



Maritime OPINTEL Report

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly
(PAWW) Report
(Horn of Africa) for 02 Dec – 08 Dec 2010**

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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) With the northeast monsoon season beginning, pirate activity has slowed. Incidents dropped from ten last week to one this week.

B. (U) Details

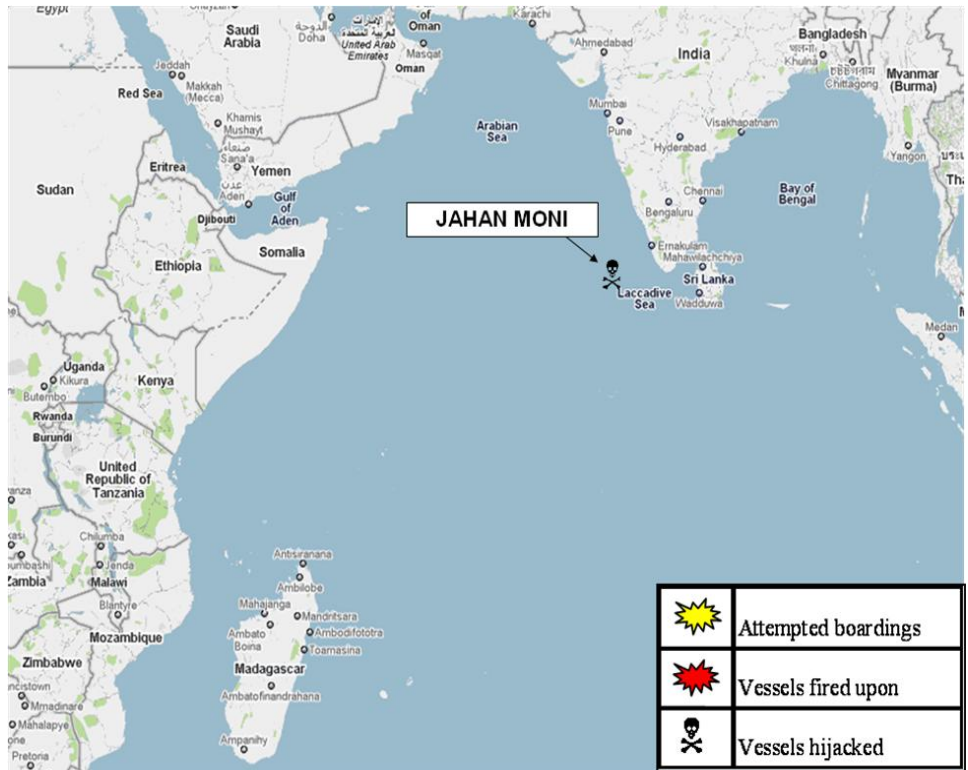
(U) There was one piracy incident in this period.

- **(U) Vessels Hijacked**

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: A bulk cargo ship (JAHAN MONI) was hijacked 5 Dec at 1126 UTC while underway in position 08:12N – 071:55E, approximately 540NM west of Sri Lanka. At 0942 UTC, master reported two skiffs were approaching and that one attempted to board the merchant vessel. One pirate fell off the ladder while trying to board, and the skiffs departed the area. At 1126, the master reported that the two skiffs had returned and that six armed pirates successfully boarded the vessel. All 26 crewmembers were taken hostage. This hijacking is the farthest east recorded. (IMB, UKMTO)

- **(U) Illegal Boardings** No incidents to report.
- **(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding** No incidents to report.

C. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 02 DEC 2010 – 08 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	1	1	1	4	42	52
Boarding	0	2	0	6	15	0
Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding	0	7	0	35	112	131

*Dataset originates 22 May 2009

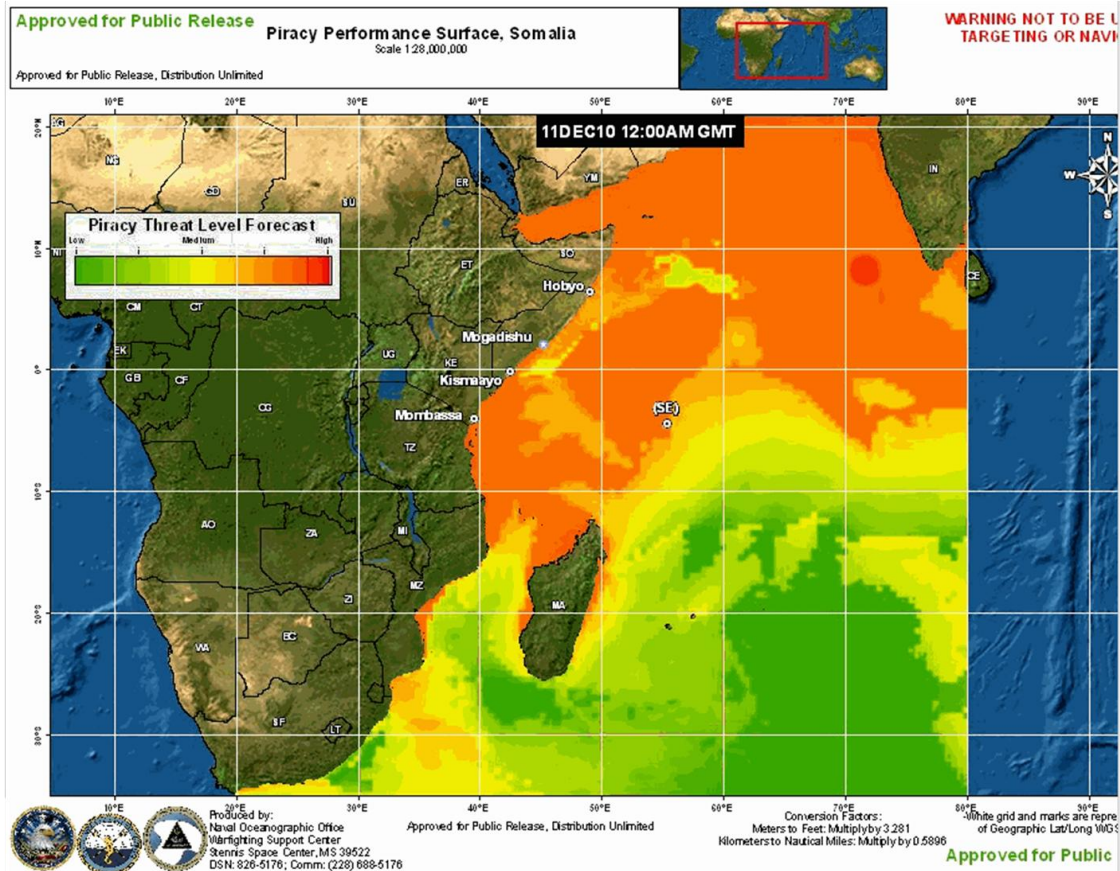
(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior year.

3. (U) Outlook

A. (U) Summary

(U) Over the next three months, pirate activity is expected to remain relatively low in the Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean; however, the overall piracy threat during this time cannot be considered completely absent. During the monsoon season, certain areas of the Indian Ocean may experience calm sea states conducive for pirate activity. As a result, mariners should remain vigilant.

B. Forecast for the Week of 09 DEC 2010 – 16 DEC 2010



(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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