



Maritime OPINTEL Report

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly
(PAWW) Report
(Horn of Africa) for 24 Mar – 30 Mar 2011**

Maritime Crime/Piracy

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

B. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked

(U) ARABIAN SEA: Crude oil tanker (ZIRKU) was attacked 28 Mar at 0613 UTC while underway in position 15:36N – 057:04E, approximately 237NM northeast of Socotra Island, Yemen. The vessel was attacked by two skiffs with small arms and RPGs. Vessel was reported hijacked 28 Mar at 0653 UTC while underway in position 13:35N – 057:10E, approximately 190NM southeast of Salalah, Oman. (Commercial Sources)

(U) Boardings

(U) ARABIAN SEA: Bulk carrier (FALCON TRADER II) was boarded 24 Mar at 0737 UTC while underway in position 22:26N - 063:40E, approximately 230NM east of Sur, Oman. The vessel was attacked by a skiff that had tried attacking the vessel earlier in the day. The crew locked themselves in the citadel. Pakistani navy destroyer (BABUR) responded to the vessel's distress call. Pirates left the vessel before 0500

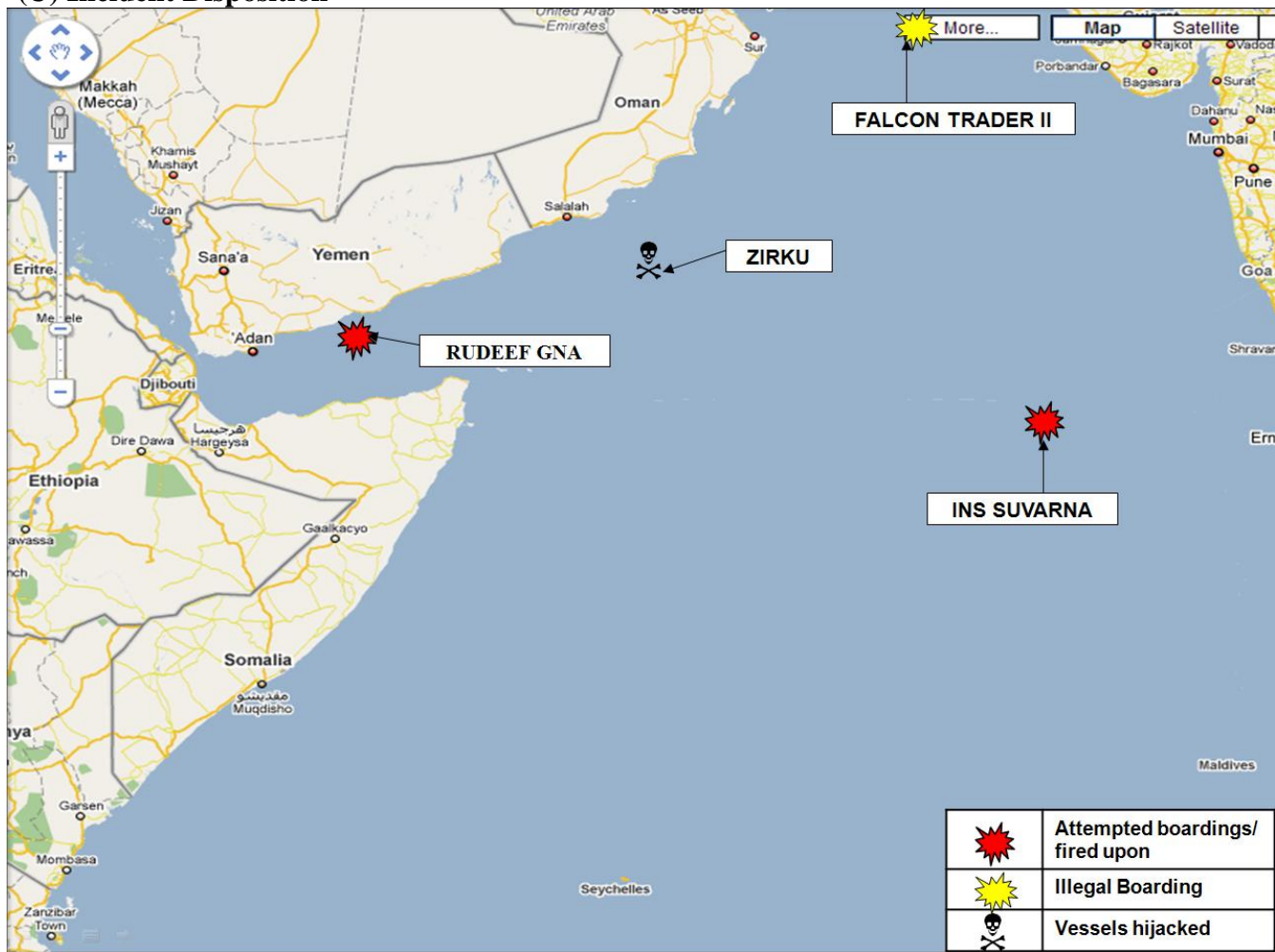
UTC 25 Mar. (UKMTO, Commercial Sources)

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding

(U) GULF OF ADEN: Oil product tanker (RUDEEF GNA) was attacked 29 Mar at 0612 UTC while underway in position 13:30N - 047:30E, approximately 350NM northwest of Socotra Island, Yemen. The vessel was attacked by one skiff that placed a ladder on the vessel but was deterred when the onboard security team fired at the skiff. (UKMTO, Commercial Sources)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Indian Navy offshore patrol vessel (INS SUVARNA) was fired upon by the hijacked fishing vessel (MORTEZA) 26 Mar at 0750 UTC while underway in position 09:51N – 067:05E, approximately 400NM east of Lakhadweep Islands, India. The MORTEZA was being used as a mothership with skiffs on tow. After repeated attempts to communicate with the MORTEZA, the MORTEZA fired on the warship. The INS SUVARNA then returned fire, disabling the MORTEZA. The Indian warships picked up the sailors (12 Iranian and 4 Pakistani) and 16 pirates and took them to Mumbai for further investigation by police. (Commercial Sources)

C. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 24 - 30 MAR 2011 (UKMTO, Commercial Sources).

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

C. (U) Tabulated Data

	This Week	Last Week	March 2011	February 2011	2011	2010	2009*
Vessels Hijacked	1	0	2	7	15	49	52
Boarding	1	1	3	1	9	15	0
Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding	2	3	15	10	53	125	131

*Dataset originates 22 May 2009

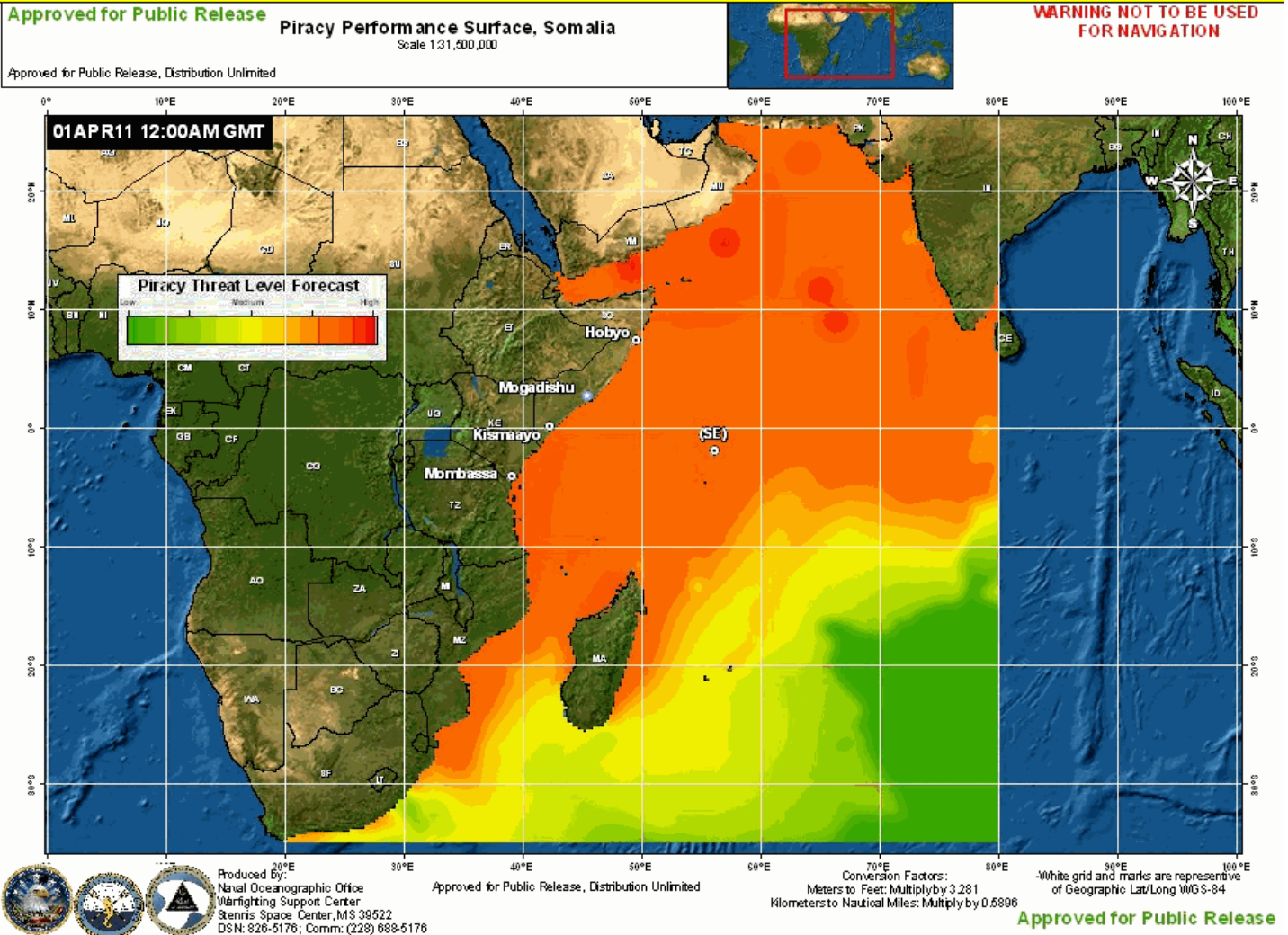
(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

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 31 MAR – 06 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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