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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 12 February–12 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.

1. **(U) U.S. Maritime Advisory (2025-004: Black Sea and Sea of Azov – Military Combat Operations)** Issued on 5 March 2025. This advisory cancels U.S. Maritime Advisory 2024-012. Since February 2022, commercial vessels have reportedly been struck by projectiles and experienced explosions in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov. There have also been reports of moored and drifting naval mines. While some past actions may have targeted specific commercial vessels due to their association with certain countries or their activity, the potential remains for miscalculation or misidentification, resulting in a high risk of damage to commercial vessels in the region. For more information about U.S. Maritime Alerts and Advisories, including subscription details, please visit <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/msci>. This advisory will automatically expire on 1 September 2025.

(U) Summary:

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 11 March, robbers boarded a tanker while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS).
2. (U) PERSIAN GULF: On 10 March, vessels experienced electronic interference in the Strait of Hormuz.
3. (U) INDONESIA: On 8 March, six robbers boarded a general cargo ship while berthed at port in Jakarta.
4. (U) ECUADOR: On 8 March, perpetrators in two unlit speedboats approached a container ship while underway west of Isla Puna Island and attempted to board.
5. (U) INDIA: On 7 March, robbers boarded an offshore supply vessel while anchored at Kakinada Anchorage.
6. (U) MALAYSIA: On 7 March, robbers boarded a barge under tow by a Singapore-flagged tug boat 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)

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(U) CENTRAL AMERICA – CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA

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(U) Figure 1. Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea in South America

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1. **(U) ECUADOR:** On 8 March at 0030 local time, robbers in two unlit speedboats approached a container ship while underway approximately 14 NM west of Isla Puna Island, near position 02:53S – 080:30W. As the speedboats approached the vessel, the master alerted local authorities, and when the perpetrators attempted to board the ship, the master increased speed and conducted evasive maneuvers, which resulted in the perpetrators aborting their attempt. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

(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.

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

(U) PERSIAN GULF

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(U) Figure 2. Suspicious Activity in the Strait of Hormuz

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1. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 10 March at 1830 UTC, vessels experienced GPS interference, with disruptions lasting several hours, affecting navigation systems and requiring vessels to rely on backup methods. (UKMTO; Clearwater Dynamics)

(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.

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Reports suggest the fishing vessel may be used as a mothership for maritime criminal activities. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMB; eunavfor.eu)

(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

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(U) Figure 3. Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea in Southeast Asia

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1. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 11 March at 0240 local time, six robbers armed with guns boarded the Panama-flagged crude oil tanker *Prisma* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:43E. The robbers entered the engine room and took the chief and third engineers hostage and tied them up. The two crew managed to escape and notify the bridge of the unauthorized persons onboard. The bridge raised the alarm and activated the ship's horn, and the crew mustered. The perpetrators, seeing the ship in an alerted state, escaped empty-handed. The master reported all crew members were safe, that the vessel did not require assistance and was continuing to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP; IMB)
2. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 8 March at 0145 local time, six robbers boarded the Panama-flagged general cargo ship *Mito* while berthed at port in Jakarta, near position 06:05S – 106:53E. The robbers damaged the entrance door to the wheelhouse and the anti-piracy grating, and stole generator spare parts before departing the ship. The master reported that no crew members were injured. (ReCAAP)

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3. **(U) MALAYSIA:** On 7 March at 2022 local time, three robbers boarded the barge *LKH 7887* under tow by the Singapore-flagged tug boat *HK Tug 9* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:17N – 104:20E. The master confirmed that the robbers had disembarked from the barge, the crew was not injured and there was no damage to the vessel. (ReCAAP; Clearwater Dynamics)
4. (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)
5. (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)
6. (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)
7. (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)
8. (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

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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)

9. (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)
10. (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)
11. (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)
12. (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)
13. (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 –

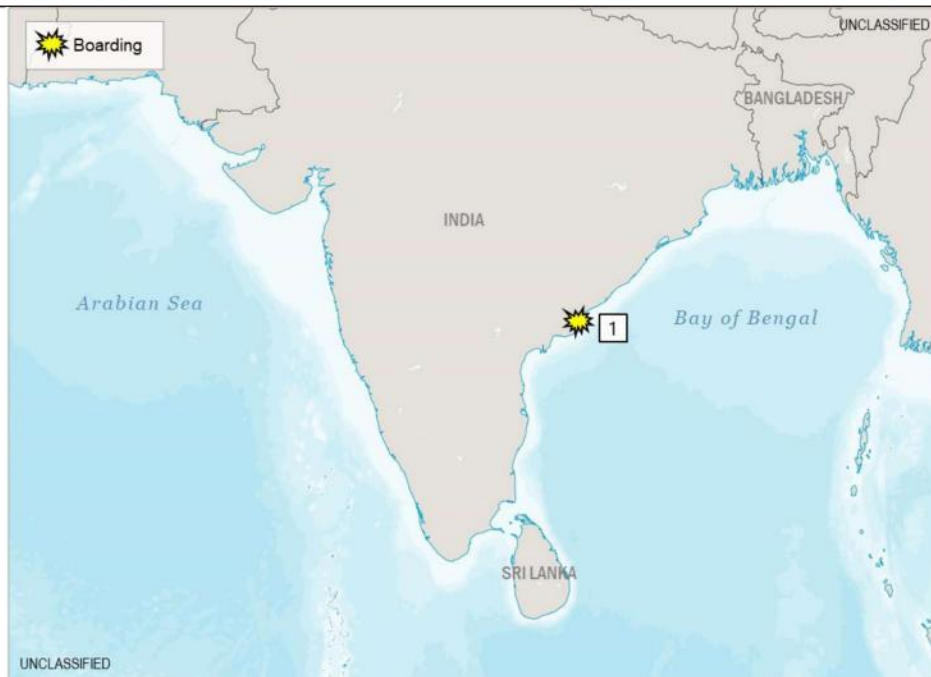
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103:41E. After spotting the perpetrators in the engine room, the duty crew raised the alarm and all crew mustered to conduct a search with no further sighting of the perpetrators. No crew members were injured and nothing was reported stolen. The vessel continued its voyage to its next port of call without the need for assistance. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

14. (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)

(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

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(U) Figure 4. Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea in Indian Subcontinent

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1. **(U) INDIA:** On 7 March at 2023 local time, three robbers armed with knives boarded an offshore supply vessel while anchored at Kakinada Anchorage, near position 17:00N – 082:19E. The duty crew spotted the robbers cutting mooring lines. After the alarm was raised, the perpetrators escaped into a small boat with the stolen mooring lines. (Clearwater Dynamics)

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(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

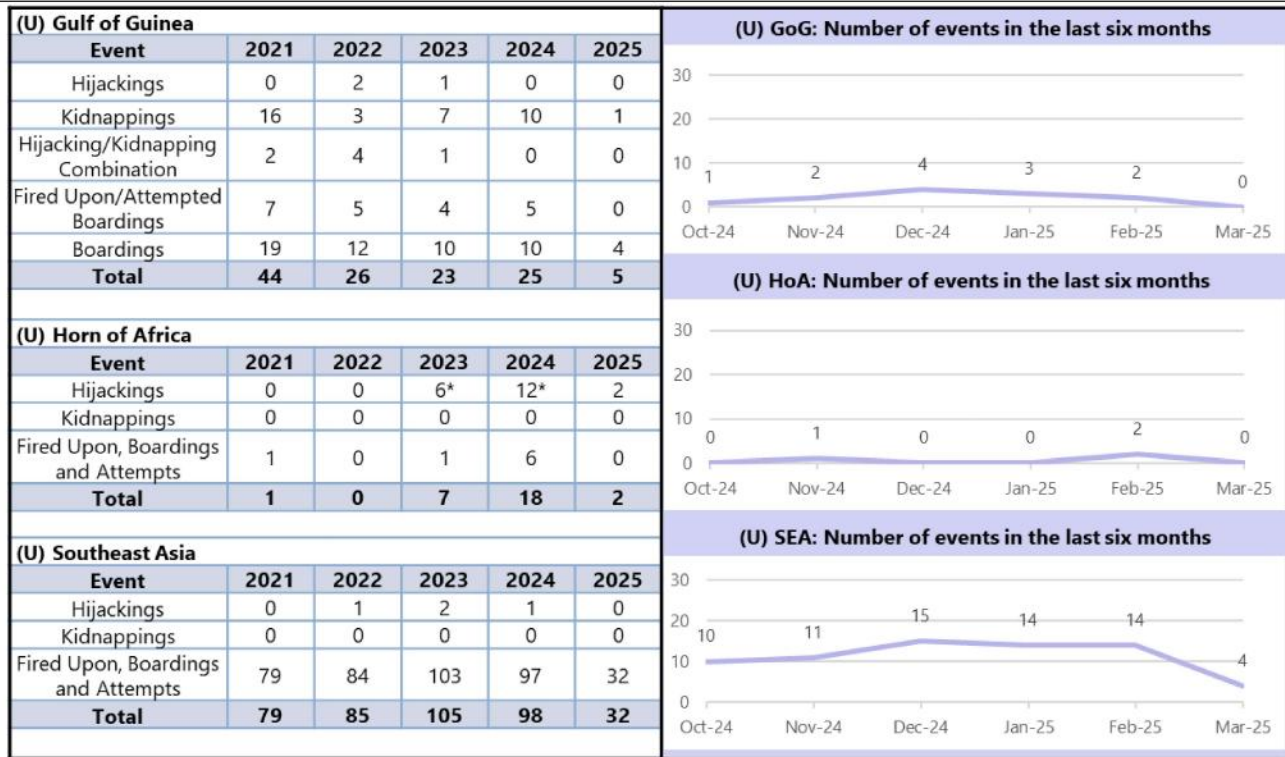
(U) No current incidents to report.

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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
2025-004: Black Sea and Sea of Azov – Military Combat Operations	5 Mar 2025	1 Sep 2025
2025-003: Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean – Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	14 Feb 2025	11 Aug 2025
2025-002: Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman – Iranian Illegal Boarding/Detention/Seizure	14 Feb 2025	11 Aug 2025
2025-001: Southern Red Sea, Bab el Mandeb Strait, and Gulf of Aden – Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels	14 Feb 2025	11 Aug 2025
2024-014: Gulf of Guinea – Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	20 Dec 2024	17 Jun 2025
2024-013: Global – U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts	11 Oct 2024	11 Apr 2025
2024-011: Worldwide – Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence	9 Oct 2024	7 Apr 2025

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