



GLOBAL PIRACY REPORT

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

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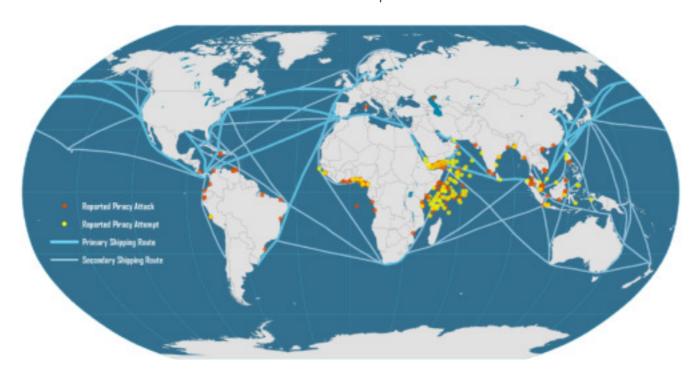


SUMMARY

(October 7 - 13, 2013; Week 41; Edition 6)

List of Incidents at Sea for this Reporting Period

- Gulf of Guinea/West Africa: No current incidents reported
- Somalia-Indian Ocean: Two reports of unsuccessful attacks and one report of suspicious activity
- Southeast Asia: Seven reports of robberies occurring during this period.
- South America: No current incidents reported
- 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



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SOMALIA

At Sea

Hijacks

• None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies

- 11 October 2013 VLCC Tanker reported being attacked at 0926 UTC in position 04:39N 052:19E, approximately 447 nautical miles north-east of Mogadishu, Somalia. Two skiffs, with eight possible pirates on board. One skiff approached the tanker while the other hung back. Armed security team on board the tanker stood to and displayed their weapons. As the skiff continued its approach, warning flares were fired with warning shots later fired by the armed security team as the skiff did not turn back. The suspected pirates returned fire before moving away. Vessel has been reported safe.
- 7 October 2013 Container ship reported a single skiff approach at 0357 UTC in position 13:06.06N 043:06.41E, southern Red Sea, 18 nautical miles east of Assab, Eritrea. The skiff made an aggressive approach on the starboard side of the vessel. The embarked armed security team displayed their weapons however the skiff continued to approach. The armed security team leader then fired a flare which resulted in the skiff haling the approach. During the approach, the sighting of a possible mother-ship was also noted.

Suspicious Activity

• 9 October 2013 - Indonesia-flagged cargo shp reported two suspicious skiffs observed bearing 090 degrees at a speed of 7 - 13 knots at 0500 UTC in position 12:37.60N - 045:48E, approximately 45 nautical miles east-southeast of Aden, Yemen, in the Gulf of Aden. Two white-colored skiffs were seen proceeding suspiciously to the starboard side of the vessel. At a distance of 1.8 nautical miles from the vessel, the Master informed the crew members and the armed security team stood to as the CPA shortened to 1 nautical mile. At 1.3 nautical miles, the armed security team was positioned on the bridge winds. The vessels' horns were sounded and all the crew members on board were alerted and moved to the accommodation area. At 1.2 nautical miles, 3 - 4 pirates on each skiff were observed however no weapons or other paraphernalia were seen. One skiff moved astern at 1 nautical mile while the other skiff moved ahead, crossing the bow to the port side with a CPA of 1.2 nautical miles. After altering course, and maintaining a distance of 1.3 nautical miles, the skiffs aborted and turned away at 0520 UTC.

Piracy Related News

• 7 October 2013 - The trial of six Somali pirates, who have been accused of attempting to attack a Spanish warship in 2012 during an anti-piracy operation in the Indian Ocean, commenced on



Monday in Madrid. According to a court spokesman, the men have denied all the accusations, instead they claim that they were "fishermen who had been fishing" at the time when they were seized by the Spanish Navy. During the first day of the trial proceedings, a number of Spanish seamen appeared in court as witnesses. The prosecutor has requested that the defendants receive a twenty-three year jail term. The case stems from a 12 January 2012 incident when the Spanish warship Patino was taking part in teh European Union's Atalanta operation against piracy in the seas off Somalia. According to Spain's interior ministry, the six suspected men were seized after having attempted an attack "by boarding the ship as pirates." The ministry further added that the group had shot at the Spanish sailors, triggering retaliatory fire, before they took off. A helicopter then proceeded to follow the suspects and the six men finally surrendered and were taken to Spain in order to stand trial. The trial is due to run through to Wednesday with a verdict expected to be reached in the next few weeks. Spain has previously carried out similar trials of suspected pirates. In 2011, two Somalis were sentenced in Spain to long prison terms for seizing a Spanish tuna-fishing boat.

Weather Analysis

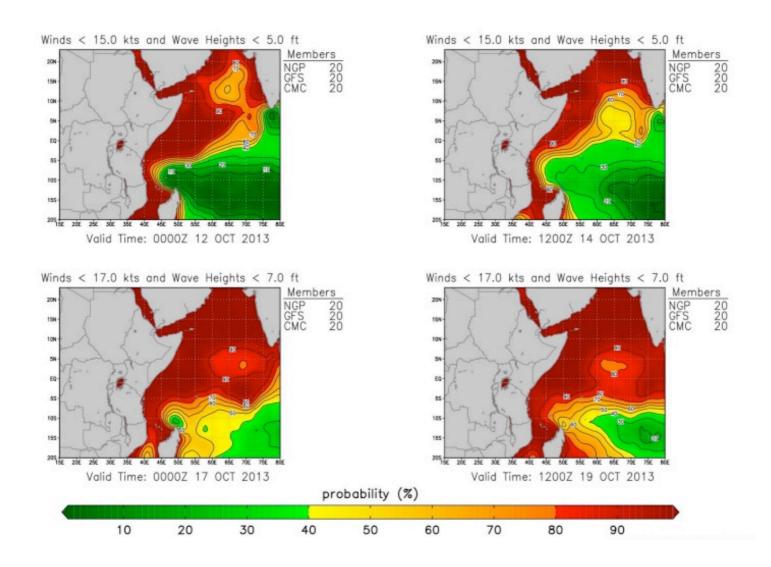
- Gulf of Aden Winds in the western portion of the Gulf will be easterly at 5 10 knots with seas of 2 4 feet; in the eastern portion of the Gulf, winds will be easterly at 5 10 knots with seas of 2 4 feet.
 - Extended Forecast Winds in the Western portion will be east-southeasterly at 5 10 knots with seas at 2 4 feet; while the Eastern portion, winds will be east-southeasterly at 2 4 feet.
- Gulf of Oman Winds in the Western portion will be variable at 5 10 knots, with seas at 2 4 feet; while in the Eastern portion of the Gulf, winds will be variable at 5 10 knots with seas of 2 4 feet.
 - Extended Forecast Winds in the western portion of the Gulf will be northeasterly at 5 10 knots with seas of 2 4 feet; while in the Eastern portion, winds will be northwesterly at 5 10 knots with seas of 2 4 feet.
- Somali Coast Winds will be southwesterly at 10 15 knots and seas of 3 4 feet.
 - Extended Forecast Winds will be southwesterly at 10 15 knots with seas of 3 4 feet.
- Arabian Sea Winds will be southwesterly at 5 10 knots with seas of 3 4 feet.
 - Extended Forecast Winds will be southwesterly at 5 10 knots with seas of 3 4 feet.
- Central African Coast/Indian Ocean Winds will be east-southeasterly at 10 15 knots with seas of 3 4 feet.
 - Extended Forecast Winds will be southeasterly at 10 15 knots with seas of 3 4 feet.
- *Mozambique Channel* Winds in the Northern channel will be south-southeasterly at 10 15 knots with seas of 4 6 feet; while in the Southern channel, winds will be south-southeasterly at 10 15 knots with seas of 5 7 feet.
 - Extended Forecast In the Northern channel, winds will be south-easterly at 15 20 knots with seas of 7 9 feet; while in the Southern channel, winds will be southeasterly at 15 20 knots with seas of 8 10 feet.
- Surface Currents The Northern Arabian Sea and GOA currents are variable with most areas having average speeds of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel will be under the influence of low



pressure, with currents variable and having an average speed of 2 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali basin are northeasterly averaging between 1 - 2 knots.

• **Synoptic Discussion** - Southwestern monsoonal pattern influences the majority of the Centcom AOR, with high pressure dominating the area producing clear to partly cloudy skies with haze, and predominately northwesterly flow over the Arabian Gulf.

Sea Conditions for the Following Week



^{***} 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

- 10 October 2013 At least five people were killed after a bomb explosion and shootings occurred in Kismayo, the port town of Somalia's Lower Jubba region. According to eyewitness accounts, the explosion occurred when an armored vehicle, used by the Jubba administration's forces, was targeted by a land mine around 11:00 AM local time on Thursday. The incident, which occurred as the vehicle was passing through the main street that crosses Fiya Afmadow, prompted security forces to open fire, killing four civilians and wounding six others. Officials in Kismayo have confirmed that security officers have begun a search operation, stating that they believe that al-Shabaab militants are behind the explosion.
 - Meanwhile on Thursday morning, at least ten people were killed in fierce fighting between Somali government forces and al-Shabaab militants in the Bay region. According to officials in the region, the battle erupted after the an armed convoy carrying Somali Federal Government troops entered al-Shabaab based in El-Dhun Adegow, which is situated between the Bay regional capital of Baidoa and Bakool regional district of Waajid.
- 9 October 2013 Three people were killed and three others were wounded after an explosion on Monday, which targeted a small coffee shop near the central police station in Beled Hawo. According to Beled Hawo regional police commissioner, Jamal Hassan Sarey, the explosion was caused by a land mine that was detonated by remote-control. The police commissioner further indicated that "the three dead included two police soldiers and one civilian. A small hospital in Beled Hawo is currently treating three others of whom two are seriously injured." Shortly after the blast, security forces arrested at least six people in connection to the incident. According to Deputy District Commissioner Addow Nur Hassan, the suspects are currently in police custody and will be questioned about the incident, adding that security forces have stepped up their operations in Beled Hawo in order to prevent any further attacks. While the identities of those arrested remains unclear, local residents suspect al-Shabaab to be behind the latest attack.
- 8 October 2013 After a security operation that was carried out on Sunday, regional police in Somaliland have arrested fifty-three people suspected of causing insecurity in Hargeisa. Brigadier General Abdilahi Iman Fadal has indicated that some of the suspects have committed crimes repeatedly, while others were "organizing themselves as gangsters and fight and kill each other in the streets of Hargeisa." Brigadier General Fadal further noted that "such security operations by the police will be conducted throughout Somaliland cities in order to prevent any possible threats which can result in insecurity or violence," adding that investigations relating to the arrests in Hargeisa were ongoing. In recent security operations in Somaliland, police have arrested and sent to jail 270 criminals, many of whom were linked to inciting violence.
- 7 October 2013 Days after US commandos carried out an operation to seize one of al-Shabaab's leaders on Saturday, the militant group has sent out reinforcements to the town of Barawe. According to residents, about 200 masked figures arrived in the southern coastal town, armed with heavy machine guns. The American raid targeted a Kenyan Somali known as Abdukadir Mohamed Abdukadir, alias Ikrimah. Barawe residents have stated that Ikrimah is an al-Shabaab leader who is responsible for logistics and who is usually accompanied by about twenty well-armed guards. According to Pentagon spokesman George Little, Ikrimah was closely associated with Harun Fazul and Saleh Ali Saleh Nabhan, who helped with the 1998 US embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania and the 2002 attacks on a hotel and airline in Mombasa. Nabhan was killed in a 2009 US air strike in Barawe while Harun Fazul, also known as Fazul Abdullah Mohammed, was apparently killed by police in Mogadishu in 2011. The US raid was carried out early on Saturday morning when US forces approached a villa near the Indian Ocean coast where Ikrimah is said to have been staying from time to time. As they were putting up a ladder outside the building, a guard reportedly sounded the alarm, leading to an exchange of gunfire that lasted about twenty minutes. The US forces then withdrew to the beach, got into their speedboats and returned to a waiting ship. While there were no casualties amongst the American forces, al-Shabaab has confirmed that one of its

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fighters was killed during the attack. According to the Pentagon spokesman, "while the operation did not result in Ikrimah's capture, US military personnel conducted the operation with unparalleled precision," adding that the operation "demonstrated that the US can put direct pressure on al-Shabaab leadership at any time of our choosing." According to Kenyan intelligence, Ikrimah was planning to attack targets in Kenya last year, including the Westgate shopping centre. The report further indicates that British citizen Samantha Lewthwaite was also named as having links to the planned attack.

Domestic News

- 10 October 2013 Speaking on Thursday during a weekly cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Abdi Farah Shirdon welcomed the US raid in Barawe, voicing his support for the United States role in fighting al-Shabaab militants. Speaking at the cabinet meeting, the Prime Minister stated that "the US raid was part of the cooperation between the international partners and the Somalia Federal Government," adding that the US had pre-informed the Somali government about the pre-dawn attack.
- 9 October 2013 On Wednesday, Somalia's Defence Minister Abdulhakim Haji Faqi faced hard questions relating to security in front of the country's federal parliament. The inquiry session, which began at 10:00 AM local time and ended around noon, involved members of the parliament's subcommittee of defence who raised a number of questions pertaining to the re-equipment of the National Army and further security operations that will target al-Shabaab militants. According to the Defence Minister, "we have set up new mechanisms to establish strict rules for the army as we also finished registering the personals in service." While responding to questions pertaining to the ongoing operations against al-Shabaab militants, the minister stated that forces are ready to carry out new assaults to liberate more regions.
- 8 October 2013 Somalia's Defence Minister has indicated that operations will soon begin in order to liberate the town of Barawe, which continues to be under the control of al-Shabaab militants. Somali Defence Minister Abdulhakim Haji Faqi has indicated that operations will focus on the al-Shabaab stronghold in the coastal town of Barawe, along with other areas that remain under the control of the militant group. Barawe became a key base for al-Shabaab after Kenyan forces drove the militants out of the port city of Kismayo last year.

Regional Reporting

• 11 October 2013 - On the 5th and 9th of October, a special chartered flight from the Seychelles transported a total of sixteen Somali pirates from the custody of the Seychelles Prison Services to the custody of officials from the UNODC, who organized the transfers and repatriation back to Puntland. According to Minister Joel Morgan, the Minister for Home Affairs and Transport, "a total of 11 prisoners who had been convicted in the Sevchelles for acts of piracy will serve out the remainder of their sentences under the direction and responsibility of Puntland," adding that the "Seychelles has led the region and clearly demonstrated its resolve, where piracy in the Western Indian Ocean is concerned. We remain a committed partner both within the region and internationally, and we continue to do our maximum to support the return of peace and stability in Somalia." Following the latest transfer, thirty-eight Somali prisoners, who have been convicted of piracy, as well as nine on remand, remain in the Seychelles. The transfer of prisoners from the Seychelles to Puntland is the result of the UNODC's recent redevelopment of the Bossaso prison in Puntland, which now meets international standards and acceptable conditions. In addition to this facility, a 500-bed prison being constructed by the UNODC in Garowe, Puntland, which, when completed, will provide adequate space to house many of the convicted Somali prisoners who are currently serving their sentences overseas.



- On Friday, the African Union endorsed a move to boost its force in Somalia by thirty-five percent in order to step up its efforts in the fight against al-Shabaab militants. According to a statement by the UN Security Council, the AU mission in Somalia, AMISOM, will increase its troops by 6,235, bringing the total number to 23,966. The request must be approved by the UN Security Council before the new troops are deployed. The decision comes in the wake of last month's deadly attack in Nairobi, which was claimed by al-Shabaab. Since then, officials in the AU have indicated that "renewed efforts" were needed to fight al-Shabaab in Somalia, adding that the AU was deeply concerned by "the serious threat that al-Shabaab continues to pose in Somalia and in the region."
- 9 October 2013 Officials in Sierra Leone have indicated that they will intensify their security in response to the heightened threat posed by al-Shabaab militants, expressing their concerns that the West African nation could be targeted because of its support for the ongoing peacekeeping operations in Somalia. At a meeting on Wednesday, Francis Munu, police inspector general, stated that new security measures would require government offices to issue identity cards for their staff and maintain visitor logs, while petty traders would be kept away from government buildings. The new security measures are in response to al-Shabaab's attack on a Kenyan mall last month, which according to the militant group, was in retaliation for Kenya sending troops into Somalia nearly two The attack killed at least sixty-seven people, and al-Shabaab has vowed that similar vears ago. attacks will occur unless Kenya withdraws its troops from Somalia. The new measures in Sierra Leone are due to the fact that the country deployed an 850-member battalion to the African Union (AU) mission in Somalia. While Sierra Leone does not border with Somalia, last month's attack in Nairobi aptly demonstrated the militant group's capabilities of carrying out massive attacks outside of Somalia and has subsequently sparked fears that its militants may target interests further out on the continent.

International Developments

• 8 October 2013 - A top United Nations official for Somalia has indicated that the country requires more military force in order to push al-Shabaab militants out of their remaining strongholds, which include the town of Barawe which was the scene of a US commando raid carried out over the past weekend. According to UN Special Representative for Somalia Nick Kay, al-Shabaab continues to "pose a real and present threat" towards the peace-building efforts in Somalia. Although Mr. Kay noted that al-Shabaab is not as strong as before it was pushed out of the capital, and other major cities, further military operations are needed in order to remove the militant group entirely. Speaking in Mogadishu on Monday, Mr. Kay stated that "we can help the Somalis to improve in Mogadishu by better policing, better intelligence, better coordination....But essentially, I don't think we will remove that threat until we actually deal with al-Shabaab outside Mogadishu and to do that - yeah some of its asymmetric, but some of its still relatively conventional." While the African Union-led peacekeeping force, AMISOM, was instrumental in loosening al-Shabaab's grip on major cities in 2011 and 2012, peacekeepers have been stretched too thin in order to continue offensive missions as a number of Ethiopian forces have begun to pull out of Somalia. In turn, the Somali National Army lacks the capacity that is necessary to take over the security in those towns that have been freed from militants. This lack of capacity has in the pas resulted in towns being re-taken by al-Shabaab militants. In response to the increasing pressures placed on AMISOM, Mr. Kay indicated that UN Security Council members would likely be discussing a temporary increase in the number of troops during a review of the AMISOM mission which is scheduled to occur later this month. One of the areas that continues to be under the control of al-Shabaab is the coastal town of Barawe, located south of the capital, where a US Special Forces operation last weekend targeted one of al-Shabaab's top commanders.



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GULF OF GUINEA

At Sea

Hijacks/Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies

• None reported during this period.

Weather Analysis

- Gulf of Guinea Winds will be south-westerly at 5 10 knots with seas of 3 4 feet.
 - Extended Forecast Winds will be south-westerly at 5 10 knots with seas of 3 4 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 with rain showers and thunderstorms.

Piracy Related News

• 8 October 2013 - On Tuesday, a Nigerian court dismissed charges against the nineteen remaining Russian crew members who were accused in an illegal arms possession case. stemmed from October 2012, when a Nigerian naval patrol off the coast of Lagos seized the MV Myre Seadiver, a vessel that is owned by Moscow-based Moran group, which is a private security firm. The Nigerian naval patrol had found a number of weapons on the vessel, including 14 AK-47 rifles, with 3,643 rounds of ammunition, as well as 22 Benelli MR-1 rifles, with 4,955 rounds of ammunition. Throughout the duration of the case, the defence had argued that the suspects were innocent and that the ship had been contracted in order to provide security to vessels in the Gulf of Guinea, which has seen a sharp rise in piracy attacks over the past year. Although initially, fifteen Russian crew members on board the vessel had been arrested for illegally bringing arms into Nigerian territory, they were all granted bail in February, with the charges against eight of the crew members being dropped in June. The fifteen suspects had been granted bail following a written commitment by the Russian ambassador in Nigeria to produce them on demand. However in July, officials in Nigeria amended the charge sheet, and added nineteen new suspects, all of whom had already returned back to Russia. On Tuesday, however, Judge James Tsoho at the Federal High Court in Lagos "discharged all the accused Russians," a ruling that indicated that all the nineteen Russian nationals had still been facing charges. According to a layer representing the crew members, the judge provided "...no reason for this action." In December 2012, Russia's foreign ministry had announced that it had reached a deal to secure the release of the crew members, indicating that Nigeria had agreed to drop the case in order to preserve cordial relations between the two states. While this deal had appeared to have been sidelined earlier this year, Tuesday's ruling has indicated that Russia's diplomatic efforts in the case may have been successful. According to one of the lawyers, a Nigerian citizen, who has been accused of working with the Russian vessel, is still set to stand trial.



SOUTHEAST ASIA

At Sea

Hijacks

None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies

- 10 October 2013 Five robbers armed with long knives boarded a Hong Kong, China-flagged bulk carrier, **Port Hainan**, at anchor at 0315 LT in position 00:15.3S 117:41.3E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samrinda, Indonesia. One crew was held hostage while the robbers broke into storage and took some of the ship's stores. The OOW was alerted, the alarm was raised and the crew members proceeded towards the forecastle. Upon seeing the alerted crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. No injuries were sustained by the crew members.
- **7 October 2013** A Bahamas-flagged product tanker, **SKS Donggang**, was boarded, while performing STS operations, by four robbers armed with knives while one remained in a boat at 0342 LT in position 01:06N 103:28E, Karimun Transshipment Area, Indonesia. A different group of robbers was discovered on board the other STS tanker and the alarm was raised. The robbers were spotted by the crew members and escaped without taking anything.
 - Five robbers boarded an anchored Panama-flagged product tanker, **Pioneer Express**, during STS operations and were noticed attempting to enter the accommodation at 0345 LT in position 01:05.5N 103:28.2E, Karimun Transshipment Anchorage, Indonesia. Alarm was raised and the crew members on board the tanker were mustered to safety. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers made threatening gestures to the crew later jumping overboard and escaping in their unlit boat which had an orange superstructure. The mooring master and the other STS vessel nearby was informed as well. Detailed search on both vessels indicated that the robbers had boarded both vessels. Port control was informed of the incidents.
 - •6 October 2013 Duty crew on board an anchored crude tanker, preparing for STS operations, noticed some suspicious boats near the vessel at 0242 LT in position 01:07.12N 103:35E, Nipah Anchorage, Indonesia. As a crewman approached closer, he found portable ladders rigged along the side of this ship, with some robbers attempting to board the tanker. He immediately alerted the OOW, who raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted their attempt to board the vessel and moved away. Vessel alongside, and other vessels in the area, were alerted.
 - Six robbers in black attire were seen on board an anchored Marshall Islands-flagged crude tanker, *Armada Ali*, trying to find a way into the accommodation at 0410 LT in position 01:08.71N 103:35.51E, Nipah Anchorage, Indonesia. Alerted Duty officer raised the alarm and sounded the ship's whistle. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in their wooden boat which had a large orange canopy. Vessels in the vicinity were alerted of the incident.
 - •5 October 2013 Robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored Liberia-flagged crude tanker, **HS Carmen**, awaiting cargo operations at 0040 LT in position 00:05S 117:33.19E, Santan



Anchorage, Indonesia. Duty crew noticed movements at the forecastle and proceeded to the area in order to investigate. Duty officer raised the alarm and the rest of the crew was mustered to safety. Upon reaching the forecastle, the robbers threatened the crew members with long knives and escaped shortly afterwards. The crew members on board the crude tanker were successfully able to retrieve the stores which the robbers were trying to steal. Port authorities were informed however no response was received.



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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