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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 (November 16 - 22, 2015 - Week 47; Edition 116)

List of Incidents at Sea for this Reporting Period

Gulf of Guinea/West Africa: Two late reported incidents, including a kidnapping, and an update on a previous kidnapping involving vessel MT SOLARTE

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

Southeast Asia: Five late reported incidents during this reporting period

South America: No incidents reported during this reporting period

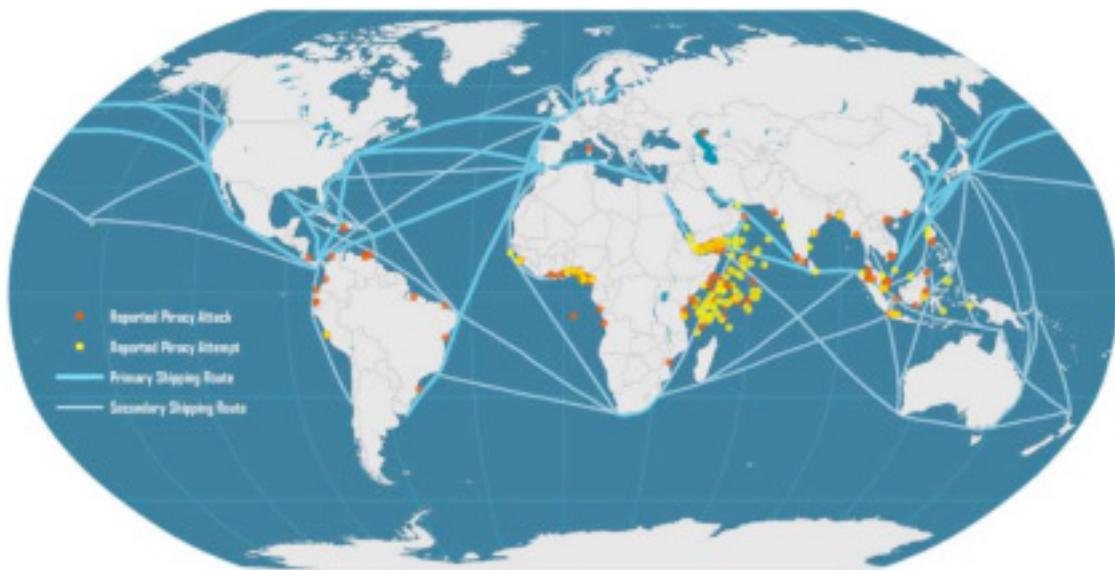
North America: No current incidents to report

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.

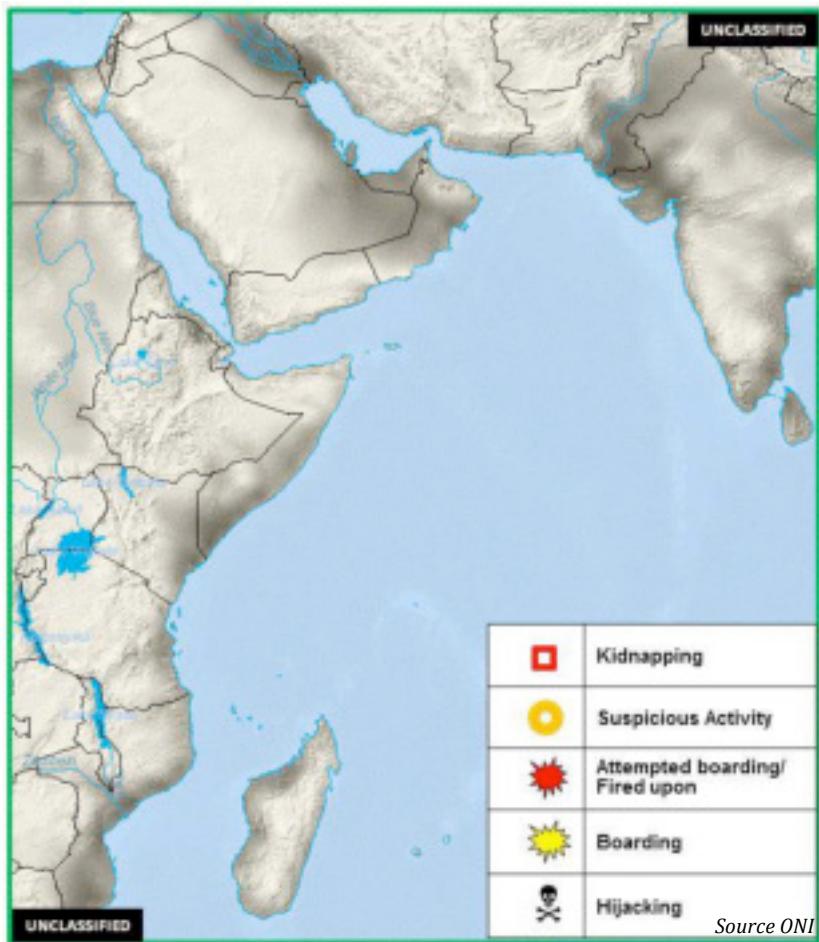
Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

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Suspicious Activity:

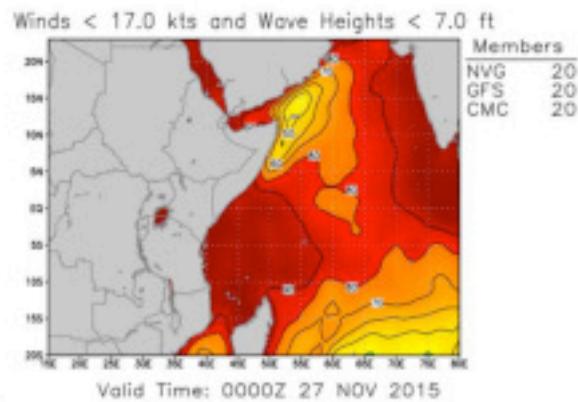
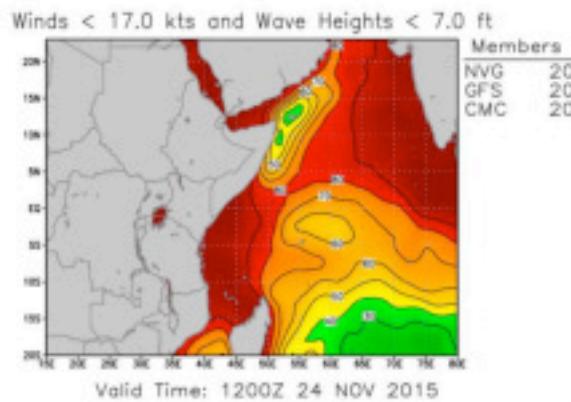
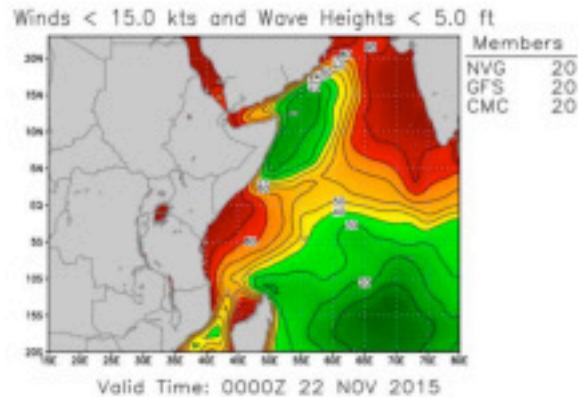
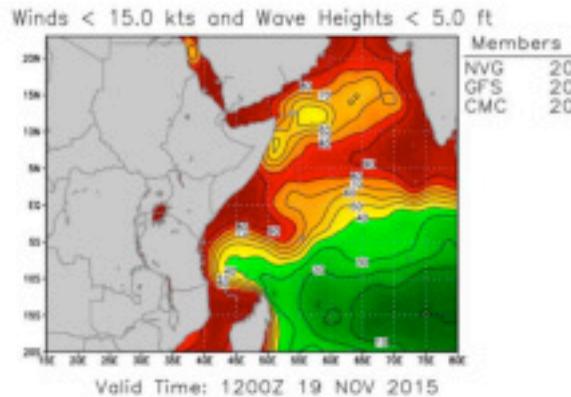
- None reported during this period.

Incident Map

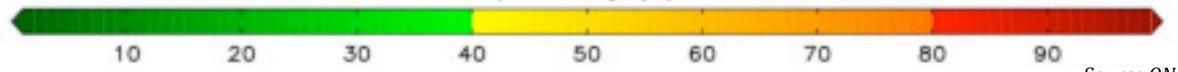


Weather Forecast for Horn of Africa

- **Northern Arabian Sea** – Northeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 6 – 8 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Northeast winds of 15 – 20 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet.
- **Gulf of Oman** – Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots with seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots with seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with variable winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Gulf of Aden** – East-northeast winds of 8 – 13 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
 - **Extended Forecast** – East-northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots, gusting to 22 knots, and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 8 – 13 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Somali Coast** – Northeast winds of 8 – 13 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet in the northern section of the coastline; easterly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the southern section of the coastline.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Northeast winds of 18 – 22 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with easterly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the southern section of the coastline.
- **Central African Coast/Indian Ocean** – East-southeast winds of 8 – 13 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – East-southeast winds of 8 – 13 knots and seas of 4 – 6 feet.
- **Mozambique Channel** – Easterly winds of 13 – 18 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the northern Channel; in the southern Channel, winds will be north-northeasterly at 8 – 13 knots with seas of 5 – 7 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Easterly winds of 13 – 18 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the northern Channel; with south-southeast winds of 18 – 22 knots, gusting to 28 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. Current speeds along the Somali Basin are northeasterly averaging between 1 – 2 knots.
- **Synoptic Discussion** – The Northeast Monsoon is underway in the Somali Basin. As the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) continues to transition south, rain showers and thunderstorms will increase along the coast of Somalia. Isolated thunderstorms and rain can be routinely expected in these areas.



probability (%)



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*** 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

- **16 November 2015** – According to witnesses, at least eleven people have been killed in Mogadishu after rival Somali security forces argued over who was in charge. On the ground sources have reported that security forces opened fire while people queued for food cards at a camp for internally displaced people. The camp houses people who have fled al-Shabaab militants as well as drought and the country's long-running conflict. According to the mayor of Mogadishu, Yusuf Hussein Jimale, some suspects had already been arrested while others will follow.

Regional Reporting

- **17 November 2015** – According to an official, a suspected Islamic extremist grabbed a rifle from an officer and attempted to shoot his way to freedom from a military camp in Garissa in eastern Kenya where he was being held. Garissa County coordinator Mohamud Ali Saleh reported on Tuesday that the suspect snatched a rifle from one of the officers and tried to escape, adding that hundreds of officers cordoned off the area and engaged the suspect in a shootout until he ran out of bullets and was arrested. A police source has disclosed that the suspect was injured and has been hospitalized. The incident caused panic in Garissa, where memories remain fresh of the killings of 147 people in a university that was attacked by four gunmen on 2 April.
- **16 November 2013** - In the wake of the 13 November terror attacks in Paris, France, which killed 129 people and which have been claimed by the so-called Islamic State (IS) group, and ahead of Pope Francis' visit to the country next week, Kenyan security forces have increased security. On Sunday, on the ground sources reported police officers deployed outside churches and shopping malls in the capital city, Nairobi. Sources have also reported that increased concern amongst members of the public is evident. Kenya's Defense Minister Raychelle Omamo expressed solidarity with the people of France, stating, "what is important is that we continue to work hard to eliminate this threat, to continue to work as a collective to further the cause of peace, stability of good will and of freedom in our countries." Five Africans are now believed to have been amongst the 129 people killed in the Paris attacks. Moroccan architect and teacher Amine Ibnolmobarak (29) has been named by the Moroccan Times newspaper as one of those killed at the Carillon bar. Two Tunisian women, sisters from near Bizerte aged 34 and 35, were also killed. They were celebrating a friend's birthday at the time of the attacks. According to the official APS news agency, two Algerians were killed. Citing diplomatic sources, they report that the victims were a woman aged 40 and a man aged 29. Meanwhile Senegalese media have reported that two nationals also died in the attacks. Recently, Kenyan police chief Joseph Boinnet warned that Somali-based al-Shabaab insurgents may be planning an attack. Kenya has experienced a wave of deadly attacks ever since it deployed forces to fight al-Shabaab militants in neighboring Somalia in 2011, following a series of cross-border attacks blamed on the militant group. In April this year, 147 people were killed when a university campus in the eastern Kenyan town of Garissa was attacked. That followed the September 2013 attack on the Westgate shopping

mall in Kenya's capital, Nairobi, in which 67 people were killed. There have also been numerous cross-border raids.

GULF OF GUINEA

Executive Summary

Pirate and maritime crime activity in waters off West Africa is currently at a low level, with two 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:

- **15 November 2015 (Late Report)** – Local press reporting indicated that pirates attacked two trawlers along Bonny Anchorage in Rivers State. A spokesman has disclosed that the recent attacks left two crew members dead, three abducted and two seriously injured.

Vessels Boarded:

- None reported during this period.

Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

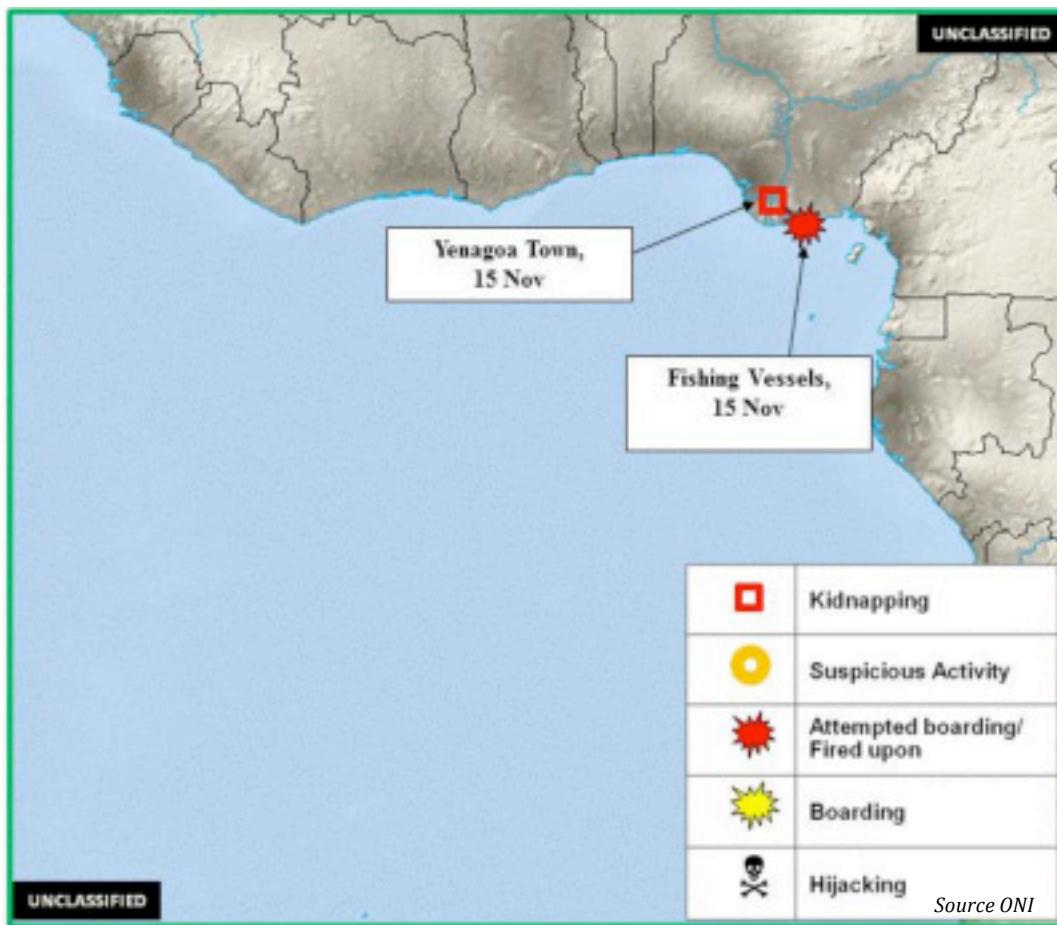
Kidnapping:

- **15 November 2015 (Late Report)** – An unknown number of gunmen attacked the Poloko community in Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital, killing one man and kidnapping Pereama Freetown, an Ijaw musician. They escaped through the Poloko River to an unknown destination.

Other Activity:

- **13 November 2015 (Update)** – On 13 November, the government of Lithuania announced that two Lithuanian and two Ukrainian sailors, who were kidnaped off their ship, MT SOLARTE, last month, have been released. The ship's Russian company reported paid the ransom. In a statement, the government disclosed that the sailors were taken to a local Nigerian hospital and were in good condition.

Incident Map



Weather Forecast for Gulf of Guinea

- **Gulf of Guinea** – South-southwest winds of 7 – 12 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Southwest 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:

- None reported during this period.

Vessels Boarded:

- **14 November 2015 (Late Report)** – Six robbers armed with long knives and iron bars boarded an anchored container ship near position 10:14 N – 107:02 E, Vung Tau Anchorage. Duty deck watchman noticed the robbers and informed the duty officer, who raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a wooden boat. A search was carried out and found the lock to the paint locker damaged and the ship's stores were reported stolen. Port control has been informed of the incident.
- **12 November 2015 (Late Report)** – Two robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier via the hawse pipe near position 03:56 N – 098:45 E, Belawan Outer Anchorage. The alarm was raised and the crew was mustered. Upon seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
- **6 November 2015 (Late Report)** – Two robbers boarded an anchored container ship near position 03:56 N – 098:49 E, Belawan Anchorage. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped. Nothing was reported stolen.
 - Five robbers armed with knives boarded a berthed bulk carrier during cargo operations near position 06:04 S – 106:51 E, Berth 115, Jakarta Port. They were noticed by the crew who raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.

Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding's:

- **14 November 2015 (Late Report)** – Five Vietnamese fishing boats in the Gulf of Tonkin were reportedly attacked by a large number of Chinese vessels. The vessels attacked the fishing boats for seven hours, methodically destroying dozens of fishing nets from the group.

Unsuccessful Attacks/Robberies:

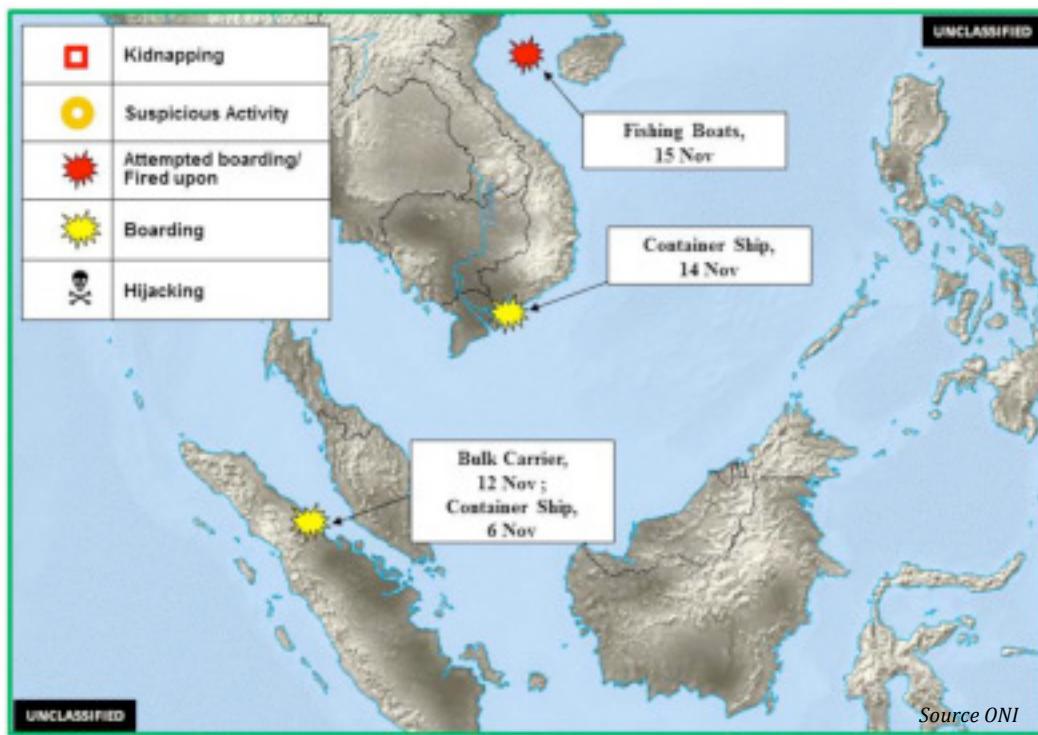
- None reported during this period.

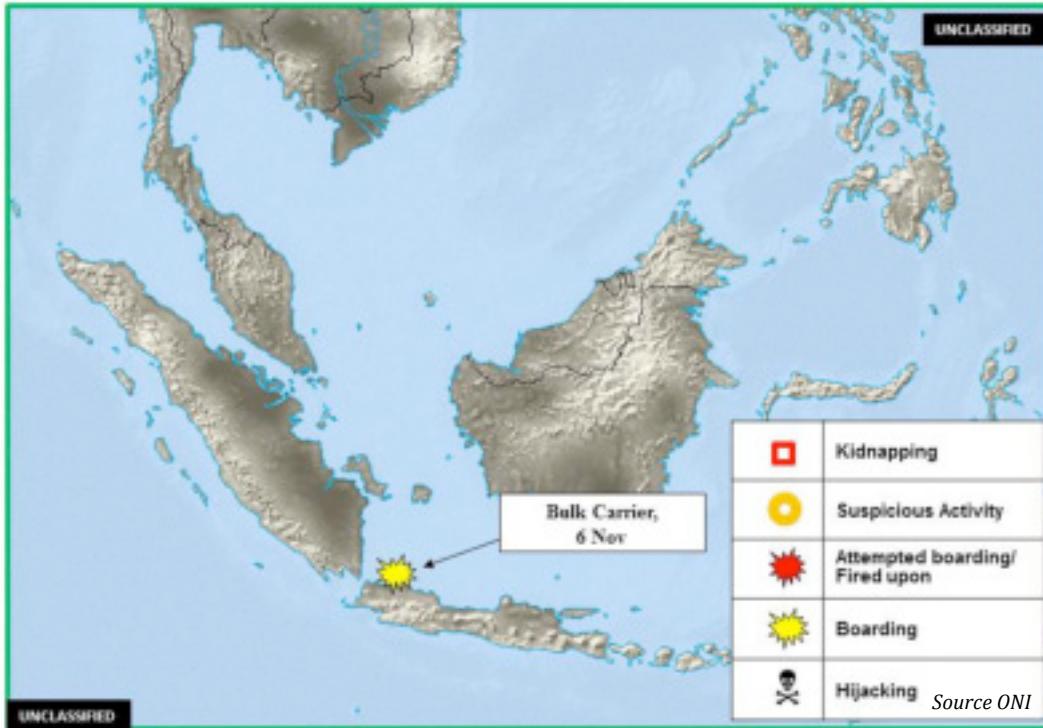
Suspicious Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Other Activity:

- None reported during this period.

Incident Map



Weather Forecast for Southeast Asia

- **South China Sea** – East-northeast winds of 13 – 18 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Northeast winds of 10 – 15 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet.
- **Malacca Strait** – Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the northern Strait; with variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the southern Strait.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the northern Strait; with variable winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the southern Strait.
- **Andaman Sea** – Northeast winds of 4 – 8 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet.
 - **Extended Forecast** – Northeast winds of 4 – 8 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet.
- **Surface Currents** – Currents in the South China Sea and Malacca Strait average speeds of 1 knot, while currents in the Andaman Sea average 1 to 2 knots.

- **Synoptic Discussion** – High pressure is influencing the northern portions of the region while the Inter Tropical Convergence Zone is impacting the southern portions. The Andaman Sea, Malacca Strait, and southern South China Sea will see isolated rain showers and thunderstorms throughout the forecast period.

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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