



Maritime OPINTEL Report

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning
Weekly (PAWW) Report
(Horn of Africa) for 07 Oct –13 Oct 2010**

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1. (U) Scope

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report provides a review of incidents and an outlook on the threat to merchant shipping in or near the Gulf of Aden and off the East coast of Somalia from piracy and associated maritime crime. This report is produced primarily to inform merchant mariners and naval forces operating in and near the Horn of Africa of recent pirate activity.

2. (U) Advisory

(U) ONI assesses that vessels attacked off Somalia are randomly selected and not specifically targeted for any reason other than how easily the vessel can be boarded. Pirates simply patrol an area, wait for a target of opportunity, and attempt to board. ONI defines a higher risk vessel as one that travels at a speed of less than 15 knots with low hook points. All vessels, especially vessels that fit this profile, are advised to proceed with extreme caution when transiting the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean off the east coast of Somalia. Pirates have shown a capability to operate in waters off the Omani coast (in the southern Gulf of Oman and Arabian Sea). There have also been incidents reported in the southern Red Sea of aggressive small boat activity, and one vessel was hijacked in the southern Red Sea. Caution must be taken when transiting these waters. Pirates have achieved significant success in recent months and have shown their capability to operate for sustained periods in the Gulf of Aden and at a considerable distance (>1000NM) off the coast of Somalia. Not all attacks were successful, and considerable caution is always required since the areas around failed hijackings remain at high risk for at least 48 hours after the incident. It is important to note that ALL vessels are at risk of boarding by Somali pirates. The January 2010 successful hijacking of a high deck RO/RO approximately 500NM east of Socotra Island demonstrates pirates' increasing ability to board any vessel regardless of high freeboard. All vessels are urged to employ all counter-piracy measures when transiting the Horn of Africa region. ONI releases Indications and Warning spot reports to assist mariners in avoiding these areas. It is strongly recommended that vessels transiting the region take counter-piracy measures such as: continuous counter-piracy shipboard drills, fixed barbed wire in high densities around the main deck rail and any low hook points so as not to interfere with shipboard safety, fixed fire hoses along the outside of the vessel- especially near potential boarding points, assignment of additional watch standers to ensure 360 degree coverage for vessel, and consideration of employment of a private security team.

3. (U) Projected Risk of Attack

A. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Over the next 72 hours weather conditions could be conducive for small boat activity in the Gulf of Aden with winds at 7-12 knots and associated wave heights of 1-2 feet.

B. (U) INDIAN OCEAN: In the Indian Ocean off the east coast of Somalia, weather conditions are unlikely to be conducive to small boat operations. Forecasts indicate wind speeds of 10-15 knots and wave heights of 1-5 feet.

4. (U) Piracy Events

(U) This section provides information on threats to, and criminal action against, merchant shipping in the vicinity of the Horn of Africa.

A. (U) Summary of the Week

(U) There were four piracy incidents in this period.

1. (U) Vessels Hijacked

1. (U) KENYA: Merchant vessel (IZUMI) hijacked 10 Oct 10 at 1023 UTC while underway in position 03:28S – 040:49E, approximately 75NM northeast of Mombasa.

2. (U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding

1. (U) TANZANIA: Merchant vessel (ANUKET JADE) fired upon 10 Oct 10 at 1848 UTC while underway in position 09:52S-040:08E, approximately 190NM southeast of Dar es Salaam. Master reported being fired on by a skiff with five people on board. (IMB, EU NAVFOR)
2. (U) INDIAN OCEAN: Merchant vessel fired upon (KAVO PORTLAND) 10 Oct 10 at 1114 UTC while underway in position 04:49N – 067:06E, approximately 1070NM east of Garacad, Somalia. Master reported being fired upon by a skiff with four people onboard. (IMB)

3. (U) Illegal Boardings

1. (U) INDIAN OCEAN: Merchant vessel (ARDMORE SEAFARER) illegally boarded 12 Oct 10 at 1543 UTC while underway in position 08:18N – 067:56E, approximately 1115NM east of Garacad, Somalia (IMB, NSC).

B. (U) Tabulated Data

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

	This Week	Last Week	October 2010	September 2010	2010	2009*
Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding	2	0	2	3	67	131
Vessels Hijacked	1	0	1	2	33	52
Illegal Boarding	1	0	1	2	5	0

*Dataset originates 22 May 2009

C. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 07 OCT 2010 – 13 OCT 2010 (IMB).

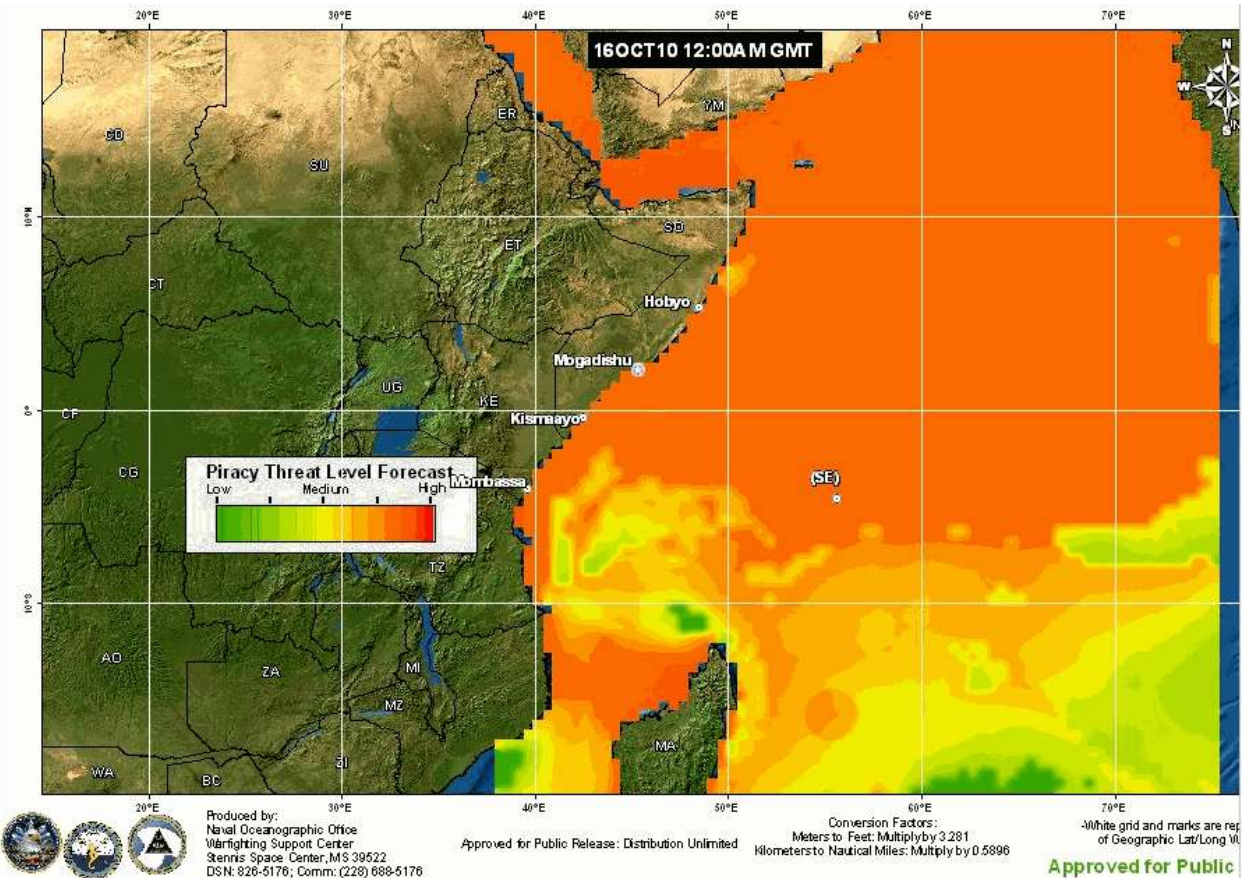
(U) The incidents contained within this report were noted to have taken place, or reported, within the last week and are illustrated in Figure 1.

5. (U) Forecast for the Week of 14 OCT 2010 – 20 OCT 2010

(U) Weather conditions continue to improve as the southwest monsoon season dissipates. As sea states become more conducive to small boat activity, mariners should continue to maintain all counter-piracy measures when transiting the area.

(U) Mariners are strongly encouraged to contact UKMTO and all appropriate authorities when transiting the Gulf of Aden as well as to use the International Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC).

(U) This week, ONI assesses the risk of pirate attacks is moderate in the Indian Ocean. Pirates may attempt to operate in the Southern Red Sea, off the coast of Oman, and the Arabian Sea as conditions improve.



(U) Figure 2. Likelihood of Small Boat Operations (Graphic courtesy of the Naval Oceanographic Office War fighting Support Center).

(U) In the picture above, green represents a reduced risk for small boat activity while red signifies areas with a high likelihood of small boat activity. The waters marked in yellow through red may represent an increased risk to vessels operating in the area and mariners are encouraged to avoid transiting these areas if possible. If necessary to transit these high-risk waters, mariners are warned to maintain a strict watch at all times.

(U) Appendix A

(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 presence on the ship whether in port or underway.
- **(U) Firing Upon** - Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.
- **(U) Hijack** - Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.
- **(U) Illegal Boarding** - Unauthorized boarding and attempted seizure of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.
- **(U) Kidnap** - 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
- 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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