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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 24 June – 22 July 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. **(U) RED SEA:** On 22 July at 2000 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile.
2. **(U) BAB-EL-MANDEB:** On 21 July at 0649 UTC, a suspicious sighting of two small crafts with mounted heavy guns.
3. **(U) GULF OF OMAN:** On 20 July at 2010 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile.
4. **(U) OMAN:** On 19 July at 2245 UTC, a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile.
5. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 19 July at 2230 UTC, a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile.
6. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 17 July at 0620 UTC, a tanker was hijacked.
7. **(U) IRAQ:** On 16 July, an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) struck a tanker.

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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.

(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA

(U) No current incidents to report.

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(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

1. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 04 July at 2100 UTC, a robbery occurred onboard a Singaporean-flagged tanker while underway in the Singapore strait. The perpetrators stole engine spares, all crew members reported safe. (IMB/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 07 July at 1539 UTC, a robbery occurred onboard a bulk carrier while anchored at Jakarta Anchorage. Two robbers were spotted in the engine room and escaped with engine spares, all crew members reported safe. (IMB/Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 29 June at 2030 local time, it was reported that robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier unnoticed. The perpetrators escaped with stolen ship's properties. No further details regarding the stolen items nor the crew safety have been reported. (IMB/Clearwater Dynamics)
4. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 25 June at 0040 local time, an attempted robbery occurred onboard a cargo vessel while underway in the Phillip Channel. The crew spotted three-armed perpetrators. No further information has been released, all crew members reported safe. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) PERSIAN GULF



1. **(U) IRAQ:** On 16 July, it has been reported that an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) struck a tanker at Basra oil terminal. The vessel has reported no sustained damage and no crew injuries. (CLOSED/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 27 June at 0830 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while transiting in the Strait of Hormuz. The vessel sustained damage to the bridge, all crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/MSCIO/Clearwater Dynamics)

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3. **(U) OMAN:** On 25 June at 1410 UTC, a cargo vessel was struck by an unknown projectile 7.5NM southeast of Dahit. The vessel sustained damage to the bridge, all crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

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(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA



1. **(U) RED SEA:** On 22 July at 2000 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while underway approximately 70NM southwest of Al Shuqaiq, Saudi Arabia. A fire had broken out onboard, which the crew had actively been fighting at the time of reporting. There are no reports of casualties or environmental impacts. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) BAB-EL-MANDEB:** On 21 July at 0649 UTC, it was reported that two small crafts had been sighted with mounted heavy guns drifting near the Maritime Security Transit Corridor (MSTC). A merchant vessel reported a suspicious approach by one skiff with six people on board with ammunition reportedly visible. At 0636 UTC, the same vessel also reported one small craft with eight-armed people wearing military uniforms passing without making an approach. Separately, at 0640 UTC, another merchant vessel reported two-armed speedboats, each carrying three people with heavy weapons onboard, near the entrance to the Bab el Mandeb. The vessel increased speed and altered course to pass clearly. (CLOSED/MSCIO/Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) GULF OF OMAN:** On 20 July at 2010 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while underway approximately 8NM from Limah, Oman. Multiple reports have been received via VHF Channel 16 from the vessel reporting the strike. The Company Security Officer has informed UKMTO that the crew are embarked on a lifeboat after abandoning the vessel. There has been no environmental impacts reported. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
4. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 19 July at 2230 UTC, UKMTO reported that a vessel had been struck by an unknown projectile approximately 17NM from Dibba, United Arab Emirates. The Master has confirmed that the projectile caused damage to the steering gear. All crew are reported safe and there are no environmental impacts. (UKMTO/MASTER/Clearwater Dynamics)

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5. **(U) OMAN:** On 19 July at 2245 UTC, it was reported that a vessel was fire. UKMTO have issued further information received from the CSO stating that the vessel was struck by an unknown projectile. The fire had not been extinguished at the time of reporting, and the crew have been forced to abandon the vessel. The vessel is currently adrift. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
6. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 17 July at 0620 UTC, it was reported that a tanker had been boarded while underway. The authorities are currently investigating. MSCIO reported that the vessel had been hijacked by a Pirate Action Group (PAG) and is underway towards the Horn of Africa. (CLOSED/MSCIO/OPEN/Clearwater Dynamics)
7. **(U) OMAN:** On 13 July at 2104 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while underway approximately 40NM northeast of Qalhat. The vessel sustained damage to the starboard side of the engine room, all crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
8. **(U) OMAN:** On 13 July, two tankers were targeted and struck by Iranian cruise missiles while transiting in Omani waters in the Strait of Hormuz. Fires broke out onboard the vessels and have since been controlled by the crew. There have been multiple crew casualties and at least one fatality. (CLOSED/Clearwater Dynamics)
9. **(U) OMAN:** On 11 July at 2240 UTC, a container ship was attacked 9NM east of Oman. The vessel sustained damage to the rear and caused a fire to break out onboard. All crew members evacuated the ship onto lifeboats and have since been rescued by local authorities. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
10. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 07 July at 1305 UTC time, UKMTO reported that a tanker had been struck by an unknown Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) while transiting the Strait of Hormuz. The impact caused minor structural damage to the vessel with no casualties nor environmental impacts. The vessel continued to its next port of call. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
11. **(U) INDIAN OCEAN:** On 07 July at 0001 UTC time, UKMTO received a third-party report indicating that a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while transiting the Strait of Hormuz. The vessel reported sustained structural damage, no casualties nor pollution reported at this time. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
12. **(U) OMAN:** On 06 July at 2119 UTC time, it was reported that a tanker had been struck by an unknown projectile on its port side while traveling southbound. The impact caused a fire onboard the vessel. The Master confirmed there are no casualties nor environmental impacts. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
13. **(U) YEMEN:** On 05 July at 0719 UTC time, UKMTO reported that a cargo vessel issued an alert stating that they were under attack by unknown armed assailants. MSCIO reported the bulk carrier was approached by a skiff and was fired upon. The armed security team on board returned fire, after which the skiff moved away towards a mothership vessel. The vessel and crew are reported safe. (UKMTO/CLOSED/MSCIO/Clearwater Dynamics)
14. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 01 July at 0715 UTC, a boarding occurred onboard a cargo vessel approximately 76NM south of Yemen. One small craft carrying armed perpetrators

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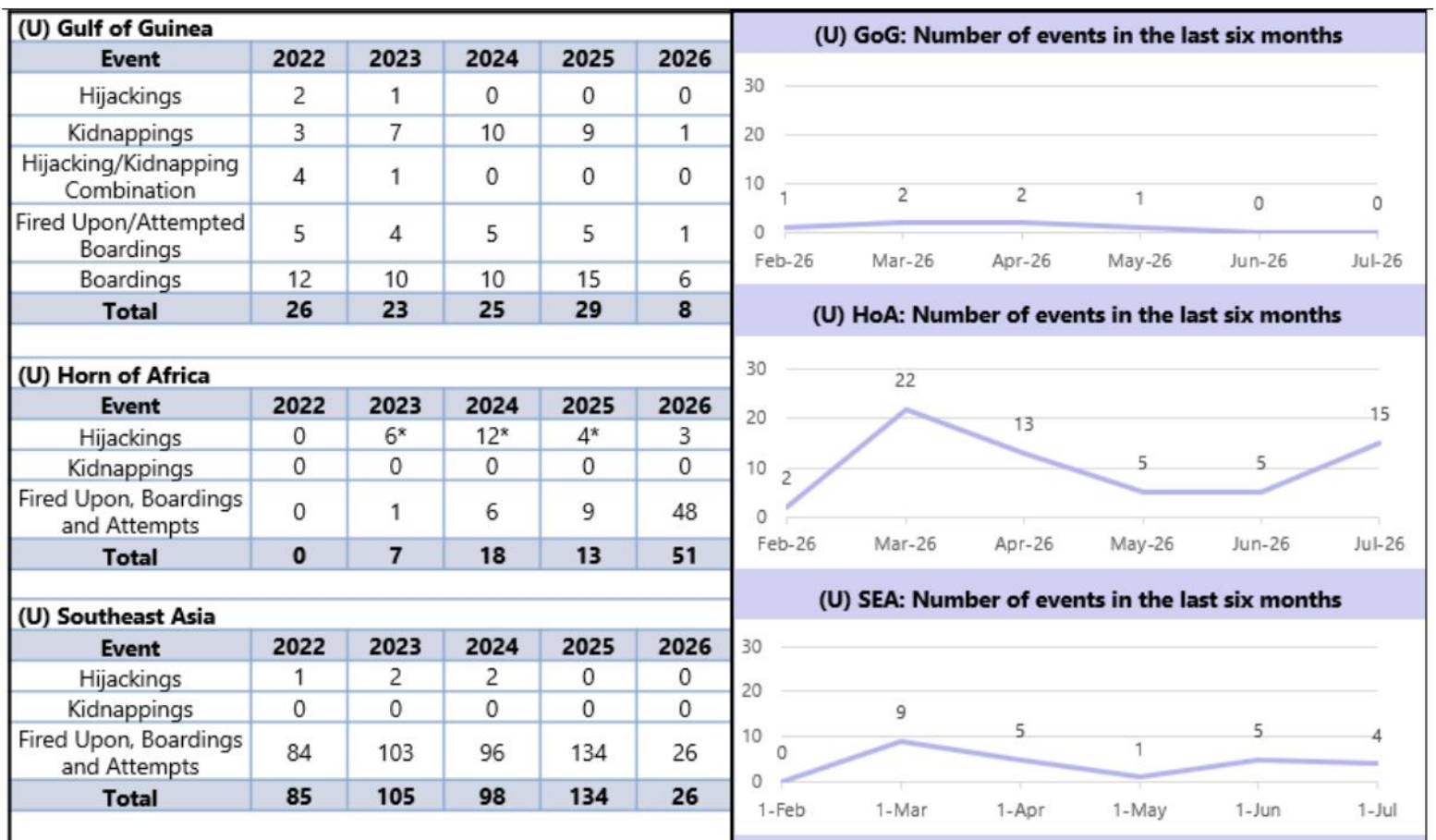
approached the vessel and opened fire, causing minor damage to the bridge. All crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/MICA/Clearwater Dynamics)

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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

2026-009-Gulf of Guinea-Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	24 Jun 2026	21 Dec 2026
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

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