

OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

**(U) HORN OF AFRICA/GULF OF GUINEA/
SOUTHEAST ASIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning
Weekly (PAWW) Report for 28 January - 3
February 2016**

4 February 2016

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1. (U) Horn of Africa - Piracy Events Over The Past Week

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A. (U) Details:

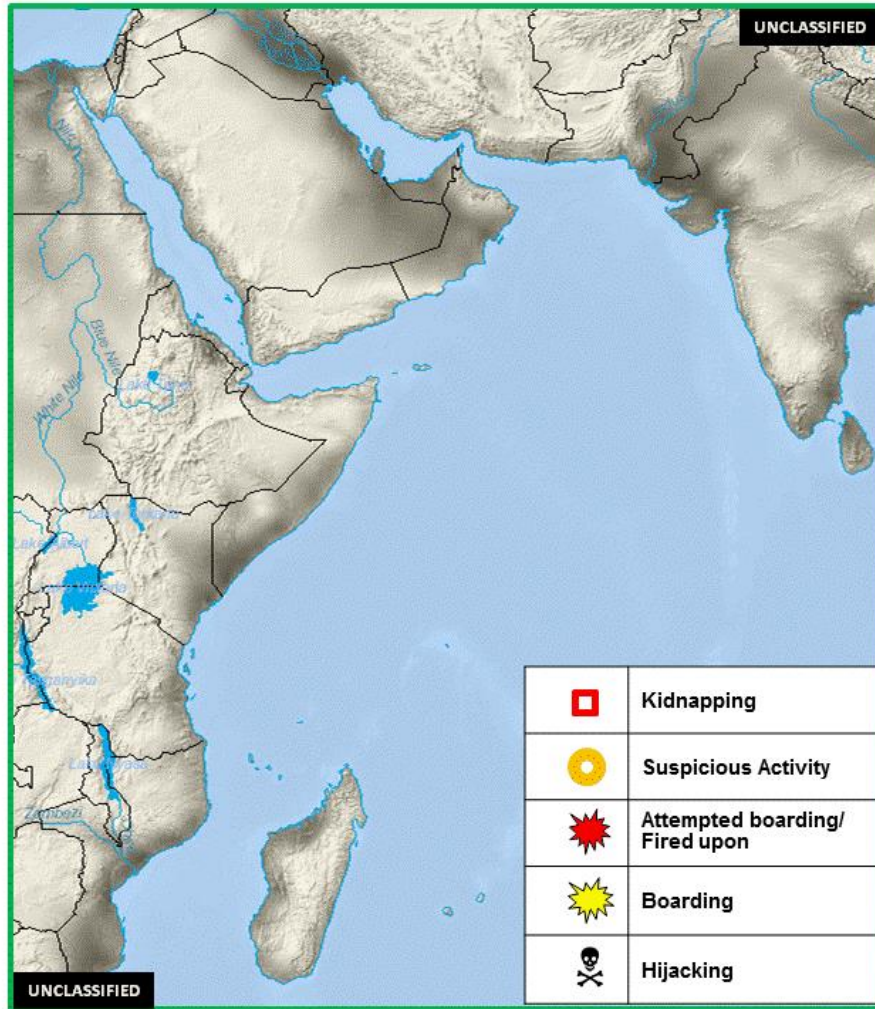
(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(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 1. HoA Maritime Crime Activity, 28 January - 3 February 2016

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Horn of Africa Activity

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(U) Table 1.
(U) Summary of Horn of Africa Piracy Events

Vessels	This Week	Last Week	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Hijacked	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Boarding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	24
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	32

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(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.

2. (U) Weather Forecast for 4 - 10 February 2016 and Graphic Aids to 10-Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

(U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 4 - 10 February 2016

A. (U) NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA: North-northeast winds of 20 - 25 knots and seas of 6 - 9 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** North-northeast winds of 20 - 25 knots and seas of 5 - 8 feet.

B. (U) GULF OF OMAN: East-northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

EXTENDED FORECAST: East-northeast winds of 8 - 13 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: North-northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with north-northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 4 - 7 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** North-northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 4 - 7 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 13 - 18 knots and seas of 4 - 7 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

D. (U) SOMALI COAST: Northeast winds of 23 - 28 knots and seas of 7 - 10 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with northeast winds of 20 - 25 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the southern section of the coastline. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast winds of 23 - 28 knots, gusting to 35 knots, and seas of 7 - 10 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with northeast winds of 20 - 25 knots and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the southern section of the coastline.

E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN: North-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** North-northeast winds of 13 - 18 knots, gusting to 25 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: Northwest winds of 18 - 23 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 20 - 25 knots, gusting to 30 knots, and seas of 6 - 9 feet in the southern Channel.

EXTENDED FORECAST: Northwest winds of 23 - 28 knots, gusting to 35 knots, and seas of 4 - 7 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 20 - 25 knots, gusting to 30 knots, and seas of 6 - 9 feet in the southern Channel.

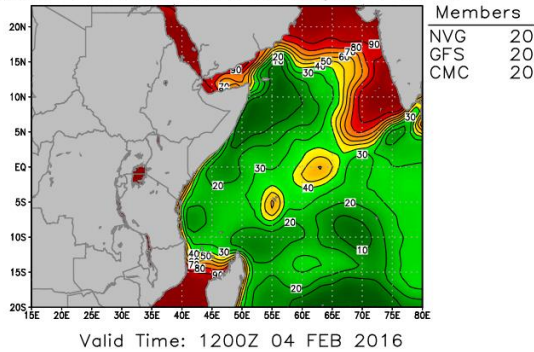
G. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS: The northern Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are variable with most areas having an average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having an average speed of 2 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali Basin are northeasterly averaging between 1 - 2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

H. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: The Northeast Monsoon is underway in the Somali Basin. A weak cold front associated with low pressure moving through Iraq/Iran will impact the Gulf of Oman later in the forecast period.

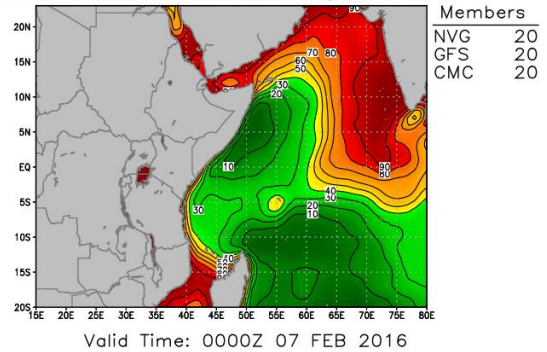
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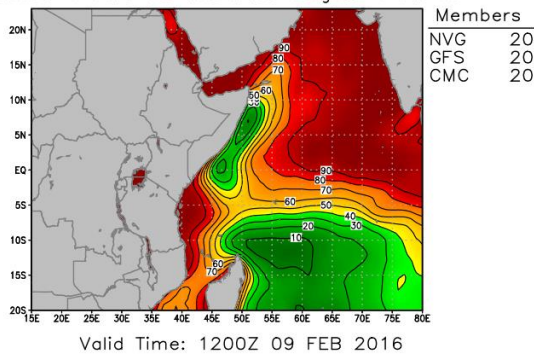
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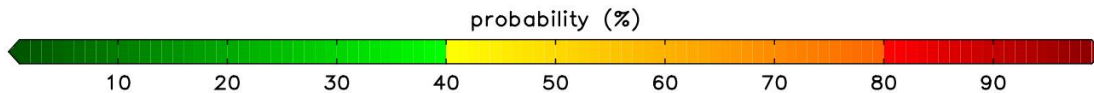
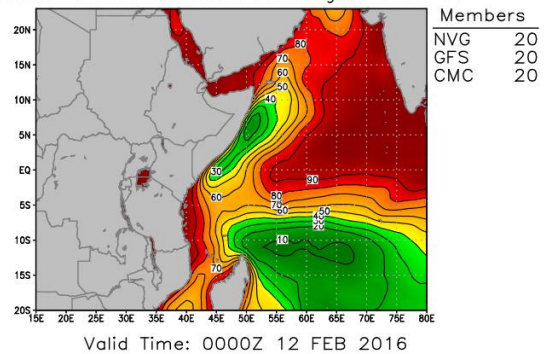
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Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



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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.

3. (U) Gulf of Guinea - Piracy Events Over The Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in West African waters is at a low level. There was one kidnapping during this past week, late reporting on one boarding event and one stowaway event; and an update to a kidnapping reported last week.

A. (U) Details

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

(U) **Kidnapping:**

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 29 January, the tanker LEON DIAS was reportedly hijacked near Brass. Subsequent media reports indicate that the ship has been released, after five crewmen including the ship's Captain, were kidnapped. Two Filipinos, two Russians and one Georgian were taken. The ship is currently located near Continuo, Benin. (www.sunnewsonline.com; www.allafrica.com; AFP)

(U) Vessels Boarded:

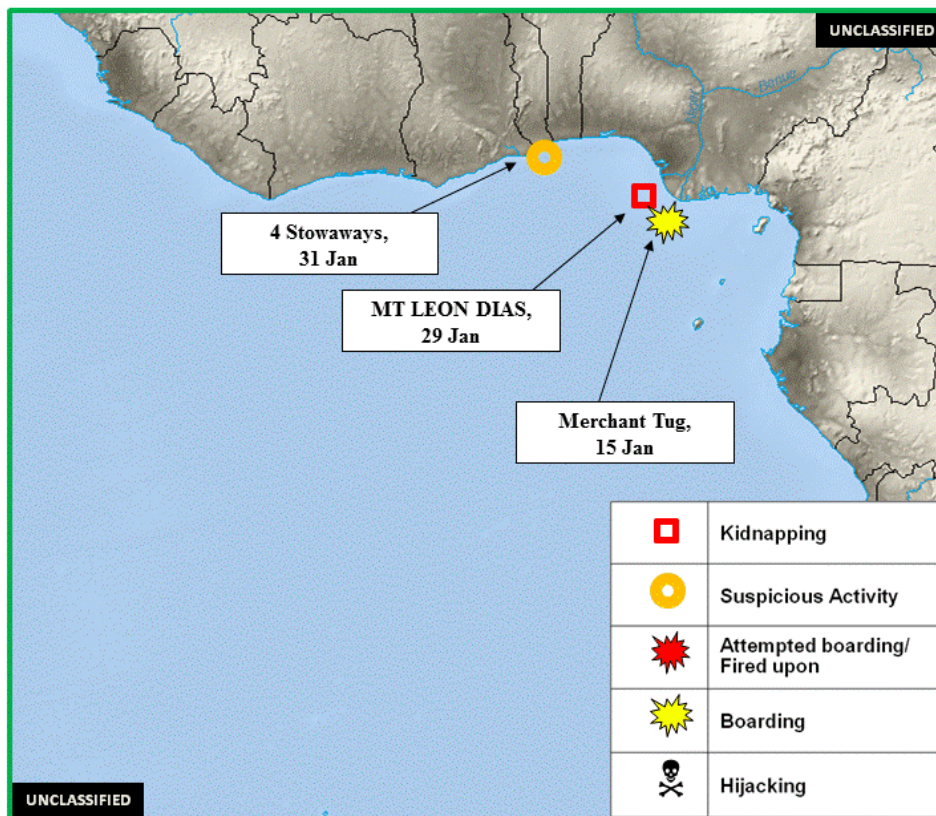
1. (U) NIGERIA: On 15 January, ten pirates in a speedboat chased and fired upon an underway tug near position 04:05 N - 005:25 E, 30 nm southwest of Bayelsa. The crew locked themselves in the safe area of the ship. The pirates then boarded the tug, damaged its navigation equipment, stole crew's personal effects and cash, then escaped. (IMB)

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

(U) Other Activity:

1. TOGO: On 31 January, four stowaways were found aboard a drifting tanker near position 03:30 N - 001:52 E, approximately 160 nm south of Lome. The stowaways were from Togo and found in the rudder trunk. (MITSC-GOG)

2. (U) NIGERIA: On 18 January, gunmen kidnapped twelve persons in Bayelsa State, including the pastor of a local church. The gunmen attacked their boat after it left Twon Brass, headquarters of Brass Local Government Area, heading towards Yenagoa, the state capital. (www.ghanaweb.com) **UPDATE: On 19 January, the 12 kidnapping victims were released, after spending 15 hours in captivity.** (www.punchng.com)

B. (U) Incident Disposition

(U) Figure 3. GoG Maritime Crime Activity, 28 January - 3 February 2016

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

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(U) Table 2. (U) Summary of Gulf of Guinea Piracy Events									
Vessels	This Week	Last Week	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Hijacked	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	11	14
Boarding	1	1	5	3	5	29	33	26	31
Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding	0	3	8	4	8	40	31	43	30
Kidnapping	1	0	4	0	4	25	26	32	14
Total	2	4	17	7	17	96	99	112	89
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(U) Table 3 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. This table includes incidents not described in this product line.

4. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 4 - 10 February 2016

A. (U) GULF OF GUINEA: South-southwest winds of 8 - 13 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** South-southwest winds of 8 - 13 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

B. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: Expect partly to mostly cloudy conditions for the Gulf of Guinea with associated rain showers.

5. (U) Southeast Asia - Piracy Events Over The Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in Southeast Asia waters is at a low level. There were two reports of fuel smuggling reported 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.

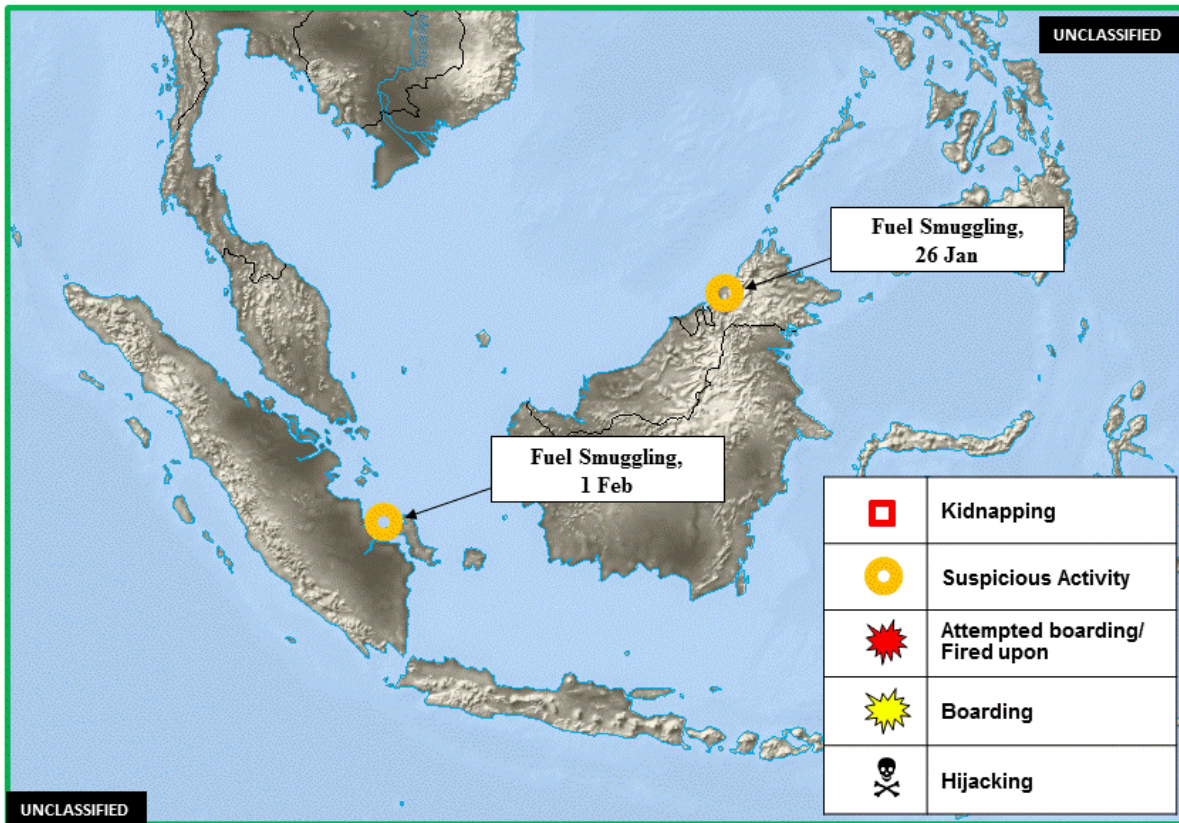
(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings: No incidents to report.

(U) Other Activity:

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 1 February, the Jambi Water Police announced they had seized 20 tons of illegal aviation fuel from a boat on the Batanghari River, Pelayangan district, Jambi city. A Marine Police spokesman said that the fuel had been taken from state oil and gas company Pertamina. The boat carrying the fuel, KM HARAPAN BARU, was intercepted for carrying suspicious cargo. Police officers then inspected the boat's cargo. They found 20 tons of fuel in 100 fuel drums. Police have seized the evidence and detained the boat's Captain for further investigation. (www.thejakartapost.com)

2. MALAYSIA: On 26 January, Malaysian Marine Police seized 50,000 liters of diesel fuel suspected to have been smuggled from Labuan in a raid in Kuala Lawas. The Marine Police Region Five commander said a four-member Limbang Marine Police team on an intelligence-gathering operation came across a tugboat and found that the back portion of the boat had been converted into a large fuel tank. An examination found that the tank contained diesel fuel and there were no documents on board to show that the boat carried the fuel after it was obtained in Labuan. (www.borneopost.com)

B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 4. Southeast Asia Maritime Crime Activity, 28 January - 3 February 2016

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Southeast Asia Activity

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(U) Table 3.
(U) Summary of Southeast Asia Piracy Events

Vessels	This Week	Last Week	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Attacks, Boardings, Kidnappings	0	0	5	9	5	238	184	176	123
Hijackings	0	0	0	1	0	16	16	7	6
Total	0	0	5	10	5	254	200	183	129

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(U) Table 5 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. This table includes incidents not described in this product line.

6. (U) Southeast Asia Weather Forecast for 3 - 9 February 2016

A. (U) South China Sea: Northeast winds of 20 - 25 knots, gusting to 30 knots, and seas of 9 - 14 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast winds of 25 - 30 knots, gusting to 35 knots, and seas of 10 - 15 feet.

B. (U) Malacca Strait: Easterly winds of 15 - 20 knots, gusting to 28 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern Strait; with variable winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the southern Strait. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Easterly winds of 12 - 17 knots, gusting to 22 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern Strait; with variable winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the southern Strait.

C. (U) Andaman Sea: Northerly winds of 7 - 12 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northerly winds of 7 - 12 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

D. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS: Currents in the South China Sea and Malacca Strait average speeds of 1 knot, while currents in the Andaman Sea average 1 to 2 knots.

E. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: A weak cold front will move along the southern China coast line through the first portion of the week with high pressure building in afterwards. Weak tropical disturbances progressively move across the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) over the southern South China Sea. The Andaman Sea and Malacca Strait will see isolated to widely scattered rain showers and thunderstorms throughout the forecast period.

(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) Fired 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) Medium:** 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)
- LSS-SAPU.com (LSS)
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S.
- The Maritime Executive (website)
- 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
- 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) ICOD: 3 February 2016

(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

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