

*Maritime OPINTEL Report*

**(U) HORN OF AFRICA, GULF OF GUINEA and  
SOUTHEAST ASIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly  
(PAWW) Report  
for 23 - 29 October 2014**

*Maritime Crime/Piracy*

30 October 2014

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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 incidents during this one-week period.

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

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Oct 2014</b>	<b>Sept 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) Horn of Africa – Currently Hijacked Vessels**

(U) Pirates are no longer holding any hijacked vessels off the coast of Somalia.

**4. (U) Weather Forecast and Graphic Aids to 10 Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities****(U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 29 October – 5 November 2014**

**A. (U) NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA** Easterly winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 27 - 32 feet. **NOTE: Tropical Cyclone 04A continues to impact the northern Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea area.** **EXTENDED FORECAST:** West-southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.

**B. (U) GULF OF OMAN:** Northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots with seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** West-southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with west-southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

**C. (U) GULF OF ADEN:** Westerly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with westerly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

**D. (U) SOMALI COAST:** Southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

**E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN:** East-southeast winds of 12 - 17 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** East-southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

**F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL:** Southerly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the northern Channel; with southerly winds of 7 - 12 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet in the southern Channel. **EXTENDED FORECAST:**

Northerly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern Channel; with northerly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern Channel.

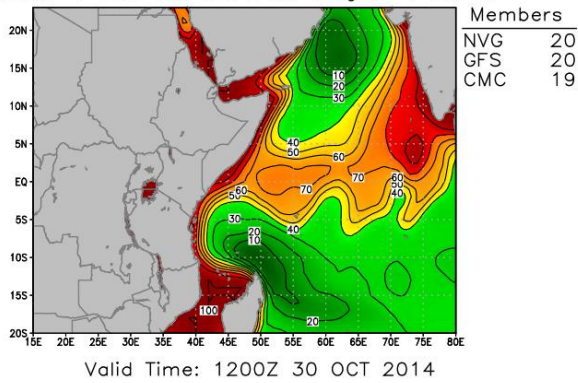
**G. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS:** The northern Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are variable with most areas having average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having average speed of 2 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali basin are northeasterly averaging between 1 - 2 knots.

**H. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** The Southwest Monsoon influences the weather in the region. Expect to see decreased wind flow and abating seas throughout the Arabian Sea and Somali Basin areas. **Tropical Cyclone 04A continues to impact the northern Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea area.**

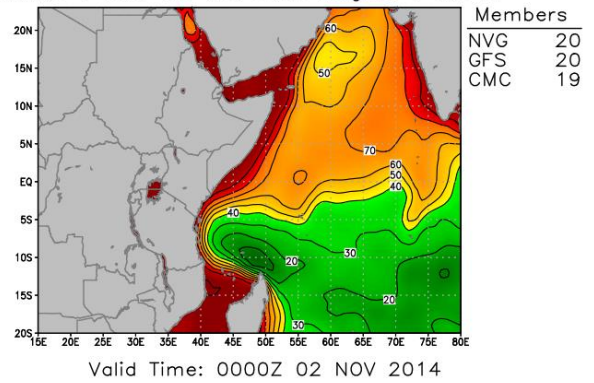
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10-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast, DTG: 2014102800

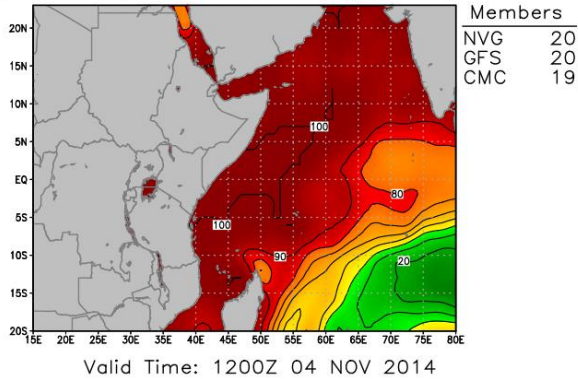
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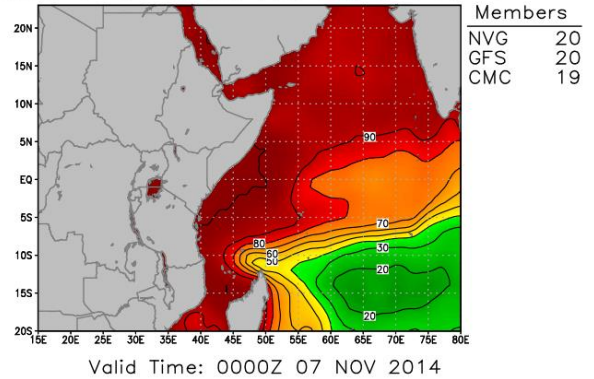
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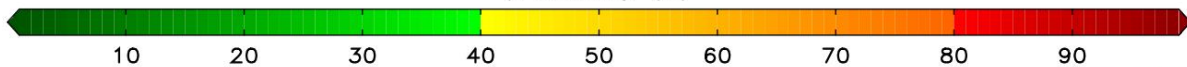
Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



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**(U) Figure 1. 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.

## 5. (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.

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

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in West African waters is at a moderate level. There were three reported kidnapping incidents during this one-week period.

### A. (U) Details

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

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

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 26 October, pirates attacked an oil servicing company boat, kidnapping the ship's captain. The attack occurred in the Nembe-Brass Waterway near an area called Juju Fish Town. (All Africa Global Media)

2. (U) NIGERIA: On 24 October, pirates attacked a police gunboat escorting a work barge in the Nembe Waterway, stealing the gunboat and kidnapping four persons (three policemen and a civilian boat operator). The kidnapped persons were later murdered by the pirates and their bodies left for local authorities to find. The pirates took the rifles and uniforms of the policemen. (All Africa Global Media)

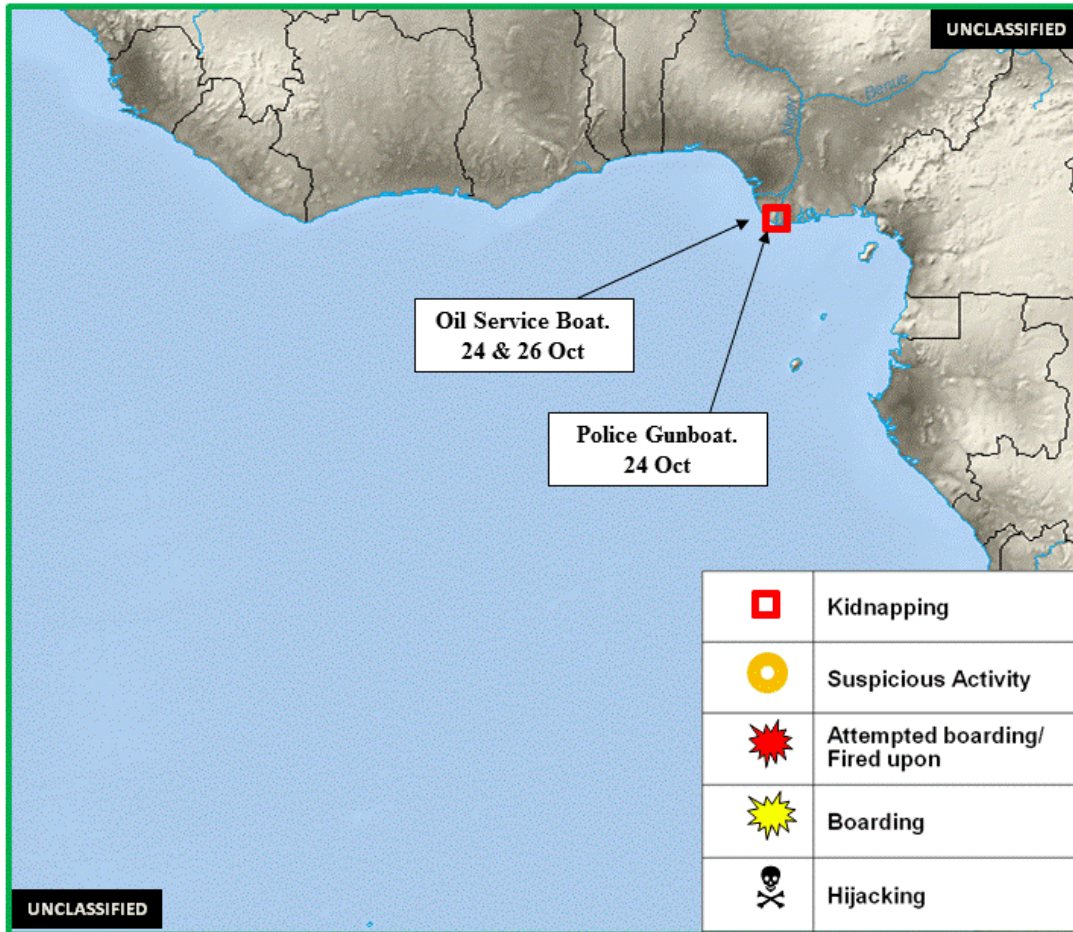
3. (U) NIGERIA: On 24 October, pirates attacked a boat on the Nembe Waterway belonging to a local oil servicing company and kidnapping six persons. (All Africa Global Media)

(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 2. GoG Maritime Crime Activity, 23 – 29 October 2014

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

	This Week	Last Week	Oct 2014	Sept 2014	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Vessels Hijacked</b>	0	0	1	0	6	11	14	19
<b>Boarding</b>	0	0	0	4	21	26	31	41
<b>Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding</b>	0	0	4	0	20	43	30	26
<b>Kidnapping</b>	4	0	5	1	22	32	14	18
<b>Total</b>	4	0	10	5	69	112	89	104

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

## 7. Currently Hijacked Vessels

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

## 8. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 29 October – 5 November 2014

**A. (U) GULF OF GUINEA:** South-southwest winds of 7 - 12 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

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

## 9. (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.

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

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in Southeast Asia waters is at a low level. There were two reported boarding events during this one week period and late reporting from a hijacking during the previous week.

### A. (U) Details

#### (U) Vessels Hijacked:

1. (U) MALAYSIA: On or about 14 October, pirates hijacked the 3,200-dwt SRIKANDI 515 while en route from Gresik from Kalimantan with 3,100 tons of palm oil. The vessel left on 8 October, but by 17 October it had not reached its destination. The captain and 10 crew aged between 24 and 45 were later picked up by Malaysian fishermen safe and well after having been dumped into lifeboats by the hijackers. They had been held captive for 13 days. The ship owner was reportedly heading to Malaysia to bring the men back. The vessel has not been located. (Tradewinds)

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

#### (U) Vessels Boarded:

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 27 October, two robbers armed with knives in a small boat boarded an underway bulk carrier near position 01:04N – 103:36E, 11 nm east-northeast of Pulau Karimun Besar. Alarm was raised, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers fled empty handed in their boat. MPA Singapore informed. No injuries to crew reported. (IMB)

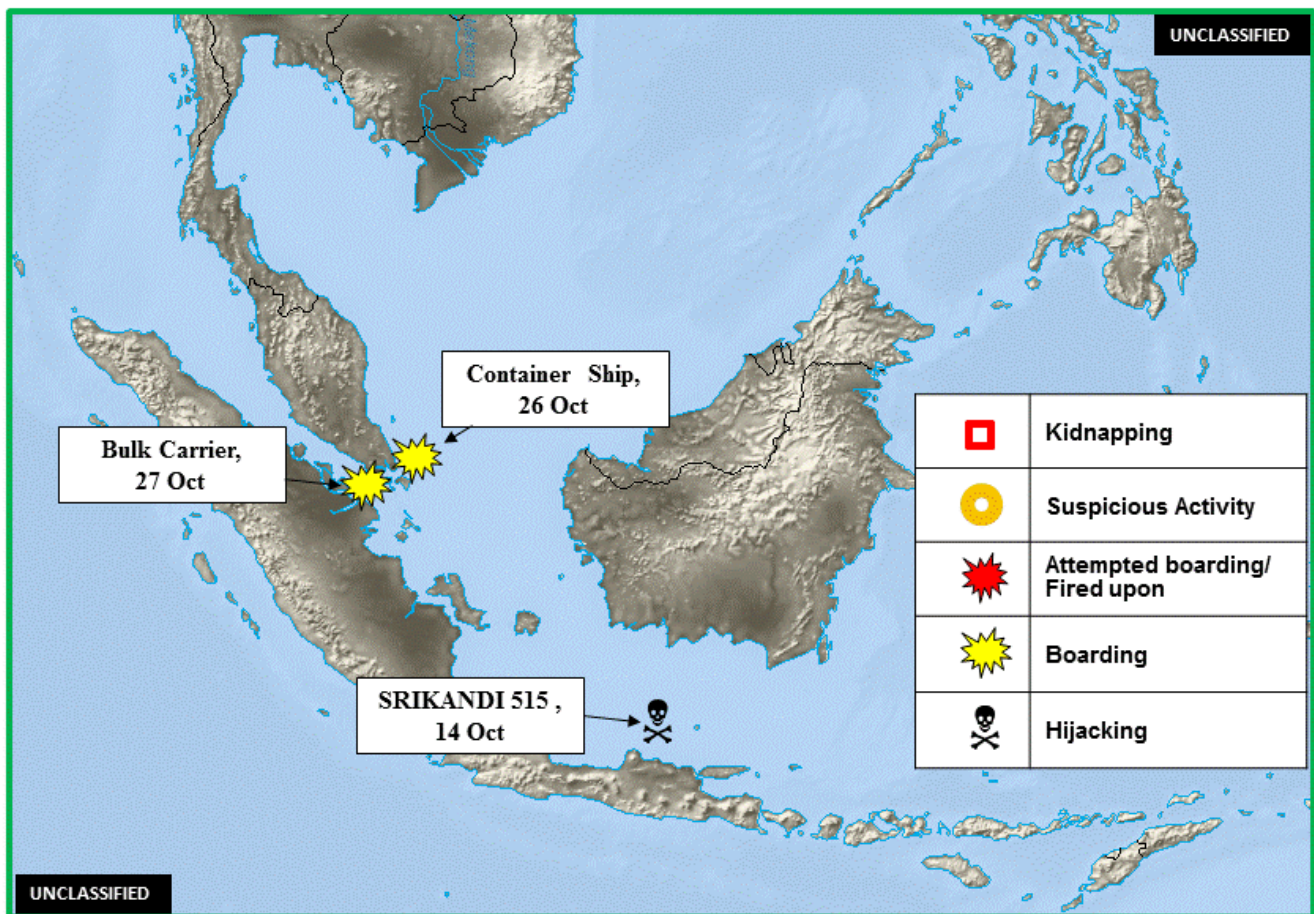
2. (U) INDONESIA: On 26 October, four robbers in a small boat with a green canopy, armed with knives and

bolos boarded an anchored container ship near position 01:24N – 104:35E, 10 nm north of Tg. Berakit, Bintan Island. Duty crewman noticed the robbers attempting to break into the engine room and informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew response, the robbers escaped empty handed in their boat. (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. Southeast Asia Maritime Crime Activity, 23 – 29 October 2014

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

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Oct 2014</b>	<b>Sept 2014</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Attacks, Boardings, and Kidnappings</b>	3	9	20	6	122	176	123	155
<b>Hijackings</b>	1	0	3	2	16	7	6	24
<b>Total</b>	4	9	23	8	138	183	129	179

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

## 11. Currently Hijacked Vessels

<b>Name</b>	<b>Flag</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Hijacked Date</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## 12. (U) Southeast Asia Weather Forecast for 29 October – 5 November 2014

**A. (U) South China Sea:** Northeast winds of 5 – 10 and seas of 2 - 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast winds of 12 - 17 knots and seas of 5 - 7 feet.

**B. (U) Malacca Strait:** Northerly winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the northern Strait; with east-southeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 -3 feet in the southern Strait. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the northern Strait; with southeast winds of 5 – 10 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the southern Strait.

**C. (U) Andaman Sea:** Southeast winds of 3 – 5 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Easterly winds of 7 - 12 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

**D. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** The fall transition continues to influence the region. Expect mostly cloudy conditions with rain showers and thunderstorms and increased sea heights in the South China Sea and Malacca Strait.

## (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
- gCaptain
- Latitude38.com (LAT) website
- Lloyd's List (LL), daily, London
- Local Media (LM)
- 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
- NASDAQ.COM
- 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)
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