



Maritime OPINTEL Report

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly
(PAWW) Report
(Horn of Africa) for 24 Feb – 2 Mar 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) Overall, pirates are operating at an unprecedented high level during the current northeast monsoon season. The Arabian Sea remains an area of elevated pirate threat. There were seven piracy events in this one week period, all taking place in the Arabian Sea: two hijackings, one boarding, and four attacks.

B. (U) Details

- **(U) Vessels Hijacked**

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Bulk carrier (DOVER) was hijacked 28 Feb at 0606 UTC while underway in position 18:48N – 058:26E, approximately 35NM SE of Madrasah, Oman. Pirates took hostage the crew of 23. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Yacht (ING) was hijacked 24 Feb while underway in position 14:30N – 058:19E, approximately 250NM NE of Socotra Island, Yemen. Pirates took the crew of seven, including three minors, hostage. (ONI, Open press)

(U) Boardings

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Yacht (CAPRICORN) was fired upon and boarded 2 Mar at 0752 UTC while

underway in position 12:11N – 063:58E, approximately 580NM east of Socotra Island, Yemen. Automatic weapons were fired, and pirates boarded but were repelled by armed security personnel onboard an escorting vessel. Both vessels evaded capture. (ONI, UKMTO)

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding

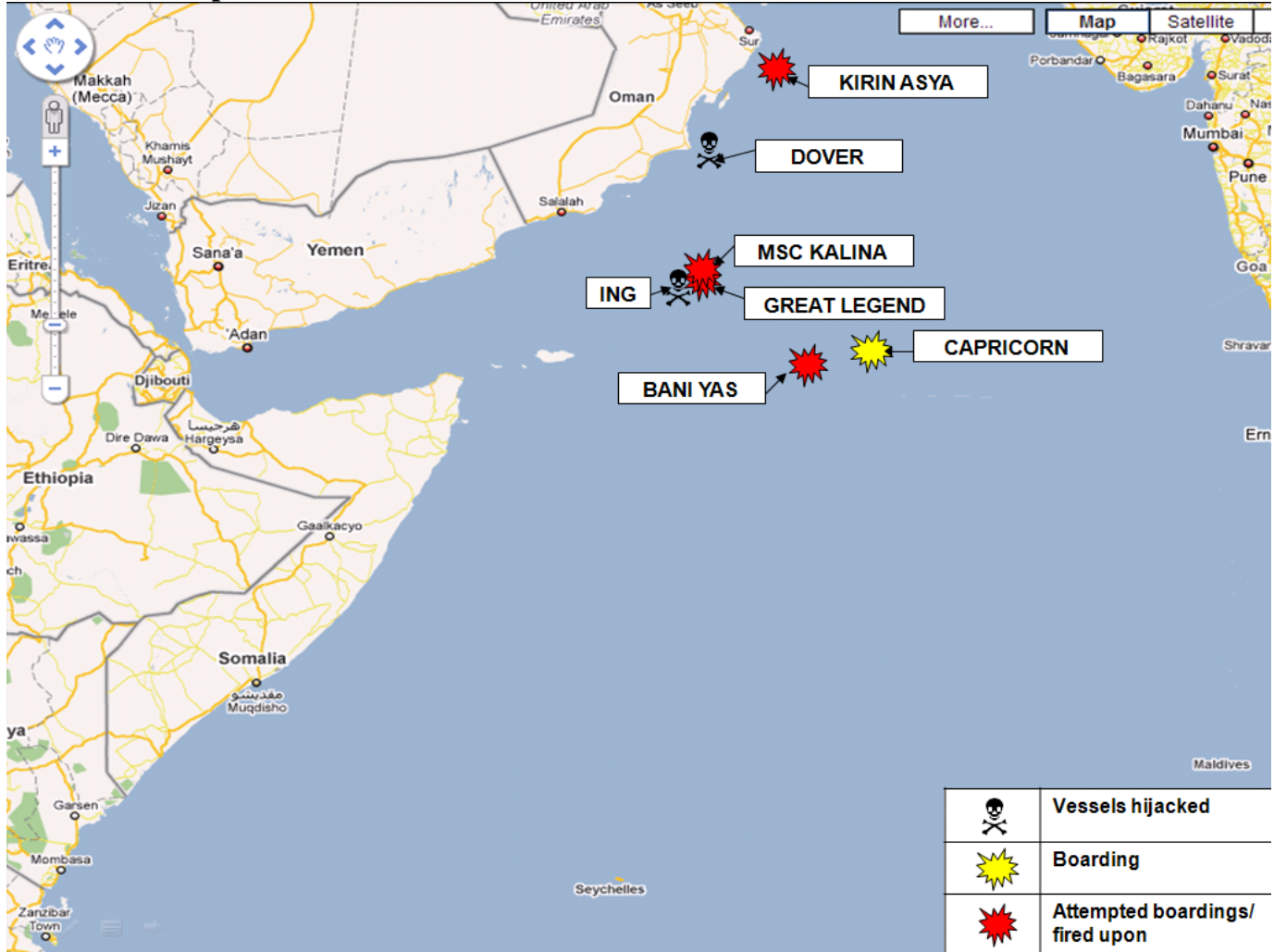
(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Bulk carrier (KIRAN ASYA) was fired upon 27 Feb at 0534 UTC while underway in position 20:29N – 060:08E, approximately 66NM east of Masirah, Oman. A single skiff with seven pirates with small arms and RPGs fired upon the vessel, but it evaded the hijacking attempt. (IMB)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Oil tanker (BANI YAS) was fired upon 25 Feb at 0952 UTC while underway in position 11:41 – 061:29E, approximately 420NM east of Socotra Island, Yemen. One skiff and a mother ship with five pirates onboard reportedly fired automatic weapons and RPG on the tanker. The hijacking attempt was evaded. (ONI, UKMTO)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Bulk carrier (GREAT LEGEND) was fired upon 25 Feb at 0829 UTC while underway in position 14:28 – 058:39E, approximately 250NM ENE of Socotra Island, Yemen. A skiff with five pirates onboard pursued the vessel and fired automatic weapons and RPG. The vessel evaded the hijacking attempt. (ONI, UKMTO)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN: Container ship (MSC KALINA) was fired upon 25 Feb while underway in position 14:46N – 058:39E, approximately 250NM ENE of Socotra Island, Yemen. One skiff with six pirates onboard and a mother ship were reported. The pirates fired weapons and RPG at the vessel, which managed to evade the hijacking attempt. (ONI, UKMTO)

C. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 24 FEB 2011 – 2 MAR 2011 (IMB).

(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	2	1	0	7	13	49	52
Boarding	1	0	0	1	6	15	0
Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding	4	1	1	10	38	125	131

*Dataset originates 22 May 2009

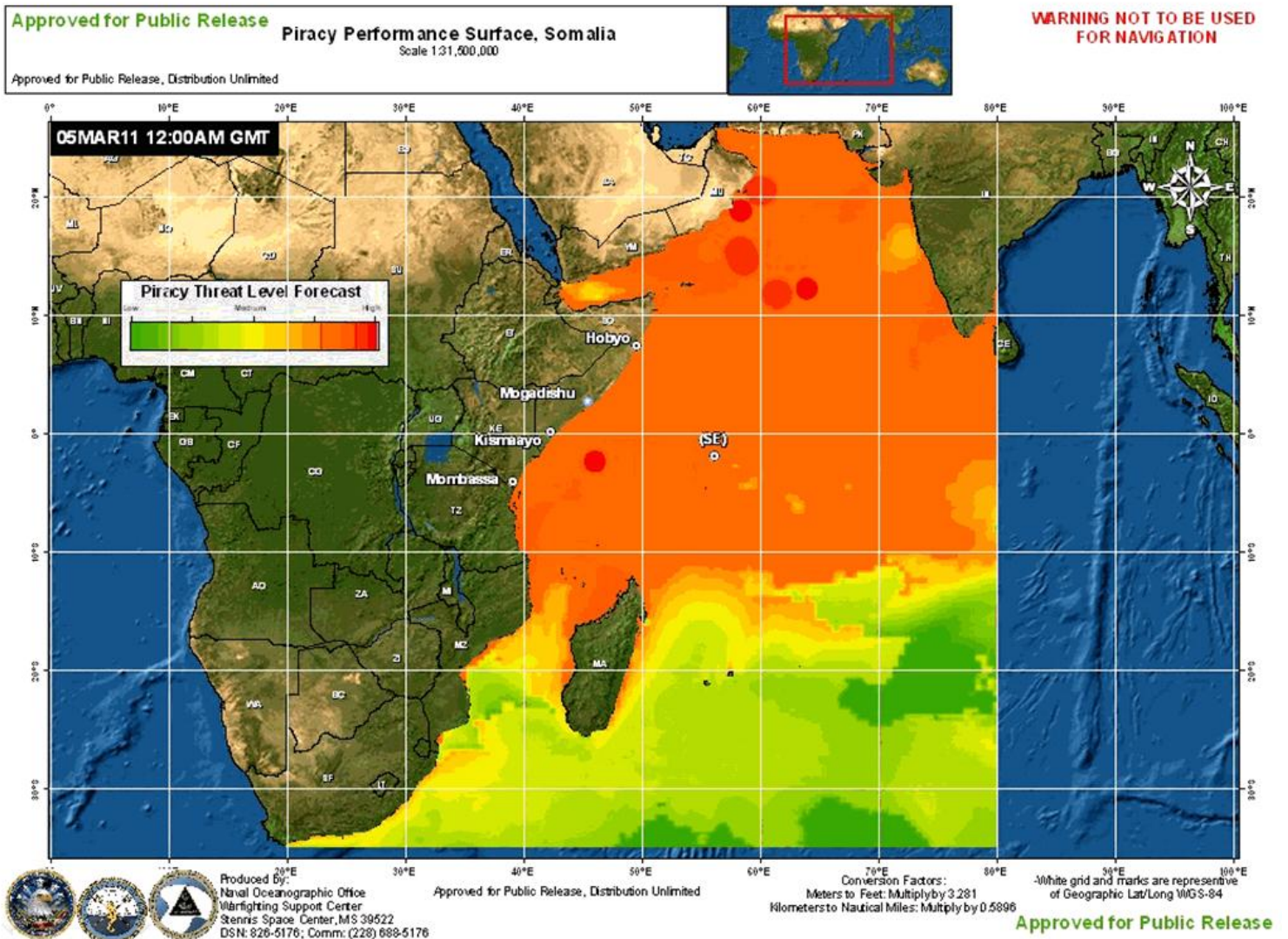
(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

3. (U) Outlook

A. (U) Summary

(U) Weather conditions are expected to remain relatively calm despite the current monsoon season, creating conditions conducive to small boat activity throughout the piracy operating area, particularly in the Arabian Sea, Somali Basin, and Gulf of Aden. When transiting the region, mariners are encouraged to contact UKMTO and all appropriate authorities.

B. Forecast for the Week of 3 MAR – 9 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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