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## 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 (April 28 – May 4, 2014 - Week 18; Edition 35)

### List of Incidents at Sea for this Reporting Period

**Gulf of Guinea/West Africa:** One incident to report

**Somalia-Indian Ocean:** Seven incidents to report

**Southeast Asia:** Four incidents to report

**South America:** No current incidents to report

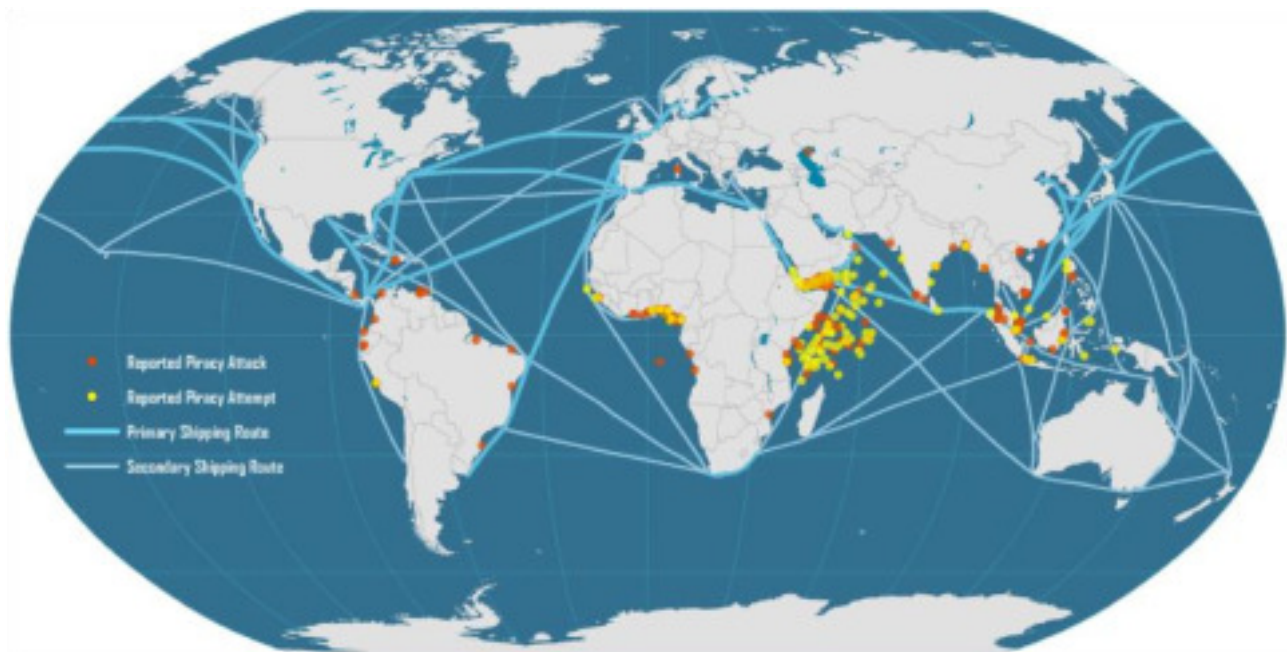
**North America:** No current incidents to report

**Central America-Caribbean:** 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:

- None reported during this period.

#### Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- **30 April 2014** – Merchant vessel underway has reportedly attacked by suspect pirates. The Captain made a distress call to Bosaso Port at 1007 LT in position 13:21N - 051:08E, approx 145nm NE of Bosaso Port, Gulf of Aden. CP forces responding. Awaiting further details.
- **29 April 2014** – A fishing vessel reported an attack at 0847 LT in position 04:53N - 053:26E, approximately 526nm NNW of Bird island, Seychelles, approximately 512nm ENE of Mogadishu, Somalia. Awaiting further details.
- **29 April 2014** – Two fishing vessels were reported attacked at 0300 LT in position 01:42N - 053:15E, approximately 344nm NNW of Bird Island, Seychelles. Reportedly ten skiffs, including one dhow were in the vicinity. Awaiting further details.

#### Suspicious Activity:

- **2 May 2014** – A vessel reported being approached on the port quarter by a skiff travelling at 22kts with 6-7 pirates on board at 0300 UTC in position 12:35N - 043:25E, in the southern Red Sea. The fire alarm was raised, whistles were blown and the AST displayed weapons. A nearby coalition warship was also contacted on VHF. The skiff veered away.
- **30 April 2014** – A vessel reported being followed for two hours by one grey-hulled fishing boat and one white speed boat at 0835 UTC in position 13:21N - 051:08E, approximately 140nm NW of Socotra Island, in the Gulf of Aden. The speed boat closed to 1nm, at which point the vessel made a call on VHF. The call was received up by a nearby warship. A helicopter was sent to investigate and the speedboat veered away.
- **29 April 2014** – A vessel reported being approached by 2 skiffs at 20kts at 1241 UTC in position 12:03N - 045:37E, approximately 56nm SSE of Aden, Yemen, in the Gulf of Aden. One white and one green skiff slowed as they approached. One skiff with 7 pirates on board came within 1.2nm. When the AST displayed weapons, the skiffs moved away. Due to conflicting reports it has not been possible to determine the presence or otherwise of weapons on the skiffs.
- **29 April 2014** – A fishing vessel reported being approached by a skiff with 6 pirates on board at 0810 UTC in position 12:25N - 043:50E, approximately 64nm NE of Djibouti, in the Gulf of Aden. No weapons were sighted. The skiff closed to 1nm, at which point a warning shot was fired and weapons displayed. The skiff turned away towards a second fishing vessel which also displayed weapons. The skiffs turned away again.

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## Piracy Related News

- **2 May 2014** – Nigeria is cracking down on oil theft. The Joint Task Force (JTF) in the Niger Delta of Nigeria announced that it handed over the vessel MV LAME to the management of Sea Tide Marine Ltd. The vessel was reportedly impounded in July 2013 and alleged to have been loaded with about 100,000 litres of illegally refined AGO or diesel. In a separate event, JTF announced that in multiple raids on oil thieves over the last 10 days, they had taken custody of a barge laden with suspected stolen crude; and destroyed nine illegal refineries. The vessel and crew of the barge, Dera 1, will be handed over to the prosecuting agency following preliminary investigations. JTF troops have also destroyed eight illegal crude oil distillery camps along Tebidade Brass Agip pipeline in Bayelsa. Forces destroyed five crude oil and AGO dumps filled with suspected stolen crude and illegally refined AGO. The Maritime Component of JTF intercepted two wooden boats containing product suspected to be stolen crude oil while patrolling Okpumani creek. They also seized and destroyed two pumping machines in an abandoned well head, and a fibre boat.
- **26 April 2014** – The master of a dhow spoke of his experiences and subsequent relief after 6 armed pirates, who had taken his vessel and crew hostage 14 days earlier, fled the scene after sightings of an EU Naval Force maritime patrol and reconnaissance (MPRA) aircraft. The master stated that the pirates had forced him and his crew to sail to the Gulf of Aden, where they had planned to use the dhow as a 'mother ship' to attack merchant ships at sea. The pirates had also stolen electronic equipment and other personal items from the crew. EU Force Commander, Rear Admiral Jürgen zur Mühlen, stated "This event confirms that the piracy threat is still very real. The deterrence and swift action by EU Naval Force has once again denied freedom of action to pirates."
- **26 April 2014** – The navies of twenty-one countries have completed a joint multinational maritime security exercise tagged 'Operation Obangame' in the Gulf of Guinea to seek solution to the threats of piracy and crude oil theft in the region. The participating countries included: US, France, Italy, Spain, Germany, Turkey, Brazil, Denmark, Belgium, Netherlands, Portugal, Angola, Ghana and Cameroun, Equatorial Guinea, Benin Republic, Cote Divoir, Gabon, Togo, Republic of Congo and Sao Tome and Principe, and South Africa (observing). The Gulf of Guinea has emerged as a new danger-zone with pirates targeting fuel cargo and loading it onto other ships to sell on the lucrative black market. Insecurity in the region has caused multi-billion dollar losses, which impact regional growth and investment. The Turkish navy has also affirmed their readiness to support Nigeria and other African countries on the Gulf of Guinea in the fight against rising pirate attacks on the major commodities route. Hasan Usaklioglu, Vice Admiral of Turkish Naval Forces and Commander of the Southern Sea Area, spoke at a historic meeting in Lagos, saying, "We are ready to share our experiences with the Nigerian Navy by giving trainings and exercises," adding that the Turkish Navy would bring the experiences garnered in fighting piracy in Somalia. Analysts have called for collaboration and collective efforts among maritime nations in order to ensure a safe and secured maritime environment on the Gulf of Guinea.

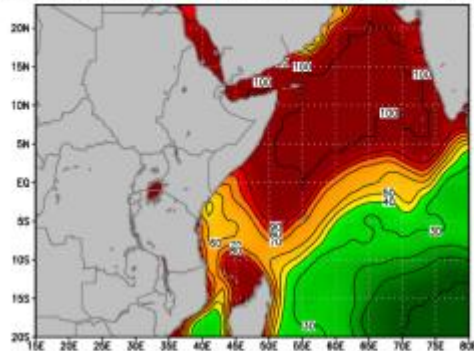
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## Weather Analysis

- **Northern Arabian Sea:** Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.
  - **Extended Forecast:** Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.
- **Gulf of Oman** – Variable winds of 5- 10 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
  - **Extended Forecast:** Southwest 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.
- **Gulf of Aden** – 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.
  - **Extended Forecast:** Easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Somali Coast** – South-southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet; with southerly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the vicinity of the Horn of Africa.
  - **Extended Forecast:** East-southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet; with east-southeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the vicinity of the Horn of Africa.
- **Central African Coast/Indian Ocean** – South-southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet.
  - **Extended Forecast:** South-southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet.
- **Mozambique Channel** – The Mozambique Channel will be impacted by cloudy conditions, with rain showers and thunderstorms. South-southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the northern Channel; with south-southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the southern Channel.
  - **Extended Forecast:** South-southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the northern Channel; with south-southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the southern Channel.
- **Surface Currents** – The northern Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are variable with most areas having average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having average speed of 2 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali basin are north-easterly averaging between 1 - 2 knots.
- **Synoptic Discussion** – The transitional season influences the weather in the region. Low pressure over Iraq will produce cloudy skies with rain showers in the Arabian Gulf, as the front interacts with the high pressure over the Strait of Hormuz.

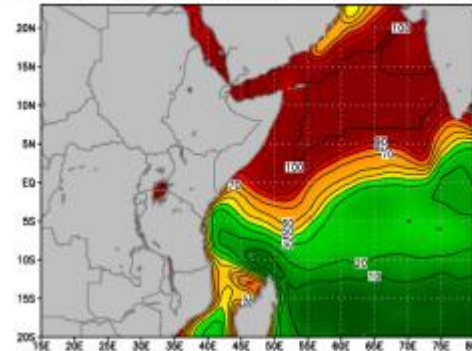
## Sea Conditions for the Following Week

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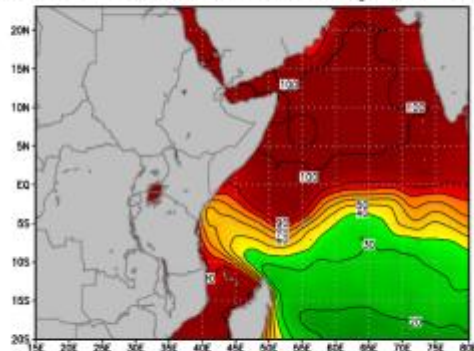
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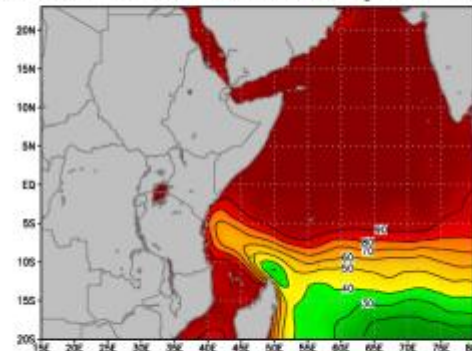
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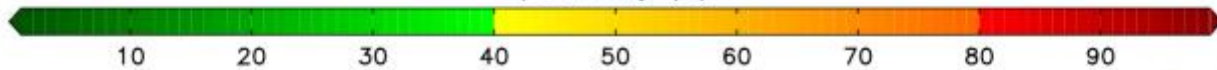
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\*\*\* In this graphic, the green shading represents a reduced likelihood of small boats and skiffs operating in the area due to harsh sea conditions, while the red indicates a higher likelihood of favourable sea conditions for skiffs and smaller boats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

## On the Ground Analysis

- **3 May 2014** – Six people were killed in a bomb explosion in Mogadishu; al-Shabaab has claimed responsibility for the attack, which targeted the vehicle of a prominent former government official, who was killed. The blast took place near the city centre's "Kilometre 4" district, near the Turkish embassy. It remains unclear whether the explosives were attached to the vehicle or placed on the roadside and detonated by remote control. Among the victims, Somali official Abdikafi Hilowle, a former secretary for the city's administration, was killed. Policemen and civilians were also among the dead. An al-Shabaab military spokesman, Abdiaziz Abu Musab, told news agencies that his group had carried out the attack, the third to target Somali officials in less than a month.
- **3 May 2014** – Somali authorities acting on a tip successfully aborted an attempt on the life of a lawmaker in the capital Mogadishu. Municipal official Abdul-Qadir Mohamed Abdul-Qadir said, "Security agencies got a tip-off about planting explosives in lawmaker Abdullah Ahmed Hussein's vehicle in a hotel parking lot." Policemen cordoned off the area where the car was parked and detonated the vehicle remotely. No casualties were reported. There has not been any claim of responsibility for the operation, but fingers of accusation are pointed at the militant Al-Shabaab movement, which claimed responsibility for the assassination of two lawmakers last month.
- **2 May 2014** – Reports from the Fafahdun and Gedo regions indicate that al-Shabaab Islamist militants have launched numerous mortar shells Fafahdun, attacking Somali National Army and African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) bases. Early reports from witnesses say that the shelling caused several casualties and injuries. No official numbers have been released. The Kenyan Defence Forces (KDF) under AMISOM suffered losses in the attack on the Gedo region. AMISOM and Somali government troops conducted sweeps in the region immediately following the event. Currently, the situation is peaceful in the town.
- **1 May 2014** – Somali Minister of National Security, Abdikarin Hussein Gulled, has confirmed the existence of black markets designed for trafficking illicit weapons into Mogadishu. Gulled stated, "There are no open markets [in] which illegal weapons are publicly traded. Of course in Mogadishu there are black markets for trafficking illegal weapons. We always take security measures to increase efforts of countering against those black markets and assure such markets to be terminated from the city. Illegal weapon smugglers only know each other, as this makes difficult the smugglers to be swiftly and easily identified" He added that smugglers and traffickers conduct deals in unknown locations where there are no weapons, then later transfer weapons secretly.
- **30 April 2014** – Somali security agents and African Union peacekeepers have arrested over 200 suspected al-Shabaab sympathisers during a massive operation in the northern suburbs of Yakshid and Heliwa in Mogadishu. The sweep was aimed at improving the security of Mogadishu; Somali security





agencies often declare that such measures are aimed at preventing the actions of the al-Shabaab operatives.

- **29 April 2014** – Puntland Police Forces apprehended twelve alleged Al Shabaab members, including three women, in a security sweep in Bossaso, on the Gulf of Aden. Bari region police commander, Abdirahman Ali Hussein, stated that officers patrolling the town heard an explosion on Monday evening. Upon inquiry, police discovered a trail of blood and the footprints of a wounded person. Hussein said, “They continued tracking the blood marks until they found the house which the wounded person entered.” Officers found a man with an injury on his right hand, along with 11 others, including three women who were cooking. All were apprehended and taken in for questioning. Officials suspect that the explosive materials that wounded the militant were being assembled for an attack against the administration’s offices.
- **28 April 2014** – As many as eight people were killed in renewed clashes between Somali government forces and al-Shabaab militants in the Kulan-Jareer village Bakool region, southwest Somalia. The fighting erupted when the Somali military attacked the area to hunt a top level Al Shabaab leader and his forces, who occupied the village over night. Authorities were seeking Abdullahi Dhere, al-Shabaab's representative to Bay region. Fighting between security forces and the militant group occurred over several hours. Somali army commander in the region, Colonel Mohamed Abdirahman, said, “We were hunting an al-Shabaab leader who was trying to hide in the village, but unfortunately he escaped.” Abdirahman added that his forces killed four militants, however witnesses say at least 8 people killed in the fighting, which was some of the heaviest reported in the region for several weeks.

## Regional Reporting

- **3 May 2014** – Three people were killed and several wounded in two explosions in the Kenyan coastal city of Mombasa. In the first attack, a grenade was reportedly thrown in a bus that had just arrived in Mombasa at the Mwembe Tayari transport terminal from Nairobi, killing three and wounding at least seven. A second blast took place at a beach bar near the Nyali Reef hotel. A device was left in a plastic bag in the washroom. A passerby noticed in time to take cover before it detonated. No casualties were reported and no damage occurred at the hotel. It is suspected that a third attack was planned for a nearby cinema complex but was unsuccessful. The attacks were minutes apart from one another. No one has yet claimed responsibility for the attacks; however the militant group al-Shabaab has targeted the area in recent times.
- **2 May 2014** – Somaliland President Ahmed Mohamed Mahmoud Silanyo has issued a Presidential decree relieving five top officials of their duties. In an unexpected move, the president has terminated the Assistant Minister of Interior and in Charge of National Security; Head of the Presidential Guard; the Regional Governor of Sahil, Gabiley, Sanaag; Director General in the Ministry of Religious Affairs; and Director General In the Ministry of Information, National Guidance and Culture. No explanation was given for the decision.
- **1 May 2014** – Unidentified assailants killed four Jubaland soldiers in Kismayo. Jubaland's Minister of Interior, General Mohamed Warsame Darwiish, said that security forces have taken new measures after gunmen targeted soldiers and traditional leaders with planned assassinations. According to officials on Sunday, armed men shot and killed one soldier, followed by another gun attack that left three Jubaland soldiers dead in Kismayo's Via Afmadow neighbourhood. The President of Somalia's Jubaland administration has met with senior security officials at the presidential palace to discuss the latest insecurity incidents. On Wednesday, angry crowds yesterday held rallies in Kismayo in support of

peace, with participants calling for political lenience and cooperation. Jubaland is a new administration that was established in 2013 as a state in the Federal Republic of Somalia.

- **1 May 2014** – The Kenyan government's use of excessive force in counter-terrorism operations being blamed for causing radicalization in Kenya. Hawa Noor, security analyst with the Institute of Security Studies (ISS), revealed that extremists have attracted impoverished youth who resent the government because they feel marginalized and deprived. The government's reaction to extremism, in turn, is heavy handed crackdown of suspected radicalized youth and clerics, which has exacerbated the situation. Noor said that the Kenyan government needs to reassess its approach to dealing with the vice and poverty alleviation. Likewise, Muslim elders and leaders also need to take the responsibility for setting an agenda.
- **29 April 2014** – Defence ministers from across Africa will meet with officials from the US and the United Nations for a peacekeeping and stability summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from June 25-26. The Peacekeeping and Stability Links Africa 2014 meeting aims to address long-term security across Africa. The forum will also bring together global business operators for ideas sharing and bilateral discussions focused on public-private partnerships. Topics on the agenda include counter-terrorism, peacekeeping, logistics solutions, border control, counter-narcotics, construction / refurbishment, defence sector training, maritime security, equipment procurement, aerial surveillance and election monitoring. Representatives from UN peacekeeping missions in the DR Congo (MONUSCO), the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS), Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI), the Central African Republic (MISCA), Darfur (UNAMID) the African-led Support International Support Mission in Mali (AFISMA), the African Union Mission in Somalia (Amisom) and the Trans-Sahara Counter-terrorism Partnership (TSCTP) are also expected to attend.
- **28 April 2014** – An Australian warship seized over a ton of heroin, worth nearly £160 million from a sailing boat in the Indian Ocean. Australia's Defence Department said that warship HMAS Darwin intercepted the vessel 27 nautical miles east of Mombasa. The heroin, totalling 1,023 kilograms, was sealed in 46 sacks and hidden inside bags of cement. HMAS Darwin Commander, Terry Morrison, called a major heroin seizure, which "has removed a major source of funding from terrorist criminal networks." The heroin was destroyed at sea. There has been an increase in heroin trafficking throughout eastern Africa in recent years. Heroin is often routed through the region from Pakistan en route to Europe. Eastern Africa is known for its porous borders and weak maritime surveillance. However an anonymous source suggests that the heroin might have been loaded in Kenya, due to the presence of cement. "Most drug barons use sugar to hide drugs if the port of loading is Kismayo or rice if it's Pakistan. In Mombasa they use cement," the source said. Australian Naval force reported the seizure to the UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) office in Dubai, which is the primary point of contact for merchant vessels and liaison with military forces in the region. All warships operating under what is called Combined Task Force 150 (CTF-150), CTF155 and CTF156 in the Indian Ocean report to the UKMTO and ATALANTA.
- **28 April 2014** – The Saudi ambassador to Kenya, Malhan Ghorm, says his country is contemplating legal action against the Kenya police for "illegally detaining" a Saudi Arabian national. The man, Ali Hanash Al Amri was released Monday morning after being held for several days in Lamu. Police claimed he was heading to Somalia to support al-Shabaab. Ambassador Ghorm claimed that this accusation was tantamount to "maligning the name of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" by associating their national with terrorism. Al Amri was in police custody in Mombasa over suspected terror links, then later released to his country's ambassador in Nairobi for deportation. He was arrested at Kiunga border village while in the company of a Kenyan government official working for a research institution. Al Amri, a fourth year surgery student at Maastricht University in the Netherlands, had requested to

travel with him to undertake marine research there. In the past, Kenyan security agencies have arrested a number of British, German, French, and Belgium and American citizens on terror suspicions along the border area.

- **27 April 2014** – Somalia's prime minister expressed concern Monday over the detention of what he says are law-abiding Somalis in Kenya. Police in Kenya are conducting a security crackdown aimed at stopping terrorist attacks, and have arrested thousands of people, predominantly ethnic Somalis, following a wave of attacks blamed on the Somali militant group al-Shabaab. The crackdown has been strongly criticized by rights groups who believe authorities are profiling Somalis, detaining them without trial, extorting refugees, holding the suspects in inhumane conditions and circumventing the law to deport some back to Somalia. The Kenyan security operation resulted in the arrest of Somalia's consular officer in Kenya, Siyad Mohamud Shire, which violated his diplomatic immunity. Shire was suspected of having links to radical groups. In a written statement, Somali Prime Minister Abdiweli Sheikh Ahmed said, "The Federal Government of Somalia continues to express serious concerns over the detention of law-abiding Somali citizens in Kenya. The Somali government has been in constant communication with the Kenyan Government on these detentions and would like to see the government of Kenya make every effort to ensure the protection of innocent Somali citizens." Earlier this year, the Kenyan government charged a Somali diplomat and four other Somalis with terrorism-related charges for the detonation of an IED (improvised explosive device) at a popular restaurant in Kenya's main international airport. An anonymous police official said that authorities have phone records indicating that the Somali diplomat was communicating with two of the suspected airport bombers while they were on their way to the airport. The Somali government has not issued any statement on the arrest and prosecution of the embassy employee, but recalled Somali Ambassador Mohamed Nur to Mogadishu for consultations.

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## GULF OF GUINEA

### At Sea

#### Hijacks:

- No incidents reported during this period.

#### Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- **29 April 2014** – Pirates approached the product tanker SP BRUSSELS while underway near position 04:56N – 004:49E, 35 nm west off the coast of Bayelsa Province, Nigeria. The armed guards on board fired at the pirates who had boarded. Most crewmembers and the armed guards secured themselves in the citadel. Head count in the citadel indicated two among crew were missing. Later the armed guards made a sweep of the vessel to check for presence of pirates. The armed guards found one crewmember dead, another injured, and two pirates who had been killed. The vessel headed towards Lagos. The pirate craft followed astern before moving away. The vessel headed towards Lagos.

#### Suspicious Activity:

- No incidents reported during this period.

### Weather Analysis

- **Gulf of Guinea** – Easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.
  - **Extended Forecast:** Easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.
- **Synoptic Discussion** – The Gulf of Guinea will be impacted by partly to mostly cloudy skies, with isolated thunderstorms.

### Regional Reporting

- **1 May 2014** – The attack on the SP Brussels by pirates off Nigeria's coast on 29 April resulted in one merchant seaman being killed. Nick Davis, CEO of GoAGT, said: "Poorly trained, locally employed and undermanned armed security teams are no match for the threat they are facing." Davis added that a citadel is a valid part of vessel defence if "the security team and the crew have trained hard in anti-piracy and citadel drills." This includes a security team with thorough knowledge of the ship, and establishing highly effective communications and co-ordination procedures with the crew.

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## SOUTHEAST ASIA

### At Sea

#### Hijacks:

- No incidents reported during this period.

#### Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- **1 May 2014** – An alert crew on board a drifting Panama-flagged product tanker, Prime Express, noticed three persons armed with knives boarding at 0530 LT in position 01:29.38N – 104:47.45E, around 20nm NE of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia. The alarm was raised and all crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons retreated empty handed.
- **1 May 2014** – Duty crew on board an anchored general cargo ship saw a small boat approaching from astern at 0425 LT in position 01:24.0N – 104:35.1E, 10nm North of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia. On further checking, the crew noticed the boat had come alongside and had six robbers armed with handguns. Alarm raised and ship's horn sounded. The robbers aborted the attempted boarding and moved away.
- **30 April 2014** – Three robbers boarded an anchored chemical tanker at 0500 LT in position 01:24.4N – 104:41.2E, around 12nm NNE of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia. The duty wiper on routine rounds noticed the robbers and informed the duty engineer, who raised the alarm. All crew mustered. The robbers immediately escaped in their boat. Upon searching the vessel, it was found that some engine spares were missing.
- **30 April 2014** – At 0150 LT, two robbers boarded an anchored tanker from the stern at position 22:08.1N – 091:41.6E, near Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh. The ship raised the alarm and all crew mustered. Port Control was notified. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen properties from the ship.

### Regional Reporting

- **28 April 2014** – Following the hijacking of the Naniwa Maru No 1 in late April, the International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has released information about a similar attack last week off the south-eastern coast of Malaysia. The tanker was hijacked by sixteen pirates in a speedboat on 17 April, near Aur Island. Noel Choong, head of the IMB's Piracy Reporting Centre, said, "The heavily-armed pirates hit the captain with a sword and destroyed communication equipment." The IMB was not aware of the attack until Thursday because of the damage to the communications system. The pirates then siphoned a portion of that tanker's diesel cargo and stole crew members' valuables before escaping. The IMB is concerned that attacks around Malaysia are rising, Choong said.

## SOUTH AMERICA

### At Sea

**Hijacks:**

- No incidents reported during this period.

**Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:**

- No incidents reported during this period.



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