



*Maritime OPINTEL Report*

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly  
(PAWW) Report  
(Horn of Africa) for 31 Mar – 06 Apr 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**

(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 five piracy incidents in this one week period: one boarding and four attacks. Incidents took place in the Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean, and Gulf of Aden.

**B. (U) Details**

**(U) Vessels Hijacked**

**(U) Boardings**

(U) ARABIAN SEA: Bulk carrier (ARRILAH-I) was boarded 01 April at 0528 UTC while underway in position 19:17N - 065:45E, approximately 398NM southeast of Sur, Oman. The vessel was attacked by two skiffs firing small arms fire (each skiff had three pirates). The crew locked themselves in the citadel. The vessel was freed by UAE special forces, in coordination with the U.S. 5<sup>th</sup> fleet, on 02 Apr. (Commercial sources, IMB)

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

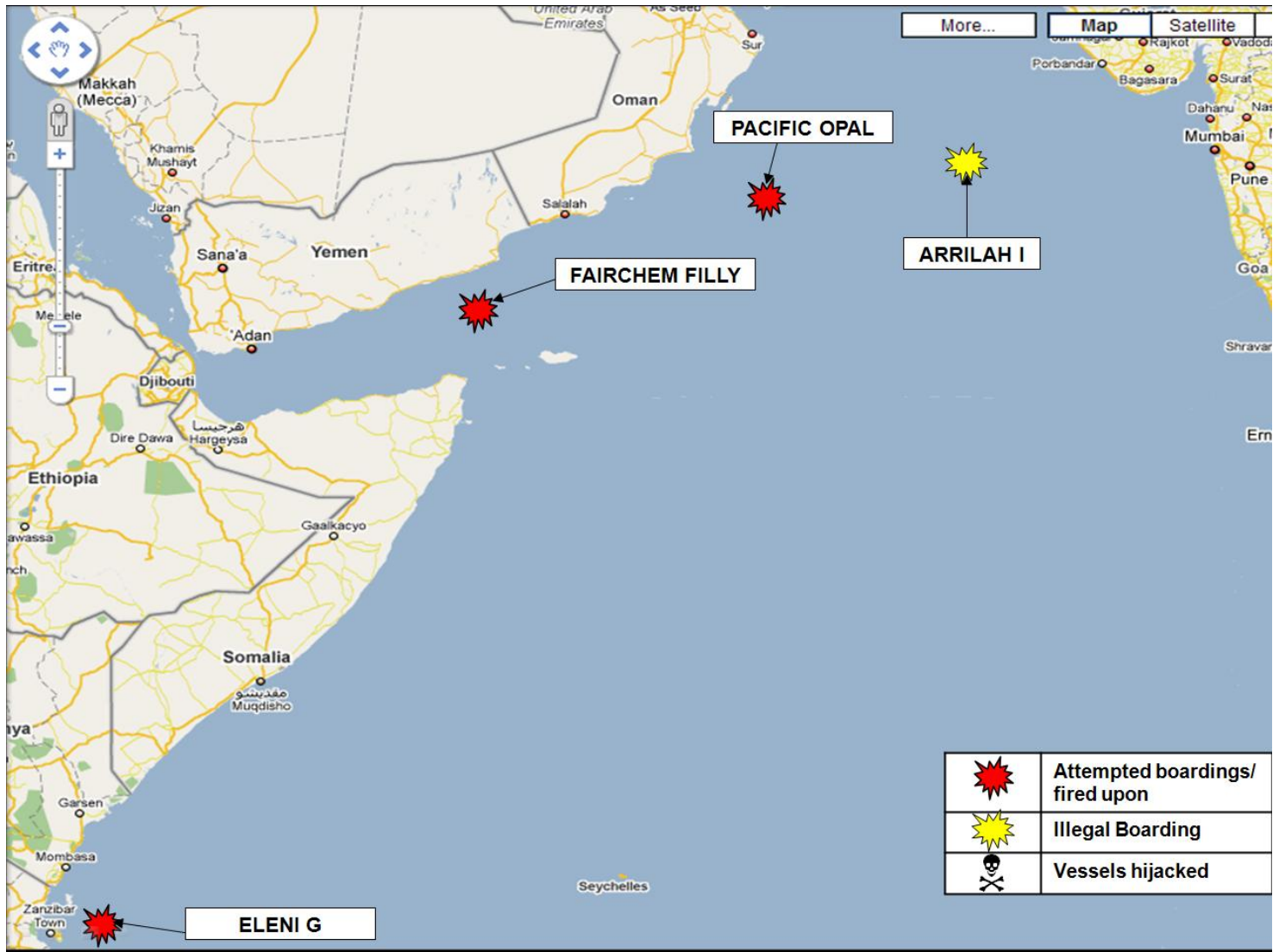
(U) GULF OF ADEN: Chemical tanker (FAIRCHEM FILLY) was fired upon by one skiff 01 April at 0230 UTC while underway in position 14:05N – 051:43E, approximately 153NM southeast of Al Mukulla, Yemen.

The vessel was fired upon by one skiff with RPGs and AK47s in the westbound lane of the IRTC. The armed security team fired rocket flares at the approaching skiff. The pirates aborted the attack and moved toward a mothership, an off-white hulled fishing vessel with an off-white superstructure. (Commercial Sources, IMB, UKMTO)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Bulk carrier (ELENI G) was fired upon by one skiff 03 April at 0205 UTC while underway in position 05:35S – 040:20E, approximately 96NM northeast of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Six pirates fired RPGs and small arms at the vessel. The master raised the alarm and engaged in evasive maneuvers. (Commercial sources, IMB)

(U) ARABIAN SEA: Merchant vessel (PACIFIC OPAL) was fired upon 05 April at 0656 UTC while underway in position 15:53N – 059:57E, approximately 381NM northeast of Socotra Island, Yemen. The pirate attack group consisted of a mothership and two large, white-hulled skiffs. Each skiff had six to eight pirates aboard. Fire hoses were initiated and the armed security team onboard fired flares and warning shots. One of the skiffs aborted the attack at that time. The security team reported five or six rounds of incoming fire within 500 meters of the vessel. After more warning shots were fired, the second skiff aborted the attack. Both skiffs were equipped with motors capable of reaching 30 knots. (Commercial sources, IMB)

### C. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 31 MAR - 06 APR 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	April 2011	March 2011	2011	2010	2009*
<b>Vessels Hijacked</b>	0	1	0	2	15	49	52
<b>Boarding</b>	1	1	1	3	9	15	0
<b>Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding</b>	3	2	3	15	53	125	131

\*Dataset originates 22 May 2009

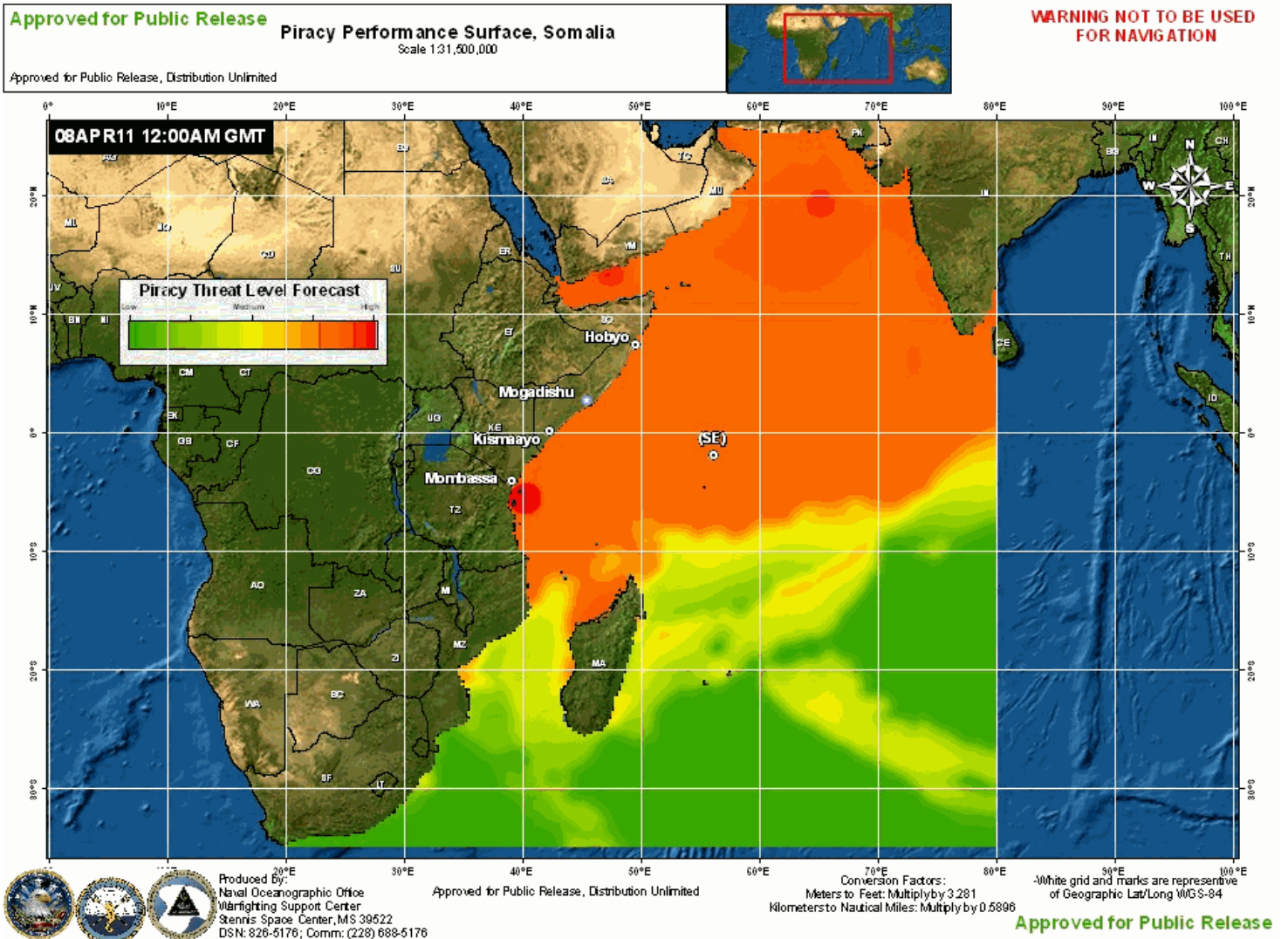
(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

### 3. (U) Outlook

#### A. (U) Summary

(U) Weather conditions this week are expected to be mild and conducive to small-boat operations throughout the piracy operating area, to include the southern Indian Ocean and Mozambique Channel. Mariners are advised the Arabian Sea, Somali Basin, Gulf of Aden, and Mozambique Channel are high-risk areas for piracy. When transiting the region, mariners are encouraged to contact UKMTO and all appropriate authorities.

#### B. Forecast for the Week of 07 APR – 13 APR 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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