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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 (October 5 - 11, 2015 - Week 41; Edition 110)

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: One incident, two late-reported incidents during this reporting period

South America: No incidents reported during this reporting period

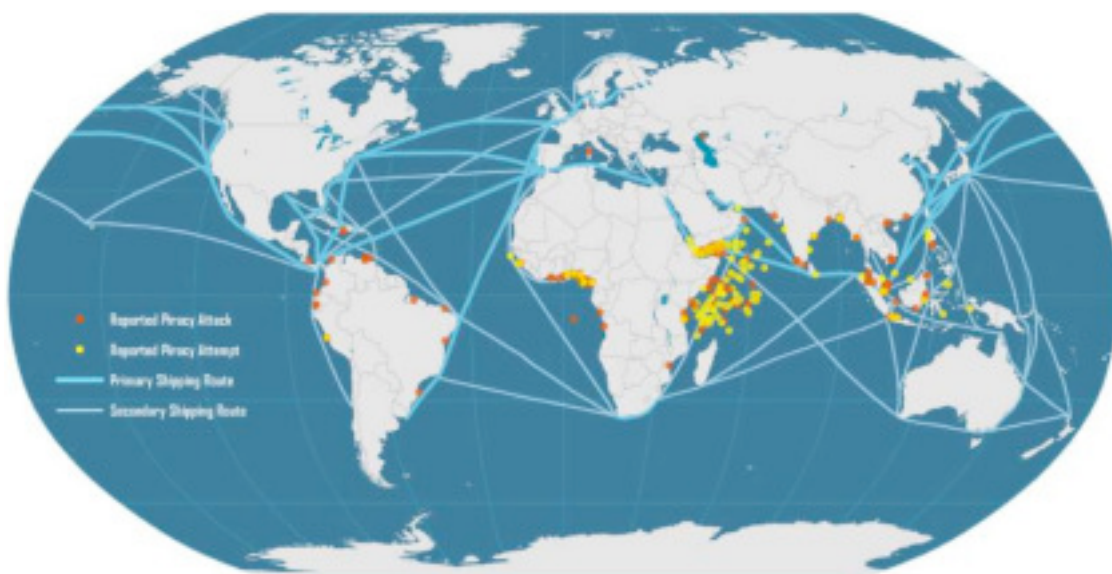
North America: No current incidents to report

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:

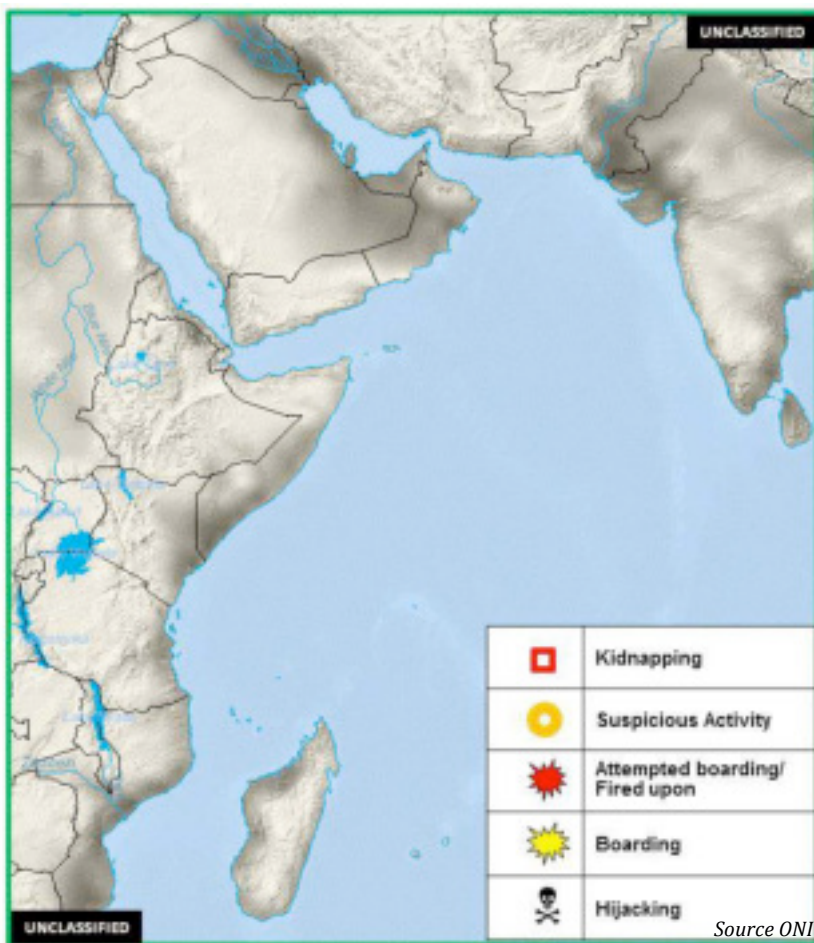
- None reported during this period.

Piracy Reporting

- **7 October 2015** – International shipping regulators have revised downwards the so-called high-risk area, which will come into effect on 1 December. In a statement released Friday, the ministry of defense disclosed that the "European Union Chair of the Contact Group of Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) today, 8 October 2015, announced the revision of the limits of the piracy high risk area (HRA) with effect from 1 December 2015." The expanded HRA had covered almost all of India's western coast. It was extended in 2010 beyond the earlier boundary of 65 degrees East longitude to up to 78 degrees East, effectively stretching right up to the territorial waters on India's western shores. As a result, London's joint war committee (JWC) extended the war zone in December 2010 about 900 miles east as the hijacking

range grew. The move was taken after pirate attacks began occurring further from the Somali coast and closer to India.

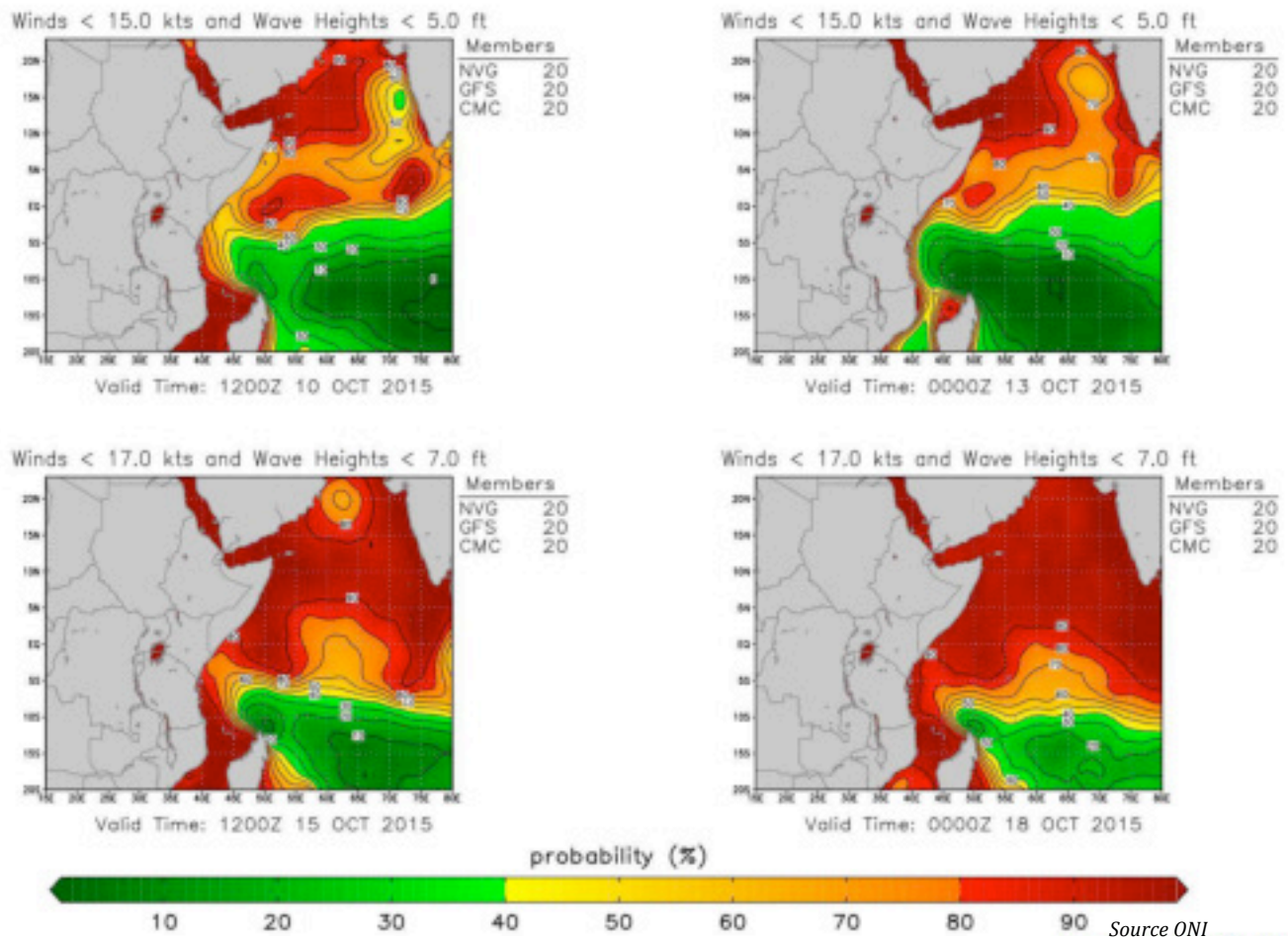
Incident Map



Weather Forecast for Horn of Africa

- **Northern Arabian Sea** – Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
- **Gulf of Oman** – Variable winds of 4 – 8 knots with seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with variable winds of 4 – 8 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Variable winds of 4 – 8 knots with seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with variable winds of 4 – 8 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Gulf of Aden** – East-northeast winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with East-northeast winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
 - **Extended Forecast** – East-northeast winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Somali Coast** – South-southwest winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the northern section of the coastline; South-southwest winds of 8 – 12 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the southern section of the coastline.
 - **Extended Forecast** – South-southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with south-southwest winds of 12 – 18 knots, gusting to 22 knots, and seas of 6 – 8 feet in the southern section of the coastline.
- **Central African Coast/Indian Ocean** – South-southeast winds of 12 – 18 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – South-southeast winds of 15 – 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 6 – 8 feet.
- **Mozambique Channel** – East-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the northern Channel; with variable winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the southern Channel.
 - **Extended Forecast** – East-southeast winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 20 knots, and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the northern Channel; with northeast winds of 12 – 18 knots and seas of 5 – 7 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** – Upper level ridging is producing mostly favorable conditions for the majority of the region. Isolated areas of rain showers and thunderstorms are expected along the southern and western Yemeni mountain ranges. Decreasing monsoonal winds will allow seas to decrease slightly below seasonal

norms in the Somali Basin. Partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain showers will be present mainly south of Socotra.



*** In the graphic above, green shading represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents a higher likelihood of pirate activity ***

On the Ground Reporting

- **7 October 2015** – According to police officials, al-Shabaab gunmen ambushed and killed the nephew of President Hassan Sheikh Mohamoud in the capital Mogadishu on Wednesday. Police Major Mohamed Nur has disclosed that al-Shabaab fighters attacked a car that was carrying Liban Osman, and a lawyer named Abdikadir Mohamed, through the city, adding that the militants shot both of the men. According to Nur, Osman had just returned from abroad and was about to begin working as the director of a hospital in Mogadishu. Al-Shabaab has since claimed responsibility for Wednesday's attack, with the group's military operation spokesman, Sheikh Abdiasis Abu Musab disclosing that the group targeted Osman because he was "a very important official at the presidential palace."
- **6 October 2015** – A spokesman for al-Shabaab has indicated that the rebel group will fight British troops, who are to be deployed to the country as peacekeepers. Speaking on the group's radio on Tuesday, Sheikh Ali Mohamud Rage, a spokesman for the militant group, disclosed that the group's fighters would welcome the British troops with bullets and drag beheaded British soldiers through the streets. His comments are in response to British Prime Minister David Cameron's announcement last month that as many as seventy British military personnel could be deployed to Somali in order to bolster the United Nation-backed mission to support the Somali government against the extremists. This would be the first time that Britain has formally joined the international contingent backing the African Union's (AU) long-running efforts against al-Shabaab.
 - On Tuesday, Somali journalists and rights groups condemned the arrest of two colleagues and the closure of a key television station by the government. According to sources, security forces raided the independent Universal TV in the capital Mogadishu on 2 October, adding that the station was taken off the air a day after it broadcast a debate on the role of foreign forces in Somalia. Sources have disclosed that Regional director Abdullahi Hersi and produce Awil Dahri Salad were both arrested. On Tuesday, Somali journalists' union chief Mohamed Ibrahim stated that "we condemn the way the office of Universal was closed and the journalists arrested." The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) has called on the government to "stop this arbitrary harassment of journalists and respect freedom of the press." The information ministry has indicated that it is liaising with security forces in order to secure the release of the journalists. The CPJ has reported that Universal TV, which has its headquarters in Britain, was previously taken off-air in August in the southern Somali region of Jubbaland.

Regional Reporting

- **6 October 2015** – Kenya's interior minister has suggested that United Nations staff members working with refugees in the country's Dadaab camp are "facilitating terrorist activities." Joseph Nkaissery, the secretary for internal security, hinted that some employees of the UN's refugee agency, UNHCR, may face arrest for either direct involvement in planning terror attacks or for failing to act against those planning them. Speaking at a meeting of the UNHCR in Switzerland, Nkaissery stated that "we are very concerned about

the alleged involvement or complacency of some UNHCR personnel, who facilitate terrorist activities in this country.” Located in northeastern Kenya, some 50 kilometres from the border with Somalia, Dadaab is the largest refugees camp in the world with an estimated 350,000 people who live in makeshift shelters. Many of those living in the camp have fled the conflict in Somalia, however the camps numbers increased considerably in 2011 after a major drought, which impacted East Africa and affected 11 million people in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia. Following the September 2013 terrorist attack that targeted the Westgate shopping centre in Nairobi, and the attack on Garissa University in April, both of which have been claimed by al-Shabaab, the Kenyan government has sought to close the camp and to repatriate its occupants, stating that it served as a “nursery” for the terror group. While the Kenyan government has faced considerable pressure from the West not to close the camp, Nkaissey repeated the claims this week, stating that the final planning and logistical support for nearly all the terrorist attacks in Kenya could be traced to Dadaab. During his speech, he pointed to the seizure by security forces this week of a large cache of arms as well as phones, stating, “the planning of the Westgate attack was finalized in the camps. The weapons used in the attack on Garissa University College earlier this year were ferried and hidden in the camps...This reality, uncomfortable as it may be, must be addressed. We cannot, as a country, continue to offer asylum and protection to populations in areas that have been taken over by criminal elements.” In response, Karin de Gruijl, spokesperson for the UNHCR in Kenya, stated that officials were “very surprised” by the minister’s comments, adding “UNHCR is not aware of any staff who are complicit in terrorism related matters...If there are indeed any substantial allegations, we expect the Government of Kenya will inform us and take appropriate action, in full accordance with the law.”

GULF OF GUINEA

Executive Summary

Pirate and maritime crime activity in waters off West Africa is currently at a low level, with no incidents reported 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.

Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

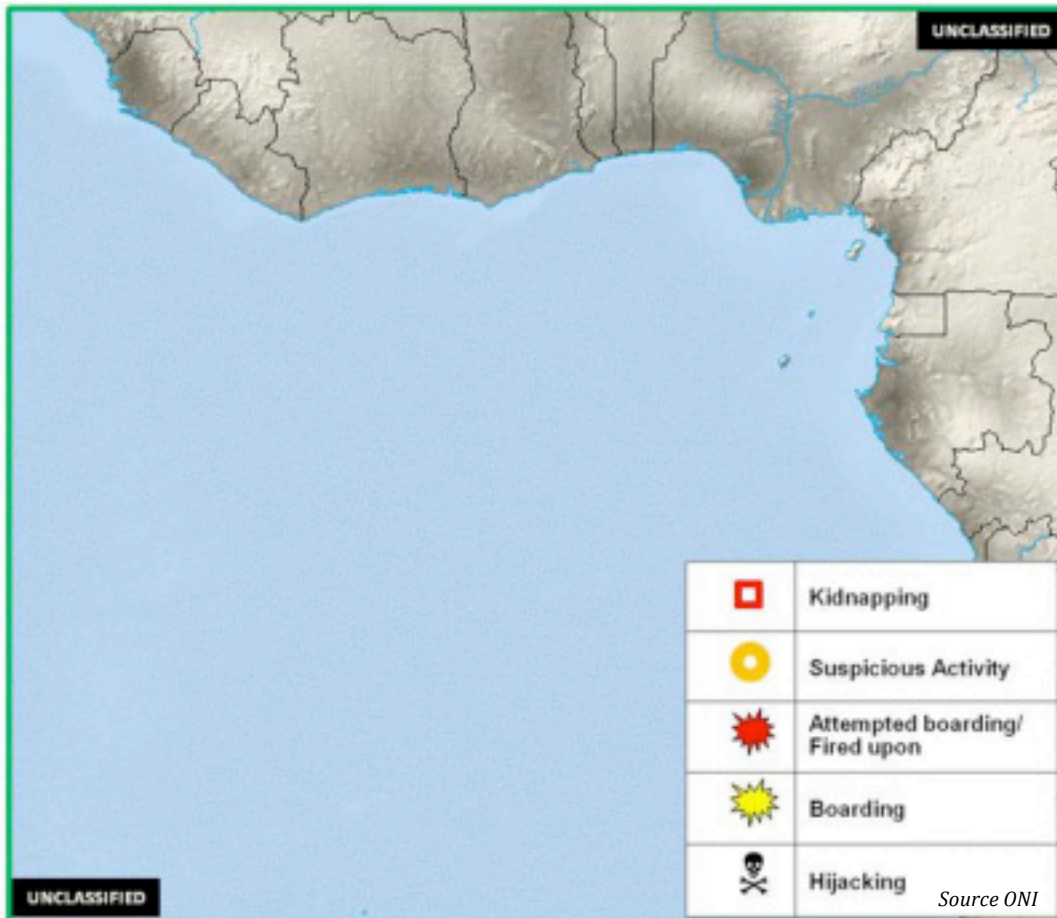
Kidnapping:

- None reported during this period.

Other Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Incident Map



Weather Forecast for Gulf of Guinea

- **Gulf of Guinea** – Southwest winds of 12 – 18 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Southwest winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 5 – 7 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:

- None reported during this period.

Vessels Boarded:

- **5 October 2015** – A fishing boat saw five intruders boarding an anchored product tanker near position 03:56 N – 098:49 E, Belawan Anchorage, and notified the tanker. The alarm was raised, fog horn sounded and crew was mustered. The robbers threatened the approaching crewman with long knives. They escaped empty handed.
- **1 October 2015 (Late Report)** – Two robbers boarded a tanker via the anchor chain near position 05:49 N – 118:05 E, 1.5 nautical miles north-northeast of Sandakan, Borneo. An alert crewman spotted the robbers and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers abandoning stolen items and escaping.
- **30 September 2015 (Late Report)** – A stevedore onboard a container ship berthed near position 10:46 N – 106:44 E, Vietnam International Container Terminal, Ho Chi Minh City Port noticed two robbers near the forecastle and alerted the duty crewman who in turn notified the bridge. The duty crewman stopped his approach towards the robbers when he noted that they were armed with a long bladed knife. When the robbers saw the crewman, they jumped overboard and escaped. The crew later discovered that the padlock on the bosun store room was forced open and the ship's properties were stolen.

Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding's:

- None reported during this period.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

- None reported during this period.

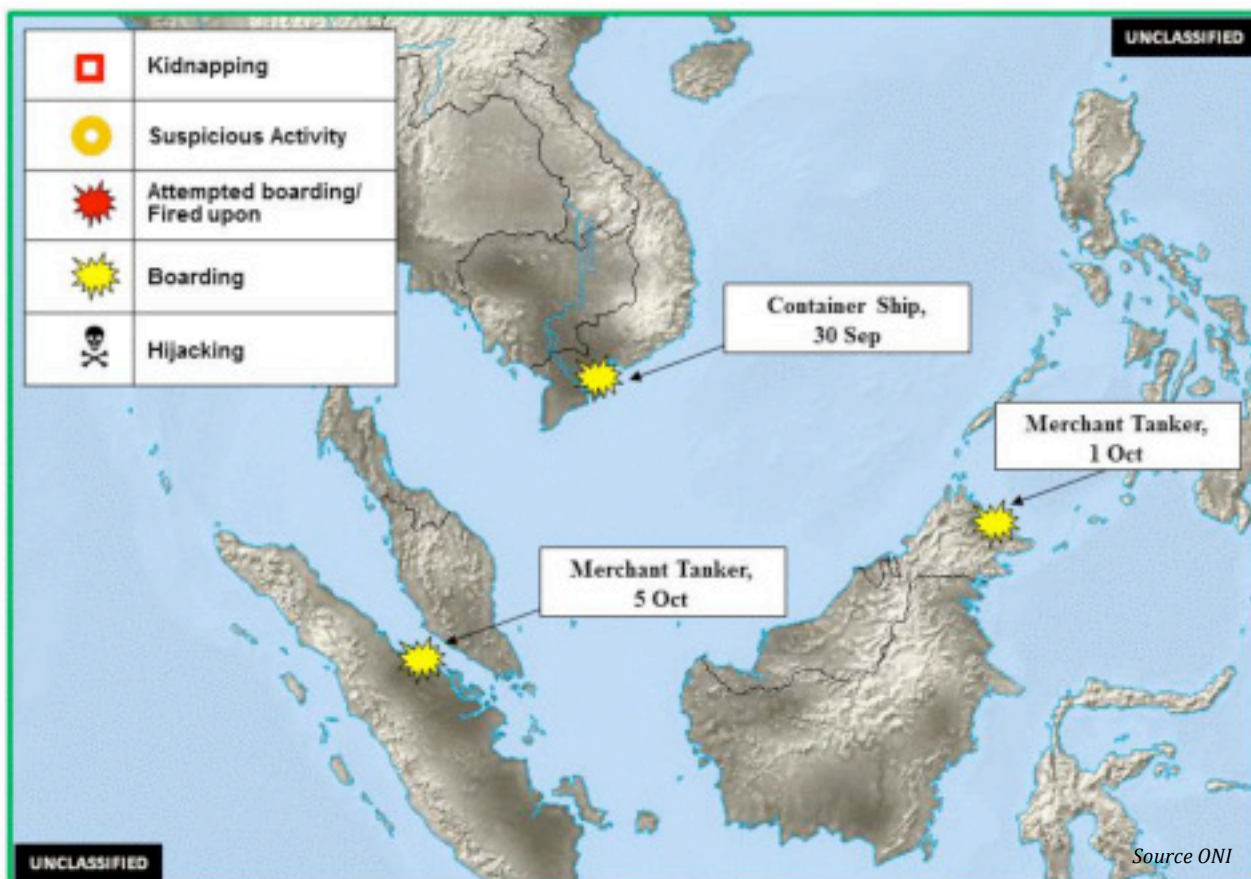
Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Other Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Incident Map



Weather Forecast for Southeast Asia

- **South China Sea** – Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Northeast winds of 12 – 18 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet.
- **Malacca Strait** – Southerly winds of 3 – 8 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the northern Strait; with southeast winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the southern Strait.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Southerly winds of 3 – 8 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the northern Strait; with southeast winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the southern Strait.
- **Andaman Sea** – West-southwest winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – West-southwest winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
- **Surface Currents** – Currents in the South China Sea and Malacca Strait average speeds of 1 knots, while currents in the Andaman Sea average 1 – 2 knots.
- **Synoptic Discussion** – Expect scattered to mostly cloudy skies and isolated to widely scattered rain showers and thunderstorms as the monsoon season continues to impact the region. By 12 October, rain showers and thunderstorms will increase in coverage over the northern South China Sea.

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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