



Maritime OPINTEL Report

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly
(PAWW) Report
(Horn of Africa) for 13 Jan – 19 Jan 2011**

Maritime Crime/Piracy

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1. (U) Scope Note

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report is a review of recent Somali piracy incidents and an outlook on threats around the Horn of Africa.

2. (U) Piracy Events

(U) This section provides information on piracy events for this week in the vicinity of the Horn of Africa.

A. (U) Summary

(U) Pirates are operating at an unprecedented high level during the current northeast monsoon season. Most of the current activity is occurring in the Arabian Sea. During January 2011, there have been over 25 pirate incidents in the Arabian Sea. No incidents occurred in the Arabian Sea during January 2010. There were thirteen overall incidents in this one week period, three hijackings, one boarding, and nine attacks.

B. (U) Details

- (U) Vessels Hijacked**

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Bulk carrier (HOANG SON SUN) was hijacked 17 Jan at 0700 UTC while underway in position 1836N – 06422E, approximately 360NM SE of Sur, Oman. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Bulk carrier (EAGLE) was hijacked 17 Jan at 0641 UTC while underway in position 13:17N – 061:42E, approximately 415NM east of Socotra Island. Six pirates armed with guns and an RPG in a skiff chased, fired upon, and boarded the vessel, taking 24 crewmembers hostage. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Chemical tanker (SAMHO JEWELRY) was hijacked 15 Jan at 0729 UTC while underway in position 21:58N - 063:50E, approximately 110 NM east of Ras al Hadd, Oman. Pirates attacked

and boarded the chemical tanker taking 21 crewmembers hostage. (IMB)

- **(U) Boardings**

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Products tanker (SMERALDO) was fired upon and boarded 14 Jan at 1730 UTC while underway in position 17:11N – 061:21E, approximately 433NM NE of Salalah, Oman. The crew met in a citadel after two pirates managed to board, and awaited naval assistance. (IMB, UKMTO)

- **(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding**

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Merchant vessel (TORM KRISTINA) was attacked 19 Jan at 2155 UTC while underway in position 20:16N - 064:29E, approximately 380NM SE of Muscat, Oman. One skiff with six pirates fired upon the vessel and attempted to board with a ladder. One crew member was slightly injured on the shoulder, but the vessel managed to evade a boarding. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Ro Ro (HOEGH OSLO) was fired upon 19 Jan at 0453 UTC while underway in position 13:28N – 065:06E, approximately 660NM ESE of Salalah, Oman. The vessel was fired upon by pirates in three skiffs armed with small arms and RPGs. The pirates aborted their attack after an hour. (ONI)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Merchant vessel (ADVANTAGE) was fired upon 18 Jan at 2303 UTC while underway in position 03:10N – 051:11E, approximately 315NM SE of Garacad, Somalia. The vessel was attacked and fired upon by pirates with automatic weapons in one skiff but managed to avoid the hijack attempt. (ONI, UKMTO)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Bulk carrier (LUCKY VISHIP) was fired upon 18 Jan at 1125 UTC while underway in position 19:24N – 058:54E, approximately 260NM east of Salalah, Oman. Pirates in three skiffs fired upon the vessel but were evaded. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Container ship (COURIER) was fired upon 17 Jan at 1330 UTC while underway in position 17:02N – 061:33E, approximately 420NM east of Salalah, Oman. Five pirates in a white hulled skiff chased and fired upon the ship. The master increased speed and carried out evasive maneuvers, prompting the pirates to abort the attack after an hour. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Tanker (SEACREST) was fired upon 16 Jan at 1450 UTC while underway in position 12:30N – 061:05E, approximately 385NM east of Socotra Island. Six pirates armed with a ladder and RPG chased and fired upon the tanker. The tanker made evasive maneuvers and enforced preventative counter piracy measures, successful evading the attack. (IMB)

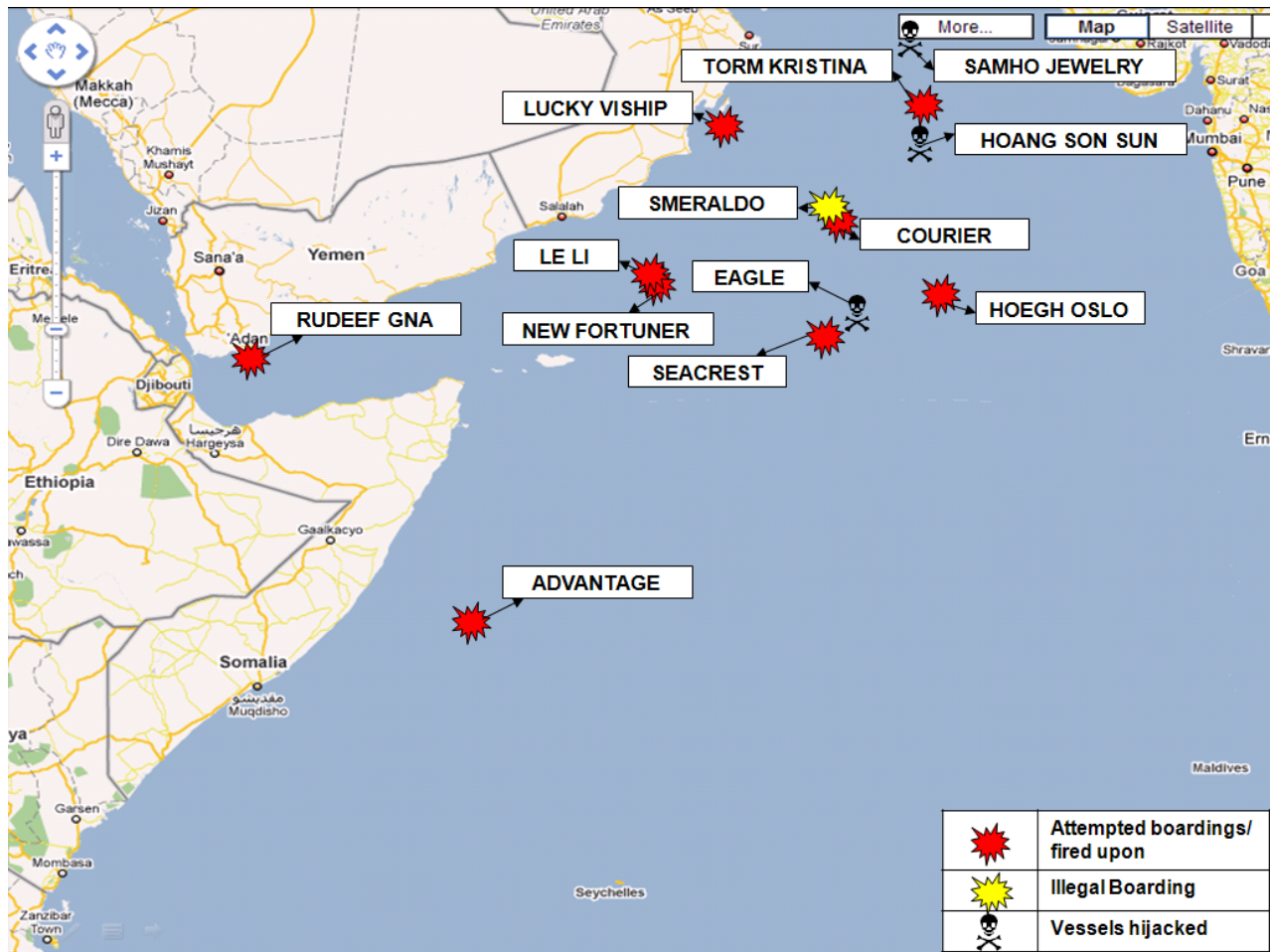
(U) GULF OF ADEN: Oil tanker (RUDEEF GNA) was attacked 15 Jan at 1833 UTC while underway in position 12:41N – 044:48E, approximately 3 NM SW of Aden Island, Yemen. Two pirates in a skiff approached the tanker underway. No shots were fired by the pirates but the skiff hooked a ladder to the vessel's rails. A security team on board fired warning shots and the pirates aborted the attack. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Cargo vessel (LE LI) was fired upon 14 Jan at 0530 UTC while underway in position 13:53N – 056:30E, approximately 141NM NE of Socotra Island, Yemen. Four pirates onboard a skiff attempted to board with a ladder, and weapons were sighted but not used. The vessel evaded the boarding.

(ONI, UKMTO)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Tanker (NEW FORTUNER) was fired upon 13 Jan at 0914 UTC while underway in position 13:50N – 056:45.0E, approximately 150NM NE of Socotra Island. Four pirates armed with guns and an RPG chased and fired upon the tanker. The tanker took evasive maneuvers and enforced preventative counter piracy measures, and evaded the boarding. (ONI, UKMTO)

C. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 13 JAN 2011 – 19 JAN 2011 (IMB).

(U) Figure 1 is a visual depiction of the incidents detailed in above summary of events.

C. (U) Tabulated Data

| | This Week | Last Week | January 2011 | December 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009* |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|---------------|------|------|-------|
| Vessels Hijacked | 3 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 49 | 52 |
| Boarding | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 0 |

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|---------------------------------------------------|---|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding | 9 | 5 | 21 | 13 | 21 | 125 | 131 |
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*Dataset originates 22 May 2009

(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

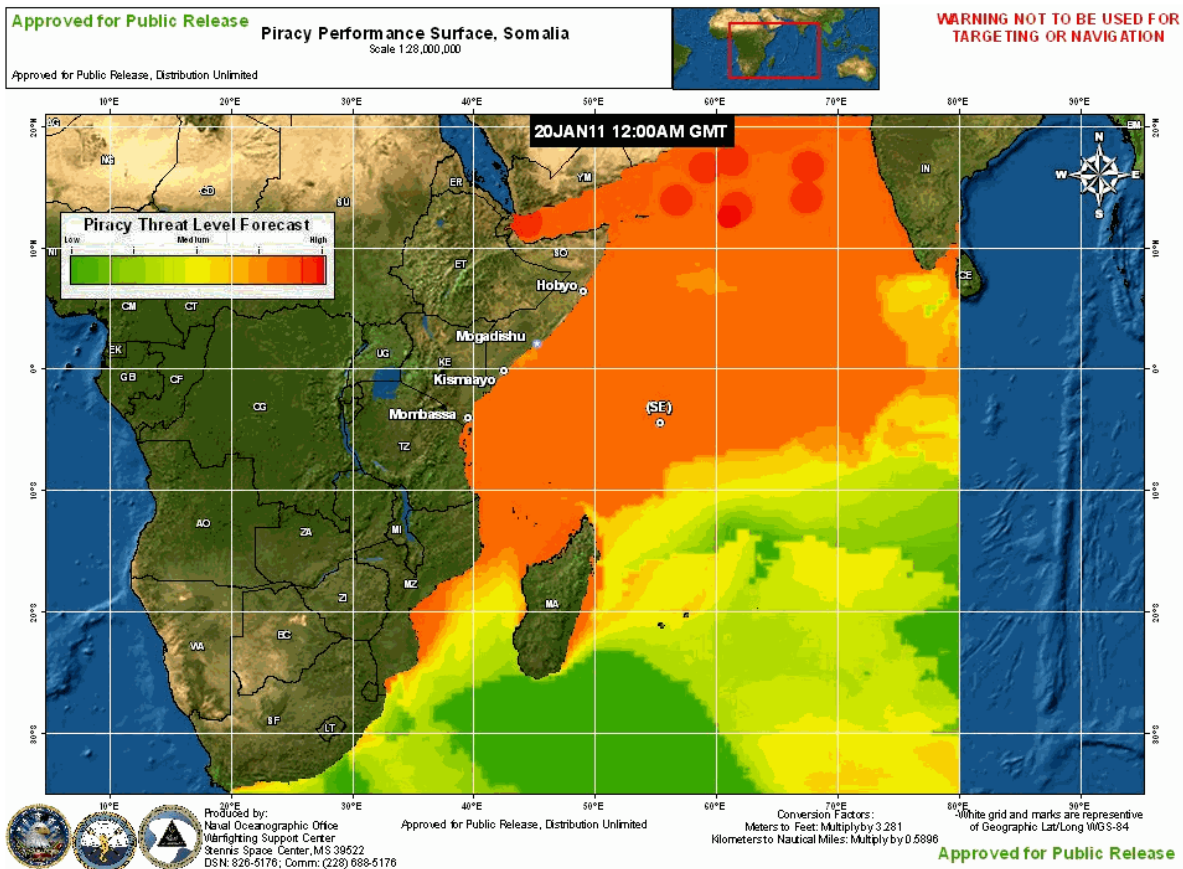
3. (U) Outlook

A. (U) Summary

(U) Weather is expected to remain relatively calm for the monsoon season, creating conditions conducive to small boat activity throughout the region.

(U) Mariners are advised that the Arabian Sea, Mozambique Channel, and the area around Comoros is currently high risk. When transiting the region, mariners are encouraged to contact UKMTO and all appropriate authorities.

B. Forecast for the Week of 20 JAN – 26 JAN 2011



(U) Figure 2. Likelihood of Pirate Activity (Graphic courtesy of the Naval Oceanographic Office Warfighting Support Center).

(U) In the graphic above, green represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents a high likelihood of pirate activity.

(U) Appendix

(U) Terminology and References

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting and also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity and are independent of target vessel status and exclude actions by governmental authorities in lawful pursuit of their authority.

(U) Terms of Reference

(U) The following terms are adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis:

- (U) **Attempted Boarding** - Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.
- (U) **Blocking** - Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.
- (U) **Boarding** – Unauthorized boarding of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.
- (U) **Firing Upon** - Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.
- (U) **Hijacking** - Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.
- (U) **Kidnapping** - Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.
- (U) **Robbery** - Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.
- (U) **Suspicious Approach** - All other unexplained close proximity of an unknown vessel.

(U) Sourcing

(U) Information contained in this report is derived through direct reporting and analysis of reports from the following agencies and commercial sources:

- Agence France Presse (AFP)
- Associated Press (AP)
- Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), Denmark
- BBC News
- EU Naval Forces (EU)

- Fairplay (FP), London
- Informa Group (INFO), formerly LLP, Llp Limited, London
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur
- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
- Latitude38.com (LAT) website
- Lloyd's List (LL), daily, London
- Local Media (LM)
- MaRisk by Risk Intelligence (Risk Intelligence/MaRisk)
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S.
- Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Maritime Security Council (MSC), U.S.
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Brussels
- Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) (analysis and comment)
- Operator (owner or operator of affected vessel)
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center (ReCAAP ISC)
- Reuters
- Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
- Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN)
- Seafarers' Assistance Program (SAP), Kenya
- Tradewinds (TW)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
- United Press International (UPI)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
- U.S. Department of State (DOS)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

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