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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 (June 8 - 14, 2015 - Week 24; Edition 93)

List of Incidents at Sea for this Reporting Period

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

Somalia-Indian Ocean: No incidents reported during this reporting period

Southeast Asia: Three late reported incidents including a hijacking during this reporting period

South America: No incidents reported during this reporting period

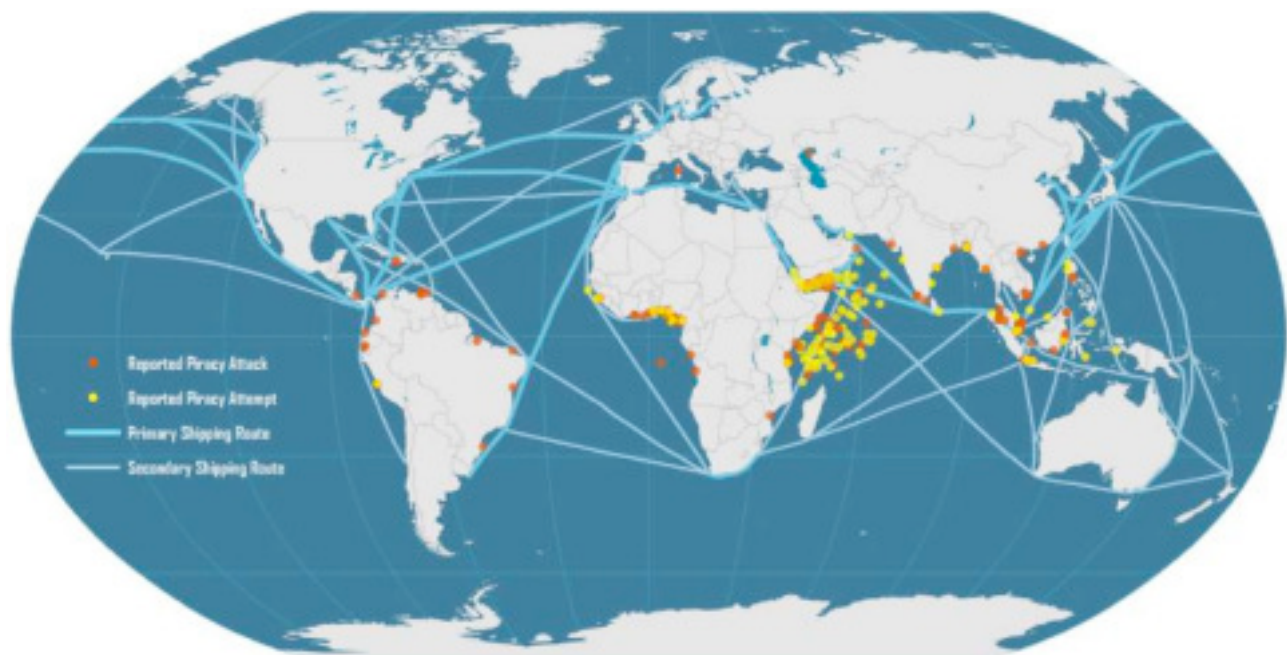
North America: No current incidents to report

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.

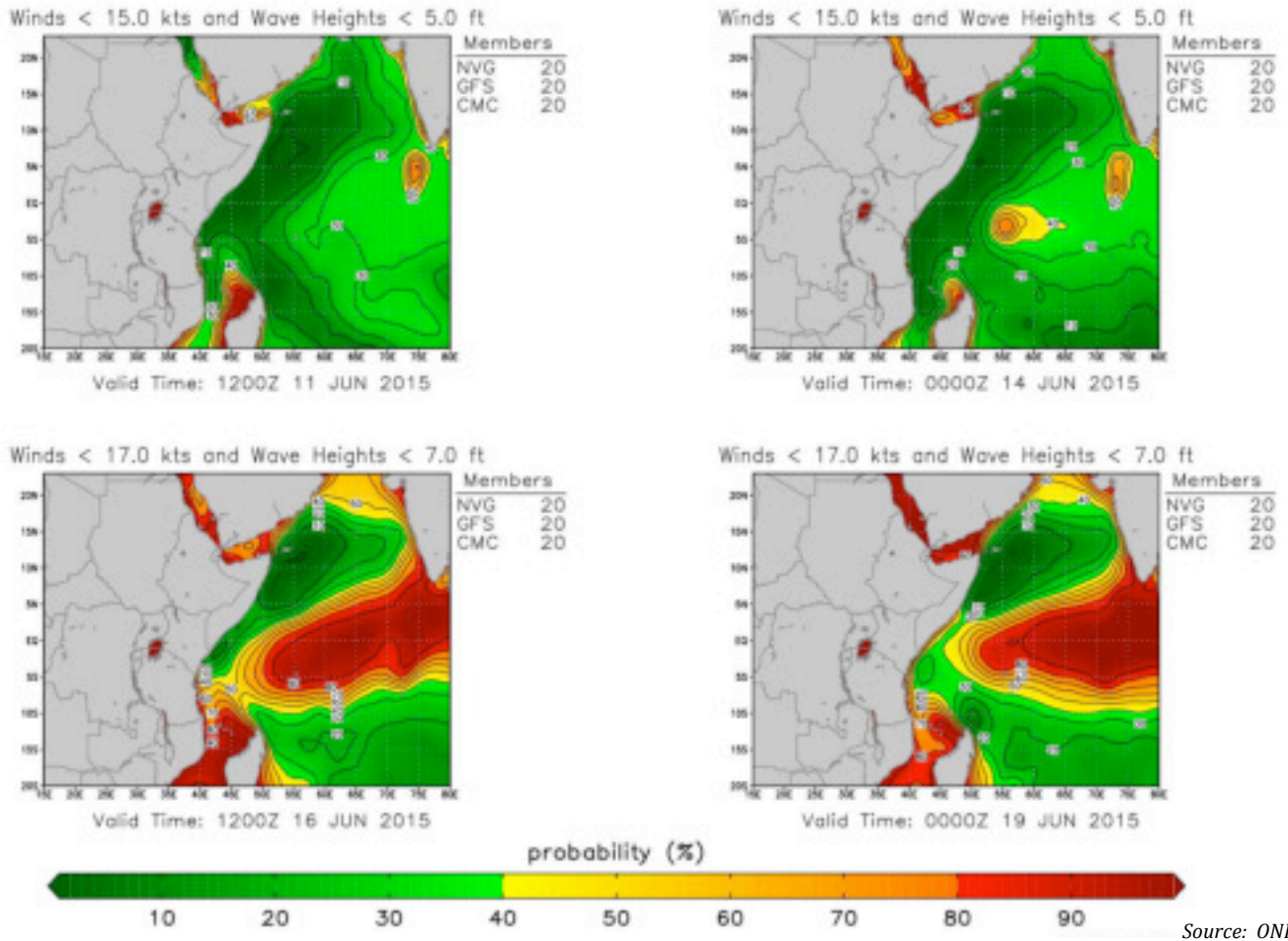
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Weather Forecast

- **Northern Arabian Sea:** Southerly winds of 15 – 20 knots, gusting to 30 knots, and seas of 14 – 16 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** West-southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 10 – 12 feet.
- **Gulf of Oman:** Easterly winds of 12 – 17 knots with seas of 4 – 6 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 8 – 10 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Easterly winds of 5 – 10 knots with seas of 1 – 3 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.
- **Gulf of Aden:** West-southwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with westerly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
 - **Extended Forecast:** 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, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Somali Coast:** Southwest winds of 25 – 30 knots, gusting to 35 knots, and seas of 9 – 11 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet in the southern section of the coastline.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Southwest winds of 25 – 30 knots with seas of 9 – 11 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with southwest winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 8 – 10 feet in the southern section of the coastline.
- **Central African Coast/Indian Ocean:** Southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 6 – 8 feet.
- **Mozambique Channel:** Southerly winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet in the northern Channel; with southerly winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet in the southern Channel.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 15 – 20 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 an average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having an average speed of 2 knots while currents speeds along the Somali Basin are northeasterly, averaging between 1 – 2 knots.
- **Synoptic Discussion:** The transition season continues to influence the weather in the region. A pressure ridge over Iraq will allow mostly favorable conditions, while increased winds in the southeastern portion of the country will produce blowing dust in the Arabian Gulf. ***In the Arabian Sea and Gulf of Oman, Cyclone Ashobaa will produce heavy widespread thunderstorms and rain showers with high seas and winds.***

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 seas conditions, while the red indicates a higher likelihood of favorable sea conditions for skiffs and smaller boats **

Regional Reporting

- **11 June 2015** – A court in Kenya’s coastal city of Mombasa on Monday ordered the removal of two Muslim human rights groups from a government list of individuals and organizations that have been suspected of having possible links to terrorist activities. According to court documents, Muslims for Human Rights (MUHURI) and Haki Afrika were included in April on a list of entities that are associated with Somali-based al-Shabaab, which over the past two years has killed more than 400 people on Kenyan soil. The documents also indicated that the government had frozen the groups’ bank accounts, effectively paralyzing their activities, a move which prompted the lawsuit. Both groups, which are based in Mombasa, have been critical of the country’s anti-terror policies and have accused the government of making arbitrary arrests and conducting extra-judicial killings, allegations, which the police have denied. In her ruling on Monday, Judge Anyara Emukule stated that the government had not provided evidence of any link to terrorist activities. The court did however decline to issue orders for the unfreezing of the bank accounts, arguing that the Central Bank of Kenya, which regulates banks, was not part of the case. Speaking shortly after the ruling, Fahad Changi, an official from MUHURI, stated that the group would appeal the verdict and that the group is “...incapacitated and cannot run our projects because we cannot access the funds.”
 - A government official disclosed Thursday that Kenya has set a goal to get 100,000 Somali refugees to return home voluntarily by the end of the year, stating that money shortages have forced the UN to reduce food rations for the displaced. Government officials have blamed refugee camps located in Kenya for the recent rise in extremists. Following the 2 April attack by al-Shabaab militants on Garissa University College in eastern Kenya, which killed almost 150 people, Deputy President William Ruto gave the UN refugee agency three months to close the Dadaab camp, where at least 300,000 Somalis live. However in what appears to be an apparent softening on the government’s position relating to this matter, the acting commissioner for refugee affairs, Harun Komen, stating Thursday that officials want the repatriation to be voluntary and organized, adding that most of Somalia is now peaceful due to military operations by African Union (AU) troops against the extremist group. According to the UN refugee agency, about 2,048 Somali refugees have been voluntarily repatriated since December.

GULF OF GUINEA

Executive Summary

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

At Sea

Hijacks:

- None reported during this period.

Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings:

- None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.

Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Kidnapping:

- None reported during this period.

Other Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Map



Weather Forecast

- **Gulf of Guinea:** Southerly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Southerly winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 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:

- **3 June 2015 (Late Report)** – Pirates in speedboats hijacked the Indonesian-flagged timber carrier KM MUTIARA off Palau Bangka. The crew of the KM MUTIARA were thrown or forced to jump overboard. Local fishermen later rescued most of the crewmembers.

Vessels Boarded:

- **4 June 2015 (Late Report)** – Two robbers boarded an anchored container ship near position 10:05N – 107:02E, Vungtau Anchorage. A duty crewman on rounds noticed the robbers and informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Upon seeing the crew's response, the robbers fled with stolen ship's stores.

Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding's:

- **8 May 2015 (Late Report)** – Four robbers in an unlit boat approached an underway tanker near position 01:02N – 103:39E, approximately 5.6 nautical miles south of Pulau Nipah. The crew raised the alarm, which caused the robbers abandon their approach and move away.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.

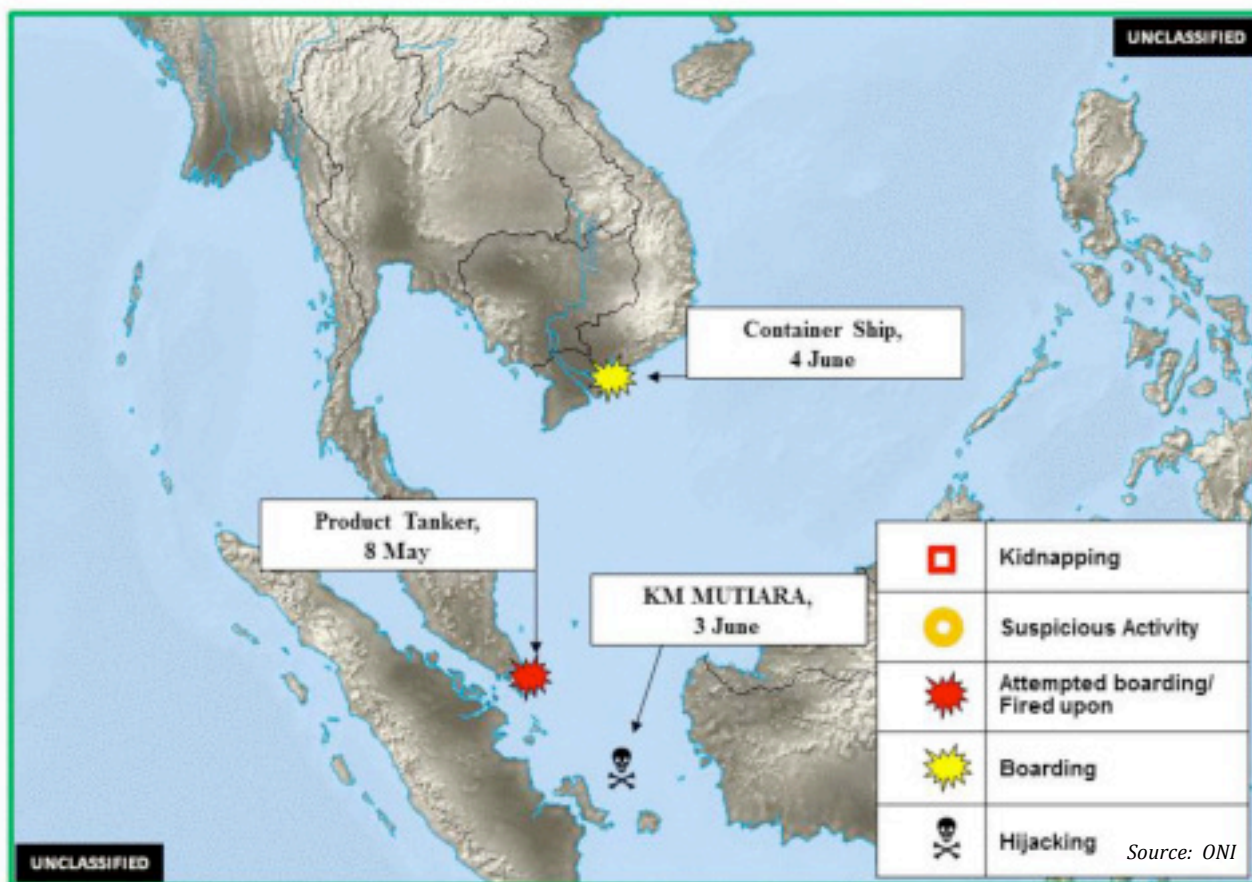
Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Other Activity:

- None reported during this period.

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Weather Forecast

- **South China Sea:** Southerly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Southwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
- **Malacca Strait:** Northwest winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the northern Strait; with southeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the southern Strait.

- **Extended Forecast:** Southeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the northern Strait; with southeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the southern Strait.
- **Andaman Sea:** Westerly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast:** Westerly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
- **Surface Currents:** Currents in the South China Sea and Malacca Strait average speeds of 1 knot, while currents in the Andaman Sea average between 1 – 2 knots.
- **Synoptic Discussion:** The Northeast Monsoon season influences the region, however the transition season appears to be starting. 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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