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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 08 July – 05 August 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) OMAN:** On 05 August at 1918 UTC, a tanker heard two explosions.
2. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 05 August at 1430 UTC, a tanker heard an explosion in vicinity of the vessel.
3. **(U) YEMEN:** On 04 August at 0730 UTC, a cargo vessel was struck by an unmanned surface vessel.
4. **(U) OMAN:** On 03 August at 2200 UTC, a cargo vessel was struck by an unidentified projectile.
5. **(U) OMAN:** On 02 August at 2037 UTC, a tanker heard an explosion in vicinity of the vessel.
6. **(U) BLACK SEA:** On 01 August at 0420 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unmanned surface vessel.
7. **(U) OMAN:** On 31 July at 2330 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unidentified projectile.
8. **(U) OMAN:** On 31 July at 2206 UTC, a tanker witnessed a splash from an unknown projectile.

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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.

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(U) MEDITERRANEAN – BLACK SEA



1. **(U) BLACK SEA:** On 01 August at 0420 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unmanned surface vehicle aft of the vessel. The vessel experienced a complete blackout, then restored main electrical power and proceeded to port. All crew members reported safe. (MASTER/CSO/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) EGYPT:** On 29 July at 1420 UTC, two LNG carriers were struck by an unknown projectile while alongside at Damietta Port. Fires broke out onboard both vessels following the strikes, all crew members reported safe. (CLOSED/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) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) PERSIAN GULF

1. **(U) IRAQ:** On 16 July, it was 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)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA



1. **(U) OMAN:** On 05 August at 1918 UTC, a tanker heard two explosions while transiting in the Strait of Hormuz, 9NM southeast of Kumzar, Oman. All crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 05 August at 1430 UTC, a tanker heard an explosion in close proximity of the vessel, 95NM southeast of Aden, Yemen. All crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

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3. **(U) YEMEN:** On 04 August at 0730 UTC, an Indian-flagged small cargo vessel was attacked by an unmanned surface vessel (USV) approximately 9NM southwest of Mokha, Yemen. The attack caused the vessel to capsize and sink. All crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/CLOSED/Clearwater Dynamics)
4. **(U) OMAN:** On 03 August at 2200 UTC, a cargo vessel was struck by an unknown projectile whilst transiting approximately 20NM northeast of Khasab, Oman. There are no reports of casualties. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
5. **(U) OMAN:** On 02 August at 2037 UTC, a tanker heard an explosion near the vessel whilst transiting approximately 20NM northeast of Khasab, Oman. All crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
6. **(U) OMAN:** On 31 July at 2330 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile approximately 11NM northeast of Lima, Oman. The impact caused damage to the engine room and the tanker is not under command. There are no reports of casualties. (UKMTO/ Clearwater Dynamics)
7. **(U) OMAN:** On 31 July at 2206 UTC, a tanker reported witnessing the splash from an unknown projectile occur near the vessel, approximately 21NM northeast of Khasab, Oman. There are no reports of casualties. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
8. **(U) RED SEA:** On 24 July, a tanker reported witnessing the splash from a unknown projectile occur near the vessel while underway in the southern portion of the Red Sea. All crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
9. **(U) RED SEA:** On 24 July, a Saudi-flagged tanker was attacked while underway in the Red Sea. The vessel sustained minor damage to the hull as the result of the attack, all crew members reported safe. (OPEN SOURCE/Clearwater Dynamics)
10. **(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)
11. **(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)

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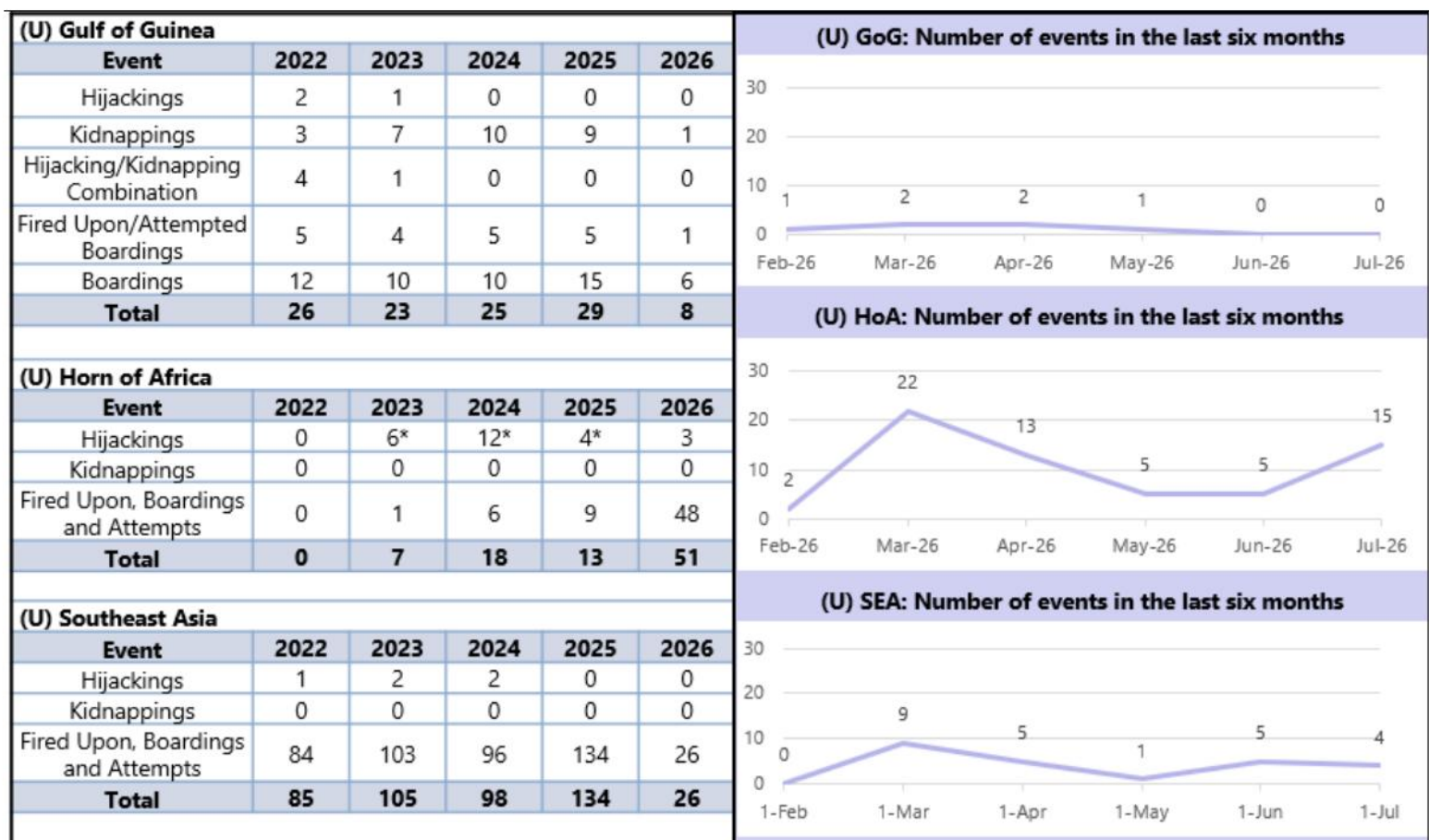
12. **(U) GULF OF OMAN:** On 20 July at 2010 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while underway approximately 8NM from Limah, Oman. Multiple reports have been received via VHF Channel 16 from the vessel reporting the strike. The Company Security Officer has informed UKMTO that the crew are embarked on a lifeboat after abandoning the vessel. There has been no environmental impacts reported. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
13. **(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)
14. **(U) OMAN:** On 19 July at 2245 UTC, it was reported that a vessel was on 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)
15. **(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)
16. **(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)
17. **(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)
18. **(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)

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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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