



Maritime OPINTEL Report

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly
(PAWW) Report
(Horn of Africa) for 12 – 18 May 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 Over Past Week

(U) This section provides information on piracy events for this week in the vicinity of the Horn of Africa.

A. (U) Summary

(U) Pirates continue to operate at high levels. There were six piracy incidents in this one-week period: six attacks. Incidents took place in the Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean, and Gulf of Oman.

B. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents reported.

(U) Boardings: No incidents reported.

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: LPG tanker (MAERSK GLORY) was fired upon by one skiff with five pirates onboard 14 May at 0434 UTC while underway in position 08:32N – 067:53E, approximately 503NM southwest of Kochi, India. Pirates fired an RPG at the vessel but did not hit it. Vessel took evasive maneuvers and the pirates aborted the attack. (IMB, UKMTO)

(U) ARABIAN SEA: Container ship (AYALA) was fired upon by one skiff 15 May at 1639 UTC while underway in position 14:09N – 055:25E, approximately 114NM northeast of Socotra, Yemen. Vessel engaged in evasive maneuvers and the pirates aborted the attack. (IMB, UKMTO)

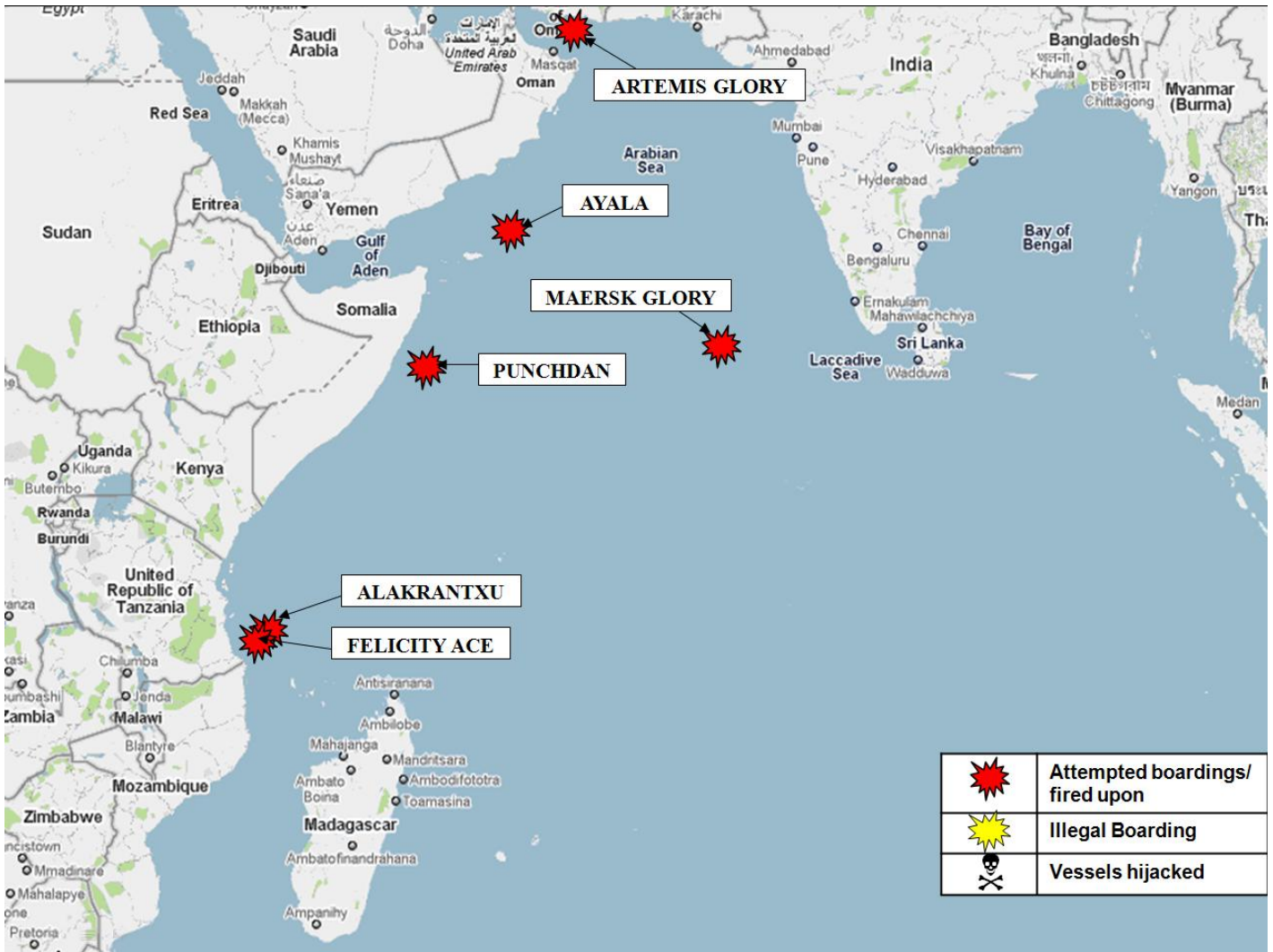
(U) GULF OF OMAN: Tanker (ARTEMIS GLORY) was fired upon by one skiff with four pirates onboard 16 May at 1036 UTC while underway in position 24:11N – 061:11E, approximately 134NM northeast of Sur, Oman. The pirates attempted to board the tanker several times using grappling hooks. The vessel took evasive maneuvers and activated firehoses. A naval helicopter came to assist. The pirates then aborted the attack. (IMB, UKMTO)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Cargo vessel (PUNCHDAN) was fired upon by two skiffs 17 May at 0556 UTC while underway in position 06:50N – 051:22E, approximately 122NM southeast of Garacad, Somalia. (UKMTO)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Fishing vessel (ALAKRANTXU) was fired upon by one skiff with five pirates onboard 17 May at 0715 UTC while underway in position 08:59S – 040:56E, approximately 158NM southeast of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The security team onboard exchanged fire with the pirates and the pirates aborted the attack. (IMB, Operators)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Cargo ship (FELICITY ACE) was fired upon by one skiff with four pirates onboard 17 May at 1156 UTC while underway in position 09:24S – 040:44E, approximately 175NM southeast of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Pirates fired an RPG at the vessel. Vessel conducted evasive maneuvers and the pirates aborted the attack. (UKMTO, Open Sources)

C. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 12 – 18 MAY 2011 (UKMTO, IMB, Operators)

(U) Figure 1 is a visual depiction of the incidents detailed in above summary of events.

C. (U) Tabulated Data

| | This Week | Last Week | May 2011 | April 2011 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009* |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|------|------|-------|
| Vessels Hijacked | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 19 | 49 | 52 |
| Boarding | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 15 | 0 |
| Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding | 6 | 5 | 13 | 8 | 71 | 125 | 131 |

*Dataset originates 22 May 2009

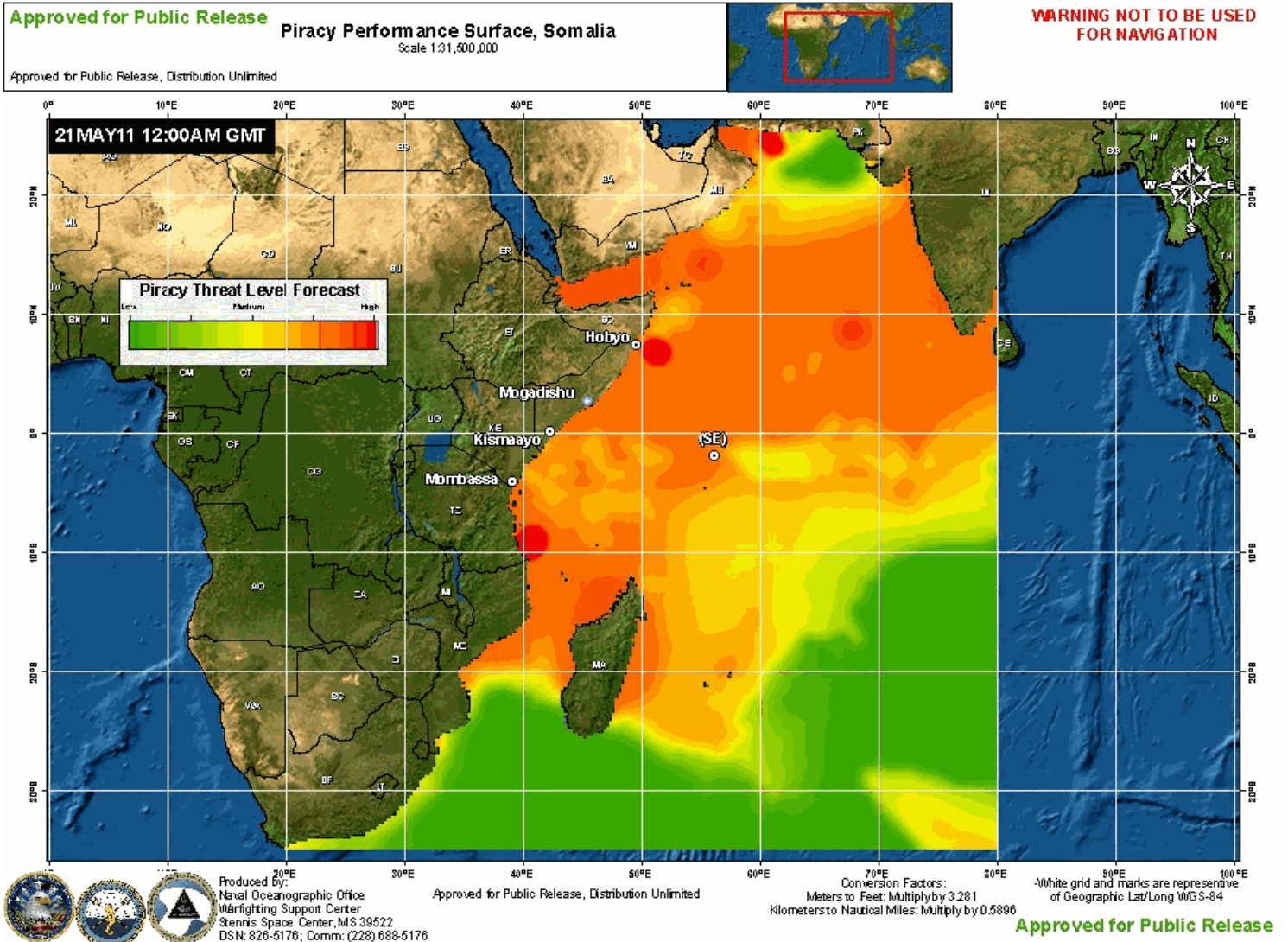
(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

3. Forecast for 19 – 21 MAY 2011

A. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Over the next 72 hours weather conditions will be conducive for small boat activity in the Gulf of Aden with winds at 5–10 knots and associated wave heights of 1–3 feet.

B. (U) INDIAN OCEAN: Continued SW winds will produce increased seas in the North Arabian Sea, off the Pakistani coast. Expect this area of increased seas to extend westward to waters off the Omani coast by 21 May. High winds and seas will affect the Somali Basin by 23 May.

(U) Currents off the Somalia coast are variable with speeds up to 1 knot from the Equator to 4N. Current speeds up to 4 knots may be seen along the coast between 5N and 10N. Gulf of Aden conditions remain conducive for piracy attacks through 25 May.



(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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