



*Maritime OPINTEL Report*

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly  
(PAWW) Report  
(Horn of Africa) for 10 Mar – 16 Mar 2011**

17 March 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. The Arabian Sea remains an area of elevated pirate threat. There were three piracy incidents in this one week period: one hijacking and two attacks.

#### **B. (U) Details**

- **(U) Vessels Hijacked**

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Cargo ship (SINAR KUDUS) was hijacked 16 Mar at 1639 UTC while underway in position 14:21N – 059:25E, approximately 357NM SE of Salalah, Oman. The vessel was en route Singapore to Suez when it was hijacked with a crew of 20 Indonesia nationals. Crew reports indicate 30-50 pirates are onboard. (UKMTO)

#### **(U) Boardings**

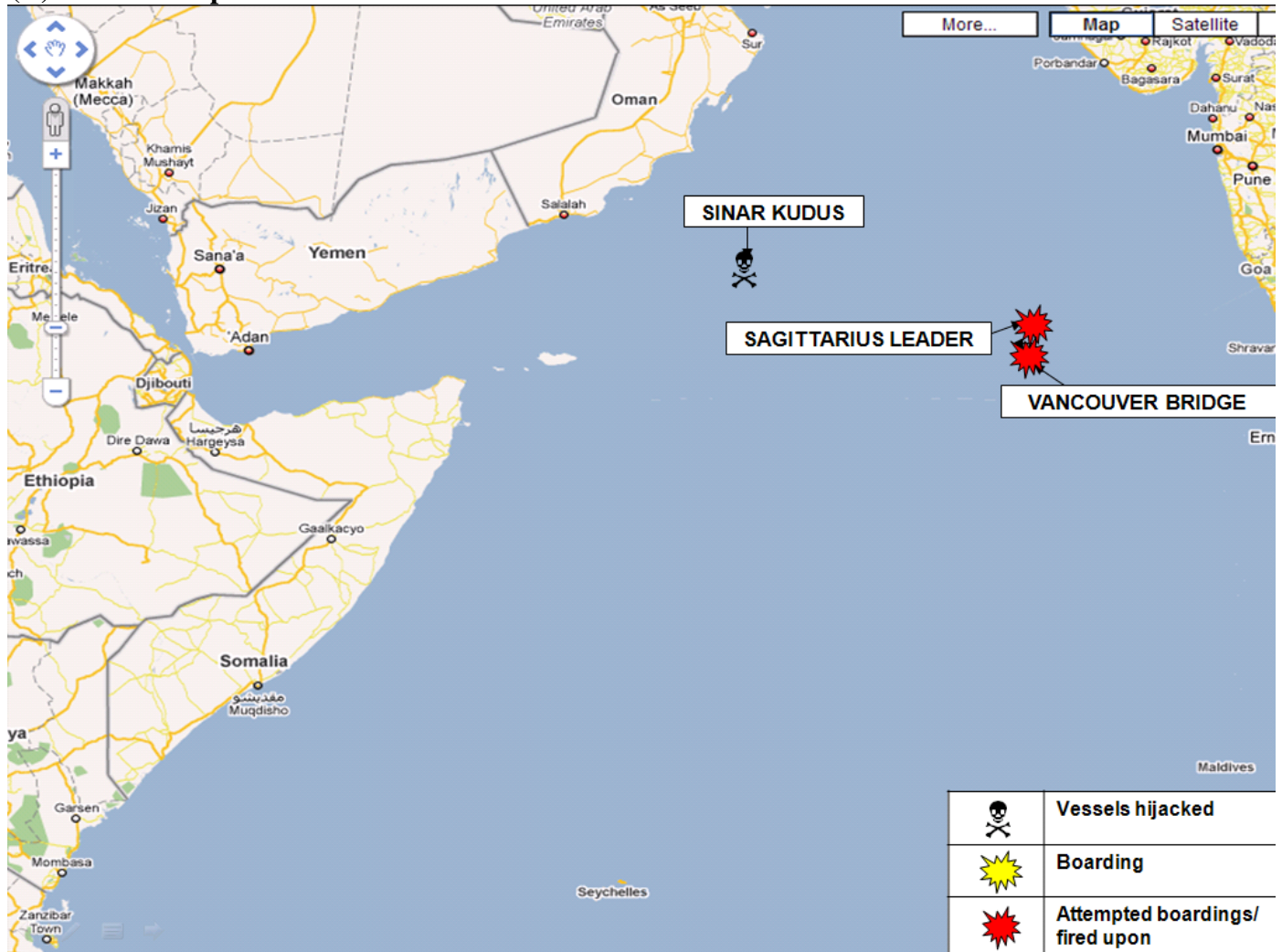
#### **(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding**

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Vehicle carrier (SAGITTARIUS LEADER) was fired upon 12 Mar at 0325 UTC while underway in position 12:24N – 066:42E, approximately 460NM SW of Mumbai, India. The vessel was

fired upon by two skiffs accompanied by a mother ship. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Container vessel (VANCOUVER BRIDGE) was fired upon 11 Mar at 0454 UTC while underway in position 10:55N – 066:33E, approximately 413NM NW of Minicoy Island. As many as 15 pirates on three skiffs accompanied by a mother ship fired RPG and automatic weapons on the vessel, and attempted to board with ladders. The vessel evaded the hijacking attempt. (IMB)

### C. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 10 - 16 MAR 2011 (IMB).

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

**C. (U) Tabulated Data**

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>March 2011</b>	<b>February 2011</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009*</b>
<b>Vessels Hijacked</b>	1	0	1	7	14	49	52
<b>Boarding</b>	0	1	1	1	7	15	0
<b>Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding</b>	2	7	10	10	48	125	131

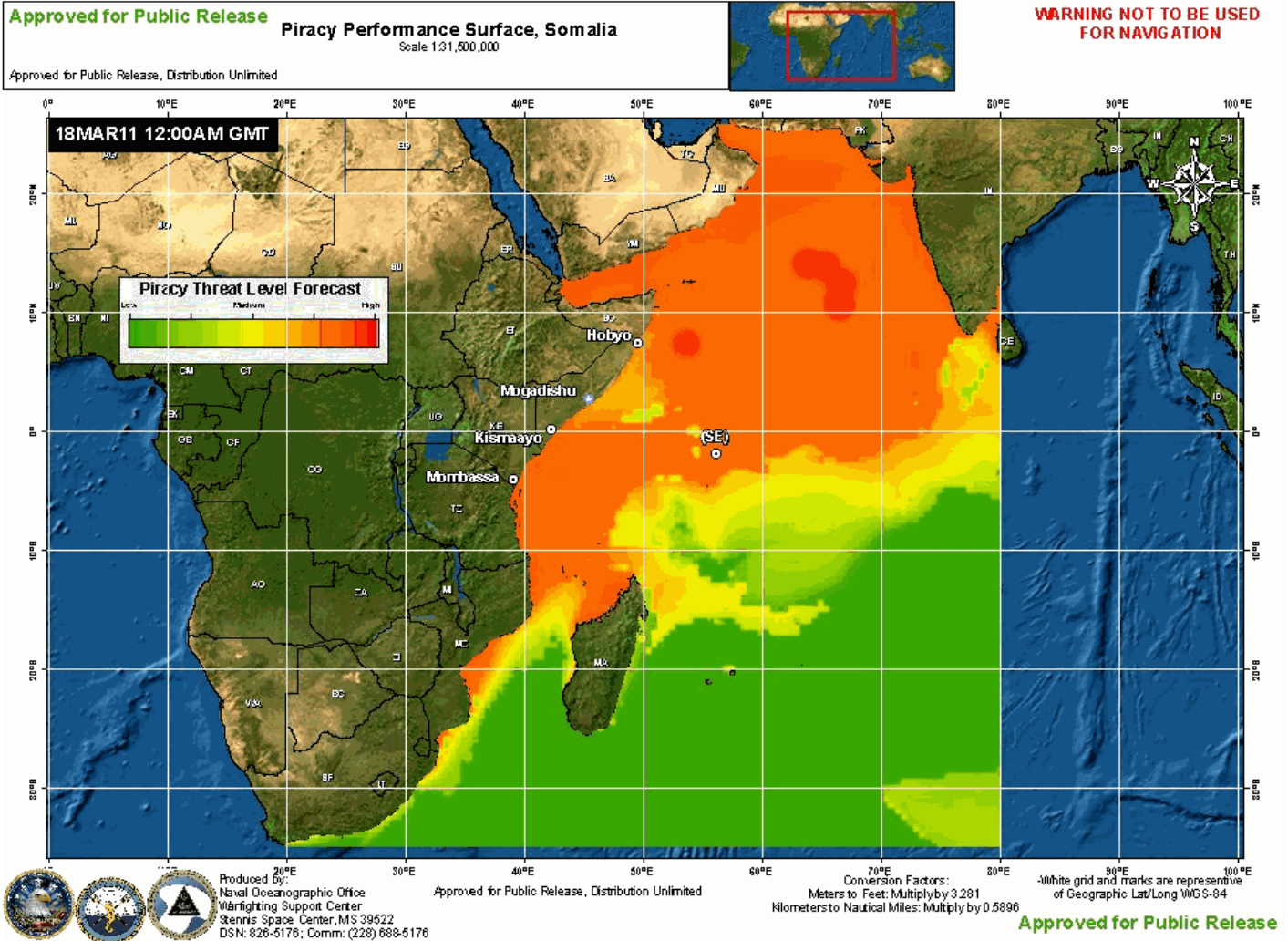
\*Dataset originates 22 May 2009

(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 are conducive to small boat operations throughout the piracy operating area, particularly the Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden. 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 17 MAR – 23 MAR 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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