



Maritime OPINTEL Report

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly
(PAWW) Report
(Horn of Africa) for 16 Dec – 29 Dec 2010**

30 December 2010

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 nine piracy incidents in this two-week period. Monsoon weather has not yet set in, and pirates have remained active over the past two weeks. Pirates have been particularly active the Arabian Sea where some of the calmest weather has been.

B. (U) Details

- **(U) Vessels Hijacked**

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: General cargo ship (EMS RIVER) was hijacked 27 Dec at 1303 UTC while underway in position 17:57N – 057:43E, approximately 225NM northeast of Salalah, Oman. Pirates using a previously hijacked tanker attacked and hijacked a general cargo ship along with its either crew. (IMB, Open Press)

(U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: Fishing vessel (SHIUH FU 1) was hijacked 25 Dec 10 at 1000 UTC while underway in position 12:58.9S – 051:52.01E, approximately 120NM east of Nosy Ankaos, Madagascar. Pirates hijacked a fishing vessel along with her 26 crew members. A previously hijacked merchant ship was reported to be in the vicinity during the hijacking of the fishing vessel. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: General cargo ship (THOR NEXUS) was hijacked 25 Dec 10 at 0140 UTC while

underway in position 16:01N – 060:12E, approximately 380NM east of Salalah, Oman. Pirates boarded and hijacked a general cargo ship underway with her 27 crew members hostage. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Bulk carrier (ORNA) was hijacked 20 Dec 10 at 1129 UTC while underway in position 01:42S – 060:52E, approximately 950nm east of Mogadishu. Pirates took all 19 crewmembers hostage. (IMB)

- (U) **Boardings** No incidents to report.

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

(U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: Bulk carrier (MAJESTIC) was fired upon 25 Dec 10 at 0830 UTC while underway in position 19:04S – 038:42E, approximately 185NM east of Beira, Mozambique. Eight pirates in a skiff chased and fired upon a bulk carrier underway. Pirates aborted attempt. (IMB)

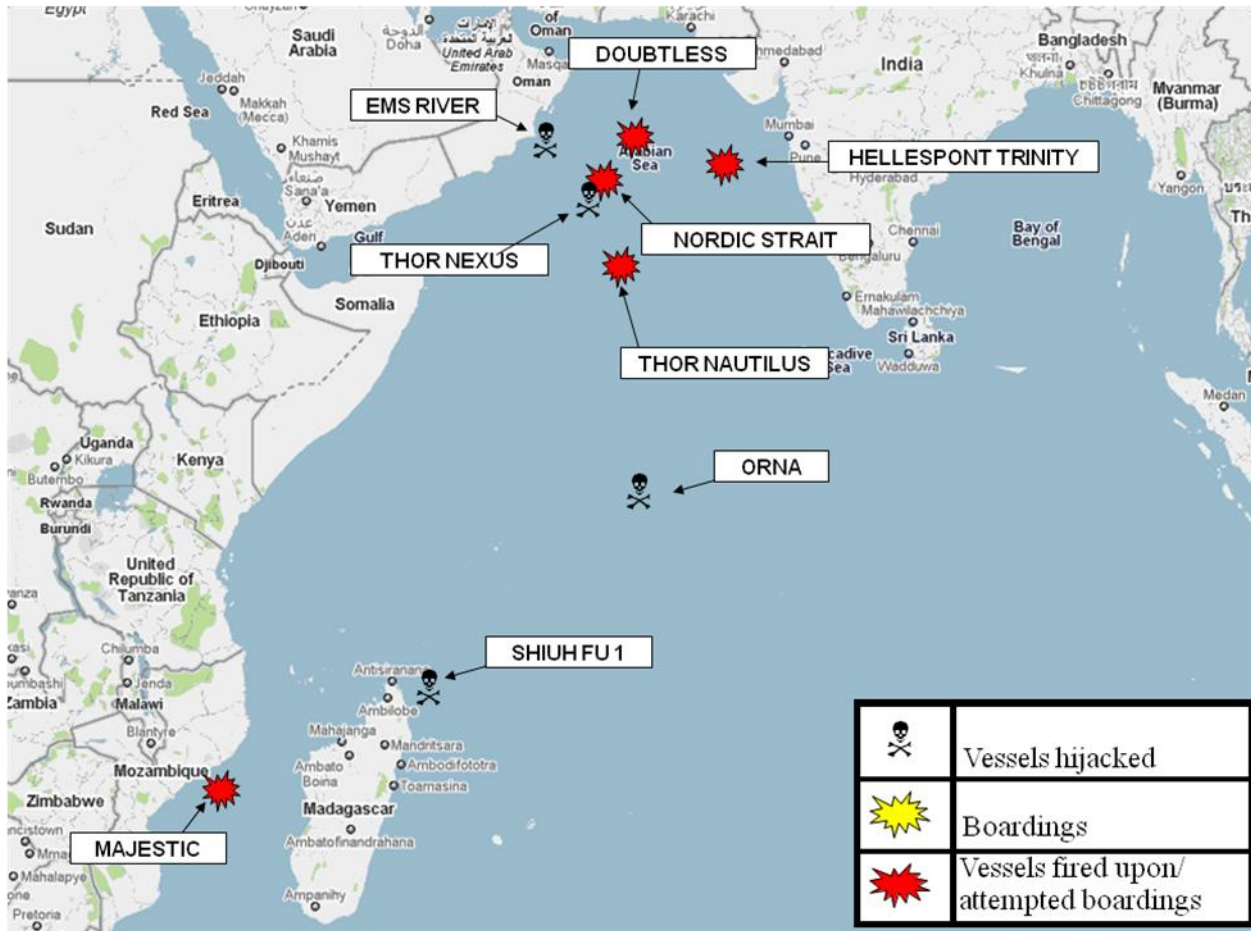
(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Chemical tanker (NORD STRAIT) reported an attempted boarding 22 Dec 10 at 0350 UTC while underway in position 17:00N – 062:53E, approximately 500nm east of Salalah, Oman. One skiff with six pirates armed with RPGs and AK-47s fired on and attempted to board the chemical tanker while underway. Due to evasive maneuvers and anti piracy measures, the attack was aborted after 80 minutes. (IMB, Operator)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Cargo ship (THOR NAUTILUS) was fired upon 22 Dec 10 at 0300 UTC while underway in position 12:10N - 062:31E, approximately 470nm east of Socotra Island. Due to evasive maneuvering, the hijack was evaded. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Chemical tanker (DOUBTLESS) was fired upon 19 Dec 10 at 0909 UTC while underway in position 19:04N – 062:10E, approximately 475nm NE of Salalah, Oman. Two pirates attempted to board the vessel by using ladders. Due to evasive maneuvers and effective anti piracy measures the attack enforced onboard the hijack was evaded. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Tanker (HELLESPONT TRINITY) was fired upon 16 Dec 10 at 0315 UTC while underway in position 16:10N – 068:20E, approximately 300NM southwest of Mumbai, India. Pirates in a skiff approached a tanker underway and opened fire with automatic weapons. The tanker evaded the boarding. (IMB, UKMTO)

C. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 16 DEC 2010 – 29 DEC 2010 (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	December 2010	November 2010	2010	2009*
Vessels Hijacked	4	2	7	4	48	52
Boarding	0	0	0	6	15	0
Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding	5	8	13	35	125	131

*Dataset originates 22 May 2009

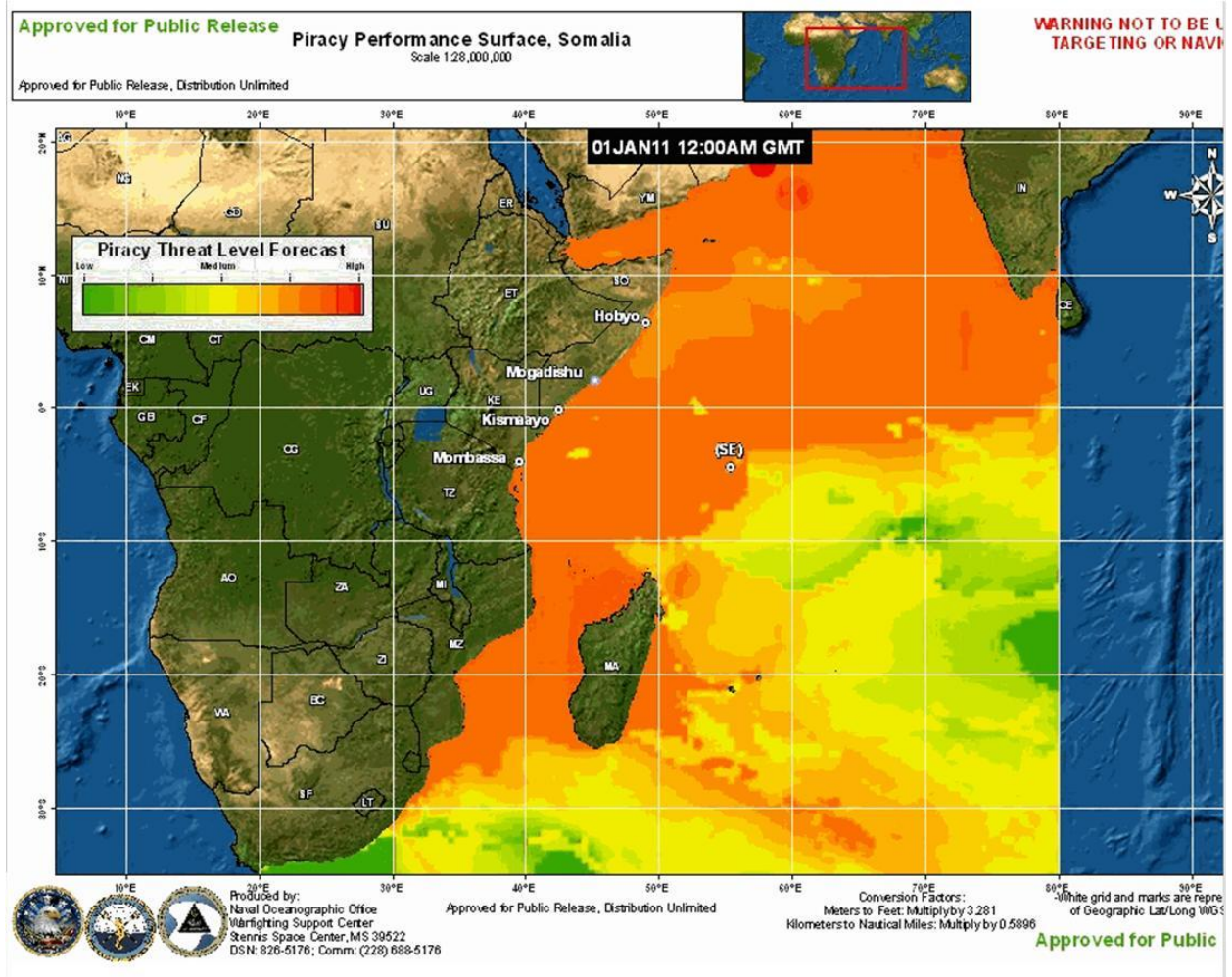
(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior year.

3. (U) Outlook

A. (U) Summary

(U) Over the next week, weather is expected to be calmer than normal for the monsoon season, creating conditions that are conducive to small boat activity throughout the region.

B. Forecast for the Week of 30 DEC 2010 – 05 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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