



Maritime OPINTEL Report

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly
(PAWW) Report
(Horn of Africa) for 30 Dec – 5 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: one hijacking, one boarding, and five attempted boardings. Activity occurred predominantly in the Arabian Sea and the Somali Basin.

B. (U) Details

- **(U) Vessels Hijacked**

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Bulk carrier (BLIDA) was hijacked 1 Jan at 1536 UTC while underway in position 15:28N – 055:51E, approximately 130NM SE of Salalah, Oman, and the 27 member crew was taken hostage. The HANNIBAL II was also in the area and probably acted as a mothership. (IMB, ONI)

- **(U) Boardings**

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Tanker (CPO CHINA) was fired upon 3 Jan at 1503 UTC while underway in position 19:35 – 065:13E, approximately 430NM west of Mumbai, India. Pirates in two skiffs chased the tanker and opened fire with automatic weapons. The 20 member crew locked themselves in a citadel until the pirates abandoned the ship. HMAS Melbourne boarded the vessel on 4 Jan and found the pirates gone and all the

crew safe. (IMB, Open press)

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

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Tanker (MAERSK PELICAN) was fired upon 3 Jan at 1430 UTC while underway in position 19:38.4N – 065:07.9E, approximately 433NM west of Mumbai, India. Pirates in a small high speed boat approached from the stern, and fired upon the tanker with hand-held weapons. Due to evasive maneuvers, the tanker succeeded in evading a boarding. (IMB)

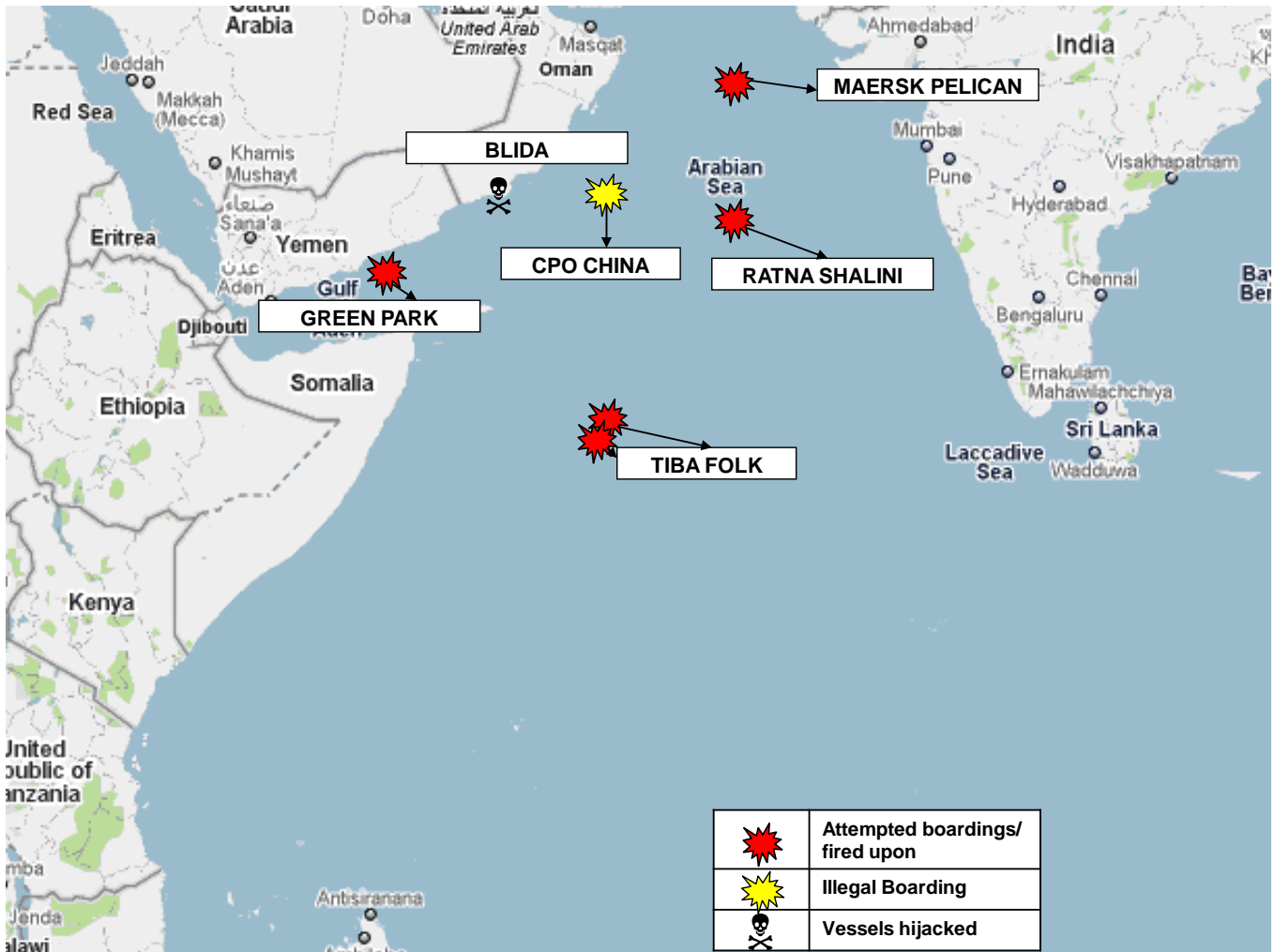
(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Chemical tanker (RATNA SHALINI) was fired upon 1 Jan at 2123 UTC while underway in position 14:53.0N – 063:45.9E, about 575NM east of Socotra Island. Pirates armed with guns chased and fired upon the vessel. The master increased speed and took evasive maneuvers until pirates aborted the attack. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Tug (TIBA FOLK) was fired upon 1 Jan at 1950 UTC while underway in position 02:41N – 059:17E, approximately 690NM southeast of Haradera, Somalia. The tug, which had been previously attacked by pirates on the same day, released the barge it was towing to increase speed and maneuverability, and the security team onboard fired flares. The skiffs later aborted the attack. (IMB)

(U) GULF OF ADEN: Chemical tanker (GREEN PARK) was fired upon and a boarding was attempted 1 Jan at 1321 UTC while underway in position 13:09N – 048:49E, approximately 84NM SW of Al Mukalla, Yemen. Six pirates in a skiff chased the tanker, but due to evasive maneuvers and effective counter piracy measures, a hijacking was evaded. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Tug (TIBA FOLK) was fired upon 1 Jan at 0754 UTC while underway in position 03:56N – 59:33E, approximately 672NM east of Hobyo, Somalia. Twelve armed pirates in two skiffs chased and fired upon the tug, but due to evasive maneuvers and effective anti-piracy measures, a hijacking was evaded. (IMB)

C. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 30 DEC 2010 – 5 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	1	4	1	8	1	49	52
Boarding	1	0	1	0	1	15	0
Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding	5	5	5	13	5	125	131

*Dataset originates 22 May 2009

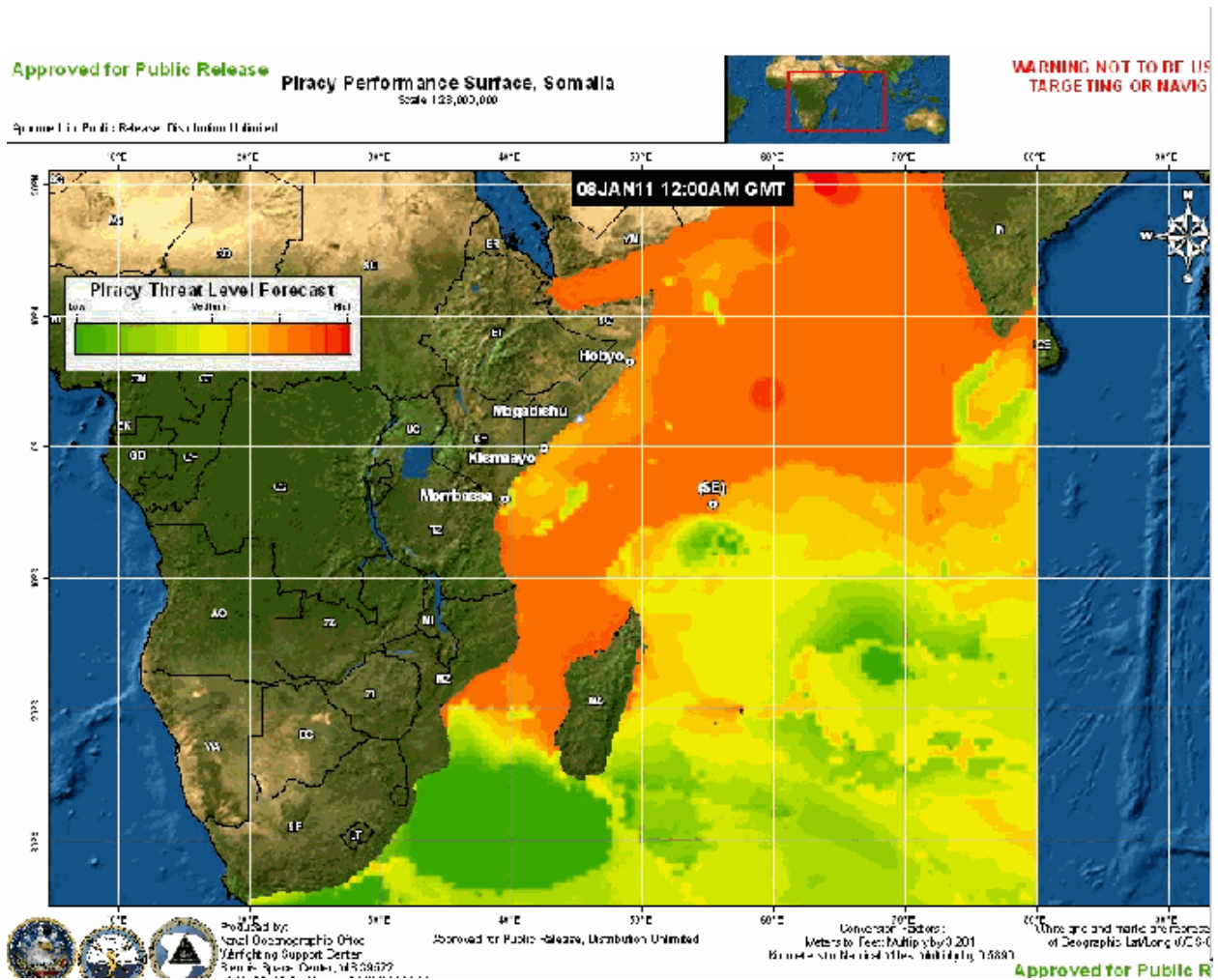
(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

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, particularly in the GOA, Mozambique channel, and Arabian Sea.

B. Forecast for the Week of 6 JAN – 12 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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