



*Maritime OPINTEL Report*

**(U) HORN OF AFRICA and GULF OF GUINEA: Piracy  
Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report  
for 18 - 24 September 2014**

25 September 2014

*Maritime Crime/Piracy*

Note: The PAWW now includes a section on Southeast Asia maritime crime in piracy. The Horn of Africa section has been shortened due to a lack of activity.

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**1. (U) Horn of Africa Scope Note**

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) report includes a review of recent piracy and maritime crime incidents and an outlook on threats in the Horn of Africa.

**2. (U) Horn of Africa - Piracy Events Over Past Week**

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in East African waters is at a low level. There were no reported suspicious events during this one-week period.

**A. (U) Details:** None

**B. (U) Tabulated Data for Horn of Africa Activity**

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Sept 2014</b>	<b>Aug 2014</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Vessels Hijacked</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	27
<b>Boarding</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
<b>Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding</b>	0	0	0	0	2	9	24	122
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	2	9	32	166

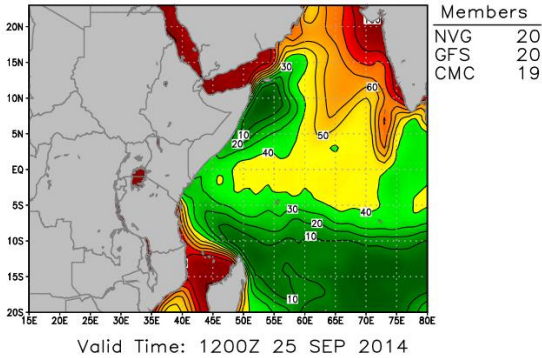
(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked. Hijacked dhows are frequently used as motherships by pirates and released without a ransom being paid.

### 3. (U) Graphic Aids to 10 Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

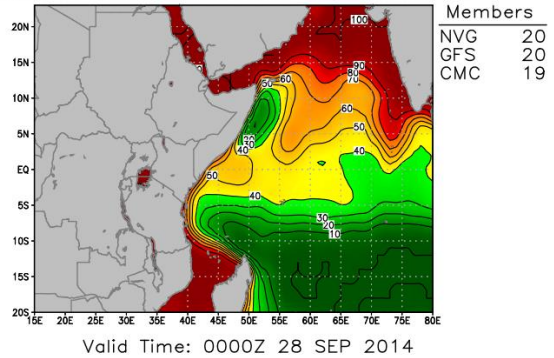
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#### 10-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast, DTG: 2014092300

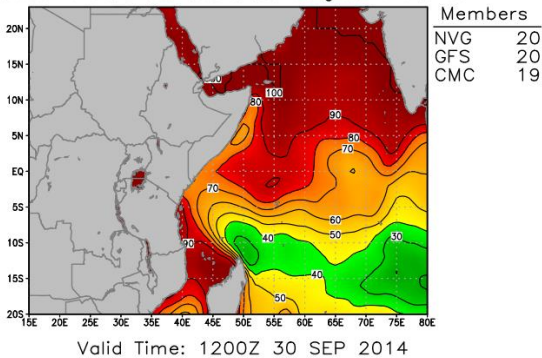
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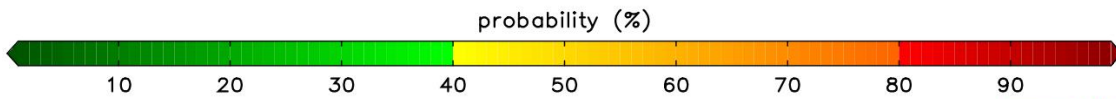
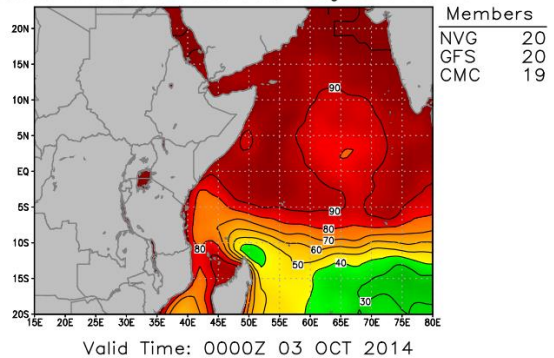
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Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



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**(U) Figure 2. Ten-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast (Graphic courtesy of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, FNMOC)**

(U) In the graphic above, green shading represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents a higher likelihood of pirate activity.

#### 4. (U) Gulf of Guinea Scope Note

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report includes a review of recent piracy and maritime crime incidents and an outlook on threats in the Gulf of Guinea.

#### 5. (U) Gulf of Guinea - Piracy Events Over Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in West African waters is at a low level. There were no reported suspicious events during this one-week period.

##### A. (U) Details

(U) **Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.

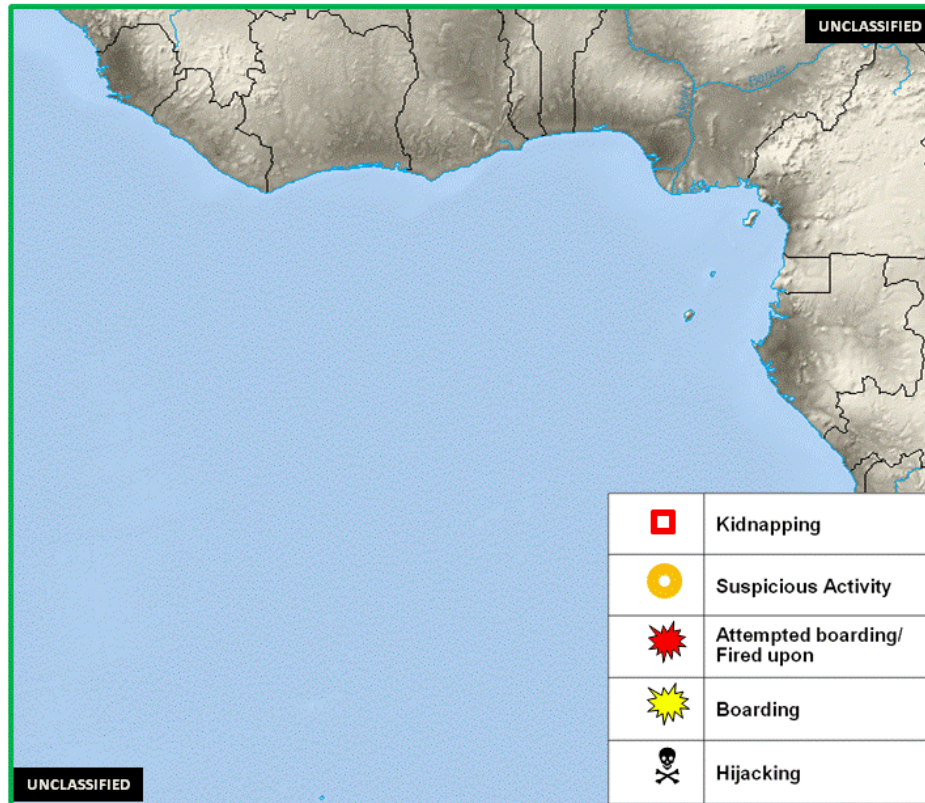
(U) **Kidnapping:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Vessels Boarded:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Other Activity:** No incidents to report.

## B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 3. GoG Maritime Crime Activity, 18 – 24 September 2014

## C. (U) Tabulated Data for Gulf of Guinea Activity

	This Week	Last Week	Sept 2014	Aug 2014	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Vessels Hijacked</b>	0	0	0	0	5	11	14	19
<b>Boarding</b>	0	0	0	3	17	26	31	41
<b>Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding</b>	0	0	0	2	16	43	30	26
<b>Kidnapping</b>	0	1	1	1	17	32	14	18
<b>Total</b>	0	1	1	6	55	112	89	104

(U) Table 2 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

## 6. Currently Hijacked Vessels

Name	Flag	Type	Hijacked Date
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## 7. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 24 September – 1 October 2014

**A. (U) GULF OF GUINEA:** Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 5 - 7 feet.

**B. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** Expect partly cloudy conditions for the Gulf of Guinea.

## 8. (U) Southeast Asia Scope Note

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report includes a review of recent piracy and maritime crime incidents and an outlook on threats in the Southeast Asia.

## 9. (U) Southeast Asia - Piracy Events Over Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in Southeast Asia waters is at a moderate level. There were three reported criminal events during this one-week period.

### A. (U) Details

#### (U) Vessels Hijacked:

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 17 September, eight armed pirates hijacked a product tanker, ORAPIN 2, enroute to Timor Leste, near position 01:26N - 104:50E, 20 nm northeast of Tg Berakit, Bintan Island. The ORAPIN 2 rendezvoused with two smaller tankers and the cargo of gasoil was transferred. After transferring the fuel, the pirates released the tanker and escaped. Crew and vessel are safe. (IMB, [www.mmea.gov.my](http://www.mmea.gov.my))

(U) **Kidnapping:** No incidents to report.

#### (U) Vessels Boarded:

1. (U) THAILAND: On 22 September, six armed pirates boarded an underway tanker near position 07:10N – 098:12E, 34 nm south-southwest of Phuket Island. They tied up the second officer and duty crewman on the bridge and mustered the rest of the crew in the Mess. The second officer managed to activate the SSAS alert without being noticed by the pirates during the incident. The pirates fled after stealing crew personal effects and money. (IMB)

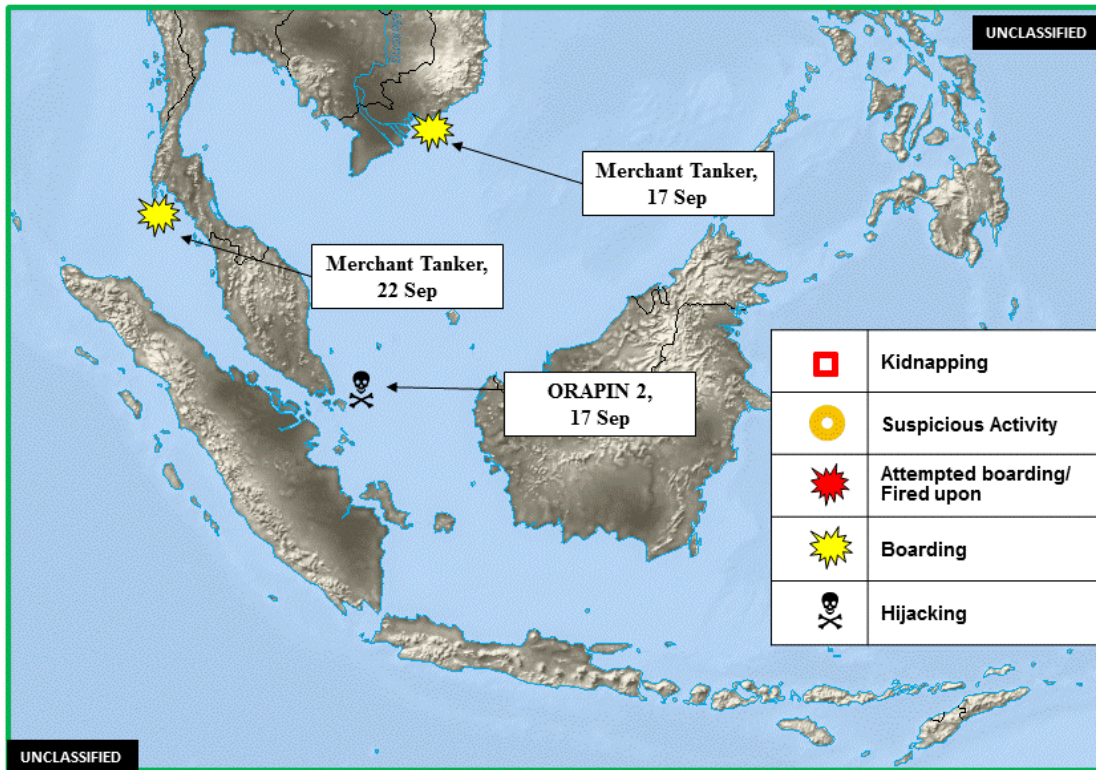
2. VIETNAM: On 17 September, three robbers boarded an anchored tanker near position 10:14N – 107:03E, Vung Tau Inner Anchorage. Duty crewman on routine rounds spotted the robbers and informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers fled in their small wooden boat with stolen

ship's stores. (IMB)

(U) **Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Other Activity:** No incidents to report.

**B. (U) Incident Disposition**



(U) Figure 3. GoG Maritime Crime Activity, 18 – 24 September 2014

**C. (U) Tabulated Data for Southeast Asia Activity**

	This Week	Last Week	Sept 2014	Aug 2014	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Attacks, Boardings, and Kidnappings</b>	2	0	2	13	98	176	123	155
<b>Hijackings</b>	1	0	1	1	12	7	6	24
<b>Total</b>	3	0	3	14	110	183	129	179

(U) Table 3 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

## 10. Currently Hijacked Vessels

Name	Flag	Type	Hijacked Date
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## 11. (U) Southeast Asia Weather Forecast for 24 September – 1 October 2014

**A. (U) South China Sea:** Variable winds of 3 - 5 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Variable winds of 3 - 5 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.

**B. (U) Malacca Strait:** Variable winds of 3 - 5 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet.

**C. (U) Andaman Sea:** West-northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** West-northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

**D. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** The onset of the fall transition season will begin to influence the South China Sea and Malacca Strait area. Expect partly cloudy conditions with rain showers and thunderstorms.

### (U) Appendix

#### (U) Terminology and References

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting, and it also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity, are independent of target vessel status, and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authorities.

#### (U) Terms of Reference

(U) The following terms have been 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 activity in close proximity by an unknown vessel.

#### **(U) Piracy levels**

- **(U) High:** 5 or more piracy incidents in this one-week period
- **(U) Moderate:** 2–4 piracy incidents in this one-week period
- **(U) Low:** 0–1 piracy incidents in this one-week period

#### **(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.
- The Maritime Executive
- Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Maritime Security Council (MSC), U.S.
- Maritime Trade Information Sharing Centre – Gulf of Guinea (MTISC-GoG)
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Brussels
- Naval Oceanographic Office Warfighting Support Center
- Oceanuslive.org (OCL)
- 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. Maritime Liaison Office (MARLO) Bahrain
- 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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(U) The PAWW and WTS Reports are posted each week on the ONI Intel Portal and can be found at:  
[http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence\\_Community/piracy.htm](http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence_Community/piracy.htm)