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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 01 April – 29 April 2026

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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. ****LATE REPORT** (U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 20 April at 1630 local time, a robbery occurred onboard a barge under tow.
2. **(U) INDIAN OCEAN:** On 28 April at 1900 local time, a vessel was approached by suspicious craft while underway.
3. **(U) IVORY COAST:** On 27 April at 0358 local time, there was an attempted robbery onboard a container ship.
4. **(U) INDIAN OCEAN:** On 26 April at 2300 local time, a cargo vessel was hijacked while underway near Somalia.
5. **(U) MALAYSIA:** On 25 April at 1200 local time, a robbery occurred onboard a tanker while it was anchored in Malaysia.
6. **(U) INDIAN OCEAN:** On 23 April at 1020 local time, a container vessel was approached by two small craft off the coast of Somalia.

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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 incidents are not double-counted. In the event 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.

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(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.

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(U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA



1. **(U) IVORY COAST:** On 27 April at 0358 local time, an attempted robbery occurred on a container ship that was anchored at San Pedro anchorage. Duty crew raised the alarm after observing a number of perpetrators attempt to gain access to the vessel by climbing up the anchor chain. On hearing the alarm, the perpetrators aborted their attempt to board and fled on a wooden boat. All crew members were reported safe. (IMB/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) IVORY COAST:** On 21 April at 2130 local time, a robbery occurred onboard an offshore support vessel while anchored at Abidjan inner anchorage. The perpetrator stole the watchman's phone, before jumping overboard and escaping on a canoe. All crew members were reported safe. (CLOSED/MDAT-GoG/Clearwater Dynamics)

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(U) PERSIAN GULF

1. **(U) GULF OF OMAN:** On 22 April at 0338 local time, a cargo ship was fired upon approximately 8NM west of Iran. All crew members were reported safe and no damage to the vessel has been reported. (UKMTO/Closed/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) OMAN:** On 22 April at 0100 local time, a container vessel was fired upon while underway 15NM northeast of Oman. The vessel was reportedly approached by one IRGC gun boat and Iranian forces have reported the vessel was seized. (Closed/Open/UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) OMAN:** On 22 April at 0055 local time, a vessel was reportedly attacked by an IRGC gun boat approximately 15NM northeast of Oman. Heavy damage to the bridge occurred during the firing. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
4. **(U) PERISAN GULF:** On 07 April at 0045 local time, a container vessel was struck by an unidentified projectile while operating approximately 25NM south of Kish Island, Iran. The vessel was reportedly struck above the waterline. All crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

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(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA



1. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 28 April at 1900 local time, a vessel was approached by multiple suspicious crafts while underway approximately 488NM southeast of Hobyo, Somalia. The vessel executed evasive maneuvers, increased speed, and the armed security team onboard displayed weapons which resulted in the small craft aborting its approach. All crew are reported safe. (MSCIO/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 26 April at 2300 local time, a cargo vessel was hijacked while underway near Garacad, Somalia. Initial reports indicate that a number of unauthorized persons have taken control of the vessel which has been re-directed to within the Somalian territorial waters. Local authorities are investigating. (UKTMO/Closed/Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 23 April at 1020 local time, a container vessel was approached off the coast of Somalia by two small craft with two armed perpetrators. Warning shots were fired by the vessel's security team, after one of the small craft approached within 600m. The small craft returned fire before moving away from the container ship and clearing the area. All crew were reported safe and accounted for. (UKTMO/IMB/Clearwater Dynamics)

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4. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 21 April at 0900 local time, a Palau-flagged tanker was boarded by armed intruders while underway 24NM southeast of Hafun. The incident is currently ongoing. (Closed/Clearwater Dynamics)
5. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 20 April at 1612 local time, a fishing vessel was reportedly hijacked by 11-armed intruders near Xaafuun, Somalia. The pirates reportedly have boarded and taken control of the vessel. No additional reporting is available about the safety of the crew or location of the vessel. (MICA CENTER/Clearwater Dynamics)
6. **(U) RED SEA:** On 13 April at 0915 local time, a tanker was approached by seven suspicious perpetrators while underway in the Red Sea. The individuals approached on a high-speed craft and got within 0.8NM of the vessel. Gun-like objects were displayed on the tanker's railings, deterring the perpetrators. All crew members were reported safe. (Master of the Vessel/Clearwater Dynamics)
7. **(U) RED SEA:** On 12 April at 1125 local time, a vessel was approached by ten to 12 suspicious perpetrators 45NM southwest of Al Hudayah. Four to five of the individuals were armed with automatic weapons. When the perpetrators attempted to board the vessel, the master deployed a flare prompting the group to disengage and depart to the southeast. All crew members were reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
8. **(U) ARABIAN SEA:** On 07 April, a bulk carrier was struck by two unidentified projectiles while operating approximately 112NM southeast of Ras Al Hadd, Oman. A fire broke out onboard the vessel and all the crew members were reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
9. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 05 April at 1248 local time, a container vessel was attacked by multiple unknown projectiles while conducting loading operations in Khor Fakkan Port. All crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

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(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA



1. **(U) MALAYSIA:** On 25 April at 1200 local time, a robbery occurred onboard a tanker while it was anchored in Malaysia. During a routine inspection, duty crew logged that items of the ship's properties had been stolen, the incident was then reported to the local authorities. All crew are reported safe. (IMB/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. ****LATE REPORT** (U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 20 April at 1630 local time, a robbery occurred onboard a barge under tow. Two unauthorized persons were sighted (one onboard a Sampan and one onboard the barge). The shipmaster reported that all crew were safe and accounted for and some scrap metal was stolen. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 21 April at 1640 local time, a Marshall Islands-flagged tanker was reportedly boarded by armed intruders while underway in the Phillip Channel. Four perpetrators armed with knives boarded the vessel and stole spare parts. All crew were reported safe. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)
4. **(U) SINGAPORE:** On 13 April at 1330 local time, a robbery occurred onboard a barge while transiting in the eastbound lane of the Traffic Separation Scheme. Three individuals stole some scrap metal, all crew members were reported safe. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)

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(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

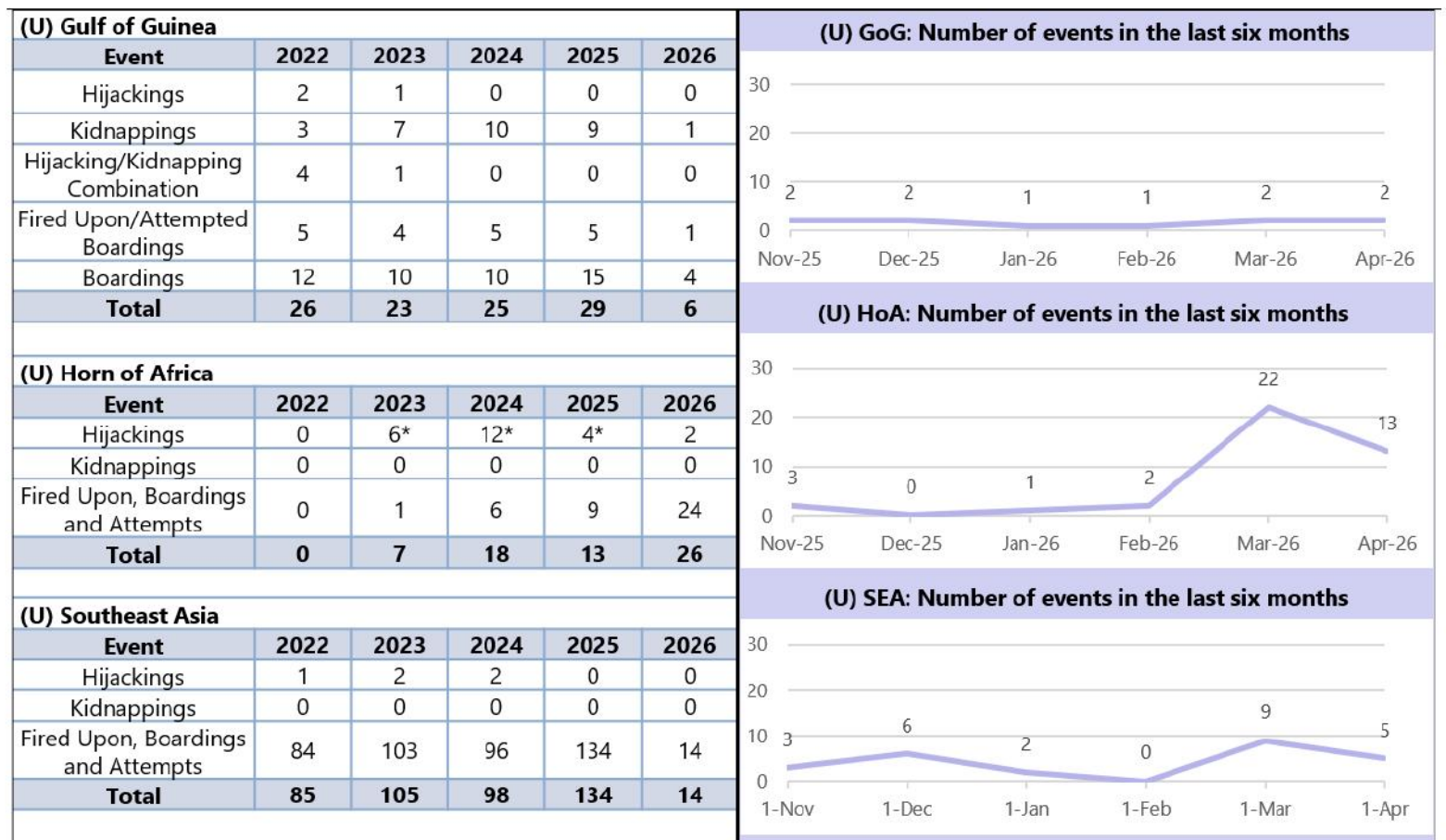
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(U) Appendix A: Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea Statistics and Trends

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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

2026-008-Global-U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts	24 Apr 2026	21 Oct 2026
2026-007-Worldwide-Worldwide-Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence	24 Apr 2026	21 Oct 2026
2026-006-Red Sea, Bab el Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, and Somali Basin-Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels	26 Mar 2026	22 Sep 2026
2026-005-Black Sea and Sea of Azov-Military Combat Operations	19 Mar 2026	15 Sep 2026
2026-004-Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman-Iranian Attacks on Commercial Vessels	13 Mar 2026	09 Sep 2026
2026-002-Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean-piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	09 Feb 2026	08 Aug 2026
2025-015-Gulf of Guinea-Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	15 Dec 2025	13 Jun 2026

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