. (U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ: On 23 October, a Royal Navy Type 45 Destroyer, HMS DRAGON, was confronted by three Iranian fast attack boats while escorting a trio of British vessels through the Strait of Hormuz, sparking a stand-off between the naval forces. Both groups of vessels soon separated and continued their journeys. (www.pvilttd.com)

## H. (U) INDIAN OCEAN - EAST AFRICA - RED SEA:

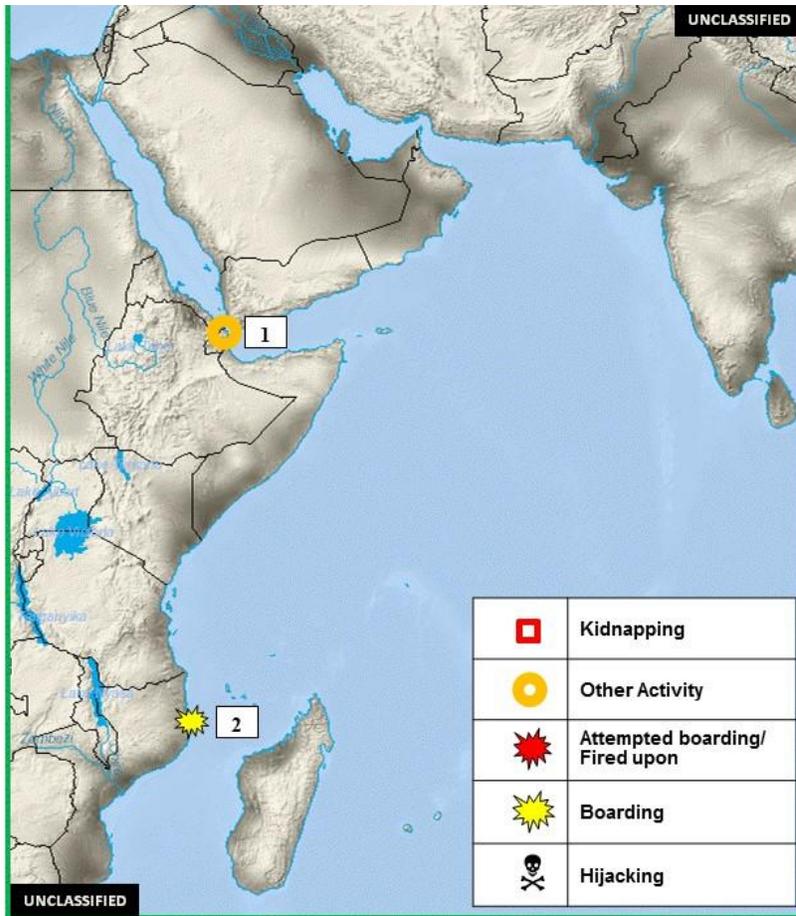


Figure 4. Indian Ocean – East Africa - Red Sea  
Piracy and Maritime Crime

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](http://www.pvilt.com); [www.sguardian.com](http://www.sguardian.com); [www.stenabulk.com](http://www.stenabulk.com))

2. (U) MOZAMBIQUE: On 29 October, a duty crewman onboard a tanker anchored near position 14:22S - 040:42E, Nacala Outer Anchorage, saw a boat tied up to the anchor chain and a robber trying to board the tanker via the anchor chain. Alarm was raised and all crew were mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robber jumped back into the water and escaped. A search was carried out, with nothing reported stolen. (IMB)

3. (U) SOMALIA: On 28 October, EU NAVFOR military personnel seized an active Pirate Action Group (PAG) whaler and destroyed it. This followed a sustained period of surveillance after a piracy attack was conducted against the Hong Kong flagged bulk carrier KSL SYDNEY. The attack against the bulk carrier took place on 16 October, 340 nm off the coast of Somalia. ([www.eunavfor.eu](http://www.eunavfor.eu))

4. (U) SOMALIA: On 16 October, four armed pirates with AK-47s in a speed boat approached the Hong Kong-flagged bulk carrier KSL SYDNEY underway near position 00:49N - 050:53E, 341 nm east-southeast of Mogadishu. Ship's master raised the alarm, contacted local authorities, activated the Ship Security Alert System (SSAS) and all crew mustered in citadel. Shots were fired at the merchant vessel. The armed guards onboard the vessel returned fire, resulting in the pirates

aborting the attack and moving away. All crew safe. (IMB; UKMTO; www.pvilttd.com; www.gcaptain)

**I. (U) EAST ASIA - SOUTHEAST ASIA - INDIAN SUBCONTINENT:**

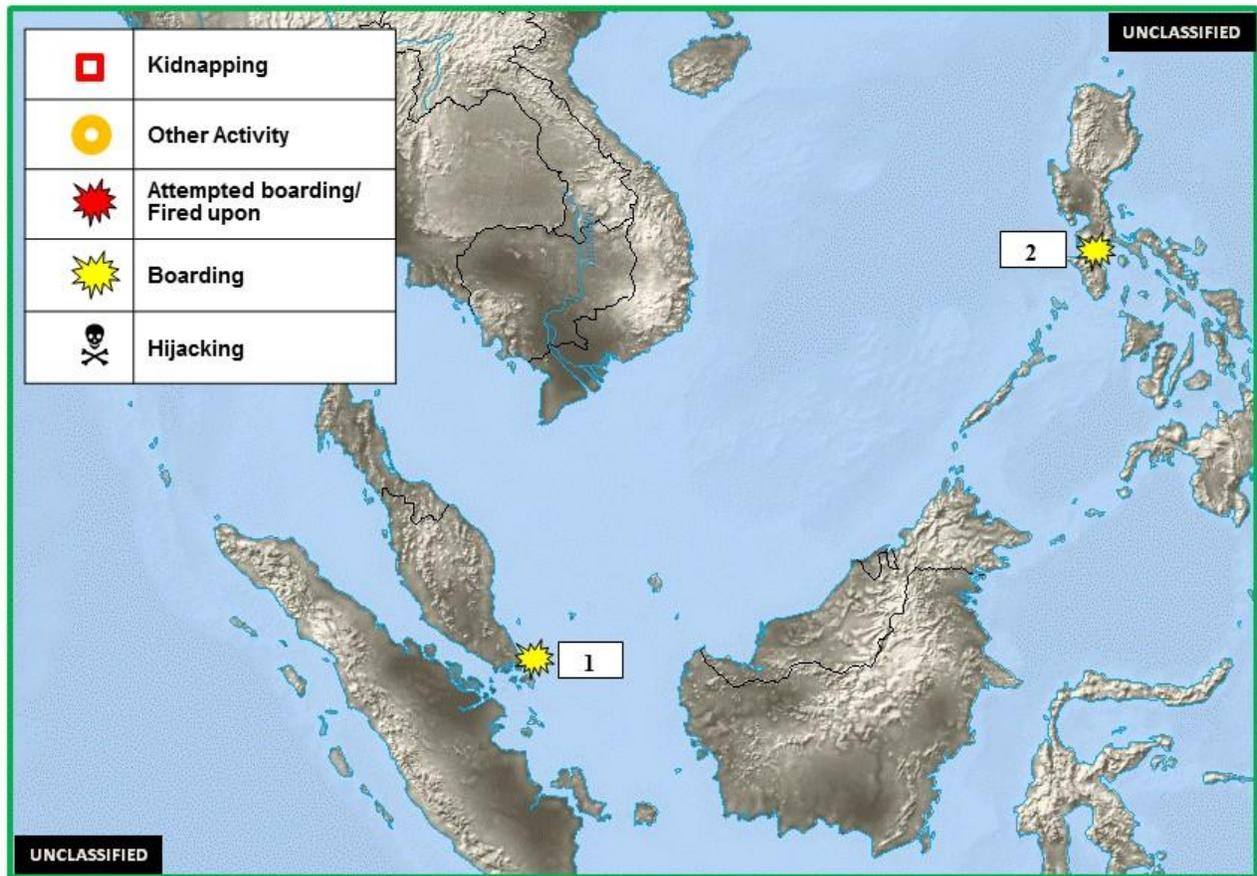


Figure 5. East Asia - Southeast Asia - Indian Subcontinent Piracy and Maritime Crime

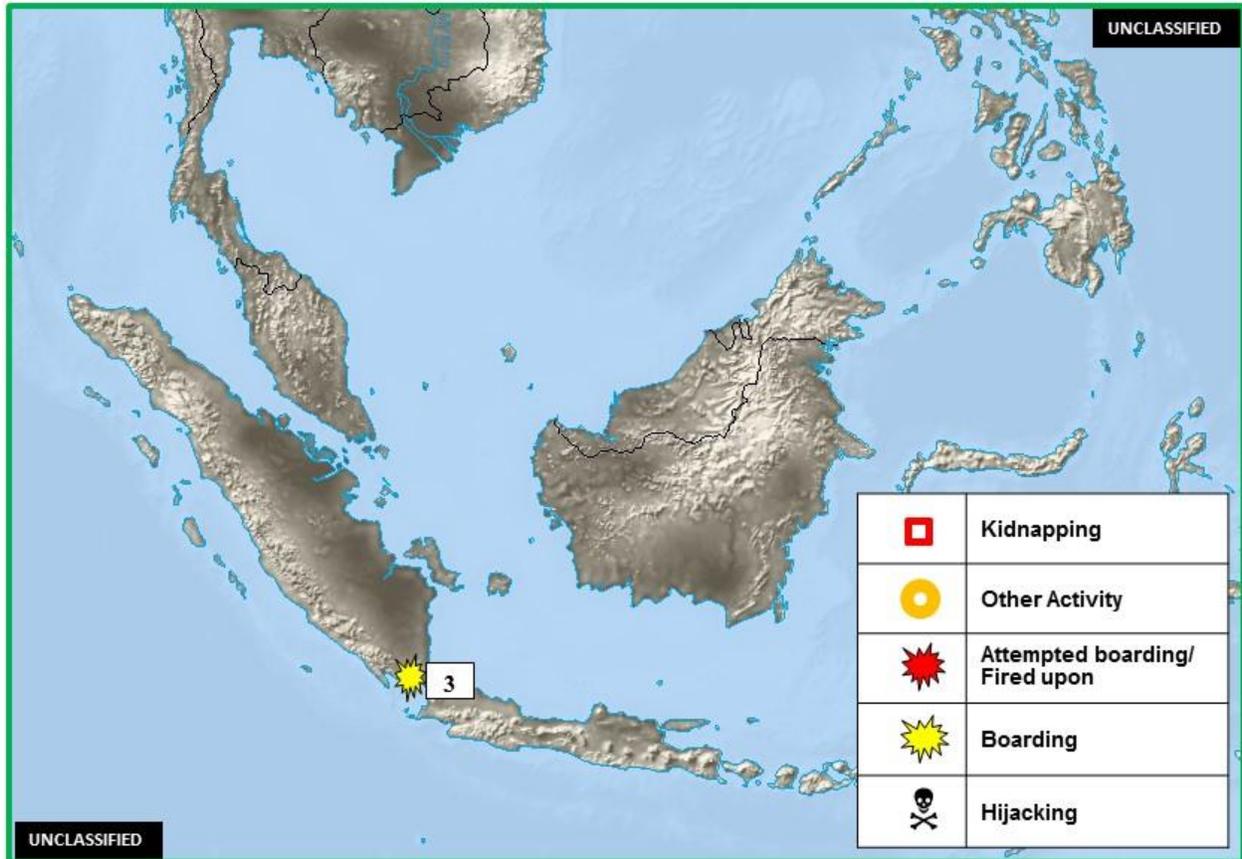


Figure 6. East Asia - Southeast Asia - Indian Subcontinent Piracy and Maritime Crime

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](http://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 PCG. (ReCAAP; [www.pvilt.com](http://www.pvilt.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)

4. (U) INDIA: On 26 October, three robbers attempted to board an anchored Marshall Islands-flagged tanker using hooks attached to ropes in Kandla Anchorage. Crew noticed the assailants and raised the alarm, prompting the assailants to escape. There were no reported injuries. ([www.pvilt.com](http://www.pvilt.com))

5. (U) PHILIPPINES: On 24 October, robbers in a small bamboo boat approached a berthed LPG tanker during cargo operation near position 13:45N - 120:48E, JG Summit Terminal Jetty 1, Batangas. One robber managed to board the tanker. Duty crewman spotted the robber and raised the alarm resulting in the robber escaping. Crew directed flashlights towards the boat as it moved away. A search was carried out and ship's properties were reported stolen. (IMB)
6. (U) MALAYSIA: On 24 October, five persons were arrested on suspicion of sea robbery. The Rompin district police chief released a statement saying that the five suspects were armed when they boarded a Vietnamese fishing boat off the waters of Rompin, posing as law enforcement officers, and took a large amount of cash as well as their catch, which reportedly weighed one ton. The suspects are now in police custody. (www.menafn.com)
7. (U) VIETNAM: On 16 October, robbers, pretending to be stevedores, boarded an anchored bulk carrier during cargo operations near position 20:53N - 107:16E, Campha Anchorage. The robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds after departure. Incident reported to local agent. (IMB)
8. (U) INDONESIA: On 17 October, two robbers armed with a knife boarded a bulk carrier anchored near position 00:15S - 117:35E, Muara Berau Anchorage. Duty crewman saw the robbers on the forecandle deck and immediately informed the duty officer. Alarm was raised. Crew mustered and proceeded to the forward deck to investigate. On conducting a search, the crew discovered ship stores were stolen. The incident was reported to local authorities. (IMB)
9. (U) MALAYSIA: On 16 October, the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) detained two cargo vessels in Miri waters on suspicion of illegal fishing. Thirty-nine Vietnamese crewmen were arrested and the fishing catch seized. A total of fifteen thousand kilograms of fish were onboard the two ships. (www.theborneopost.com)
10. (U) INDIA: On 11 October, robbers boarded the Liberia-flagged tanker GAS ODYSSEY. While anchored 11 nm off Tekra Light, Kandla. the watch crew found footprints on the main deck portside leading to forecandle and back to manifold area. Further investigation revealed that two scupper plugs and three cargo reducers were missing. (www.pvilt.com)
11. (U) INDIA: On 10 October, robbers boarded the anchored LPG tanker BERLIAN EKUATOR near position 22:48N - 069:59E, Deendayal Anchorage, Kandla. The robbers stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed. The theft was noticed by ship's crew during a routine stowaway search. Incident reported to port control. (IMB; www.pvilt.com)

**J. (U) NORTHEAST ASIA:** No current incidents to report.

**K. (U) AUSTRALIA - NEW ZEALAND - PACIFIC OCEAN AREA:**

1. (U) AUSTRALIA: On 19 October, customs authorities seized two sea cargo containers at the Melbourne Examination Facility after they were found to contain 10 million contraband cigarettes during a routine search. (www.ibtimes.com.au)

**6. (U) Appendix A: Further Contact Information and Resources**

(U) This appendix provides contact information for the author of the WTS as well as other entities that can be contacted with maritime crime reports. It also lists other resources where the WTS is posted and where piracy and maritime crime incident information can be found.

**(U) Contact**

(U) Originator of this WTS report requests consumer feedback. Originator will incorporate all anti-shipping events and violence against the maritime industry into this weekly message where appropriate. To aid in our reporting, please add the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) to your normal corporate and organizational reporting requirements. The 24-hour watch can be reached at +1 (301) 669-4053.

## (U) Other Resources

(U) This Worldwide Threat to Shipping Report is posted at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's Maritime Safety site: <http://msi.nga.mil/NGAPortal/MSI.portal>. The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) also publishes a live piracy report based on reporting from the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, listing all piracy and armed robbery incidents in the last ten days: <http://www.icc-ccs.org/>. The PAWW and WTS Reports are posted weekly on the ONI Intel Portal: [http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence\\_Community/piracy.htm](http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence_Community/piracy.htm).

## 7. (U) Appendix B: Terminology and References

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting and also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. ONI welcomes comment and suggestions for addition or amendment.

### (U) Terminology

(U) In order to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference, the following have been adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity and are independent of target vessel status and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authorities:

**(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 of an unknown vessel.

### (U) Sourcing

(U) ONI derives information in this report from 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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(U) The PAWW and WTS reports are posted each week on the ONI Intel Portal and can be found at:  
<http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence-Community/Piracy>