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# (U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 25 December 2024–22 January 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 22 January, as many as six robbers armed with a knife and a gun-like object boarded a Portugal-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS).
2. (U) INDONESIA: On 19 January, six robbers armed with knives boarded a Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS.
3. (U) INDONESIA: On 17 January, two robbers boarded a Singapore-flagged chemical tanker while anchored at Belawan Anchorage.
4. (U) INDONESIA: On 16 January, two perpetrators armed with gun-like objects boarded a Liberia-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

(U) No current incidents to report.

### (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) COTE D'IVOIRE: On 13 January at 1910 local time, one robber armed with a knife boarded a Vanuatu-flagged offshore supply vessel anchored at Abidjan, near position 05:16N – 004:00E. The robber stole a phone then escaped. (Clearwater Dynamics; IMB)
2. (U) ANGOLA: On 7 January at 0250 local time, persons onboard a wooden boat claiming to be selling cigarettes and drinks approached a supply vessel anchored at Luanda, near position 08:45S – 0013:20E. They diverted the crew's attention while robbers boarded the vessel on the opposite side. The robbers escaped unnoticed with the lifeboat's outboard engine. The robbery was discovered and consequently reported some time later. (Clearwater Dynamics)

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3. (U) NIGERIA: On 2 January at 2142 local time, four unauthorized persons boarded a tanker while berthed at Lagos port, near position 06:26N – 003:18E. After the duty crew spotted the perpetrators onboard the vessel, the perpetrators, seeing the alerted crew, escaped. The incident was reported to port authorities. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

## (U) ARABIAN GULF

(U) No current incidents to report.

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

(U) No current incidents to report.

## (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 22 January at 0403 local time, as many as six robbers, including one armed with a knife and one carrying a gun-like object, boarded a Portugal-flagged bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:30N – 103:36E. The duty crew spotted the robbers in the engine room. After the incident, the master reported to Singapore authorities that all crew members were safe, uninjured, and accounted for. The ship continued to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics)



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2. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 19 January at 0515 local time, six robbers armed with knives boarded the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier *Golden Calvus* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:10N – 103:49E. The duty crew sighted the robbers in the engine room and informed the bridge. After the alarm was raised and the crew mustered and searched the ship; the crew reported no perpetrators onboard, that the chief engineer had been tied up, and engine spare parts had been stolen. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
3. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 17 January at 1736 local time, two robbers boarded the Singapore-flagged chemical tanker *Golden Curl* while anchored at the Belawan Anchorage, near position 03:55N – 098:44E. A crew member spotted the perpetrators on the port side main deck near the accommodation area. After the crew member alerted the bridge, the general alarm was sounded and the crew mustered to conduct a search. Seeing the crew's alertness, the perpetrators escaped by jumping onto a boat waiting alongside the ship. The master informed authorities that crew members were not injured and that unsecured items were stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
4. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 16 January at 0237 local time, two perpetrators armed with gun-like objects boarded the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *Jolanda* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:43E. After the second engineer spotted the perpetrators in the engine room and reported their presence to the master, the alarm was raised to muster the crew to search the ship. The search was completed with no sightings of the perpetrators. Nothing was stolen, all crew were safe and there were no reported injuries. The master informed authorities that no further assistance was need and the vessel proceeded to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
5. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 9 January at 0540 local time, six robbers armed with knives boarded the Hong Kong-flagged bulk carrier *Trinity Island* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:08N – 103:45E. The duty crew reported seeing the perpetrators armed with knives at the port quarter of the upper deck. After the crew mustered and searched the ship, the master reported that a crewman had been found tied up in the engine room but all crew were safe, and that engine parts had been stolen. The vessel did not require assistance and continued its voyage to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)
6. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 8 January at 0400 local time, four perpetrators boarded the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *Anabela* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:03N – 103:36E. The duty crew had observed the perpetrators armed with knives in the steering gear room. After the incident, the master reported that the crew

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was safe and that nothing was reported stolen. The vessel continued its transit to its next port of call. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

7. (U) INDONESIA: On 7 January at 0400 local time, four robbers armed with a gun boarded a bulk carrier while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:05N – 103:35E. After the robbers entered the engine room, the alarm was raised and the crew mustered to conduct a search. Seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped with ship's stores. The local authorities were informed and the Singapore Coast Guard arrived at the bulk carrier's location to board and inspect the vessel. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)
8. (U) INDONESIA: On 29 December at 1035 local time, three perpetrators attempted to board a tanker from a small boat using the anchor chain. The tanker was anchored at Belawan Anchorage in the Malacca Strait, near position 03:55N – 098:44E. The duty crew spotted the boarding attempt and raised the alarm, which resulted in the perpetrators escaping empty-handed. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)
9. (U) INDONESIA: On 28 December at 0114 local time, up to five robbers armed with gun-like objects boarded the Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *Rostrum Hedonist* while underway in the eastbound lane of the Singapore Strait TSS, near position 01:02N – 103:39E. Duty crew discovered the perpetrators in the steering gear room, which caused the perpetrators to escape. The Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the bulk carrier to investigate the incident and they confirmed that spare parts and a fuel pump had been stolen. (Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

## (U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

1. (U) BANGLADESH: On 13 January at 0050 local time, eight robbers, in a wooden boat armed with knives and steel bars, boarded the Sri Lanka-flagged bulk carrier *Ceylon Breeze* using hooks attached to ropes. The ship was anchored at Payra Outer Anchorage, near position 21:19N – 090:04E. The robbers overpowered the duty crewman on rounds, tied him up, and broke into the forecabin and paint lockers. Another duty crew noticed the robbers and informed the bridge. The bridge raised the alarm and mustered the crew to conduct a search. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers escaped with ship's properties and stores. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics; ReCAAP)

(U) BANGLADESH: On 29 December at 0130 local time, three perpetrators armed with knives and iron bars boarded a bulk carrier while anchored at Chattogram Anchorage, near position 21:49N – 091:46E. The duty crew spotted the perpetrators attempting to break into the forecabin store. The perpetrators threatened the duty crew member, who managed to escape and raise the alarm. The perpetrators also threatened a watchman who responded

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to the alarm, before they escaped empty-handed into a waiting boat with four other persons. (IMB; Clearwater Dynamics)

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

(U) No current incidents to report.

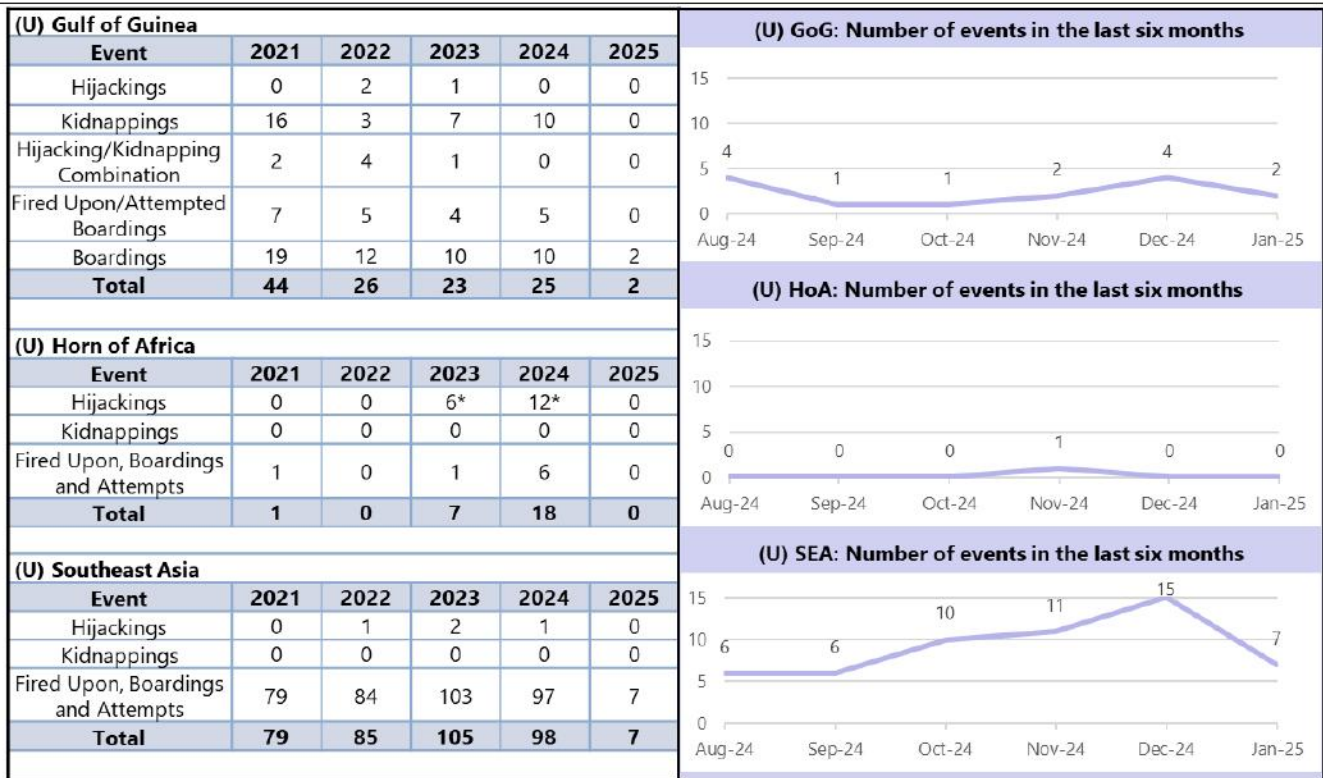


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# (U) Appendix A: Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea Statistics and Trends

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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="#">2024-014: 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
<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

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