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# (U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 5 February–5 March 2025

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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 3 March, as many as five robbers, one armed with a gun-like object, boarded a Gambia-flagged crude oil tanker while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS).
2. (U) INDONESIA: On 28 February, several robbers, one armed with a gun-like object, boarded a Singapore-flagged product tanker while underway in the Singapore Strait TSS.
3. (U) INDONESIA: On 28 February, five perpetrators, one armed with a gun-like object, boarded a Barbados-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.
4. (U) INDONESIA: On 28 February, six perpetrators armed with hammers boarded a Bahamas-flagged bulk carrier while underway 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) GULF OF AMERICA: During the night of 14 February, armed men boarded and took control of a Mexico-flagged offshore oil platform in the Bay of Campeche (no position was specified). The robbers remained on the platform until the morning of 15 February. A call for assistance was made from the platform but no response was received. The robbers escaped with the platform crew's personal effects. Some of the crew had been assaulted during the incident and two were transferred to a hospital. (Clearwater Dynamics; theyucatantimes.com)

### (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

1. (U) GHANA: On 24 February at 2338 local time, two perpetrators boarded a Malta-flagged product tanker while anchored at Takoradi Anchorage, near position 04:52N – 001:42W. After the duty crew spotted the perpetrators onboard the tanker, the alarm was raised, which caused the perpetrators to escape into a waiting small boat with two more persons

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onboard. Nothing has been reported stolen and all crew members were reported safe.  
(MDAT-GoG; Clearwater Dynamics)

**(U) PERSIAN GULF**

(U) No current incidents to report.

**(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA**

1. (U) SOMALIA: On 17 February at 0001 UTC, six armed pirates hijacked a Yemen-flagged fishing dhow, took the captain and four crew members hostage, and released the remaining crew. The dhow was operating off Garmaal, north of Eyl, near position 08:32N – 050:31E. Reports suggest the fishing vessel may be used as a mothership for maritime criminal activities. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMB; eunavfor.eu)
2. (U) SOMALIA: On the night of 7 February, six armed persons boarded and hijacked a fishing dhow reportedly flagged in Yemen while approximately 6 NM southeast of Eyl, near position 07:49N – 050:12E. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; Maritime Executive)

**(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA**

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**(U) Figure 1. Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea in Southeast Asia**

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1. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 3 March at 0500 local time, as many as five robbers, one armed with gun-like object, boarded the Gambia-flagged crude oil tanker *Ailama* while underway in the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:04N – 103:42E. After the duty crew spotted the robbers in the engine room, the master raised the alarm and the crew mustered and a search was conducted with no further sighting of perpetrators. No crew members were injured and engine spare parts were stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
2. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 28 February at 0700 local time, several robbers, one armed with a gun-like object, boarded the Singapore-flagged product tanker *Basset* while underway in the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:08N – 103:45E. The duty crew spotted unauthorized persons entering the engine room through the steering gear room. The alarm was raised and the crew was alerted. While making their escape with stolen ship's stores, the robbers attacked and injured one crew member. The vessel diverted to Singapore Anchorage where a medical team evacuated the injured crew member to the hospital. The Singapore coast guard boarded the ship to investigate. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP; IMB; Maritime Executive)
3. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 28 February at 0122 local time, five perpetrators, one armed with a gun-like object, boarded the Barbados-flagged bulk carrier *DSM Rose* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:43E. After the duty crew sighted the perpetrators in the steering gear room, the alarm was raised and the crew mustered at the bridge to search the vessel. The search revealed no perpetrators onboard and that nothing was stolen. No crew members were injured during the incident. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP; Maritime Executive)
4. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 28 February at 0030 local time, six perpetrators armed with hammers boarded the Bahamas-flagged bulk carrier *Ifestos* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:06N – 103:44E. After the crew spotted the perpetrators in the engine room workshop, the alarm was raised and the crew mustered at the bridge. A search was conducted with no further sighting of the perpetrators. No crew members were injured and nothing was stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP; Maritime Executive)
5. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 26 February at 0520 local time, five perpetrators boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier *Ocean Diligence* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:06N – 103:44E. The duty crew sighted the unarmed perpetrators at the aft poop deck and raised the alarm, which mustered the crew. Seeing the crew's alertness, the perpetrators escaped empty-handed. The master confirmed that all crew members were safe and that the vessel was continuing to its next port of call. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)

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6. (U) INDONESIA: On 22 February at 0310 local time, three robbers armed with knives and a gun-like object boarded the Portugal-flagged bulk carrier *Cycladic Spire* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:02N – 103:39E. After the crew observed the robbers in the engine room, the alarm was raised and the crew mustered to conduct a search. The search revealed no perpetrators onboard and that engine spare parts had been stolen. The incident was reported to Singapore authorities, and the Singapore police coast guard boarded the ship upon arrival at the anchorage area. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)
7. (U) MALAYSIA: On 19 February at 1223 local time, seven perpetrators boarded an unmanned oil platform located southeast of Terengganu in the South China Sea, near position 05:13N – 104:26E. The Petronas security group had alerted the Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) to suspicious activity on the unmanned structure. MMEA personnel discovered that the perpetrators had cut cables, gathered abandoned supplies, and dismantled equipment to later remove from the platform. MMEA authorities apprehended the perpetrators and took them to Terengganu for questioning. (Clearwater Dynamics)
8. (U) INDONESIA: On 16 February at 0200 local time, four robbers armed with knives boarded the Norway-flagged general cargo ship *Pelicana* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:02N – 103:41E. After the duty crew spotted the robbers in the engine room, the perpetrators escaped. The master confirmed that all crew members were safe and accounted for and that spare parts had been stolen. The ship continued its voyage to its next port of call. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)
9. (U) INDONESIA: On 16 February at 0445 local time, three unarmed perpetrators boarded the Panama-flagged bulk carrier *Atrotos Heracles* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:43E. The duty crew observed the perpetrators at the stern of the ship and raised the alarm. After the crew mustered and conducted a security search, they discovered that the perpetrators had escaped from the ship. The crew was not injured and nothing had been stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP; IMB)
10. (U) INDONESIA: On 14 February at 0255 local time, four perpetrators, one of whom carried a pistol and the other three carried knives, boarded the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *Cancun* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:04N – 103:41E. After spotting the perpetrators in the engine room, the duty crew raised the alarm and all crew mustered to conduct a search with no further sighting of the perpetrators. No crew members were injured and nothing was reported stolen. The vessel continued its

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voyage to its next port of call without the need for assistance. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

11. (U) INDONESIA: On 12 February at 0250 local time, four robbers armed with knives boarded a Greece-flagged crude oil tanker while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:06N – 103:44E. After the duty crew encountered the robbers in the engine room, the perpetrators escaped from the tanker. The master confirmed that the crew was safe and accounted for and that engine spares had been stolen. The vessel proceeded to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics)
12. (U) INDONESIA: On 11 February at 0330 local time, seven robbers boarded a Panama-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:32E. The duty crew spotted the robbers armed with a pistol and knives in the engine room. After threatening a crew member, the robbers stole spare parts before escaping the vessel. One crew member sustained minor injuries during the incident. The ship continued its transit to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics)

**(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT**

(U) No current incidents to report.

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

(U) No current incidents to report.



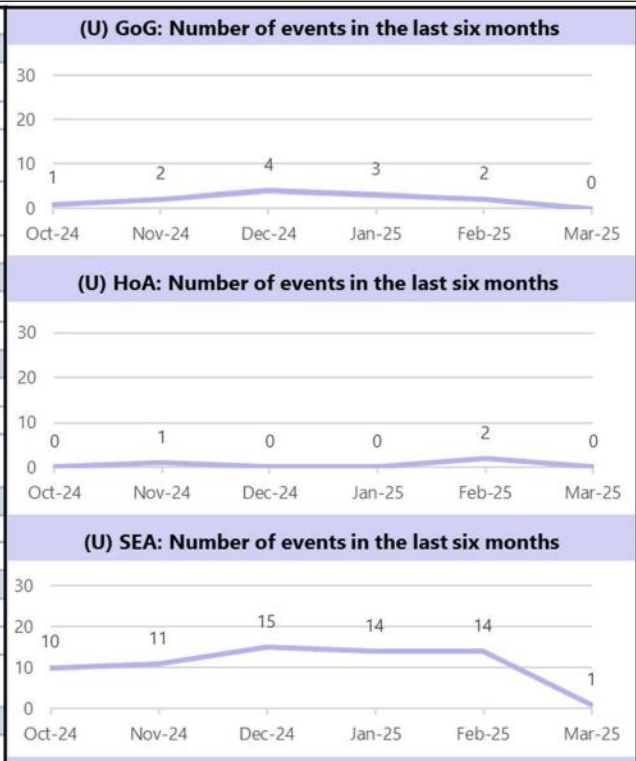
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# (U) Appendix A: Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea Statistics and Trends

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<b>(U) Gulf of Guinea</b>					
Event	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Hijackings	0	2	1	0	0
Kidnappings	16	3	7	10	1
Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination	2	4	1	0	0
Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings	7	5	4	5	0
Boardings	19	12	10	10	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>(U) Horn of Africa</b>					
Event	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Hijackings	0	0	6*	12*	2
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0
Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts	1	0	1	6	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>(U) Southeast Asia</b>					
Event	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Hijackings	0	1	2	1	0
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0
Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts	79	84	103	97	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>29</b>



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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="#">2025-003: Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean – Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom</a>	14 Feb 2025	11 Aug 2025
<a href="#">2025-002: Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman – Iranian Illegal Boarding/Detention/Seizure</a>	14 Feb 2025	11 Aug 2025
<a href="#">2025-001: Southern Red Sea, Bab el Mandeb Strait, and Gulf of Aden – Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels</a>	14 Feb 2025	11 Aug 2025
<a href="#">2024-014: Gulf of Guinea – Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom</a>	20 Dec 2024	17 Jun 2025
<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

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