



Maritime OPINTEL Report

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly
(PAWW) Report
(Horn of Africa) for 28 Apr – 4 May 2011**

Maritime Crime/Piracy

5 May 2011

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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) Pirates continue to operate at high levels. There were three piracy incidents in this one-week period: one hijacking and two attacks. Incidents took place in the Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden.

B. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Chemical tanker (GEMINI) was hijacked 30 April at 0430 UTC while underway in position 07:01S – 041:22E, 140NM southeast of Zanzibar, Tanzania. Pirates attacked from two skiffs. (IMB, UKMTO)

(U) **Boardings:** No incidents reported.

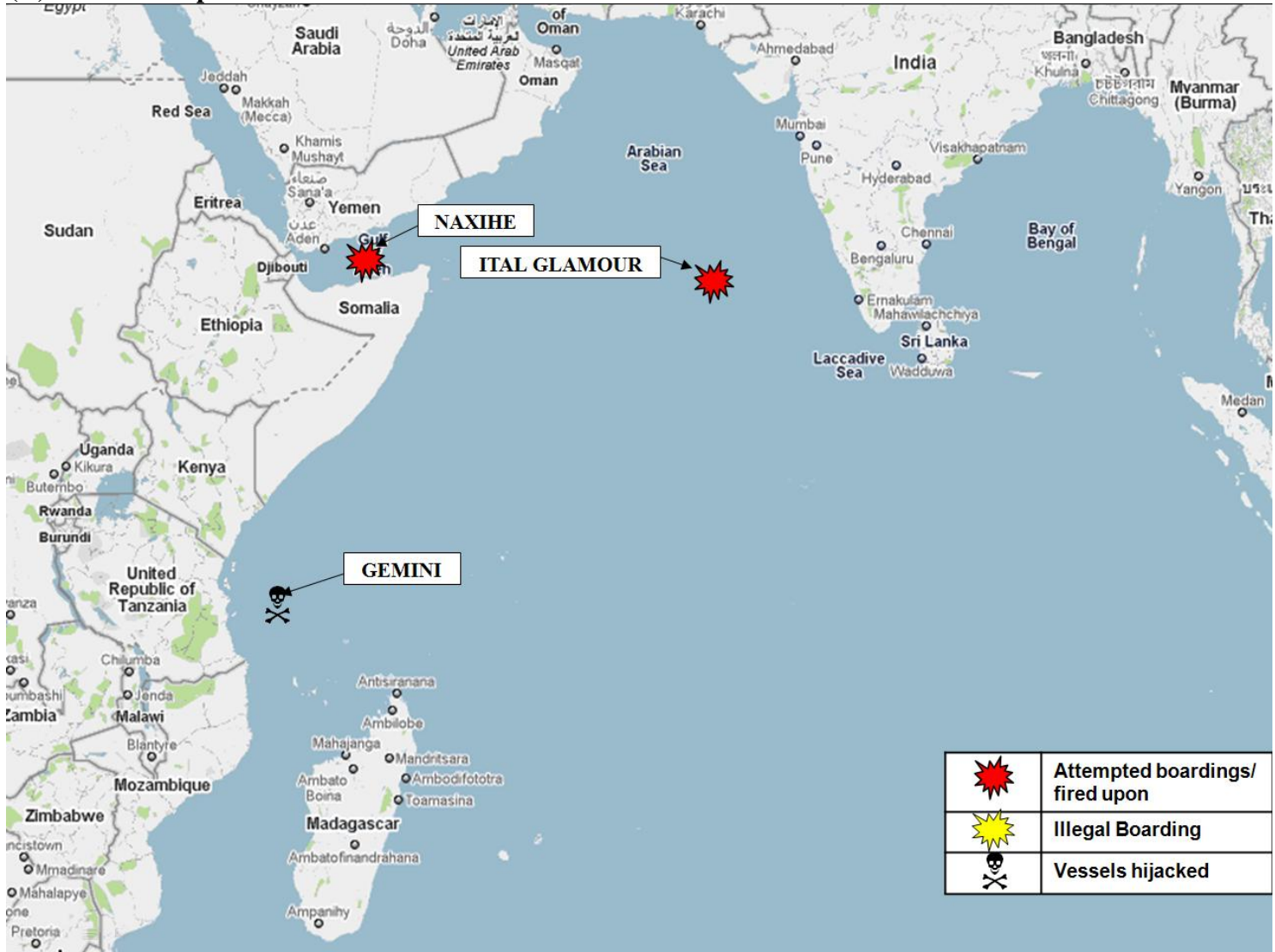
(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Cargo ship (ITAL GLAMOUR) was fired upon by one skiff with six pirates onboard 4 May at 0432 UTC while underway in position 13:50N – 06:554E, approximately 489NM southwest of Belekeri, India. A wooden mothership launched the skiff. The pirates fired upon the vessel with an RPG and

automatic weapons. Vessel sustained some damage from the weapons fire. (UKMTO, IMB, Open Sources)

(U) GULF OF ADEN: Cargo ship (NAXIHE) was fired upon by one skiff with 3-4 pirates onboard 28 April while underway in position 12:53N – 04820E, approximately 110NM southwest of Al Mukalla, Yemen. (Operator, Open Sources)

C. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 28 APR – 4 MAY 2011 (UKMTO, Commercial Sources, 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	May 2011	April 2011	2011	2010	2009*

Vessels Hijacked	1	1	1	3	19	49	52
Boarding	0	0	0	1	9	15	0
Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding	2	3	2	8	60	125	131

*Dataset originates 22 May 2009

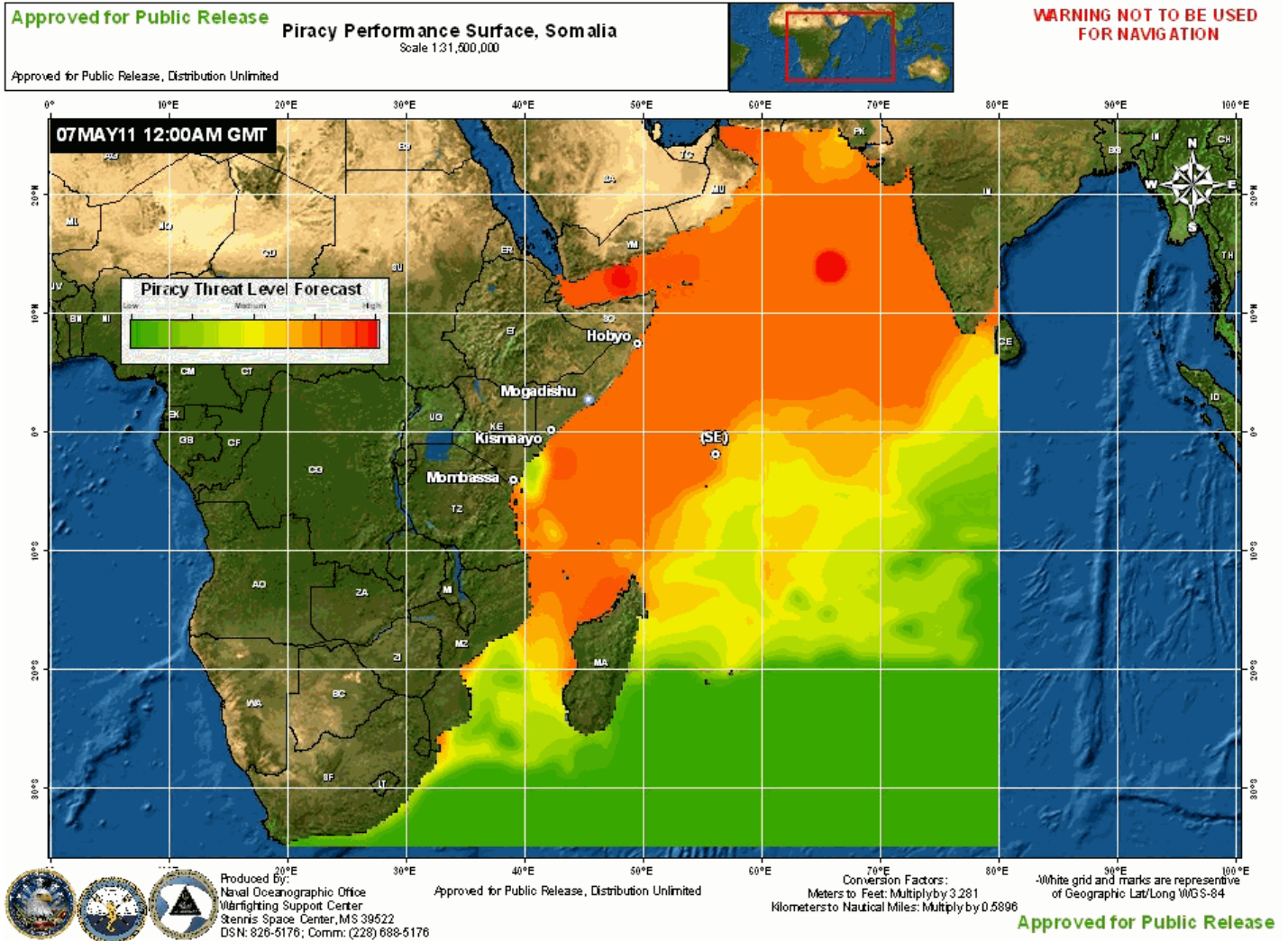
(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

3. Forecast for 5 MAY – 7 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: In the Indian Ocean off the east coast of Somalia, weather conditions are conducive to small boat operations. Forecasts indicate wind speeds of 10–15 knots with associated wave heights of 2–4 feet.

(U) Weather conditions are favorable for piracy activity as we continue through the spring transition into the southwest monsoon season (June). Currents off the Somalia coast are variable with speeds up to 1 knot from the Equator to 5N. Current speeds up to 3 kts may be seen along the coast between 5N and 10N. Winds and seas will continue to increase through the month of May as the SW monsoon sets up, making the weather conditions less favorable to small boat activity.



(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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