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# (U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 23 October–20 November 2024

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## (U) Executive Summary

### **(U) Scope**

(U) The Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) report provides information on threats to merchant vessels, the shipping industry, and other maritime stakeholders worldwide in the last 30 days. This report is produced primarily to inform merchant mariners and naval forces.

**(U) Warnings, Advisories and Alerts:** See Appendix C for active advisories.

### **(U) Summary:**

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 20 November, four unarmed perpetrators boarded a Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS).
2. (U) INDONESIA: On 19 November, three unarmed robbers boarded a Bahamas-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.
3. (U) RED SEA/GULF OF ADEN: From 17 to 18 November, two missile attacks targeted a Panama-flagged bulk carrier while underway approximately 25 NM west of Mokha, Yemen and then approximately 60 NM southeast of Aden, Yemen.
4. (U) INDONESIA: On 17 November, three perpetrators in a small boat attempted to board a Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.
5. (U) INDONESIA: On 14 November, as many as eight robbers boarded a Hong Kong-flagged general cargo ship while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.
6. (U) INDONESIA: On 14 November, one perpetrator boarded a Liberia-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.
7. (U) INDONESIA: On 14 November, five perpetrators boarded a Comoros-flagged LPG tanker while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.
8. (U) INDONESIA: On 13 November, an unspecified number of robbers boarded a Liberia-flagged crude oil tanker in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.

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## (U) Monthly Incidents by Region

(U) This section lists reports of active violence against shipping, credible threats to shipping, or the potential for a situation to develop into a direct threat to shipping over the past 30 days. Every effort is made to ensure that incidents are not double-counted. In the event that double-counting is detected, or an incident is later found to be different than initially reported, an explanation of the cancellation of the inaccurate report will be made in at least one message prior to dropping the erroneous report.

### (U) NORTH AMERICA

1. (U) MEXICO: On 24 October at 2000 local time, an unspecified number of robbers in a small fishing boat boarded a Mexico-flagged offshore supply vessel operating in the Bay of Campeche, near position 18:24N – 093:46W. Three of the robbers were armed with handguns and fired them into the air. Once onboard, they stole vessel equipment and crew valuables and reportedly transferred money out of crew members' savings accounts. Several crew members suffered slight injuries after being assaulted by the perpetrators. (Clearwater Dynamics)

### (U) CENTRAL AMERICA – CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA

(U) No current incidents to report.

### (U) ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA

(U) No current incidents to report.

### (U) NORTHERN EUROPE – BALTIC

(U) No current incidents to report.

### (U) MEDITERRANEAN – BLACK SEA

(U) No current incidents to report.

### (U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA

(U) No current incidents to report.

### (U) ARABIAN GULF

(U) No current incidents to report.

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(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA

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(U) **Figure 1. Suspicious Activity and Merchant Vessels Affected by Military Operations in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden**

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1. **(U) RED SEA/GULF OF ADEN:** On 17 November at 1613 UTC, a missile targeted the Panama-flagged bulk carrier *Anadolu S* while underway approximately 25 NM west of Mokha, Yemen (exact position not specified). The missile impacted the water near the stern of the vessel. On 18 November at 0958 UTC, another missile targeted the bulk carrier while underway approximately 60 NM southeast of Aden, Yemen. This missile also landed in the water near the vessel. After the incident, all crew were reported safe. The vessel proceeded to its next port of call. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics; Joint Maritime Information Center)
2. (U) RED SEA: On 12 November at 0001 UTC, multiple explosions occurred in close proximity to a Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier approximately 70 NM southwest of Hodeida, Yemen (exact position not specified). As many as six missiles exploded up to 6 NM from the vessel, with one missile exploding 2 NM off the port quarter. The vessel did not sustain any damage from the attack. Following the incident, the crew were reported safe and the vessel continued its voyage. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics; Joint Maritime Information Center)
3. (U) GULF OF ADEN: On 9 November at 1807 UTC, an entity declaring itself to be the Yemeni authorities hailed the Panama-flagged bulk carrier *S Line* while underway approximately 57 NM southwest of Aden, Yemen (exact position not specified). The alleged Yemeni authorities hailed the master of the vessel over VHF and threatened to target the vessel if it

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transited north through the Bab el Mandeb Strait. When hailed, the vessel was underway with AIS on. After the VHF communication, the vessel's AIS was turned off, and, as of 9 November, the master awaited company guidance before proceeding to the next port of call. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics; Joint Maritime Information Center)

4. (U) GULF OF ADEN: On 9 November at 0300 UTC, five small boats approached and followed a Marshall Islands-flagged tanker while underway approximately 53 NM south of Aden, Yemen, near position 11:52N – 044:54E. The boats were initially spotted on radar, and followed the tanker for almost 30 minutes, with two of the boats coming within 3 NM. Each boat had up to 5 people onboard. No weapons or ladders were seen onboard the small boats, which were reportedly displaying black flags. In response to the approach, the crew of the tanker mustered and the armed security team onboard displayed their weapons, after which the boats left the area. The vessel continued to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics)
5. (U) GULF OF ADEN: On 7 November at 0445 UTC, up to 15 small boats approached the Cayman Islands-flagged motor yacht *Liquid Sky* while underway approximately 53 NM southwest of Aden, Yemen. The crew of the small boats were armed, and at least one of the boats approached to within 0.3 NM of the yacht. Following the incident, the master reported that all crew were safe, and the vessel continued its voyage. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics; Joint Maritime Information Center)
6. (U) RED SEA: On 1 November at 1910 UTC, two small boats approached a Portugal-flagged passenger ship underway approximately 35 NM west of Hanish Islands, Yemen, near position 13:55N – 042:15E. The boats were sighted after they turned on their lights approximately 0.5 NM from the ship. At 2030 UTC, an aerial vehicle was heard and seen hovering over the ship near position 13:38N – 042:25E; due to darkness, it was not possible to determine if the aerial vehicle was a drone or helicopter. After the incident, the crew were confirmed safe. (Clearwater Dynamics)
7. (U) RED SEA: On 28 October, three attacks targeted the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *Motaro* approximately 25 NM south of Mokha, Yemen, near position 12:53N – 043:15E. The master reported three explosions in close proximity to the vessel between 1344 UTC and 1637 UTC. Following the attacks, no damage to the vessel was reported, all crew members were safe, and the vessel was proceeding to its next port of call. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics; Maritime Executive; gCaptain; Joint Maritime Information Center)
8. (U) GULF OF ADEN: On 23 October at 0250 UTC, five small boats approached the China-flagged bulk carrier *Huan Hang 99* while underway approximately 48 NM south of Aden, Yemen (exact position not specified). One of the boats approached to within 0.3 NM of the vessel. The armed embarked security team fired warning shots to deter any further



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approach, and the boats departed the area. The master reported that the vessel and crew were safe following the incident. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics; Joint Maritime Information Center)

(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

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(U) **Figure 2. Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea in Southeast Asia**



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1. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 20 November at 0510 local time, four unarmed perpetrators boarded a Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:04N – 103:41E. The duty crew spotted the perpetrators in the engine room, and the perpetrators subsequently escaped empty-handed. Following the incident, the master confirmed that the crew were safe. The vessel did not require assistance and proceeded to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 19 November at 2249 local time, three unarmed robbers boarded a Bahamas-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:44E. After the duty crew spotted the robbers in the engine room, the robbers escaped with stolen engine spares. The vessel did not require assistance and proceeded to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 17 November at 0400 local time, three perpetrators in a small boat attempted to board the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier *Dokos* while underway in the

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eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:03N – 103:37E. After the duty crew discovered the boarding attempt, they raised the alarm and the perpetrators fled the area. Nothing was reported stolen and the crew were reported safe. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

4. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 14 November at 0507 local time, as many as eight robbers boarded the Hong Kong-flagged general cargo ship *Saga Fjord* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:02N – 103:38E. The duty crew spotted the perpetrators, one of whom was armed, in the engine room. After they were discovered, the perpetrators escaped with engine spares and other unsecured items. The crew were reported safe and the vessel continued its voyage to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
5. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 14 November at 0355 local time, one perpetrator armed with a gun-like object boarded the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *Dara* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:02N – 103:38E. The perpetrator escaped after being discovered on the upper deck by duty crew. Nothing was reported stolen, the crew were reported safe, and the vessel continued to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
6. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 14 November at 0248 local time, five perpetrators armed with metal rods boarded the Comoros-flagged LPG tanker *Nus* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:02N – 103:38E. The perpetrators escaped after being discovered in the engine room by duty crew. The crew were reported safe and nothing was reported stolen. The vessel resumed its transit. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
7. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 13 November at 0012 UTC, an unspecified number of robbers boarded the Liberia-flagged crude oil tanker *Metro Ionian* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:02N – 103:39. Members of the crew observed the perpetrators on the poop deck. A speed boat subsequently approached the stern of the tanker. The crew later conducted a search for unauthorized persons onboard the tanker. During the search, the crew discovered 12 main engine fuel injection valves had been stolen. All crew were reported safe. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
8. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 13 November at 0440 local time, four robbers armed with machetes and a gun-like object boarded a Philippines-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:04N – 103:41E. Duty crew raised the alarm after spotting the perpetrators in the engine room. After the alarm was raised, the perpetrators fled the vessel. Following the incident, spare parts were reported stolen from the engine room. All crew were reported safe. (Clearwater Dynamics)



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9. (U) INDONESIA: On 16 October at 0410 local time, four robbers boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier *Genco Constellation* while anchored at Panjang Anchorage, Indonesia, near position 05:30S – 105:17E. The robbers approached the bulk carrier in a small motor boat and entered the vessel through a deck door that had temporarily been left open, allowing them to reach the engine room undetected by the crew stationed at the forward deck. An able-bodied seaman (AB) stationed at the stern noticed one of the robbers climbing the ship's railing with a rope. The AB raised the alarm, after which the robbers escaped by jumping into the water and returning to their boat. A search was carried out and spare parts from the engine room were reported stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics; vesseltracker.com)
10. (U) INDONESIA: On 26 October at 2355 local time, one perpetrator attempted to board the Singapore-flagged bulk carrier *AOM Bianca* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:08N – 103:45E. After the duty crew spotted the perpetrator attempting to board using a pole with a hook, the perpetrator jumped back into a small boat, which another person maneuvered away from the bulk carrier. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered to search for other unauthorized persons. The master later reported that all crew were safe and that nothing had been stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
11. (U) INDONESIA: On 25 October at 0100 local time, four armed robbers boarded the Panama-flagged bulk carrier *GL La Paz* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:08N – 103:30E. The duty oiler discovered the perpetrators in the engine room and raised the alarm. After pointing their guns at the crew, the robbers escaped with engine spares. The master informed local authorities of the incident. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
12. (U) INDONESIA: On 23 October at 0035 local time, six perpetrators armed with knives boarded a Kuwait-flagged crude oil tanker *Al Derwazah* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:04N – 103:41E. After the crew spotted the perpetrators in the engine room, the alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Aware of the crew's alertness, the perpetrators escaped. All crew members were safe and no injuries were reported. No items were reported stolen. The vessel did not require assistance and continued to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

## (U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

(U) No current incidents to report.

## (U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

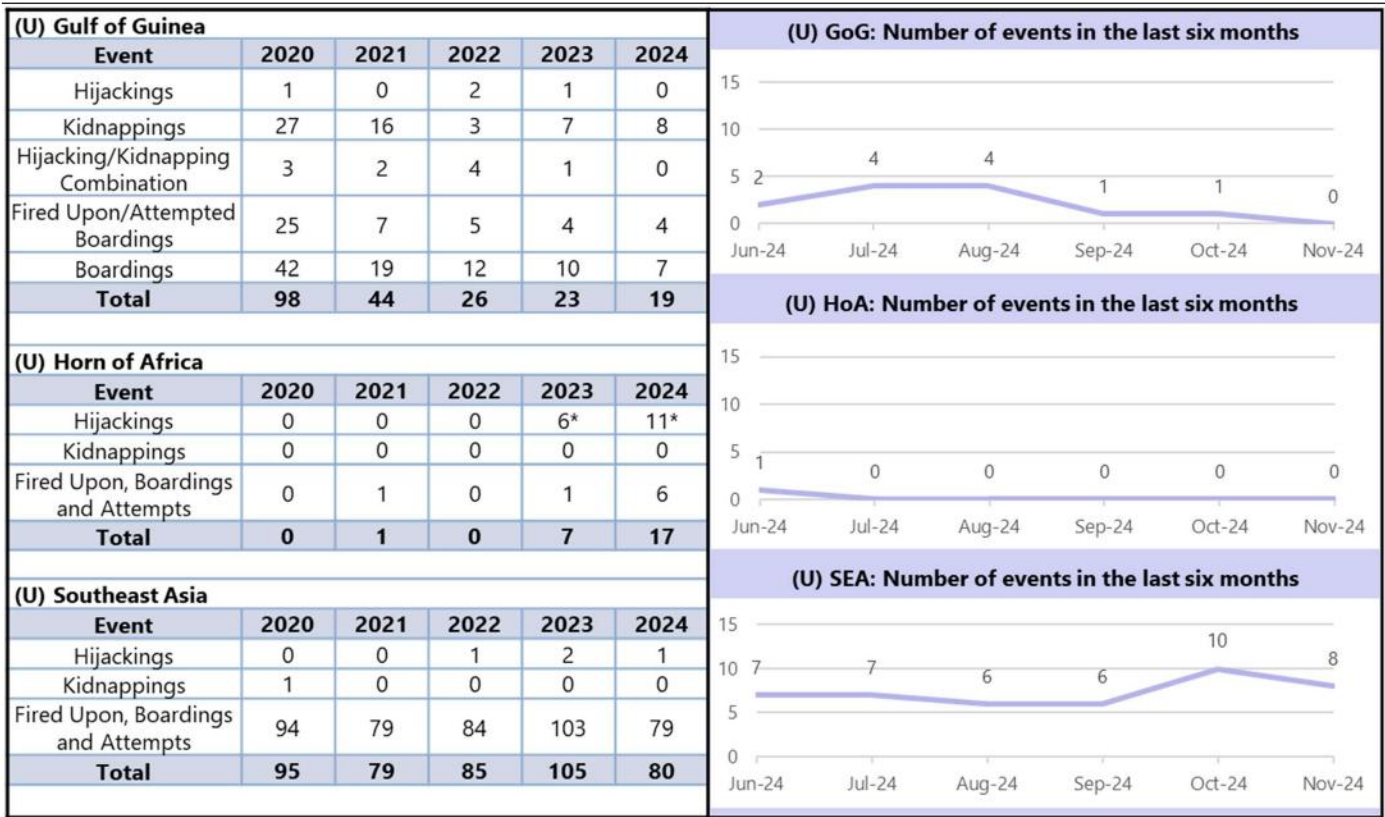
(U) No current incidents to report.

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# (U) Appendix A: Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea Statistics and Trends

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(U) \* HORN OF AFRICA HIJACKING NUMBERS INCLUDE DHOWS AND FISHING VESSELS

## (U) Appendix B: Definitions

(U) In order to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference, we use the following definitions to describe a range of criminal antishipping 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 embarkation 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) **Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement who forcefully remove crew members from vessel when disembarking.
- > (U) **Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.
- > (U) **Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained activity in close proximity of an unknown vessel.

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# (U) Appendix C: Active U.S. Maritime Advisories

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## (U) Active U.S. Maritime Advisories

Title	Effective Date	Expiration Date
<a href="#">2024-013: Global – U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts</a>	11 Oct 2024	11 Apr 2025
<a href="#">2024-011: Worldwide – Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence</a>	9 Oct 2024	7 Apr 2025
<a href="#">2024-012: Black Sea and Sea of Azov – Military Combat Operations</a>	6 Sep 2024	21 Feb 2025
<a href="#">2024-010: Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean – Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom</a>	16 Aug 2024	12 Feb 2025
<a href="#">2024-009: Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman – Iranian Illegal Boarding/ Detention/Seizure</a>	16 Aug 2024	12 Feb 2025
<a href="#">2024-008: Southern Red Sea, Bab el Mandeb Strait, and Gulf of Aden – Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels</a>	16 Aug 2024	12 Feb 2025
<a href="#">2024-007: Gulf of Guinea – Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom</a>	24 Jun 2024	21 Dec 2024

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