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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 Reporting of On - The - Ground in Somalia and Kenya

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Summary (March 30 – April 5, 2015 - Week 14; Edition 83)

List of Incidents at Sea for this Reporting Period

Gulf of Guinea/West Africa: One late reported incident

Somalia-Indian Ocean: No incidents reported during this period

Southeast Asia: One late reported hijacking; three late reported incidents

South America: No incidents reported during this period

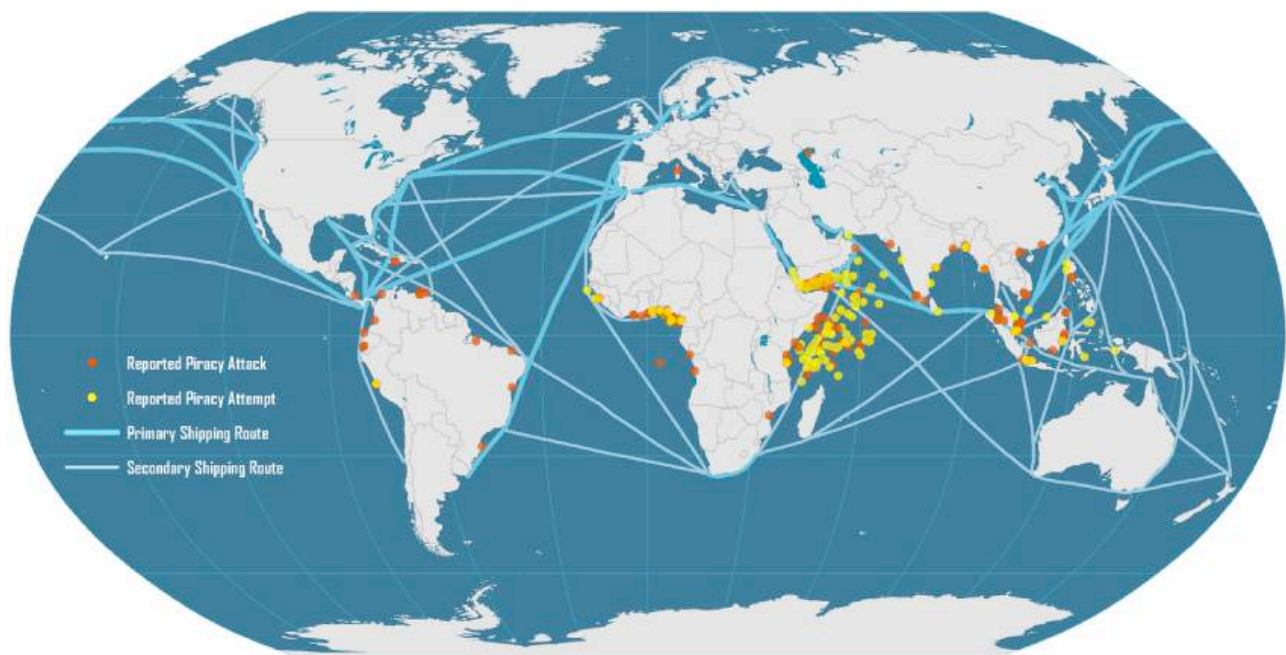
North America: No current incidents to report

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

Executive Summary

Masters are advised to remain vigilant at all times inside the HRA and are advised to adhere to strict guidance and protective measures as set down in BMP4. Sailing yachts should avoid transiting the HRA. Past activity has demonstrated that pirates will attack both large and small yachts transiting this region. While successful attacks and hijackings of merchant vessels have significantly decreased over the past two years, the possibility of attacks and the successful hijacking of sailing vessels continue to remain high. This is due to the reduction of revenue sources from pirated merchant vessels and the fact that sailing yachts are vulnerable and easier targets. PAG's continue to conduct "soft approaches" on merchant ships transiting the area. Skiffs have approached vessels in order to probe the reaction of the crewmembers and any possible Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP) onboard. If the pirate approach does not elicit a response, the pirates will likely proceed with an attack, in which additional skiffs may participate.

At Sea

Hijacks:

- None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.

Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Map

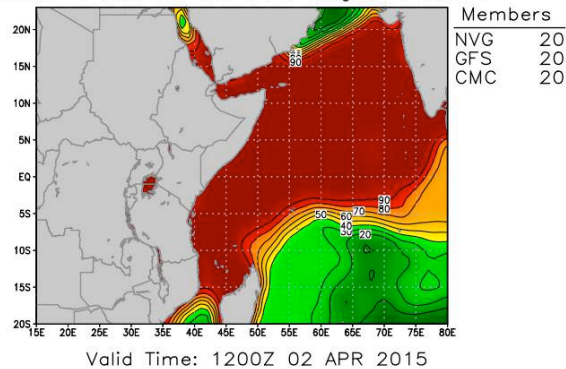


Weather Forecast

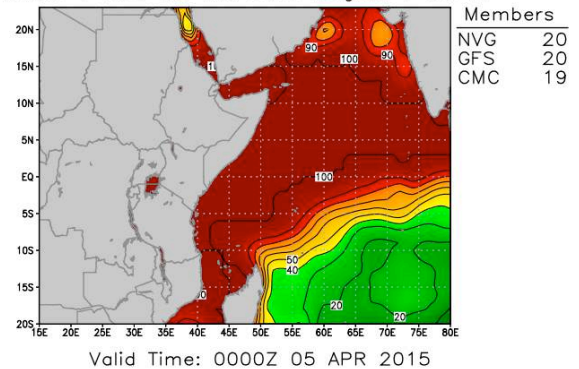
- **Northern Arabian Sea:** Southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Southwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
- **Gulf of Oman:** Easterly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
 - **Extended Forecast:** East-southeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-southeast 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; in the eastern section of the Gulf, winds will be easterly at 5 – 10 knots with seas of 2 – 4 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** 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.
- **Somali Coast:** 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.
- **Central African Coast/Indian Ocean:** South-southeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
- **Mozambique Channel:** 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 6 – 8 feet in the southern Channel.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Southwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet in the northern Channel; with southwest winds of 13 – 18 knots and seas of 8 – 10 feet in the southern Channel.
- **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 Northeast Monsoon continues to influence the region. A shortwave trough passing over the Arabian Gulf will produce increase cloud cover, isolated rain showers, thunderstorms, and blowing dust along the coast. Occasional cloud ceilings will persist over the Gulf of Aden area.

Sea Conditions for the Following Week

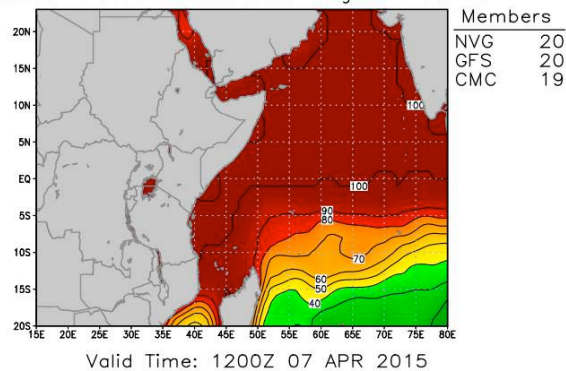
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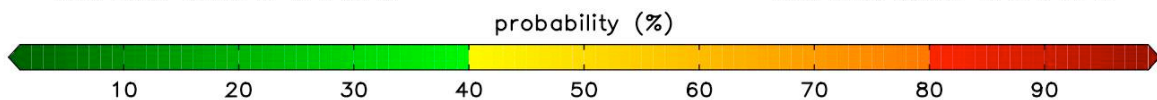
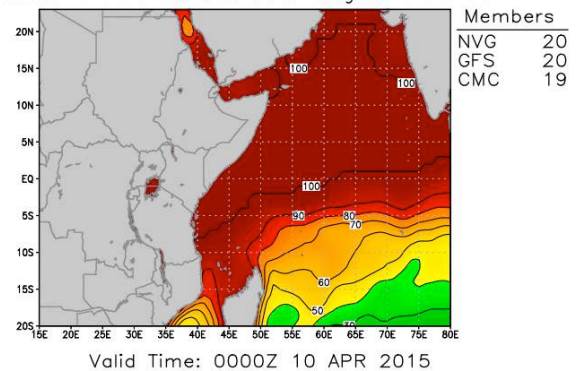
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Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



Source: ONI

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

On the Ground Reporting

- **4 April 2015** – Security forces in Somalia ordered Shabelle Radio off the air on Saturday after the radio station broadcast a claim by al-Shabaab that it had carried out an attack on a university in neighboring Kenya that killed almost 150 people. According to Mohamed Yusuf, a spokesman for Somalia's security ministry, "Shabelle Radio breached an agreement between the independent media and the security ministry in which they agreed not to air any propaganda from al-Shabaab." According to the spokesman, Mohamed Bashir Hashi, an editor with Shabelle Radio, along with a number of staff members were arrested during the shut-down.
- **31 March 2015** – According to military authorities, a senior al-Shabaab intelligence commander, Mohamed Ali Hassan, surrendered to government forces in the Bakool region, in southwestern Somalia, on Monday. Somali National Army commander Abdirahman Tima Ade has disclosed that Hassan first made contact with Somali government officials in the town of Hudur in the Bakool region before he ultimately gave himself up. Hassan, who is believed to have been in charge of the Bakool and Lower Shabelle regions, surrendered under the government's amnesty offer to al-Shabaab militants. Military officials have disclosed that he has admitted to having been responsible for a number of attacks.
 - Local officials and the United Nations reported Tuesday that dozens of Yemeni refugees fleeing the escalating conflict in Yemen have arrived in the northern regions of Somalia. According to the UN refugee agency, at least 32 Yemenis arrived by sea in the northern breakaway area of Somaliland and the semiautonomous region of Puntland on Saturday. Omar Abokor, the deputy manager of Somaliland's Berbera port confirmed the reports, disclosing that some twelve Yemeni families arrived at Berbera port after traveling from the Yemeni city of Taiz. There is currently an increasing concern in Somalia over a potential backlash against Somali refugees in Yemen after the Somali government expressed support for the Saudi-led air strikes against the Houthi fighters in Yemen. According to the UN refugee agency, Yemen hosts more than 238,00 Somali refugees.

Regional Reporting

- **4 April 2015** – The Kenyan interior ministry disclosed Saturday that Kenyan police have arrested five men in connection with the university massacre of 148 people, including at least two men who were seized on campus. According to interior ministry spokesman Mwenday Njoka, "five people have been arrested, they are in custody and under interrogation," noting that the four gunmen in the university were killed on Thursday at the end of the day-long siege." He further disclosed that officials suspect that the the five men are likely "...accomplices of the attackers."
 - Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta declared three days of national mourning Saturday after Somali-based al-Shabaab militants killed almost 150 people in one of the country's worst massacres. In a televised national address from the capital Nairobi, President Kenyatta stated, "I declare three days of mourning during which our flags will fly at half mast." In his first address since the attack, which ended on Thursday, the president also condemned the "barbaric medieval slaughter," as he warned al-Shabaab that his government will respond to the attack in the "severest way" possible.

- On Saturday, Somali-based al-Shabaab threatened Kenyan citizens with “another bloodbath” just two days after their gunmen killed 148 people at a university. In a statement, al-Shabaab stated “we will, by permission of Allah, stop at nothing to avenge the deaths of our Muslim brothers until your government ceases its oppression and until all Muslim lands are liberated from Kenyan occupation... And until then, Kenyan cities will run red with blood... this will be a long, gruesome war of which you, the Kenyan public, are its first casualties.”
- **2 April 2015** – On Thursday, al-Shabaab gunmen stormed a university in Kenya, killing at least 147 people in what is now the worst attack to occur on Kenyan soil since the 1998 bombing of the United States Embassy in Nairobi. The siege ended nearly fifteen hours after the Somali-based group's gunmen shot their way into Garissa University campus in the pre-dawn attack. According to police chief Joseph Boinet, the attackers “shot indiscriminately” when they entered the university compound. Police later surrounded the campus and exchanged gunfire with the attackers however they were repeatedly repelled. According to Interior Minister Joseph Nkaissery, four gunmen strapped with explosives were behind the attack – the same number of gunmen that killed 67 people during the 2013 attack on the Westgate Shopping Centre in Nairobi. On the ground sources have disclosed that the militants spared the lives of Muslim students and took many Christian hostages. Officials have indicated that the death toll stands at 147 however they have warned that this toll is likely to increase in the coming days as officers search the campus. At least 79 people were injured, with many airlifted to hospitals in Nairobi. More than 500 students managed to escape. Troops continued to search the campus for any possible insurgents until the siege was declared over late on Thursday, with the national disaster operations center disclosing that the raid had “ended with all four terrorists killed.” Officials have offered a US \$215,000 bounty for the capture of alleged al-Shabaab commander Mohamed Mohamud, a former Kenyan teacher believed to now be in Somalia. He is said to be the mastermind of the Garissa attacks. Hours into the raid, al-Shabaab spokesman claimed responsibility for the attack on the campus in Garissa, a town located 200 kilometres (120 miles) from the Somali border. The attack comes days after the Australian government warned that it had intelligence that the militant group was planning to carry out attacks in crowded places in the capital city Nairobi. The latest attack in Kenya has prompted officials from that country, and neighbouring Somalia, to call for closer cooperation. On Friday, Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud stated that Somalia and Kenya must boost security cooperation between them.
- **30 March 2015** - Three women appeared before a court in the coastal city of Mombasa after they were arrested by security forces near the border with Somalia for allegedly planning to travel to Syria. Speaking to reporters before the three suspects were arraigned, Nelson Marwa, Mombasa County Commissioner, disclosed, “from our interrogation... they confessed to officers in Mombasa that their intention was to enter Somalia and meet a certain...al-Shabaab member who backs ISIL.” Sources have disclosed that the three women, one Tanzanian and two Kenyan nationals, were arrested Saturday near El Wak, a Kenyan town located less than 10 kilometres (10 miles) from the border with Somalia. According to Mr Marwa, the alleged al-Shabaab members, who had been communicating with the women through social media over the past several months, was due to arrange for their travel to either Iraq or Syria. One of the Kenyan suspects is a student at the private Mount Kenya University while the other is a student at Burhaniya College in Mombasa. Both are aged 19 and come from the coastal town of Malindi. The 21-year-old Tanzanian suspect is a medical student at Sudan's University of Khartoum. Security sources have revealed that

another three Kenyan female university students were arrested on the border with Somalia on Friday. They had also intended to enter Somalia.

- Uganda's lead prosecutor in the ongoing trial of thirteen men accused of participating in the 2010 bombings was shot dead Monday. According to Kampala police spokesman Patrick Onyango, Joan Kagezi, acting assistant director of public prosecution, was murdered by men on a motorbike as she was driving home in the suburb of the capital. The prosecutor's current cases included the trial of thirteen men allegedly linked to the July 2010 suicide bombings that targeted football fans watching the World Cup final at a restaurant and a rugby club in Kampala. Somali-based al-Shabaab later claimed responsibility for the attack, which killed seventy-six people and which was the first attack to be carried out by the militant group outside Somalia. The trial of the accused, which includes seven Kenyans, five Ugandans and one Tanzanian, began at Uganda's High Court earlier this month on a range of charges including terrorism, murder and membership of a terrorist organization. The case was due to resume Tuesday. **Update (31 March)** – The key trial of thirteen men accused of taking part in al-Shabaab bombings in 2010 was postponed Tuesday, one day after the top prosecutor was killed. Ugandan police have confirmed that they are investigating whether the killing was carried out by al-Shabaab. The death of prosecutor Joan Kagezi has shocked Uganda and comes amidst repeated warnings that al-Shabaab is planning to carry out attacks in the East African nation.

GULF OF GUINEA

Executive Summary

Pirate and maritime crime activity in waters off West Africa is currently at a low level, with one reported incident during this reporting period. All vessels transiting this region however are reminded to remain vigilant.

At Sea

Hijacks:

- None reported during this period.

Vessels Boarded:

- None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- **21 March 2015 (Late Report)** – Six armed pirates boarded an anchored floating production, storage and offload ship near YOHO position 04:02 N – 007:31 E, 36 nautical miles southeast of Bonny Islands. The pirates entered the accommodation area, but were deterred by the sounding of the alarm. The pirates managed to kidnap three crewmen as they fled.

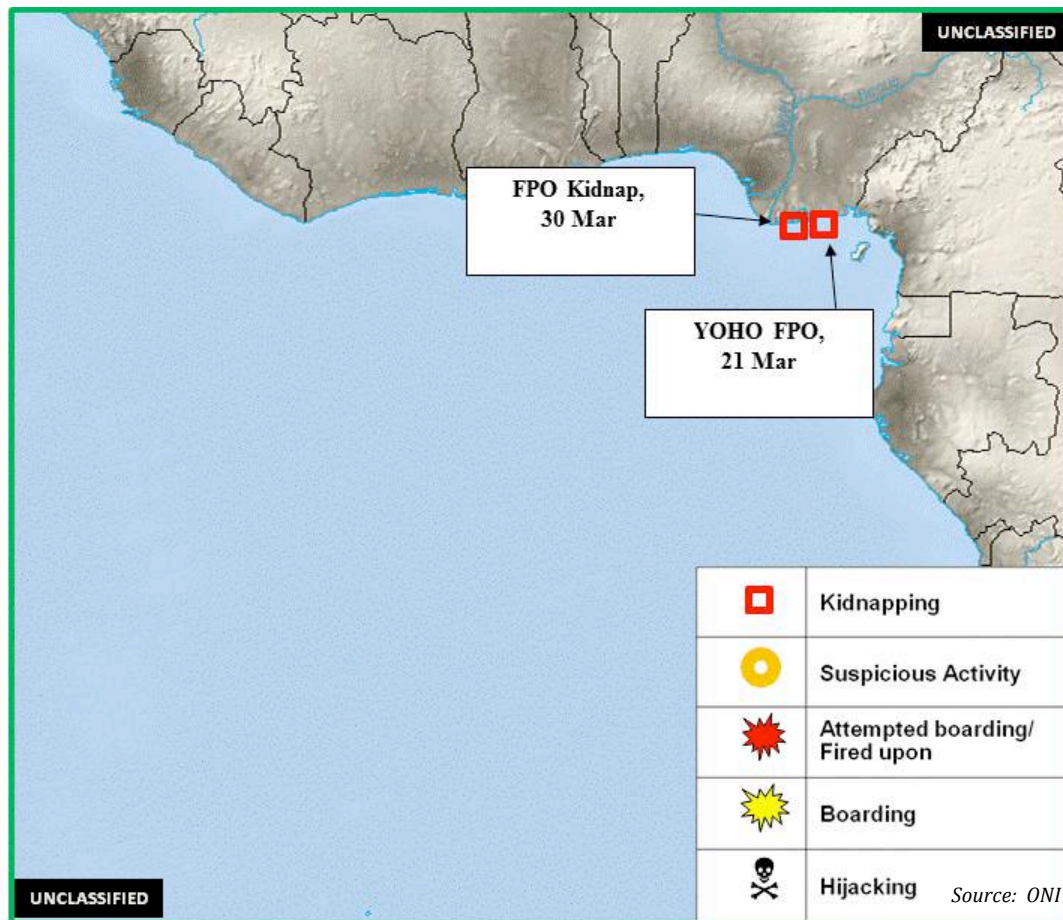
Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Piracy News

- **30 March 2015** – Five staff members from a large oil company were kidnapped by unknown gunmen 20 hours after the Presidential elections. Sources have confirmed that this incident occurred on Monday at a Floating Storage and Offloading Vessel in Ibeno Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, which is located within the Niger Delta.

Map



Weather Forecast

- **Gulf of Guinea:** West-southwest winds of 7 - 12 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Southerly winds of 7 – 12 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet.
- **Synoptic Discussion:** Expect partly to mostly cloudy conditions for the Gulf of Guinea with associated rain showers.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Executive Summary

The threat of violent attacks, crime and hijackings remains high in waters off Southeast Asia. Pirate Action Groups (PAG's) are likely to target vessels to siphon fuel or oil onto another ship. Masters are therefore reminded to remain vigilant at all times in all regions, including at ports and anchorages. Attacks and robberies can occur at anytime. Incidents involving the siphoning of oil/fuel have been on the rise in recent months. Masters are reminded to remain vigilant at all times and to report any incidents, suspicious activity, attacks or hijackings to the local authorities.

At Sea

Hijacks:

- **22 March 2015 (Late Report):** Ten pirates armed with guns and knives hijacked a tug towing a barge near position 02:50.6N – 104:30.7E, 18 nautical miles east of Tioman Island. They entered the bridge and apprehended the bridge team. They forced the team to take them to the Chief Engineer's cabin where they robbed and held them hostage. The pirates then took the Chief Engineer to the engine room and transferred part of the tug's bunkers into a smaller tanker. Before departing, the pirates stole some equipment and damaged the tugs communication equipment. The entire operation lasted about five hours.

Vessels Boarded:

- **29 March 2015 (Late Report):** Three robbers boarded a cargo ship near position 01:05.15N – 103:35.2E, 3.8 nautical miles south-southwest of Nipah Island. Duty crewman saw the robbers and raised the alarm. The crew mustered on the bridge and all the watertight doors were secured. The crew searched the vessel and discovered that the robbers had stolen spare engine parts. Singapore Vessel Traffic Information System was informed of the incident.
- **25 March 2015 (Late Report)** – Four robbers armed with knives boarded a berthed bulk carrier near position 13:17 N – 100:31 E, Dolphin Buoy No. 16, Bangkok. The crew raised the alarm. Upon seeing the crew's response, the robbers fled with stolen ship's stores.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

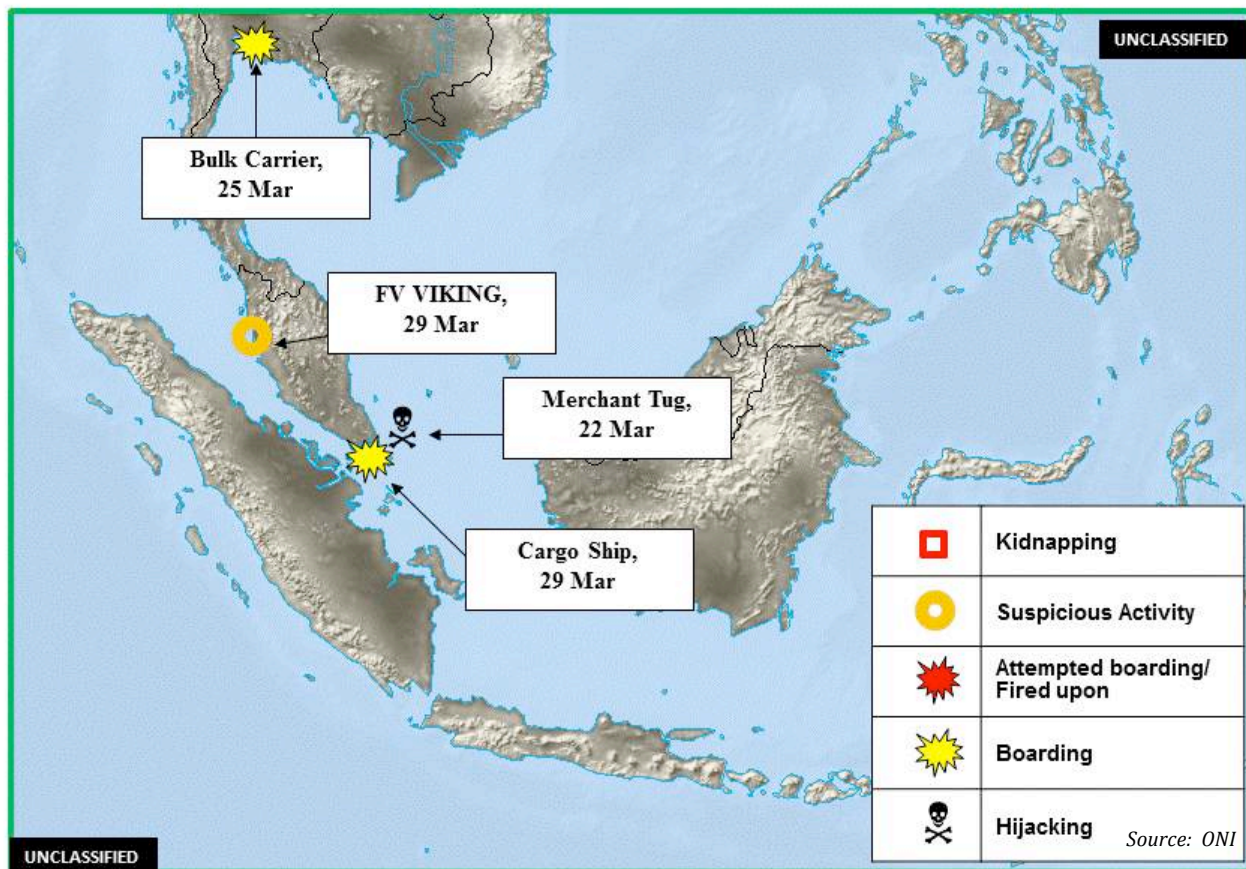
- None reported during this period.

Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Other Activity:

- **29 March 2015 (Late Report):** The Nigerian-flagged fishing vessel, FV VIKING, was detained in Malaysia for violations of Malaysian maritime law and possible illegal, unregulated, unreported fishing violations. The vessel was detained with 18 crewmembers on board: one Chilean, two Peruvian and 15 Indonesian nationals. The master of the vessel, whose nationality has not been released, has been arrested.

Map

Weather Forecast

- **South China Sea:** Northeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** East winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
- **Malacca Strait:** Northwest winds of 4 – 6 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the northern Strait; with northeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the southern Strait.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Northwest winds of 3 – 5 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the northern Strait; with northeast winds of 3 – 5 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the southern Strait.
- **Andaman Sea:** North-northwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
- **Surface Currents:** Currents in the South China Sea and the Malacca Strait average speeds of 1 knot, while currents in the Andaman Sea average 1 – 2 knots.
- **Synoptic Discussion:** The Northeast Monsoon season continues to influence the region. Expect increasing cloud conditions with rain showers and thunderstorms.

SOUTH AMERICA

Executive Summary

While there have been no recent reported incidents in this region, the threat of violent attacks and robberies remains high in waters throughout South America. Masters are reminded to remain vigilant at all times and in all regions, including ports and anchorages. Attacks and robberies can occur at any time.

At Sea

Hijacks:

- None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.



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