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# (U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 21 October – 18 November 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) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 18 November at 1645 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile
2. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 17 November at 1805 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile
3. **(U) YEMEN:** On 17 November at 1250 UTC, a bulk carrier had an attempted boarding
4. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 16 November at 1900 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile
5. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 16 November at 0558 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile
6. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 15 November at 0001 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile
7. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 13 November at 0000 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile
8. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 13 November at 0000 UTC, a fishing vessel was boarded

9. **(U) *TIME LATE* ANGOLA:** On 11 November at 2350 UTC, a cargo vessel had a robbery on board
10. **(U) *TIME LATE* STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 11 November at 1800 UTC, a tanker was struck and unknown projectile
11. **(U)*TIME LATE* PERSIAN GULF:** On 10 November at 0000 UTC, a tanker was struck by 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.

## (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

**1. (U) BANGLADESH:** On 07 November at 0000 UTC, a Denmark-flagged LPG tanker was boarded by three perpetrators while anchored at Chattogram anchorage, Bangladesh. Nothing was reported as missing and the incident was reported to the Bangladesh Coast Guard. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)

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

(U) No current incidents to report.

## (U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA




1. **(U) *TIME LATE* ANGOLA:** On 11 November at 2350 UTC, a Singapore-flagged cargo vessel had a robbery on board while anchored at the Luanda outer anchorage, Angola. The number of perpetrators is unknown. A mobile phone and cans of paint were reported stolen. Authorities are investigating the incident. (CLOSED SOURCE/Clearwater Dynamics)

## (U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

1. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 09 November at 1832 UTC, a Marshall Islands-flagged tanker was boarded by six perpetrators armed with 'gun-like objects' while transiting in the Singapore Strait. The third engineer was tied up but not harmed. Engine parts were stolen and the vessel continued her voyage to Singapore. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)

2. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 04 November at 1550 UTC, a cargo vessel was boarded by eight unarmed perpetrators while transiting the Philip Channel, Singapore. No items have been reported stolen. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)

3. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 02 November at 1436 UTC, a cargo vessel was boarded by three persons while underway in the Philip Channel, Singapore. (CLOSED SOURCES/Clearwater Dynamics)

4. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 29 October at 0730 UTC, a robbery occurred on board a cargo ship while it was anchored IVO Belawan, Indonesia. All crew were reported safe and unidentified items were stolen. (ICC/Clearwater Dynamics)

## (U) PERSIAN GULF




1. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 18 November at 1645 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile in the tanker's engine room approximately 6NM north of Khasab, Oman, while transiting outbound through the Strait of Hormuz. All crew members are safe and accounted for. Damage assessment and environmental impacts are unknown. Authorities are investigating the incident. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

2. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 17 November at 1805 UTC, a Liberia-flagged tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while transiting the Strait of Hormuz 13NM north of Khasab, Oman. The strike caused a fire onboard which has been put out. One crew member is unaccounted for. The rest were safely evacuated, with 11 injured and receiving medical care. Damage assessment and environmental impacts are unknown. (UKMTO/CLOSED SOURCE/Clearwater Dynamics)

3. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 16 November at 1900 UTC, a Panama-flagged tanker was struck by an unknown projectile 7NM north of Khasab, Oman, disabling the vessel and causing a fire in the engine room. The tanker was struck again, causing a fire onboard. Oman's emergency response authorities said they had rescued 24 crew members, with 11 being injured, and the search was continuing for one missing person. Efforts to put the fire out are still underway. (UKMTO/OSINT/Clearwater Dynamics)

4. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 16 November at 0558 UTC, a Panama-flagged tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while transiting outbound through the Strait of Hormuz, causing a fire in the engine room. The crew is accounted for and no casualties were reported. The extent of damage and environmental impacts are unknown. Authorities are investigating the incident. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

5. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 15 November at 0001 UTC, a Liberia-flagged tanker was struck by an unknown projectile transiting east in the Arabian Gulf prior to entering the Strait of Hormuz. Crew are reported safe and accounted for. The extent of damage and environmental impacts are unknown. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

6. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 13 November at 0000 UTC, a Kuwait-flagged tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while transiting east through the Persian Gulf, prior to entering the Strait of Hormuz. All crew are reported safe and accounted for. Damage assessment and environmental impacts are unknown. (UKMTO/CLOSED SOURCE/CLEARWATER DYNAMICS)

7. **(U) *TIME LATE* STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 11 November at 1800 UTC, a Liberia-flagged tanker was struck by an unknown projectile in the engine room 14NM northwest of Ra's al Khaymah, UAE. The crew were safely evacuated and no casualties were reported. The extent of damage and environmental impacts are unknown. Authorities are investigating the incident. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

8. **(U) *TIME LATE* PERSIAN GULF:** On 10 November at 0000 UTC, a Liberia-flagged tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while transiting east. Several crew members were injured and taken ashore for medical treatment. The remaining crew reported safe. The extent of damage and environmental impacts are unknown. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

9. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 11 November at 0000 UTC, UKMTO reported a Saudi Arabia-flagged tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while conducting an outbound transit in the Strait of Hormuz. All crew are reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

10. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 10 November at 1338 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while 19NM northeast of Lima, Oman. All crew are reported safe and no environmental impacts have been reported. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

11. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 07 November at 2020 UTC, a tanker's Company Security Officer reported that the tanker had been struck by an unknown projectile while transiting outbound through the Strait of Hormuz. All crew are reported safe and there are no environmental impacts reported. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

12. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 07 November at 1920 UTC, a Liberia-flagged tanker was sighted with a fire onboard while 8NM northwest of Khasab, Oman. The origin of the fire is unknown. The crew has been evacuated. The status of the crew, environmental impacts, and the extent of the damage is unknown. (UKMTO/MICA CENTRE/Clearwater Dynamics)

13. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 05 November at 2200 UTC, a Master of a tanker reported that the tanker experienced an explosion at the waterline on the port side while 16NM east of Khasab, Oman. All crew are reported safe. The tanker remains under its own power and is continuing its voyage. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

14. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 04 November at 2320 UTC, a Marshall Islands-flagged tanker was struck by two unknown projectiles while 50NM north of Madinat ash Shamal, Qatar. One seafarer has been reported missing. (UKMTO/IMO/Clearwater Dynamics)

15. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 03 November at 1900 UTC, a Barbados-flagged tanker was struck by two unknown projectiles in the engine room while 14NM northeast of Lima, Oman. No casualties or environments impacts have been reported. (UKMTO/OPEN SOURCE/Clearwater Dynamics)

16. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 01 November at 2347 UTC, a Liberia-flagged tanker was struck by two unknown projectiles 72NM east of Ras Al Khafiji, Saudi Arabia, while transiting southeast through the Persian Gulf. All crew are accounted for, and no environmental impacts have been reported. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

17. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 01 November at 2020 UTC, a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile 9NM northeast of Lima, Oman. The attack created a hole in the starboard side. All crew are reported safe, and no environmental impacts have been reported. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

18. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 01 November at 1509 UTC, a Panama-flagged tug/supply vessel was struck by an unknown projectile within the Strait of Hormuz. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

19. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 30 October at 1800 UTC, a Marshall Islands-flagged tanker was struck 40NM south of Lavan Island, Iran, by an unknown projectile on its port side. The crew have been reported safe, and no environmental impacts have been reported at this time. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

20. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 29 October at 2212 UTC, a Panama-flagged tanker was sighted on fire 25NM northeast of Khasab, Oman, while transiting outbound. A small craft came along the tanker's port side and attached two explosive devices. When the devices detonated, it started a fire in the engine room and left the tanker temporarily disabled. The fire has been extinguished with all crew members reported safe and no environmental impacts reported. The tanker has resumed its passage towards its next port of call. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

21. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 29 October at 1600 UTC, a Panama-flagged tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while transiting outbound. All crew are reported safe and no environmental impacts have been reported. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

22. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 28 October at 0001 UTC, a Liberia-flagged tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while transiting outbound. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

23. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 27 October at 1715 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile 7NM northeast of Limah, Oman, while transiting outbound in the strait. The vessel was able to continue transit to its next port of call. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

24. **(U) IRAQ:** On 26 October at 0000 UTC, multiple third parties stated seeing a vessel on fire 63NM southeast of Al-Faw, Iraq. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

25. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 23 October at 1715 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile 7NM northeast of Limah, Oman, while transiting outbound through the Strait of Hormuz. The vessel was able to continue voyage to its next port of call. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

26. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 21 October at 0145 UTC, a Kuwait-flagged tanker was struck by an unknown projectile approximately 11NM west of Bukha, Oman. A fire broke out onboard which was quickly extinguished, all crew members reported safe. (NAVAREA/Clearwater Dynamics)

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




1. **(U) YEMEN:** On 17 November at 1250 UTC, a San Marino-flagged bulk carrier was approached by two skiffs approximately 50NM southwest of Al Mukalla, Yemen. Unauthorized persons attempted to board the bulk carrier, but the bulk carrier's armed security team fired a warning shot at the skiff, which then turned back towards a mothership. (UKMTO/CLOSED SOURCE/Clearwater Dynamics)

2. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 13 November at 0000 UTC, a fishing vessel was boarded by pirates. The vessel was last reported approximately 67NM north-northeast of Hobyo, Somalia. Initial reports stated that the vessel was boarded with the intent to commit robbery, but unconfirmed reports have stated the vessel has been hijacked. The status and safety of the crew is currently unknown. (MSCIO/Clearwater Dynamics)

3. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 29 October at 0900 UTC, an Iranian-flagged fishing vessel was hijacked by 12 armed pirates off the northeastern coast of Somalia. India announced the forcible rescue of the vessel off the eastern coast of Puntland, Somalia, with several members of the pirate group being apprehended. (MSCIO/Clearwater Dynamics)

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

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**(U) Gulf of Guinea**

| Event | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hijackings | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Kidnappings | 3 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| Boardings | 12 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 9 |
| **Total** | **26** | **23** | **25** | **29** | **12** |

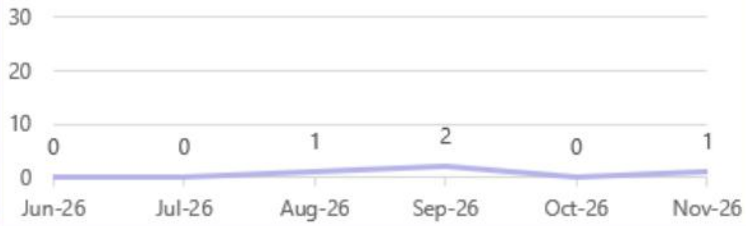
**(U) Horn of Africa**

| Event | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hijackings | 0 | 6* | 12* | 4* | 9 |
| Kidnappings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts | 0 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 59 |
| **Total** | **0** | **7** | **18** | **13** | **68** |

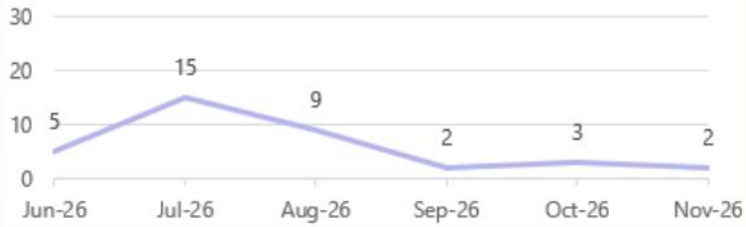
**(U) Southeast Asia**

| Event | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hijackings | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Kidnappings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts | 84 | 103 | 96 | 134 | 37 |
| **Total** | **85** | **105** | **98** | **134** | **39** |

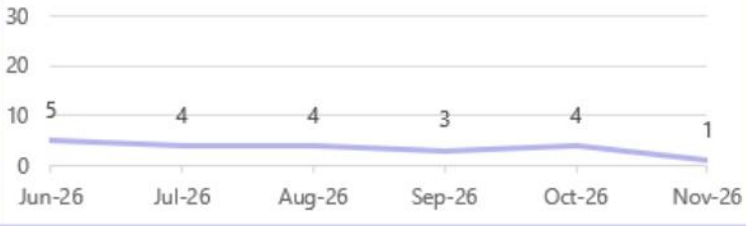
**(U) GoG: Number of events in the last six months**




**(U) HoA: Number of events in the last six months**




**(U) SEA: Number of events in the last six months**




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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.

# (U) Appendix C: Active U.S. Maritime Advisories

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## (U) **Active U.S. Maritime Advisories**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2026-015-Global-U.S Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts | 21 Oct 2026 | 19 Apr 2027 |
| 2026-014-Worldwide-Foreign Adversial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence | 21 Oct 2026 | 19 Apr 2027 |
| 2026-013-Red Sea, Bab el Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, and Somali Basin-Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels | 23 Sep 2026 | 22 Mar 2027 |
| 2026-012-Black Sea and Sea of Azov-Military Combat Operations | 23 Sep 2026 | 22 Mar 2027 |
| 2026-011-Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman-Iranian Attacks on Commercial Vessels | 09 Sep 2026 | 08 Mar 2027 |
| 2026-010-Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean-Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom | 07 Aug 2026 | 04 Feb 2027 |
| 2026-009-Gulf of Guinea-Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom | 24 Jun 2026 | 21 Dec 2026 |

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