

GLOBAL PIRACY REPORT

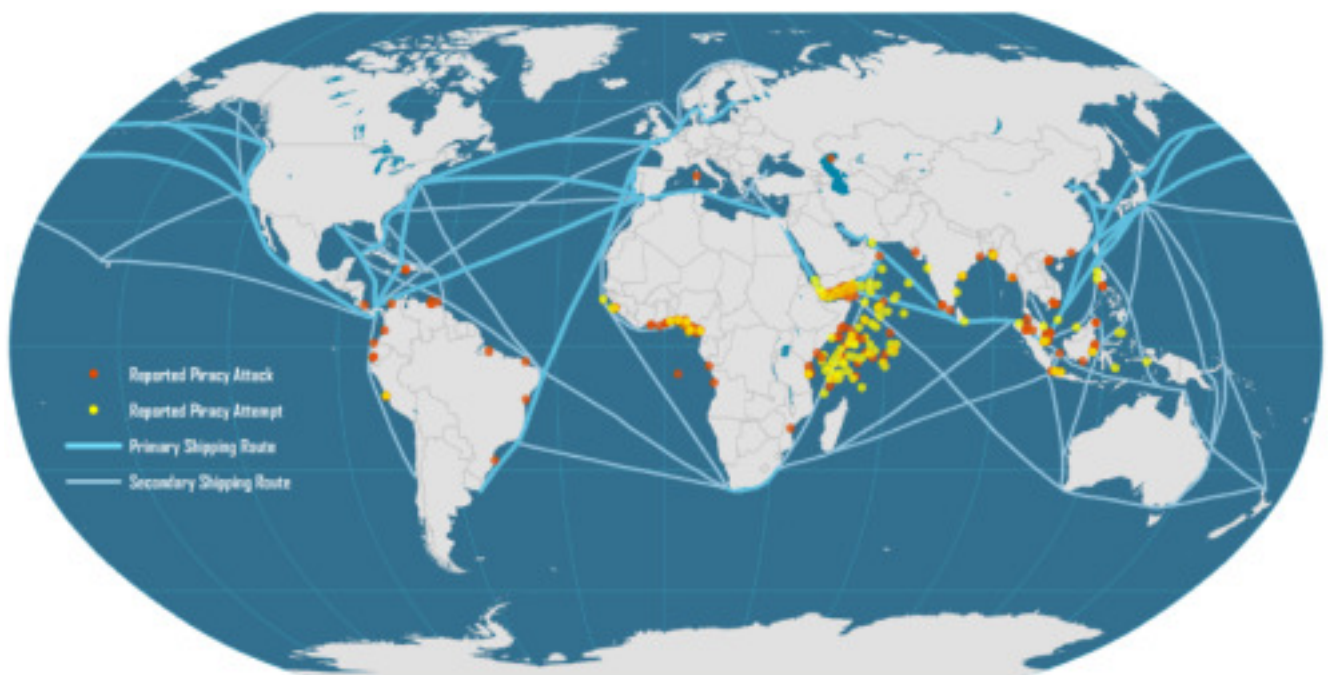
Detailed Weekly Piracy Report and On - The - Ground Analysis Focusing on Somalia, the Gulf of Guinea, Southeast Asia and South America

SUMMARY

(September 16 – 22, 2013; Week 38; Edition 3)

List of Incidents at Sea for this Reporting Period

- **Gulf of Guinea/West Africa:** No current incidents to report.
- **Somalia-Indian Ocean:** Two late reported incidents.
- **Southeast Asia:** One report of a robbery and one late reported incident.
- **South America:** No current incidents to report
- ***North America:*** No current incidents to report
- ***Central America-Caribbean:*** No current incidents to report
- ***South America:*** No current incidents to report
- ***Atlantic Ocean Area:*** No current incidents to report
- ***Northern Europe-Baltic:*** No current incidents to report
- ***Mediterranean-Black Sea:*** No current incidents to report



SOMALIA

At Sea

Hijacks

- No hijackings reported throughout this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies

- **15 September 2013 (Late Report)** - Indonesia-flagged cargo ship reported two suspicious skiffs at 0735 UTC in the Gulf of Aden. The skiffs maneuvered, speeding to the port side of the vessel from about four nautical miles. The skiffs remained at a distance of two nautical miles, shadowing the cargo ship for fifteen minutes before moving away. One dhow was picked up on radar and was observed at 8.5 nautical miles from the vessel in position 12:23.38N - 045:5.47E. One or two pirates were observed on each of the skiffs, which were later seen heading towards the dhow.
- **13 September 2013 (Late Report)** - Tanker reported suspicious skiff at 0730 UTC in IRTC Gulf of Aden. Tanker was approached by one skiff with six pirates on board. The vessel then activated its fire hoses as the skiff closed to two nautical miles. Vessel had a security team on board. The distance was too great to confirm whether any weapons or ladders were on board the skiff. The vessel has been reported safe.

Piracy Related News

- **16 September 2013** - The trial of seven suspected Somali pirates is set to begin on Monday at the High Court in Dar es Salaam, effectively being the first such case in the country's judicial history. The seven Somalis are Mohamed Nuru Adam, Bashir Yusuf Rooble, Muhsini Shehe Hji, Abdulwaidi Abdalahamani, Faragani Ali Abdul, Ally Nur Ally and Omar Mohamed. They are each facing one count of piracy and are alleged to have committed the crime on 3 October 2011 in the Indian Ocean within Tanzania's Exclusive Economic Zone. They are alleged to have attacked an oil exploration vessel, known as Sam's All-Good. In October 2011, a Navy Unit of the Tanzania People's Defence Forces captured the Somali suspects a short distance from Mafia Island.

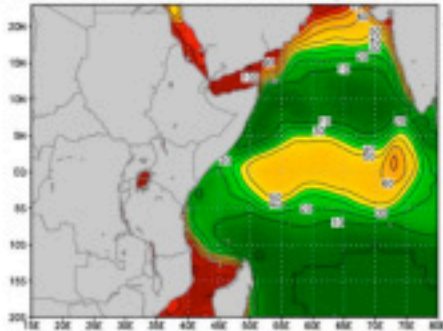
Weather Analysis

- **Gulf of Aden** - Easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; in the eastern section of the gulf, winds are easterly at 10 - 15 knots with seas of 2 - 4 feet.
 - **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.
- **Gulf of Oman** - Southerly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southerly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
 - **Extended Forecast** - Southerly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southerly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Somali Coast** - Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 5 - 7 feet; with southwest winds of 20 - 25 knots and seas of 8 - 10 feet in the vicinity of the Horn of Africa.
 - **Extended Forecast** - Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet; with southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet in the vicinity of the Horn of Africa.
- **Arabian Sea** - Southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** - Southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.
- **Central African Coast/Indian Ocean** - Southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 5 - 6 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** - Southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 4 - 5 feet.
- **Mozambique Channel** - East-southeast winds of 10 -15 knots and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the northern Channel; with east-southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the southern Channel.
 - **Extended Forecast** - Easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 3 - 4 feet in the northern Channel; with easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 3 - 4 feet in the southern Channel.
- **Surface Currents** - The northern Arabian Sea and GOA currents are variable with most areas having an average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having average speeds of 2 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali basin are northeasterly, averaging between 1 - 2 knots.
- **Synoptic Discussion** - The northern and western Indian Ocean areas are under the influence of late southwest monsoon conditions, with high pressure producing clear to partly cloudy skies with haze, isolated rain showers and thunderstorms. The Mozambique Channel will be under the influence of low pressure. Expect partly to mostly cloudy conditions throughout most of the central African coastal areas.

Sea Conditions for the Following Week

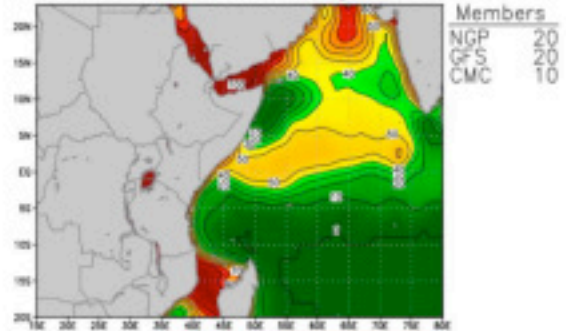
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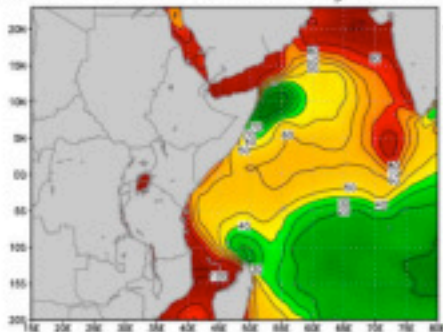
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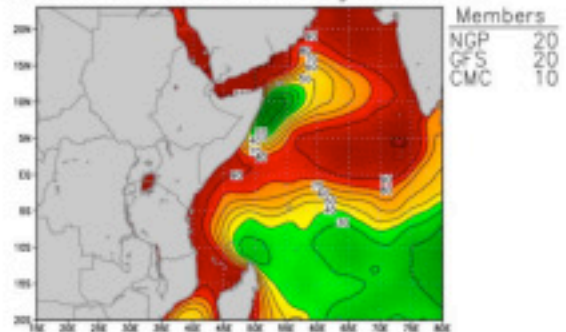
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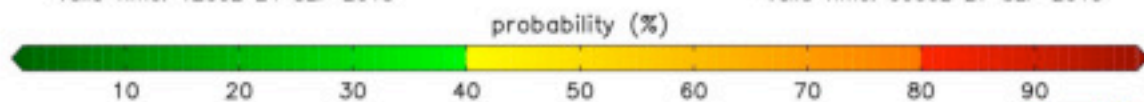


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*** In this graphic, the green shading represents a reduced likelihood of small boats and skiffs operating in the area due to harsh sea conditions, while the red indicates a higher likelihood of favorable sea conditions for skiffs and smaller boats ***

On-The-Ground Analysis

- **19 September 2013** - At least twenty people were killed in a quarry collapse in the country's capital city on Thursday. According to officials and witnesses, nearly two hundred workers were at the site which is located in Mogadishu's northern Karan district, digging for sand for building construction when the sudden collapse occurred. At the time of the incident, Karan district governor Ali Alasow stated that "this was a tragedy. More than 16 dead bodies were discovered from under the collapsed quarry and still some others are missing," however since then, more bodies have been found in the rubble.
 - Meanwhile African Union troops, backed by Somali government forces, captured the district of Mahaday, in the Middle Shabelle region, from al-Shabaab militants, effectively making the town the third to be liberated in the region after Jowhar and Balcad. According to residents, truckloads of troops began to enter Mahdady during the early hours on Thursday. Witnesses have reported that the joint operation faced minimal resistance from al-Shabaab militants before the allied forces took control of the town. Mahaday, which is located 30 km north of the agricultural-rich town and Middle Shabelle regional capital of Jowhar, had previously been used as one of al-Shabaab's bases in the region. This latest development leaves the militant group increasingly isolated in southern Somalia.
- **16 September 2013** - On Monday, al-Shabaab militants dismissed a key donor conference due to open in Brussels, calling it a "Belgian Waffle" and stating that it was a waste of time. In a statement posted on the militant group's newly re-opened Twitter account, al-Shabaab indicated that "the billions promised will most likely be unpaid, the paltry sum given to the apostates," its term for the Somali government, "will be lost in corruption." The group further stated that the conference is "a bit like Belgian Waffles: sweet on the outside but really has not much substance to it. They are just hollow promises..." Some fifty high-level delegations from Africa, Europe, the Gulf and elsewhere are expected to attend the "New Deal in Somalia" in Brussels. The meeting will bring together President Hassan Sheikh Mohamed, along with other Somali leaders, world aid groups and global finance institutions. However al-Shabaab, which is continuing its fight to overthrow the internationally-backed government, has stated that the "conferences never really had any meaningful impact on the ground here in Somalia and this one will be no different," adding that "it's a waste of effort."

Domestic News

- **19 September 2013** - It was confirmed on Thursday that Abdusalam Omer has been replaced as Somalia's central bank governor after seven months in the job. Although Mr. Omer has been replaced, he has once again strongly denied the graft allegations made by the United Nations Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea. The allegations, which were made in a UN report that linked him to irregularities relating to millions of dollars withdrawn from the bank have been formally rejected by the Somali government. In July of this year, the UN Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea indicated that Mogadishu's central bank had become a "slush fund" for political leaders and that Mr. Omer had played a central role in irregularities surrounding unaccountable disbursements. According to Mr. Omer, who has labeled the allegations as malicious, he was informed on September 13 by President Hassan Sheikh Mohamed that changes would be made at the bank. He further noted that he had submitted a letter of resignation that same day. Although Mr. Omer has made no further comments regarding his resignation, he did note that it "is a possibility" that the government decided to remove him as a result of the report, even though an international probe commissioned by Mogadishu had dismissed the UN's findings. Although officials have not confirmed who the new appointment will be, sources have indicated that Mr. Omer's replacement is Yussur Abrar.

Regional Reporting

- 21 September 2013** - A senior al-Shabaab figure has indicated that the militant group carried out a deadly attack on a shopping centre in neighboring Kenya. Militants entered the Westgate centre at about 12:00 local time (09:00 GMT), throwing grenades and firing automatic weapons. Although dozens of shoppers fled the scene, many remained trapped inside. Some witnesses reported that the gunmen had told Muslims to leave and that non-Muslims would be targeted.



According to Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, thirty-nine people were killed, including members of his own family, while another 150 were injured. In a nationally televised address, the president also indicated that the operation to secure the mall and catch the gunmen was still ongoing. On the ground sources have reported that officers have been going from shop to shop in order to secure the area. On its Twitter account, al-Shabaab stated that it was behind what it called the “Westgate spectacle,” adding that the attack was in response to Kenya’s presence in Somalia. Some seven hours after the initial assault began, al-Shabaab indicated on its Twitter account that its fighters were still battling Kenyan security forces inside the Westgate centre. However a security source has indicated that police and soldiers have finally “pinned down” the gunmen in one corner of the shopping centre after several hours of fighting. Kenyan officials have stated that four gunmen have been arrested and that one died of his wounds. There are about 4,000 Kenyan troops in southern Somalia, where they have been fighting the militants since 2011. Although since 2011 the neighboring country has seen a number of attacks by al-Shabaab militants, especially in towns and regions that border Somalia, this is one of the worst attacks to hit Kenya since the attack on the US embassy in August 1998. While there has been no word on the nationalities of those killed and injured in the attack, British Foreign Secretary William Hague indicated that there would “undoubtedly” be British nationals caught up in Saturday’s events. He confirmed that the UK government’s emergency committee, Cobra had met on Saturday afternoon. The US State Department has also indicated that it has received reports that American citizens were injured in what it called “a senseless act of violence.” **Update (22 September)** - Kenya’s President Uhuru Kenyatta has stated that the country is united and strong in the wake of a deadly attack on a Nairobi shopping centre on Saturday. The Kenyan Red Cross indicated on Sunday that sixty-eight people are now confirmed dead after the bodies of nine hostages were recovered on Sunday. Furthermore, over the past few hours, witnesses outside a security cordon have reported gunfire and a large explosion, with increased gunfire occurring around 16:00 GMT. There is currently a heavy military presence both in and around the shopping centre. Between ten and fifteen attackers, all believed to be al-Shabaab militants, are still inside the complex along with some civilians who are still trapped, either as hostages or in hiding. Some reports have indicated that the gunmen are

currently holed up in a supermarket and that there are a number of women who have been reported to be amongst the attackers, however these reports have yet to be confirmed. Al-Shabaab has claimed that there are currently at least thirty-six hostages being held inside the complex, however this number cannot be confirmed. During a news conference on Sunday Kenya's President stated that "the criminals are now located in one place within the building," adding that "with the professionals on site, we have as good a chance to neutralize the terrorists as we could hope for." He also thanked those who helped with the rescue efforts, and asked other countries not to issue travel advisories against visiting Kenya. Amongst the confirmed dead are Mr. Kenyatta's nephew and his fiancée. The UK Foreign Office has also confirmed that three Britons have been killed, noting that the number is likely to rise. French, Chinese, Ghanaian, Dutch, South African, Indian and Canadian nationals

are also among the foreigners confirmed killed, along with a dual Australian-British national. The wife of an American working for the US Agency for International Development was also killed along with prominent Ghanaian poet Kofi Awoonor, who was attending a literary festival in Nairobi.

- **17 September 2013** - A security session between Yemen and Somalia, headed by the two countries' Interior Ministers Abdul-Qadar Qahtan and Abdelkarim Hussein Guled, began in Yemen on Tuesday. The talks are slated to focus on security cooperation between the two countries, cooperation on refugee issues, training of Somali police, fighting against organized crime, terrorism, piracy at sea and smuggling. Yemen's Interior Minister underlined his country's keenness to strengthen joint security cooperation with Somalia in order to ensure regional stability. Somalia's Interior Minister has praised Yemen's support of Somalia during the past two decades, stressing the importance of joint security cooperation in many fields, including training, fighting terrorism and piracy.

Confirmed Victims

- Ruhila Adatia-Sood, Kenyan Radio host
- Ghanaian poet Kofi Awoonor, 78
- President Uhuru Kenyatta's nephew, Mbugua Mwangi and fiancée Rosemary Whaito
- Canadian diplomat Annemarie Desloges, 29
- Two French nationals
- One Australian national
- Three British nationals
- One Chinese woman
- A second Canadian national
- One Dutch woman, 33
- One South African national
- One Indian girl, 16

International Developments

- **18 September 2013** - Police indicated on Wednesday that more than 150 Somali-owned shops have been looted in four days of xenophobic violence in South Africa's coastal city of Port Elizabeth. According to reports, the ransacking of the small grocery shops was triggered by the killing of a 19-year-old South African boy by a Somali shop owner following an argument over cellphone airtime on Sunday. The Somali national allegedly responsible for the killing appeared in court on Monday but was released due to lack of evidence. Local Police spokeswoman Sibongile Soci has stated that "since Sunday, when all the trouble started, 150 shops have been looted and it is spreading to other townships. The situation is still tense." She further noted that some 111 people have been arrested in connection with pillaging the shops and will appear in court later this week. The attacks have spiraled and spread to other areas, with locals claiming that they were avenging the killing. A statement released by the regional police stated that "the situation in some of the townships in Port Elizabeth remains tense but stable with police still maintaining a strong presence." The statement further noted that a police officer attending to one of the hot spots in a township north of the city was injured when a mob threw stones at him. **Update (19 September)** - Several Somali-owned shops re-opened on Thursday as a wave of looting and xenophobic violence in South Africa's coastal city of Port Elizabeth was brought under control. According to police spokeswoman

Brigadier Marinda Mills, “no incidents of looting have been reported since last night (Wednesday),” adding that “police will continue to maintain a high presence” in a number of affected areas.

- **16 September 2013** - On Monday, International donors met to approve a “New Deal” for Somalia which will aid the country to drive its economic and political recovery after two decades of civil war. During the meeting, EU foreign affairs head Catherine Ashton indicated that President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud faced one of “the most difficult challenges in the world,” adding that “I hope this will be a really significant moment” for Somalia. During an opening address to the delegates, the Somali president indicated that he was “very grateful” for all the efforts made on behalf of his country, highlighting four priorities among the many tasks ahead - legal reform, economic recovery, security and public finances. He further noted that “the New Deal must deliver on the ground soon,” and that after years of suffering, “expectations from our people are understandably high. We must not let them down.” Some fifty high-level delegations from Africa, the Gulf and Europe, along with aid groups and global finance institutions, are attending the one-day meeting in Brussels. The New Deal Compact, which is set to be approved on Monday, sets out government priorities and future international support. High on the agenda are plans to get one million children into school in a country that has one of the world’s lowest enrollment rates with only four out of every ten children in school. Over the past year, the government and parliament have worked without interruption however the newly formed administration is not yet strong enough to secure international loans and is therefore dependent on grants. Between 2008 and 2013, European Union grants amounted to 1.2 billion euros of which 521 million euros went towards development while 697 million euros went towards security. Most of the security funding went to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), which comprises some 17,000 troops and was launched in 2007 with the UN Security Council’s approval. While the mission aids the government in maintaining security and has fought alongside the country’s army, to help seize a number of towns from al-Shabaab militants, in recent months, several deadly attacks by al-Shabaab have placed doubts over improvements in security. In June of this year, a suicide commando assault on a fortified UN compound in the centre of Mogadishu killed eleven people. In addition, at least eighteen people were killed in Mogadishu on September 7 when two blasts rocked a popular restaurant in an attack quickly claimed by al-Shabaab. Furthermore, with insecurity rapidly growing, in August medical aid agency Medecin Sans Frontieres (MSF) closed all its operations in Somalia after twenty-two years of working in the country.

Map



GULF OF GUINEA

At Sea

Hijacks

- No hijackings reported throughout this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies

- No attacks or robberies reported during this period.

Weather Analysis

- **Gulf of Guinea** - Southerly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** - Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet.
- **Synoptic Discussion** - The Gulf of Guinea is under the influence of low pressure, bringing strong southerly winds and moisture into the area. Expect mostly cloudy conditions.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

At Sea

Hijacks

- No hijackings reported throughout this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies

- **16 September 2013** - A robber boarded a berthed Singapore-flagged chemical tanker, the Fen, while crew were busy connecting the cargo hoses at 0310 LT in Gresik Port, Indonesia. The robber broke into the paint store and stole the ship's stores. Duty A/B noticed the robber and informed the D/O who raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Upon hearing the alarm, the robber escaped with the stolen stores in a boat.
- **15 September 2013 (Late Report)** - Duty crew on board an anchored Bahamas-flagged tanker, the Cartola, noticed four robbers on the deck at 0140 LT in Nipah anchorage, Indonesia. The duty officer on board the tanker was informed, resulting in the alarm being raised and the crew being mustered. Upon seeing the alerted crew members, the robbers fled.

SOUTH AMERICA

At Sea

Hijacks

- No hijackings reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies

- No reports of attacks or robberies during this period.



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