



Maritime OPINTEL Report

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly
(PAWW) Report
(Horn of Africa) for 6 Jan – 12 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) There were seven piracy incidents in this one week period, all attempted boardings. Activity occurred predominantly in the Arabian Sea and the Somali Basin, with one attack occurring in the Red Sea.

B. (U) Details

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

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Vessel (LEOPARD) was boarded 12 Jan at 1322 UTC while underway in position 1513N – 05817E, approximately 263NM ESE of Salalah, Oman. Pirates in two skiffs attacked and boarded the vessel. Pirates later transferred the crew to a nearby pirate mother ship and departed the area. (ONI, UKMTO)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Tanker (ALPINE PERSEFONE) was attacked 11 Jan at 1345 UTC while underway in position 14:01N – 067:25E, approximately 380NM west of Goa, India. Pirates in one skiff came alongside the vessel with weapons and attempted to board with a ladder. The attack was repelled with water hoses, and no shots were fired. (IMB, UKMTO)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Tanker (BARBAROSA) was fired upon 11 Jan at 1021 UTC while underway in position 16:33N – 059:08E, approximately 290NM east of Salalah, Oman. Five pirates on a skiff fired automatic weapons and RPGs at the Tanker. Due to evasive maneuvering, the attack was averted. (ONI, UKMTO)

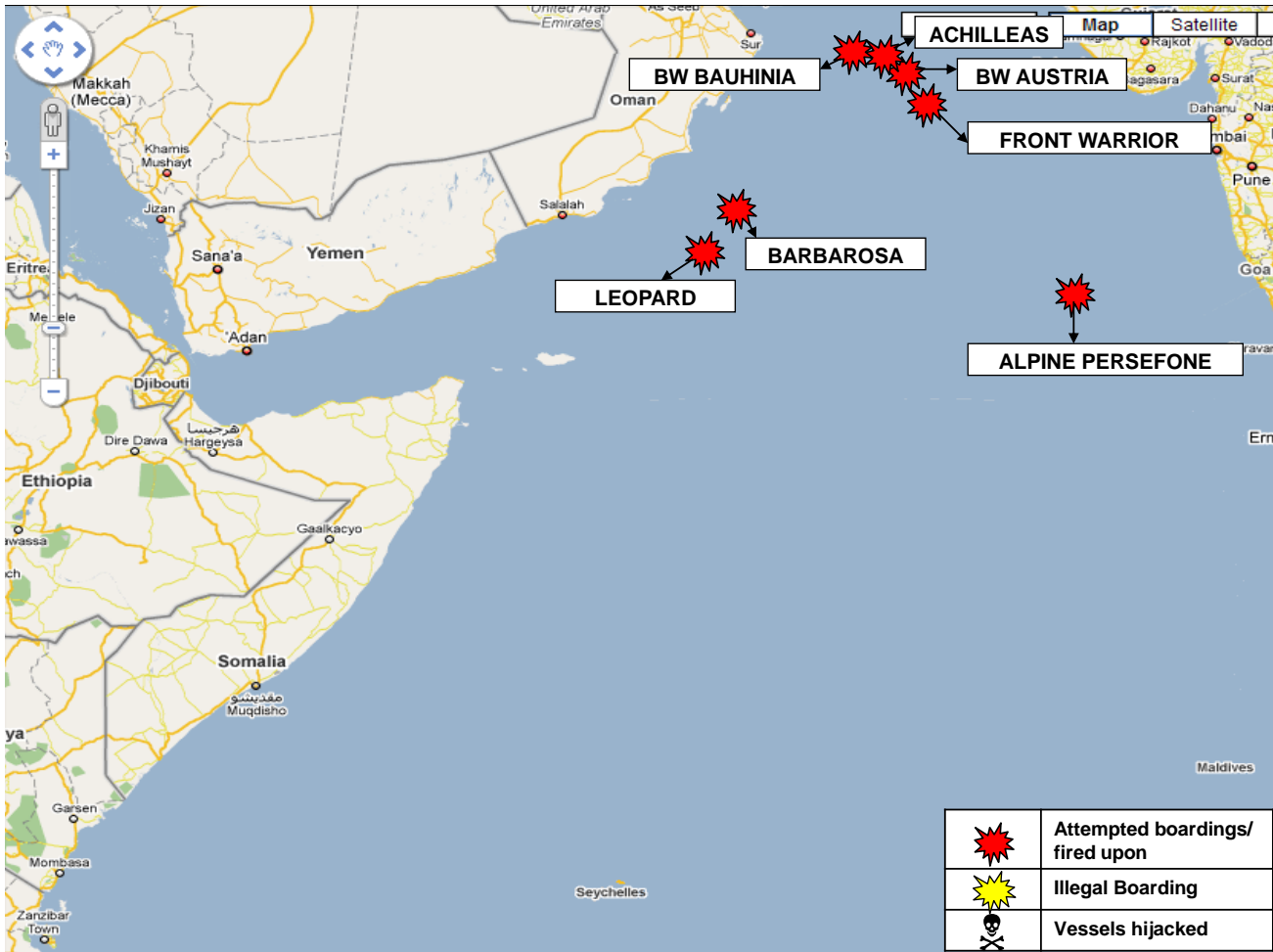
(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Tanker (BW BAUHINIA) was attacked 7 Jan at 1629 UTC while in position 21:08N – 062:45E, approximately 180NM ESE of Ras al Hadd, Oman. Five pirates in a skiff fired upon and attempted to board the vessel, but were evaded when the master increased speed and took evasive maneuvers. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Bulk carrier (ACHILLEAS) was fired upon 6 Jan at 0908 UTC while underway in position 21:04N – 063:21E, approximately 220NM ESE of Al Hadd, Oman. Five pirates in a skiff fired upon and attempted to board the carrier. The master increased speed, took evasive maneuvers and evaded the attempted boarding. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: LPG Carrier (BW AUSTRIA) was fired upon 6 Jan at 0700 UTC while underway in position 21:10.4N – 063:17.4E, approximately 205NM ESE of Ras Al Hadd, Oman. Five armed pirates fired upon the vessel, and an RPG made a hole in the accommodation block. The master increased speed, took evasive maneuvers and managed to evade the attempted boarding with all crew members safe. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Tanker (FRONT WARRIOR) was fired upon 6 Jan at 0220 UTC while underway in position 20:00N – 064:06E, approximately 503NM NE of Mumbai, India. Pirates in one skiff fired at the tanker, but the crew used razor wire and fire hoses to evade the attack. (ONI)

C. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 6 JAN 2011 – 12 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 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 49 | 52 |
| Boarding | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 0 |
| Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding | 7 | 5 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 125 | 131 |

*Dataset originates 22 May 2009

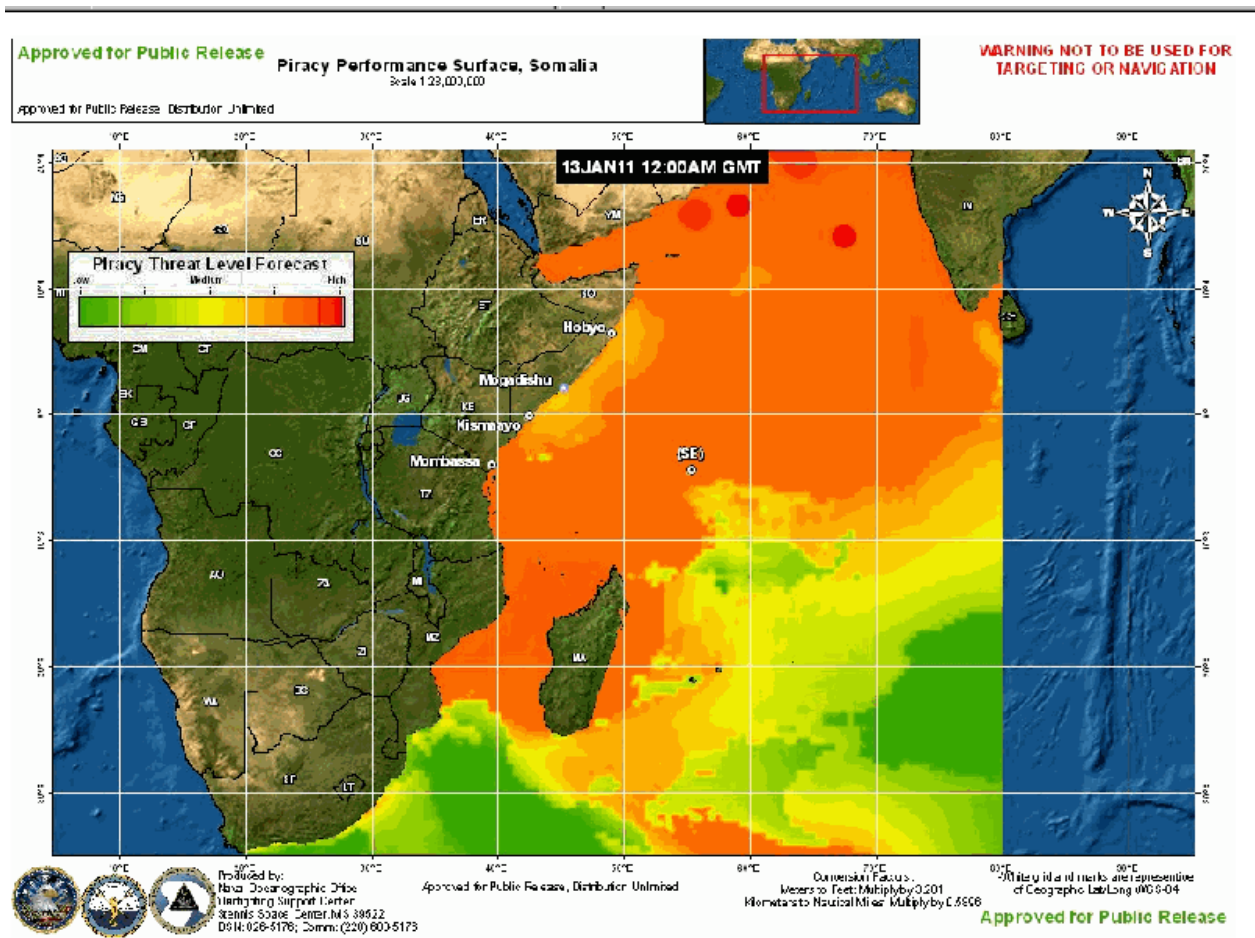
(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

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.

B. Forecast for the Week of 13 JAN – 19 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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