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Global Piracy Report

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

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Summary (July 28 – August 3, 2014 - Week 31; Edition 48)

List of Incidents at Sea for this Reporting Period

Gulf of Guinea/West Africa: No incidents reported during this period.

Somalia-Indian Ocean: One incident reported during this period.

Southeast Asia: One incident reported during this period.

South America: No incidents reported during this period.

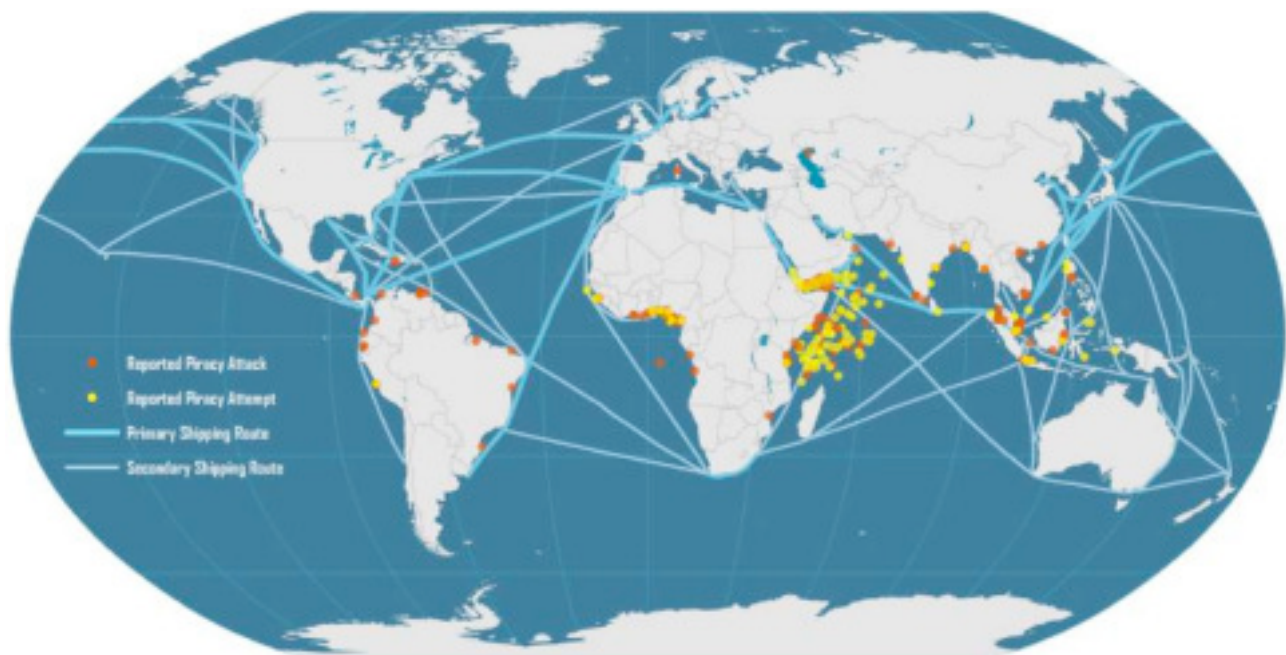
North America: No current incidents to report

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:

- **31 July 2014** – At 2045 UTC, in position 15:50.4N – 041:30.08E, a vessel reported being approached by three skiffs. The skiffs closed to 0.1 nautical miles. The armed security team on board the vessel fired warning shots resulting in the skiffs dispersing. Two further approaches by the skiffs were made before they withdrew. The vessel and crewmembers on board have been reported safe.

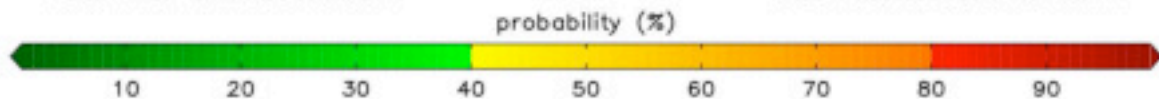
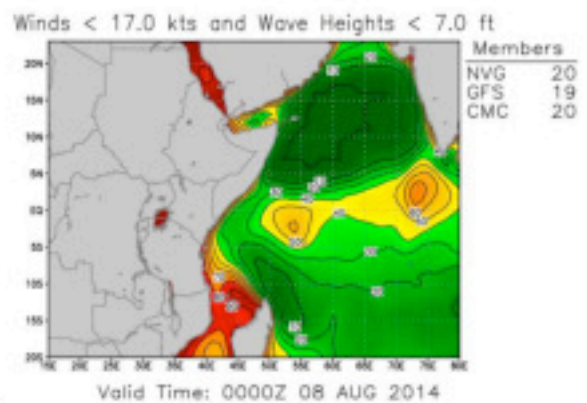
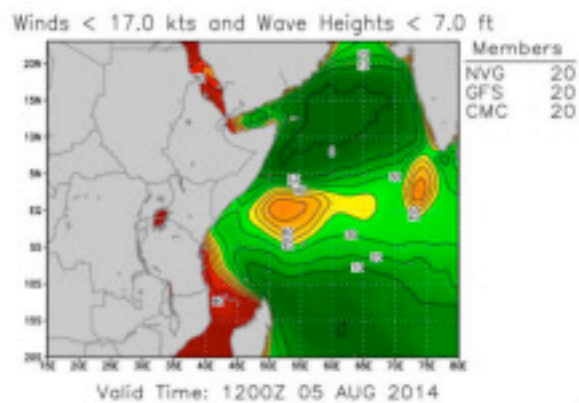
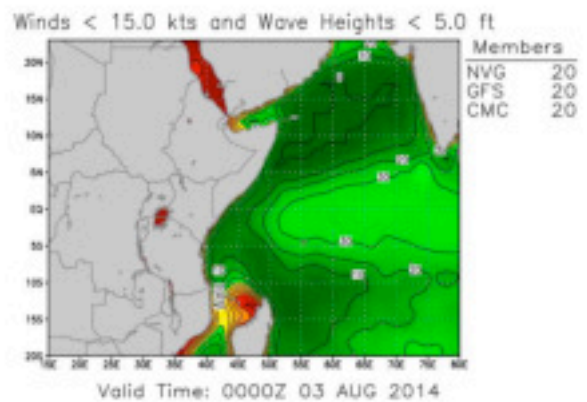
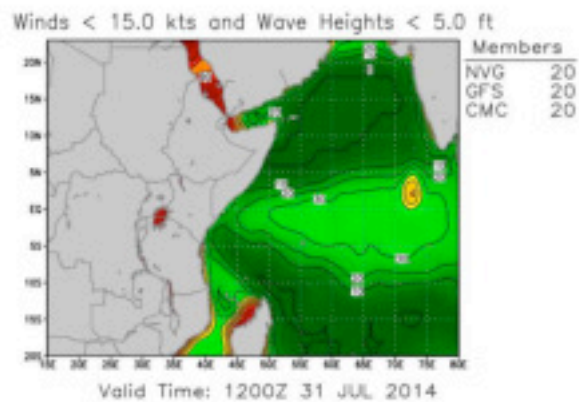
Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Weather Analysis

- **Northern Arabian Sea** – Southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 10 – 12 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 10 – 12 feet.
- **Gulf of Oman** – Easterly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the 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.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Easterly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with south-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Gulf of Aden** – Westerly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with westerly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Somali Coast** – Winds will be southwesterly at 15 – 20 knots with seas of 6 – 8 feet, with southwest winds of 25 – 30 knots and seas of 12 – 14 feet in the vicinity of the Horn of Africa.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet, with southwest winds of 25 – 30 knots and seas of 12 – 14 feet in the vicinity of the Horn of Africa.
- **Central African Coast/Indian Ocean** – Southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet.
- **Mozambique Channel** – East-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet in the northern Channel; in the southern Channel, winds will be south-southeasterly at 10 – 15 knots with seas of 7 – 10 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Southerly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the northern Channel; in the southern Channel, winds will be southerly at 10 – 15 knots with seas of 2 – 4 feet.
- **Surface Currents** – The northern Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are variable with most areas having an average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having an average speed of 2 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali basin are northeasterly averaging between 1 – 2 knots.
- **Synoptic Discussion** – The Southwest Monsoon season is currently influencing the weather across the region. High pressure throughout the region will continue to produce clear to partly cloudy conditions over the Arabian Gulf with light northwesterly winds and abated seas.

Sea Conditions for the Following Week



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

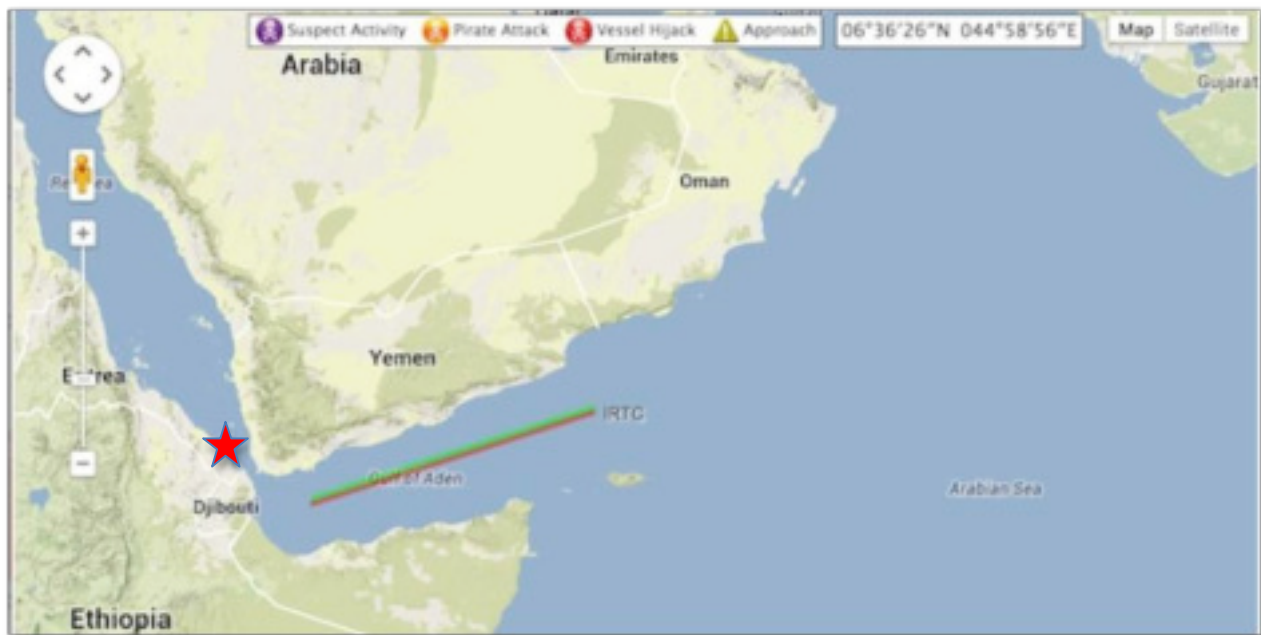
On the Ground Analysis

- **3 August 2014** – At least three women were killed and eleven others injured in Mogadishu on Sunday after a bomb went off. According to local authorities, the explosion occurred as the victims, believed to be street cleaners, were sweeping the roads in the southern Hodon district. One police official, Bashir Nure, has disclosed that officials “...are not sure if the bomb was intentionally planted under the garbage or if it was an unexploded object that was left during the war years ago.” In recent weeks, al-Shabaab has escalated their attacks on the Somali capital. On Friday, the militant group killed an MP, the fifth to die this year. They have also attacked the presidential palace and parliament.
 - Police officials in Mogadishu have confirmed that three suspected al-Shabaab militants were executed by firing squad on Sunday. According to police chief Abdi Mohamed, all three had been condemned to death for murder, with one of the men allegedly taking part in an assault on the presidential palace last month. The executions come just three days after the militant group’s insurgents assassinated another Somali MP in Mogadishu. Last month, police officials publicly executed two other al-Shabaab militants, who allegedly confessed to killing a student who worked for an NGO. According to figures released by Amnesty International (AI), in 2013 the Somali government executed fifteen people while another nineteen people were executed in the self-declared autonomous region of Puntland.
- **1 August 2014** – Al-Shabaab gunmen killed a lawmaker in Mogadishu Friday as he was leaving prayers at a local mosque. According to police and eyewitnesses, gunmen reportedly opened fire from a car in a drive-by shooting in the center of the city before racing off, adding “Sheikh Adan Madeer was shot and killed....” Madeer, who was chairman of the parliamentary finance committee, is the fifth Somali deputy to be killed since the start of the year. Al-Shabaab has confirmed responsibility, with the militant group’s spokesman Abdulaziz Abu Musab stating, “this was a legitimate target...” and adding that the insurgents are currently “preparing to kill all the other MP’s.” According to Musab, the group is targeting MP’s as they have “authorized the deployment of foreign troops in Somalia, and were a pillar of the apostate government.” Earlier this year, al-Shabaab threatened to kill the country’s MP’s “one by one.”
- **31 July 2014** - An African Union (AU) military spokesman confirmed late Thursday that the AU has cancelled a planned troop rotation by Sierra Leonean forces due to the current Ebola outbreak that is affecting the country. Col. Ali Aden Houmed has disclosed that the AU decided to halt the deployment of the new battalion in an effort to prevent the disease from crossing into Somalia. Sierra Leone is currently battling the worst recorded outbreak of Ebola in history. More than 700 people have died in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. Sierra Leone is one of five nations that has troops deployed in Somalia in a bid to protect the central government in Mogadishu and to fight al-Shabaab militants.
- **30 July 2014** – Relatives of a Muslim woman disclosed Wednesday that militant Islamists in Somalia shot her dead for refusing to wear a veil. According to her family members, who have not been identified for fear of reprisals, the nomadic woman was killed outside her hut near the southern Somali town of Hosingow by gunmen belonging to al-Shabaab, adding the militants had ordered her to wear a veil and that she had been killed after they returned and found that she was still not wearing one. She was killed at about 7:30 (04:30 GMT). An al-Shabaab spokesman has denied that the group had killed the woman. While the militant group controls much of southern and central Somalia, and is known to impose strict rules of behavior, which includes dress codes for both men and women, the militant group does not fully control the area where the woman was living.

Regional Reporting

- **31 July 2014** – In the wake of the Ebola outbreak that is affecting Western Africa, officials in Ethiopia and Kenya have announced that they are boosting measures in order to combat possible Ebola cases arriving in their countries. A statement released by Kenya's National Disaster Operation Centre indicated, "port health services are on standby, with enhanced screening at border points to prevent and contain any possible disease threat." Meanwhile a statement released by Ethiopian officials has indicated that Ethiopian airlines was taking "extraordinary precautions in connection with the outbreak of the disease," adding that ground and on-board staff have been informed on how to handle any suspected cases of the virus. The statement further disclosed, "stringent and specific surveillance is being carried out regarding all flights from West Africa at Addis Ababa airport." Fears that the outbreak of the virus in West Africa could spread have increased in recent days after a person, who travelled from Liberia to Nigeria, died of the virus shortly after arriving in Lagos last week. This has prompted officials in the region to increase preventative measures, with the Presidents of Liberia and Sierra Leone imposing strict measures to control the outbreak. Two other airlines, Asky, a regional carrier, and Nigeria's Arik Air, have suspended all flights to Liberia and Sierra Leone. The Ebola outbreak, which is now the world's deadliest, was first reported in Guinea in February and has since spread to Liberia and Sierra Leone. On Thursday, the World Health Organization (WHO) disclosed that 729 people have died, with 1,323 reported cases.

Map



GULF OF GUINEA

At Sea

Hijacks:

- None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.

Weather Analysis

- **Gulf of Guinea** – South-southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – South-southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet.
- **Synoptic Discussion** – The Gulf of Guinea will be impacted by partly to mostly cloudy skies, with isolated thunderstorms.

Piracy Related News

- **3 August 2014** – South Korea's foreign ministry disclosed Sunday that a hijacked Singaporean oil tanker carrying twenty-one sailors was released Sunday, a week after pirates seized the vessel in waters off Ghana in West Africa. A statement released by the ministry indicated, "all sailors are unhurt and it appears that some of their fuel has been stolen," adding that the vessel was released in waters off Nigeria. While the ministry did not disclose whether a ransom had been paid, sources have indicated that the hijacking appeared to have been aimed at stealing the vessel's fuel cargo. The 3,200-tonne tanker, which had a South Korean captain and chief engineer on board, was hijacked on July 26 off the southern coast of Ghana. The vessel, which had loaded in the Pacific island nation of Kiribati, was also carrying twelve Chinese, one Singaporean and six Burmese nationals. In recent years, piracy of the western coast of Africa has been on the rise, with pirates increasingly targeting vessels that are involved in the region's thriving oil industry. According to the International Maritime Bureau (IMB), in 2013 West African piracy made up 19 percent of attacks worldwide, with Nigerian pirates accounting for 31 of the region's 51 attacks.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

At Sea

Hijacks:

- None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- **31 July 2014** – At 2130 LT, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh, seven robbers armed with knives in a fishing boat approached and boarded an anchored container ship. Duty crew on board the tanker spotted the robbers stealing ship's stores and raised the alarm. As the crew was being mustered, the robbers jumped into their boat and escaped with the stolen stores. The incident has been reported to the Coast Guard, who advised the Master to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious movements.

Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

SOUTH AMERICA

At Sea

Hijacks:

- None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.



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