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**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY
AGAINST SHIPS**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1 January – 30 June 2020

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INTRODUCTION

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) is a specialised division of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). The IMB is a non-profit making organisation, established in 1981 to act as a focal point in the fight against all types of maritime crime and malpractice. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) in its resolution A 504 (XII) (5) and (9) adopted on 20 November 1981, has *inter alia*, urged governments, all interests and organizations to co-operate and exchange information with each other and the IMB with a view to maintaining and developing a coordinated action in combating maritime fraud.

Outrage in the shipping industry at the alarming growth in piracy prompted the creation of the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC) in October 1992 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The key advantages and services of the PRC are:

- A 24/7 manned operations centre.
- A single point of reporting for all ships affected by this crime as they trade through many different jurisdictions.
- Notifying the nearest and most appropriate response agency of incidents reported to the PRC and liaising with these agencies until the crew and ship are safe.
- Warning ships in the vicinity of a threat by broadcasting sitreps of incidents via Inmarsat-C SafetyNET service.
- Alerting CSOs and ship managers of incidents via email.
- Keeping the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) updated of reported incidents.
- Assisting local law enforcement in apprehending and bringing the criminals to justice.
- Publish comprehensive quarterly and annual reports detailing only reported incidents.

The IMB PRC provides all its services ***free of charge*** to all ships irrespective of crew nationality, ownership or flag.

This report is an analysis of incidents of piracy and armed robbery incidents reported by ships to the PRC from 1 January to 30 June 2020. As of 30 June 2020, 98 incidents have been reported to the PRC.

Sometimes incidents are reported late, resulting in changes to the figures in the tables and figures in subsequent reports.

Due to the continued debate concerning the Malacca Straits, these incident narrations are shown separately. Similarly, because of the vast area affected by Somali pirates, these incidents are grouped together with the Gulf of Aden and Red Sea in the narrations section.

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DEFINITIONS OF PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

The IMB PRC follows the definitions of Piracy as defined in Article 101 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and Armed Robbery as defined by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in its 26th Assembly session as Resolution A.1025 (26) “Code of Practice for the Investigation of Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships”.

Article 101 of UNCLOS defines Piracy as:

Definition of Piracy consists of any of the following acts:

a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed-

(i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft;

(ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;

(b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft;

(c) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b).

IMO Resolution A.1025 (26) defines Armed Robbery as:

Armed robbery against ships” means any of the following acts:

1. any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State’s internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea;

2. any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above

Under the definitions of Piracy or Armed Robbery, the IMB PRC reports incidents as follows:

1. **Boarded:** An illegal act of perpetrators successfully gaining access onto the ship.
2. **Hijacked:** An illegal act of perpetrators successfully gaining access onto the ship and taking over the control of the ship from the Master and crew.
3. **Fired Upon:** An illegal act of perpetrators discharging weapons towards the ship while attempting to gain access onto the ship.
4. **Attempted:** An illegal act of perpetrators attempting to approach a ship with possible intension to board but remain unsuccessful due to the timely actions of the crew.

The consequences to the crew, ship or cargo as a result of the above illegal acts:

1. **Crew:** Kidnap, hostage, injury, death.
2. **Ship:** Damage, especially due to the discharge of the weapons or when perpetrators willfully damage ship equipment and property.
3. **Cargo:** Theft or damage to cargo.

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- Steam Ship Insurance Management Services Limited
- The Japan Association of Marine Society
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The PRC is additionally non-financially supported by:

- ExactEarth (www.exactearth.com)
- Vesseltracker (www.vesseltracker.com)

TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED incidents January - June 2016 – 2020

	Location	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
SE ASIA	Indonesia	24	19	25	11	15	
	Malaysia	4	3	2	3	2	
	Philippines	3	13	3	3	4	
	Singapore Straits		1			11	
	Thailand					1	
EAST	China	5	1	2	3		
ASIA	Vietnam	3		2		2	
INDIAN	Bangladesh	2	5	7		2	
SUB CONT	India	13	1	2	2	5	
AMERICAS	Brazil			2	2	2	
	Colombia	2	2		3	1	
	Dominican Republic				1		
	Ecuador		1	1	2	3	
	Guyana	1	1				
	Haiti			3		3	
	Mexico					4	
	Panama				1		
	Peru	4	2	3	4	4	
	Venezuela	2	6	7	6		
	AFRICA	Angola	1	1			4
		Benin			5	1	6
		Cameroon			2	1	
		Democratic Rep. of Congo	2		1	1	
		Equatorial Guinea				2	2
Gabon						2	
Ghana				5	3	1	
Guinea				1	1	1	
Gulf of Aden*		1	2	1			
Ivory Coast		1	1		1	2	
Kenya		2	1				
Liberia					1		
Morocco					1		
Mozambique			1		1	3	
Nigeria		24	13	31	21	14	
Red Sea*			1				
Sao Tome and Principe						1	
Sierra Leone			4				
Somalia			4	1			
South Africa		1					
The Congo	1	1			1		
Togo	1		1	3	1		
REST OF WORLD	Iran		1				
	Iraq					1	
WORLD	Oman		1				
	Yemen	1	1				
Subtotal for six months		98	87	107	78	98	
Total at year end		191	180	201	161		

All incidents with * above are attributed to Somali pirates

CHART A: The following four locations contributed to 47% of the total of 98 incidents reported in the period January – June 2020

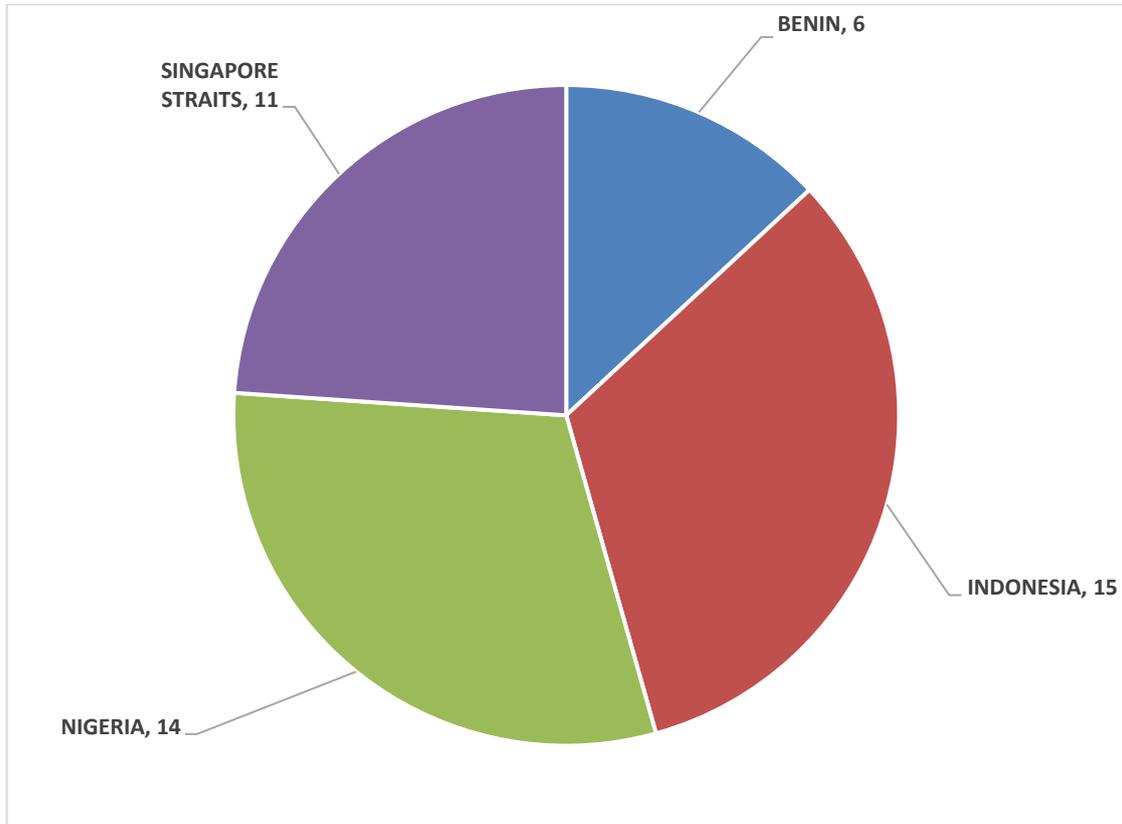


CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – June 2020

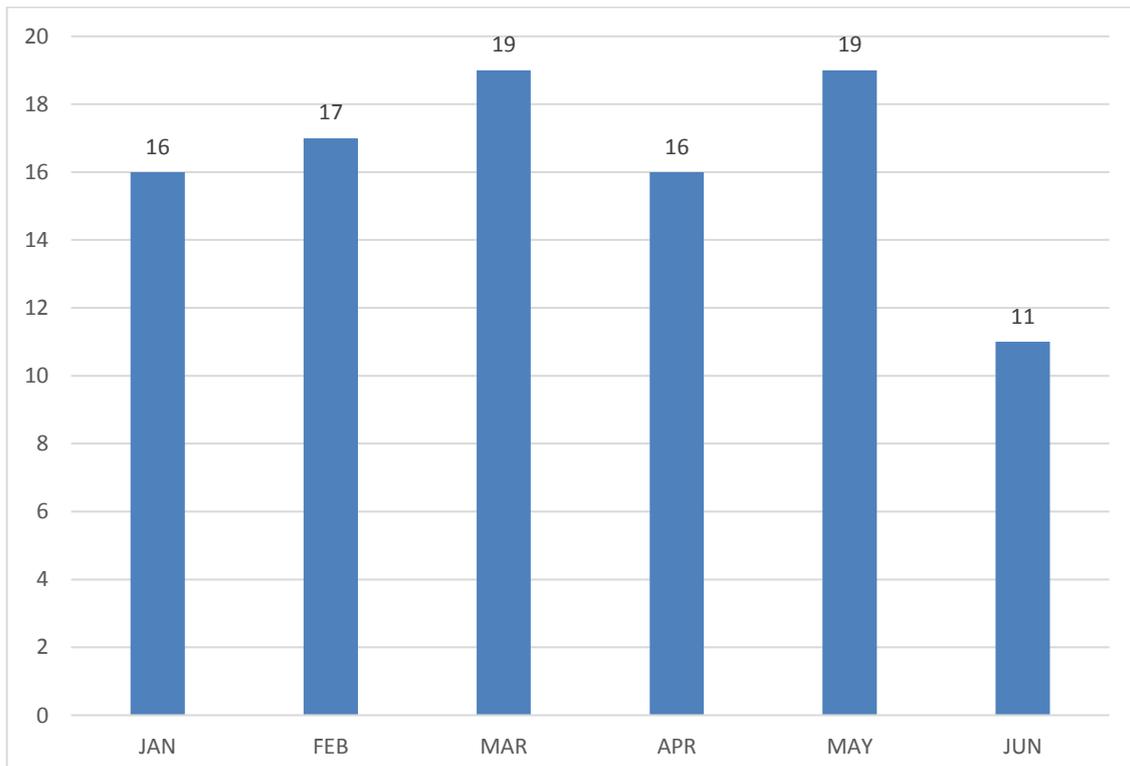


CHART C: Total incidents as per regions of the world January – June 2020

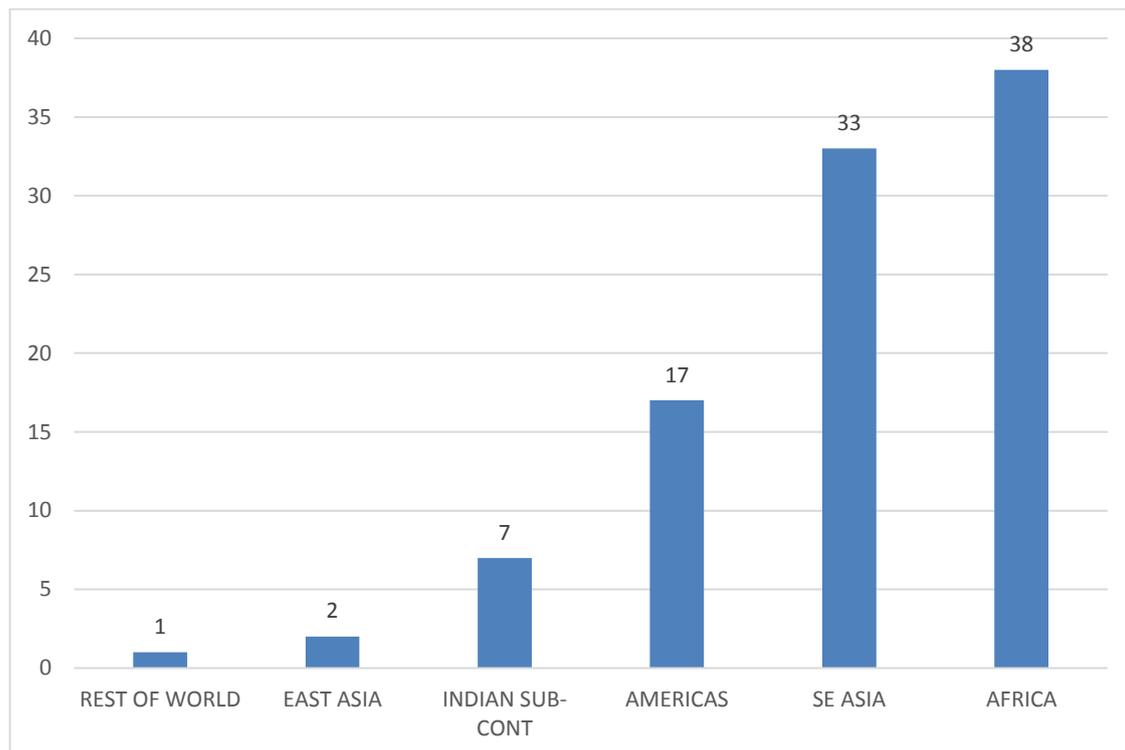


TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED incidents by location, January – June 2020

Location	Actual incidents		Attempted incidents	
	Boarded	Hijacked	Attempted	Fired Upon
SE ASIA				
Indonesia	15			
Malaysia	2			
Philippines	4			
Singapore Straits	11			
Thailand	1			
EAST ASIA				
Vietnam	2			
INDIAN				
Bangladesh	2			
SUB-CONT				
India	5			
AMERICAS				
Brazil	2			
Colombia	1			
Ecuador	2			1
Haiti	3			
Mexico	3			1
Peru	2		2	
AFRICA				
Angola	2		2	
Benin	5		1	
Equatorial Guinea	2			
Gabon	2			
Ghana	1			
Guinea	1			
Ivory Coast	1	1		
Mozambique	3			

Nigeria	6		4	4
Sao Tome and Principe	1			
The Congo	1			
Togo			1	
REST OF WORLD Iraq	1			
Sub total	81	1	10	6
Total	98			

TABLE 3: Ports / anchorages, with three or more reported incidents, January – June 2020

Country	Location	01.01.2020 to 30.06.2020
Angola	Luanda	3
Benin	Cotonou	6
Indonesia	Belawan	3
Indonesia	Muara Berau	3
Mexico	Puerto Dos Bocas	3
Mozambique	Nacala	3
Nigeria	Lagos	5
Peru	Callao	4
Singapore Straits	Singapore Straits	11

TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL incidents, January – June 2020

Location	Anchored	Berthed	Steaming
SE ASIA Indonesia	14	1	
Malaysia	2		
Philippines	3	1	
Singapore Straits			11
Thailand	1		
EAST ASIA Vietnam	2		
INDIAN Bangladesh	1	1	
SUB-CONT India	3		2
AMERICAS Brazil	2		
Colombia	1		
Ecuador			2
Haiti	2	1	
Mexico	1		2
Peru	2		
AFRICA Angola	2		
Benin	1		4
Equatorial Guinea	1		1
Gabon			2
Ghana	1		
Guinea	1		
Ivory Coast	1		1
Mozambique	3		
Nigeria	3	1	2
Sao Tome and Principe			1
The Congo	1		

REST OF WORLD	Iraq		1	
Sub total		48	6	28
Total			82	

TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED incidents, January – June 2020

Location		Anchored	Steaming
AMERICAS	Ecuador		1
	Mexico		1
	Peru	2	
AFRICA	Angola	1	1
	Benin		1
	Nigeria	2	6
	Togo		1
Sub total		5	11
Total			16

TABLE 6: Types of arms used during incidents, January - June 2016 – 2020

Type of Arms	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Guns	31	29	29	25	30
Knives	15	23	17	10	23
Other weapons	2	2	2	3	3
Not stated	50	33	59	40	42
Sub total	98	87	107	78	98
Total at year end	191	180	201	161	

TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of incidents, January - June 2016 – 2020

Type of Attack	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Attempted	12	8	23	9	10
Boarded	72	63	69	57	81
Fired upon	9	12	11	9	6
Hijack	5	4	4	3	1
Sub total	98	87	107	78	98
Total at year end	191	180	201	161	

TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – June 2016 – 2020

Type of Violence	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Hostage	64	63	102	38	23
Kidnapped	44	41	25	37	54
Threatened	3	4	6	4	5
Assaulted	3			1	5
Injured	4	3	3	2	6
Killed		2		1	
Sub total	118	113	136	83	93
Total at year end	236	191	241	210	

TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – June 2020

Location	Hostage	Kidnap	Threatened	Injured	Assaulted
SE ASIA Indonesia			2		
Malaysia		5			
Singapore Straits	1		2	1	
AMERICAS Brazil	1		1		
Ecuador	2				
Mexico				1	
Peru	1			2	
AFRICA Benin		24			
Equatorial Guinea		5		2	
Gabon		10			
Guinea					5
Ivory Coast	18				
Nigeria		10			
Sub total	23	54	5	6	5
Total	93				

TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – June 2020

Locations	Guns	Knives	Other Weapons	Not Stated
S E ASIA Indonesia		6	1	8
Malaysia	1			1
Philippines		2		2
Singapore Straits		7	1	3
Thailand				1
EAST ASIA Vietnam				2
INDIAN Bangladesh		1	1	
SUB-CONT India				5
AMERICAS Brazil		1		1
Colombia		1		
Ecuador	3			
Haiti	1	2		
Mexico	4			
Peru		1		3
AFRICA Angola	1			3
Benin	5			1
Equatorial Guinea	2			
Gabon	2			
Ghana				1
Guinea	1			
Ivory Coast	1			1
Mozambique		2		1
Nigeria	7			7
Sao Tome and Principe	1			
The Congo				1

Togo	1			
REST OF WORLD				
Iraq				1
Sub total	30	23	3	42
Total	98			

TABLE 11: Types of vessels attacked, January – June 2016 – 2020

Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Accommodation Barge					1
Bulk Carrier	20	18	39	20	21
Cement Carrier		1			
Container	8	7	6	9	17
Dhow		2			
Dredger	1				
General Cargo	3	7	6	3	3
Heavy Lift Vessel	1		1		
Heavy Load Carrier				1	
Landing Craft				1	
Offshore Support Vsl	1	1	2	1	2
Ore Carrier	1		1		
Pipe Layer / Barge	1				2
Pleasure Craft				1	
Refrigerated		1	3		1
Research Ship	2	2			
RORO			1		
Sailing Vessel				1	
Supply Vessel	2	5	2	1	7
Tanker Asphalt/Bitumen		1	1		1
Tanker Bunkering		1			
Tanker Chemical / Product	35	26	30	22	26
Tanker Crude Oil	7	5	9	12	7
Tanker LNG	1	2		1	
Tanker LPG	5	4		1	2
Trawler / Fishing		1	3	1	5
Tug / Offshore Tug	8	3	3	2	3
Vehicle Carrier	2			1	
Sub total	98	87	107	78	98
Total at year end	191	180	201	161	

CHART D: Type of vessels attacked January – June 2020

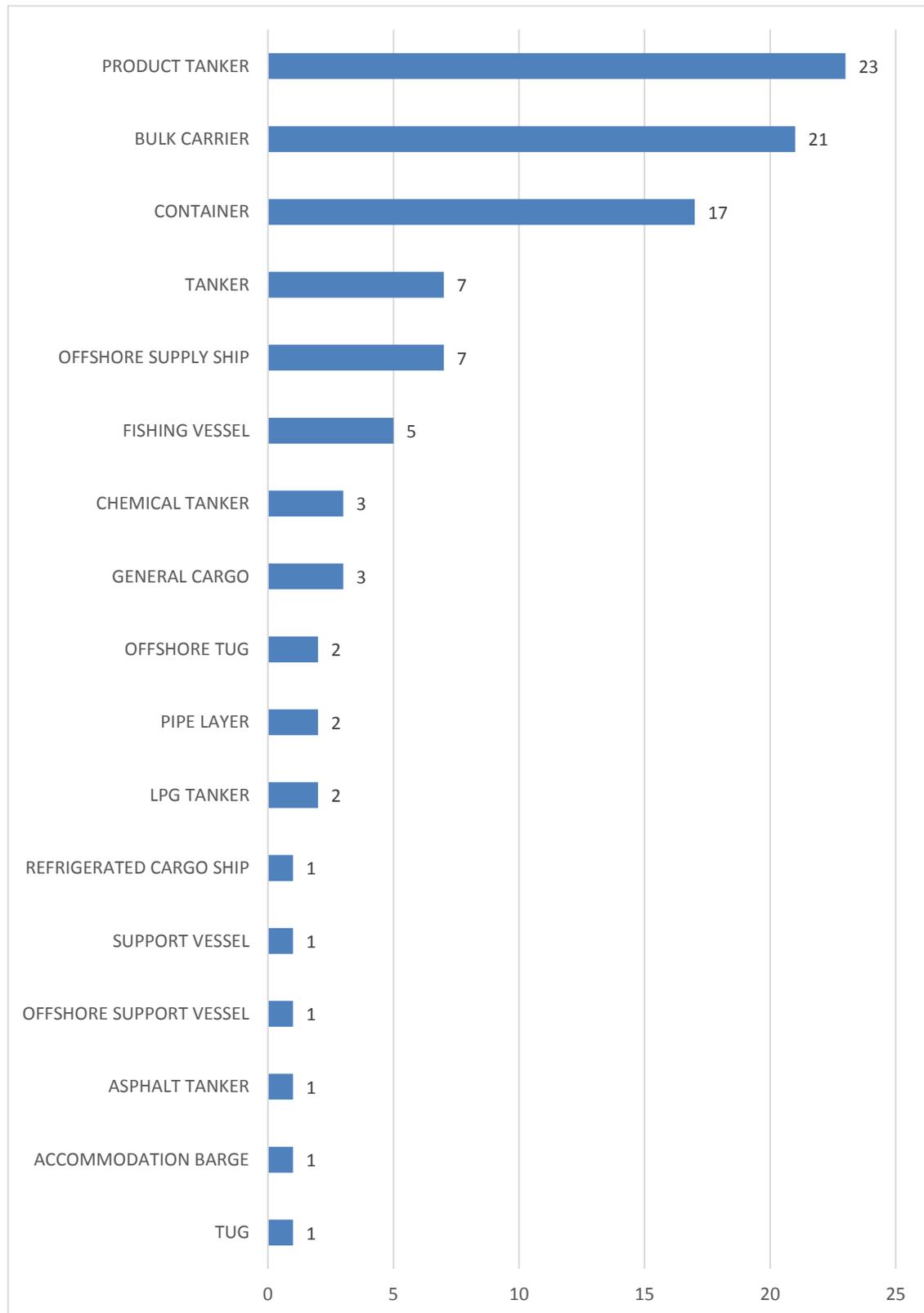


TABLE 12: Nationalities of ships attacked, January - June 2016 – 2020

Flag State	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Antigua & Barbuda		2	2	1	
Austria				1	
Bahamas	2	4	5	3	1
Barbados			1	1	
Belize	1				
Bermuda		1		1	1
Cayman Island				1	1
Chile			1		
China			2	2	1
Comoros					2
Cook Islands	1		1		
Croatia	1				
Cyprus	2	1	3	1	2
Denmark	1				3
Ethiopia	1				
France				1	
Gabon					1
Germany				1	2
Ghana			1		1
Gibraltar					2
Greece	1	1		1	2
Hong Kong (SAR)	3	6	5	4	3
India	1	2	1		2
Indonesia	2	1	1		2
Isle of Man	1	1	1	2	1
Italy			1		1
Japan	1				
Liberia	12	7	13	14	14
Luxemburg	1		2		
Madeira	1				
Malaysia	3	2		1	1
Malta	2	5	5	5	3
Marshall Islands	22	16	22	12	15
Mongolia			1		
Netherlands	2		2	1	1
Nigeria	3	1	1	3	
Niue				1	
Norway	1	3	1		
Palau				1	1
Panama	20	13	15	6	16
Philippines		2	1		1
Portugal				1	3
Saudi Arabia	1	1			2
Senegal					1
Sierra Leone		1			
Singapore	10	8	19	10	11
Spain		1			
Sri Lanka		1			
St Vincent & Grenadines					1
Switzerland				1	
Thailand		1			

Togo				1	
Turkey	1				
Tuvalu		1			
United Kingdom	1	1			
Vanuatu				1	
Vietnam		3			
Not Stated		1			
Sub total	98	87	107	78	98
Total at year end	191	180	201	161	

CHART E: Flag States whose ships have been attacked six or more times from January – June 2020

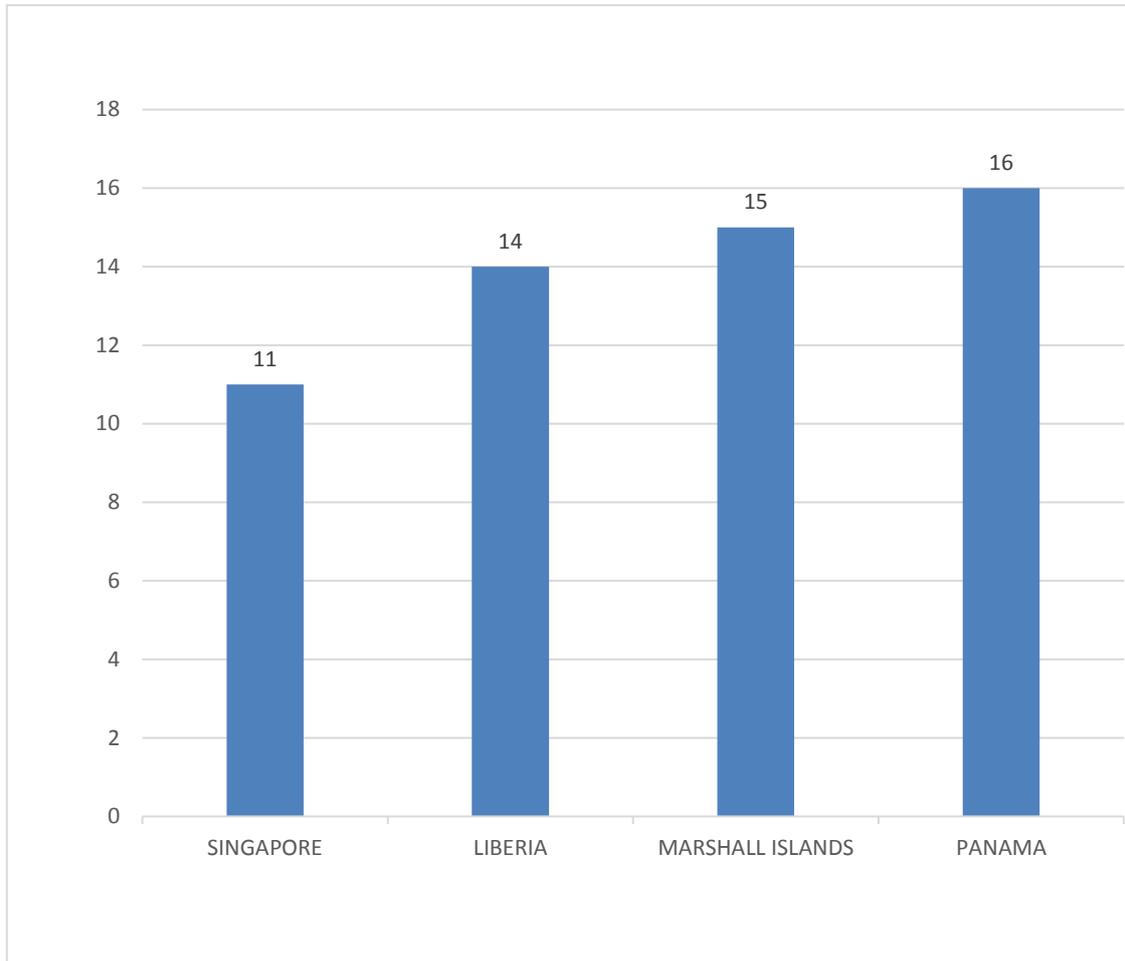
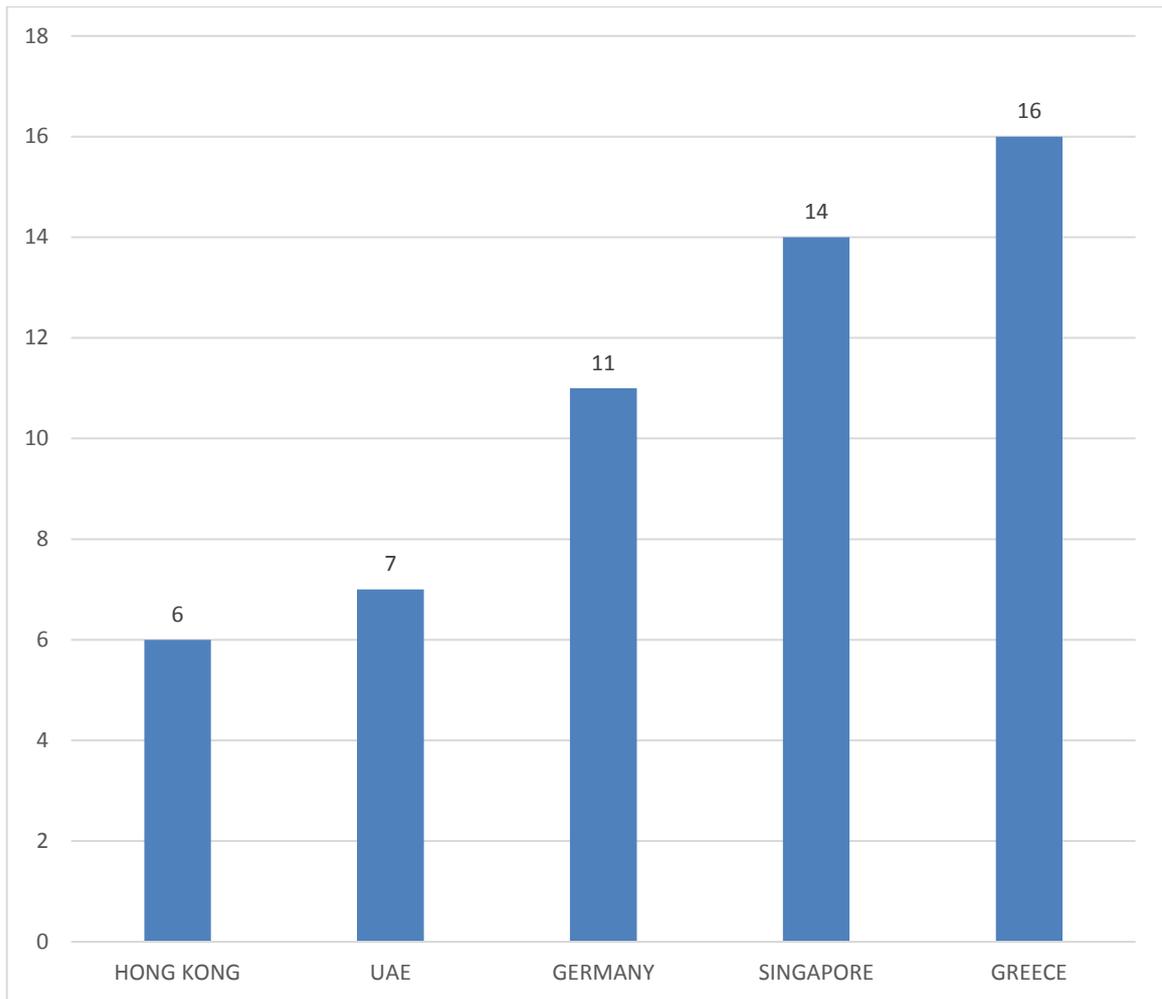


TABLE 13: Countries where victim ships controlled / managed, January – June 2020

Country	No of Ships
China	1
Cyprus	3
Denmark	4
Equatorial Guinea	1
Gabon	1
Germany	11
Ghana	1
Greece	16
Hong Kong	6
India	4
Indonesia	2
Italy	1
Ivory Coast	1
Japan	3
Malaysia	3
Marshall Islands	1
Mauritius	1
Monaco	2
Netherlands	2
Norway	2
Panama	1
Philippines	2
Poland	1
Senegal	1
Singapore	14
Switzerland	1
Taiwan	1
Turkey	3
UAE	7
United Kingdom	1
Total	98

Chart F: Managing countries whose ships have been attacked six or more times from January – June 2020



OFF SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA ATTACK FIGURES UPDATE

From 1 January to 30 June 2020, no incidents were reported to the IMB PRC for Somalia and the Gulf of Aden.

The international navies patrolling these waters continue to coordinate and liaise with merchant and fishing fleets to identify and apprehend pirate action groups.

All vessels are advised and encouraged to adhere to the BMP 5 recommendations while transiting these waters. Vessels employing Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP) should be cautious and not mistake fishermen for pirates in some heavy fishing areas.

As the IMB PRC continues to monitor the situation in the region, it cautions ship owners and masters against complacency. Somali pirates still retain the capability and capacity to carry out attacks.

The IMB PRC supports and compliments the role of the international navies by relaying all reports received to the response agencies as well as by broadcasting alerts to ships via the INMARSAT Safety Net Service

CONTINUED COOPERATION

The positive information sharing, actions and cooperation between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB PRC has resulted in an overall decrease in the number of incidents in the 10 safe designated areas as reported by ships. Actions by the IMP has resulted in a sharp decline in attacks on ships in this area. The IMB PRC is monitoring the situation and liaising closely with the IMP.

All ships intending to anchor, waiting for berth or drift should do so at the designated areas where IMP patrol boats would be stationed to enable them to maximize their resources to provide greater protection to ships.

Ships are advised to cooperate by maintaining strict anti-piracy and robbery watches and report all attacks and suspicious sightings to the local Authorities / IMP and to the IMB PRC. The IMB PRC will also liaise with local and regional Authorities to render necessary assistance.

In line with the Road Map Program Police Reforms Wave III, the Indonesian Authorities will continue to allocate and position resources and assets in 10 key designated areas of concern to prevent sea robbery and piracy in and around Indonesian waters.

In January 2020, the IMB was informed that the above will continue until further notice. The successful cooperation shows a year to year drop in incidents in almost all areas. The IMB thanks the IMP for their support and contribution to the shipping industry.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The IMB PRC appreciates the strong and vital cooperation from the Philippine and Malaysian Intel that provided crucial information relating to the safety of ships and seafarers at sea particularly in the Sulu Sea/eastern Sabah waters. The successful cooperation has directly and indirectly saved many lives and properties at sea. The IMB PRC looks forward to the continued cooperation and thank both Intel Agencies for their commitment.

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The IMB PRC appreciates the strong cooperation from the West African Authorities / Navies and international navies especially the Spanish and Portuguese Navies in the Gulf of Guinea. A special thanks to the Nigerian Authorities, particularly the Nigerian Navy who have continued to provide prompt information, actions and valuable cooperation between Agencies. The IMB PRC looks forward to the continued cooperation from the West African Authorities/Navies and international navies in the area.

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY PRONE AREAS AND WARNINGS

All ships are advised to report all piracy and armed robbery attacks and suspicious sightings to local Authorities, their flag state and to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre as per IMO Cir 1334.

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre can be contacted on:

24 Hours Anti-Piracy HELPLINE is: +60 3 2031 0014

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Mariners are advised to be cautious, take precautionary measures and follow all recommended guidelines, when transiting the following areas:

SOUTH EAST ASIA AND INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

Bangladesh: Robbers normally target ships at anchor. Most incidents reported are at Chittagong anchorages and approaches. Incidents in Bangladesh have fallen significantly over the past few years because of the efforts by the Bangladesh Authorities.

Indonesia: Belawan, Taboneo and Muara Berau anchorage and surrounding waters. Pirates / robbers are normally armed with guns / knives and / or machetes. Generally, be vigilant in other areas. Many incidents may have gone unreported. Pirates / robbers normally attack vessel during the night. When spotted and alarm is sounded, the pirates / robbers usually escape without confronting the crew. Therefore, a strict anti-piracy watch is recommended.

Meetings and continued dialog between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB PRC resulted in positive actions by the Indonesian Authorities which have so far brought down the incidents significantly. With the assistance and actions of the IMP, the incidents appear to be decreasing each year with great success.

The Indonesian Marine Police have advised all ships intending to anchor to do so at / near the following areas where Indonesian Marine Police will conduct patrols for greater protection.

1. Belawan: 03:55.00N-098:45.30E
2. Dumai: 01:42.00N-101:28.00E
3. Nipah: 01:07.30N-103:37.00E
4. Tanjung Berakit/Bintan: 01:23.30N - 104:42.30E
5. Tanjung Priok: 06:00.30S-106:54.00E
6. Gresik: 07:09.00S-112:40.00E
7. Taboneo: 03:41.30S-114:28.00E
8. Adang bay: 01:40.00S-116:40.00E
9. Muara Berau: 00:17.00S-117:36.00E
10. Balikpapan: 01:22.00S-116:53.00E

The Indonesian Authorities have advised IMB that in accordance with the Road Map Program Police Reforms Wave III, the above given ten locations prevention action of sea robbery/piracy in Indonesian waters will continue. In January 2020, the IMP advised that this successful cooperation will continue until further notice.

Ships are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures and report all incidents and suspicious sightings to the local authorities and the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. The IMB PRC will also liaise with the local authorities to render necessary assistance.

Malacca Straits: Although the number of incidents has dropped substantially (2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 recorded zero incidents) due to the increased and aggressive patrols by the littoral states' authorities since July 2005, ships are advised to continue maintaining strict anti-piracy /

robbery watches when transiting the Straits. Currently, there are no indications as to how long these patrols will continue or reduce. In some cases, incidents may have gone unreported. Situation currently remains stable.

Malaysia: Bandar Penawar, Johor - vessels attacked at anchorage. Off Tanjung Piai – vessels attacked while underway. Attacks have stopped and IMB PRC is monitoring and liaising with Malaysian Authorities / MMEA.

In/off Eastern Sabah – Militant activities resulting in a number of tugs / barges / fishing vessels being attacked and crews kidnapped. There were two kidnapping incidents in 2018 and two in 2019 off Tambisan, Sabah. The local Authorities have beefed up patrols. The IMB PRC is monitoring the situation. Merchant vessels are also at risk. Stay vigilant.

Ships are advised to take precautionary measures and maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures. Vessels transiting these waters should refer to the Sabah Notice to Mariners NTM 14 of 2017 on the Ship Reporting System. Vessels are also urged to monitor the IMB PRC Warnings on potential incidents targets / description of militant boats issued by the Philippines and Malaysian Intel.

Philippines: Pirates/Militants in the southern Philippines conduct attacks on vessels in/off Sibutu passage / off Sibutu island / Tawi Tawi / Sulu sea / Celebes sea / off eastern Sabah. They attacked tugs/barges/ fishing vessels/yachts/merchant ships to rob and kidnap crews for ransom.

These kidnappings by militants have stopped (for merchant ships) since March 2017. In 2018 there were two incidents where crews were kidnapped off Sabah and two in 2019 where small vessels like tugs and fishing boats were targeted. These kidnappers are believed to be affiliated to the ASG.

Vessels are advised to take precautionary measures and maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures. Vessels transiting these waters should refer to the Sabah Notice to Mariners NTM 14 of 2017 on the Ship Reporting System. Vessels are also urged to monitor the IMB PRC Warnings on potential incidents locations / targets issued by the Philippines and Malaysian Intel.

Manila / Batangas / Tabangas – Be vigilant. A number of past and recent incidents / robberies have been recorded.

Singapore Straits: General Warning issued in December 2019 indicating sudden rise in attacks in Singapore Straits especially during the night. Eleven incidents were reported Q2 2020. Incidents may have gone unreported or reported elsewhere distorting the true risk in these waters. It appears one or more groups are targeting passing ships including tugs/barges. Authorities notified. Vessels are advised to remain vigilant and to continue maintaining adequate anti-piracy / robbery watches and measures. Pirates / robbers attack ships while underway or while at anchor especially during the night. In most cases, pirates / robbers will abort the attack once spotted, alarm sounded and Authorities notified.

South China Sea: Although incidents have stopped in the vicinity off Tioman / off Pulau Aur / off Anambas / Natuna / Mangkai islands / Subi Besar / Merundung areas, vessels are advised to continue to remain vigilant especially during the night. In the past, several hijackings of small product tankers occurred off the coast of Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and in the South China Sea area. This trend started in April 2014, but the hijackings stopped abruptly in late 2015. The IMB is monitoring the situation. It has been reported that some criminals have been arrested by local Authorities both in Malaysia and in Indonesia. There were three incidents reported in 2017 where two tankers were hijacked off Kuantan / Off Pulau Aur / East coast Malaysia.

WEST AFRICA (Gulf of Guinea) – As a general rule:

- (i) follow recommendations and guidelines presented in the BMP WA.
- (ii) All crews to keep a vigilant lookout using all available means. Ships to adjust ETA for direct berthing or wait / drift / transit at least 200 / 250nm from coast, if appropriate and agreed by all in venture.

Angola: Luanda: Three incidents / robberies reported.

Benin (Cotonou): Incident increasing in/off Benin. In 2018, within a period of several weeks, five incidents were reported at Benin anchorage. Three attacks have been reported in 2019 where thirty-five crews were kidnapped. Up to June 2020, six vessels were attacked and a number of crews were kidnapped. Many more incidents may have gone unreported or reported elsewhere distorting the true risk in these waters.

Past incidents showed that the pirates / robbers in this area are well armed and violent. In some cases, ships have been fired upon. After boarding the masters are forced to sail to unknown locations where ship's properties and sometimes part cargo is stolen (gas oil). Crewmembers have been injured in the past.

Cameroon (Idenao / Douala): Past incidents involved kidnapping of crews. There were 31 crews kidnapped in 2019.

Equatorial Guinea: Past two incidents occurred around 40nm from Luba involving hijacking and the other boarded with criminal intentions.

Ghana (Takoradi): Robberies have been reported at the anchorages.

Guinea (Conakry): Robberies have been reported at the anchorages.

Ivory Coast (Abidjan): Incidents dropped but remains risky.

Nigeria (Lagos /Apapa, Off Bayelsa / Brass / Bonny Island / Port Harcourt): Pirates / robbers are often well armed, violent and have attacked and hijacked / robbed ships / kidnapped crews along / far from the coast, rivers, anchorages, ports and surrounding waters. In the past, incidents reported up to about 170 nm from the coast. In many past incidents, pirates hijacked the vessels for several days and ransacked the vessels and stole part cargo usually gas oil. Several crewmembers were also injured and kidnapped in these incidents. Generally, all waters in / off Nigeria remain risky. Vessels are advised to be vigilant, as many incidents may have gone unreported. Incidents continue to rise substantially especially kidnapping of crews for ransom. Vessels are advised to take additional measures in these high risk waters. In 2019, 44 crews were kidnapped.

Togo (Lome): Attacks reported at anchorage and in/off Togo. There were seven crews reported kidnapped in 2019 and one incident reported off Lome for 2020. The area remains at risk. In the past, pirates / robbers in this area are well armed, violent and dangerous. Incidents can occur at anchorages and off the coast and usually at night. Some past incidents resulted in vessels being hijacked for several days and ransacked and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

The Congo: Pointe Noire/Off Point – attacks increasing.

Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean: No reported attacks in 2019 and up to June 2020. In 2018, three vessels have reported being fired upon in this region. Although the opportunity for incidents has reduced, the Somali pirates continue to possess the capability and capacity to carry out incidents. All merchant ships are advised to adhere to the latest recommendations in BMP5, while transiting these waters. The IMB PRC will continue to alert and broadcast information to all ships in the region via Inmarsat EGC Safety Net.

Although no reported incidents, the threat still exists in the waters off the southern Red Sea / Bab el Mandeb, Gulf of Aden including Yemen and the northern Somali coast, Arabian sea / off Oman, Gulf of Oman and off the eastern and southern Somali coast. In the past, vessels have been attacked off Kenya, Tanzania, Seychelles, Madagascar, Mozambique as well as in the Indian ocean and off the west and south coasts of India and west Maldives. Be vigilant.

Generally, Somali pirates tend to be well armed with automatic weapons, RPGs and sometimes use skiffs launched from mother vessels, which may be hijacked fishing vessels or dhows. Masters and ship owners are encouraged to register and report their vessels as per the BMP5 procedures and ensure that their vessel is hardened prior to entering the high-risk area. While transiting through these waters it is essential to maintain a 24-hour visual and radar watch. Keeping in mind the warnings and alerts for the area, an early sighting / detection of an approaching skiff will enable an accurate assessment, allowing the Master and PCASP to make informed decisions to keep clear of small boats, dhows, fishing vessels and if necessary take evasive actions and request assistance as needed.

Masters are reminded that fishermen in this region may try to protect their nets by attempting to aggressively approach merchant vessels. Some of the fishermen may be armed to protect their catch and they should not be confused with pirates.

Vessels transiting in / off Yemen: Security risk due to civil war in Yemen (not piracy related)

Vessels transiting Straits of Hormuz / Gulf of Oman / Off Iran – Two incidents in 2019 involving explosions on tanker reported. (not piracy related).

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS

Haiti: Port Au Prince

Mexico: Puerto Dos Bocas: Pirates / robbers in this area armed with guns.

Peru (Callao): Robbery incidents continuing. Maintain vigilant watch and anti-piracy measures.

Venezuela (Puerto La Cruz / Puerto Jose): Past robbery incidents. Ships are reminded to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures especially at anchor.

IMB Maritime Security Hotline

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has also launched a dedicated hotline for seafarers, port workers, shipping agents, shipyard personnel, brokers, stevedores, and all concerned parties to report any information that they may have seen / heard / known etc. relating to maritime crime and security including terrorism, piracy and other illegal activities.

All information received will be treated in strict confidence and will be passed on to relevant Authorities for further action. Maritime crime and security concerns us all and with your help, we can try to minimize the risks and help save lives and property.

The Maritime Security Hotline can be contacted 24 hours every day at:

Tel: +60 3 2031 0014 Fax: +60 3 2078 5769 E-mail: imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org

REMEMBER: Your information may save lives. All information will be treated in strict confidence.

TRENDS

In the first half of 2020, 98 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships were reported to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) – compared with 78 incidents in Q2 2019.

The Q2 2020 figures are broken down as 81 vessels boarded, 10 attempted attacks, six vessels fired upon and one hijacked.

Globally, 54 crew were reported kidnapped in 10 separate incidents. The number of crew kidnapped in Q2 2020 is, however, twice that of Q1 2020 – with 32 crew kidnapped in six separate kidnappings in Q2 compared to 17 crew taken in three separate incidents in Q1.

Approximately 90% of the global kidnappings occurred within Gulf of Guinea waters, with 49 crew kidnapped in nine separate incidents. Three were reported inside territorial waters with the remaining six on the high seas at distances ranging from around 20 to 130 nm off the Gulf of Guinea coastline. Ten incidents were reported in the Gulf of Guinea region in Q2 2020 – a 60% reduction in reported incidents compared to Q1 2020.

The IMB PRC commends the Nigerian Navy for responding promptly to a distress call from a fishing vessel hijacked by pirates on 15 May 2020, which could have been used as a mother vessel to carry out more attacks on unsuspecting ships. The quick actions resulted in the apprehension of 10 suspected pirates and the safe release of the fishing vessel and its crew. The IMB PRC also thanks all the Gulf of Guinea Coastal response agencies and independent international navies tasked in the Region for actively responding to reported incidents.

The Singapore Straits has recorded 11 incidents in the first half of 2020. In most cases these incidents are considered opportunistic in nature. Reports from two incidents in May 2020, however, indicated that crew were threatened with knives, taken hostage and injured.

Q2 2020, has seen an increase in the number of incidents in Indonesian anchorages and waterways. Ten incidents were reported, up from five in Q1 2020.

In addition to a continuation of incidents being reported off Callao anchorage, Peru, this is the fourth consecutive year of incidents being reports off Ecuador. In Q2 2020, three incidents have been reported towards container ships underway. In one incident, two crew were taken hostage for the duration of the robbery and in another, the vessel was fired upon when the perpetrators were unable to gain access to the ship. In April 2020, within a span of 11 days, four offshore vessels reported incidents of piracy / armed robbery. Three vessels were boarded and one fired upon. In one incident the perpetrators boarded the vessel and then fired indiscriminately, resulting in one crew being injured.

No incidents were reported off Somalia. Vessels are urged to continue implementing BMP5 recommended practices while transiting these waters. The Somali pirates still maintain the capability for carrying out attacks.

Since 1991, the IMB PRC's 24-hour manned center remains a single point of contact to report the crimes of piracy and armed robbery. The Centre has not only assisted ships in a timely manner, it also provides the maritime industry, response agencies and governments with transparent data – received directly from the Master of the vessel under attack - or its owners.

The IMB PRC's prompt forwarding of reports and liaison with response agencies, its broadcasts to shipping via GMDSS Safety Net Services and email alerts to CSOs, all provided free of cost, has helped the response against piracy and armed robbery and the security of seafarers, globally.

OBSERVATIONS

Narrations of the 98 attacks for 01 January to 30 June 2020 are listed on pages 28 to 43. The following serious incidents are described in more detail.

Benin:

On 20 February 2020, at approximately 0103 UTC, a Liberian flagged Product Tanker was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while underway in position Latitude 05:08.31 North and Longitude 002:06.14 East, around 75 nm SSW of Cotonou, Benin. The loaded product tanker had sailed from Netherlands to Lagos with 23 crews onboard. While enroute to Lagos, armed pirates attacked the tanker and kidnapped nine crew members. On 06 March 2020 the nine kidnapped crew members were released safely.

On 05 March 2020, at approximately 1246 UTC, a Greek flagged Product Tanker was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while underway in position Latitude 05:36.13 North and Longitude 002:20.38 East, around 45 nm SSW of Cotonou, Benin. Distress signal activated and regional authorities notified. All non-essential crew mustered in citadel. The Benin Navy responded, boarded the tanker and rescued 21 crews. One crew was reported missing and believed kidnapped. On 28 March 2020, the kidnapped crew was released safely.

On 18 April 2020, at approximately 2330 UTC, a Portuguese flagged Container Ship MV Tommi Ritscher was attacked and boarded by armed persons while anchored at position Latitude 06:16.8 North and Longitude 002:32.4 East, Cotonou Anchorage, Benin. Alarm was raised, crew took shelter in the citadel and incident reported to the Benin Authorities. A patrol boat in the vicinity was diverted to the location to assist the crew. Eight crew members were reported kidnapped from the ship. On 23 May 2020, the kidnapped crew were released safely.

On 24 June 2020, a Ghanaian flagged Fishing Vessel was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 05:21 North and Longitude 002:37 East, around 60 nm south of Cotonou, Benin at approximately 1430 UTC. Six armed pirates in two speed boats boarded the vessel, kidnapped six crew members and escaped. The incident was reported to the Regional Authorities who coordinated a response and escorted the remaining crew to a safe port.

Equatorial Guinea:

On 03 May 2020, a Senegal flagged Fishing Vessel FV Amerger II was attacked and boarded by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 00:55.24 North and Longitude 009:08.09 East, around 11 nm west of Corisco Island, Equatorial Guinea at approximately 0500 UTC. Three crew were reported kidnapped. The incident was reported to the Authorities who then escorted the remaining crew back to a safe port. No further details available.

On 09 May 2020, a Comoros flagged General Cargo Ship was attacked by five persons armed with automatic rifles, while anchored at position Latitude 03:47.26 North and Longitude 008:45.93 East, Malabo Inner Anchorage, Equatorial Guinea, at approximately 0107 UTC. Once onboard the persons opened fire, injuring two crew members in their legs, stole two mobile phones and kidnapped two crew members. Incident reported to Port Control and a naval ship in the vicinity rendered assistance and helped in evacuating the injured crew to a hospital.

Gabon:

On 22 March 2020, a Portuguese flagged Container ship was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while underway in position Latitude 00:33.21 North and Longitude 008:25.21 East, around 62 nm WNW of Libreville, Gabon at approximately 0557 UTC. As the pirates boarded the ship most crew managed to retreat into the citadel. Regional Authorities notified and assistance was dispatched to the ship. When the crew emerged from the citadel seven crew were reported missing believed kidnapped.

On 03 May 2020, a Gabon flagged Fishing Vessel FV Amerger VII was attacked and boarded by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 00:30.50 North and Longitude 009:06.21 East, around 22 nm WNW of Libreville, Gabon at approximately 0300 UTC. Three crew were reported kidnapped. The incident was reported to the Gabon Authorities who then escorted the remaining crew back to a safe port.

Ivory Coast:

On 15 May 2020, a Chinese flagged Fishing Vessel FV Hailufeng 11 was boarded and hijacked by armed persons while fishing within the Ivory Coast fishing waters. Upon receiving the distress message, the IMB PRC immediately started liaising with the Regional Authorities and the vessel operators. A Nigerian navy patrol vessel intercepted and boarded the hijacked vessel, apprehended the pirates, rescued the crew and escorted the fishing vessel to a safe port. All crew reported safe.

Malaysia:

On 16 January 2020, a Malaysian Fishing Vessel SSK 00543/F was attacked by armed persons while anchored around 4 nm NW of Tambisan, Lahad Datu, Sabah, Malaysia at approximately 1200 UTC. The fishing vessel was attacked by six armed persons in a grey coloured speed boat. Malaysian Authorities later managed to locate and intercept the fishing vessel. Three crews were found safe on the vessel. The remaining five crews were reported kidnapped.

Mexico:

On 15 April 2020, a Gibraltar flagged Accommodation Barge Telford 28 was attacked by armed persons while anchored at position Latitude 18:51.94 North and Longitude 091:52.56 West, around 12 nm north of Ciudad del Carmen, Mexico at approximately 0330 UTC. Six persons wearing face masks and armed with automatic weapons and pistols boarded the anchored barge. They attempted to enter the accommodation without success and opened fire towards the superstructure causing damage to three windows. The Master raised the alarm, sent a distress message, informed the CSO and the crew mustered in the citadel. The incident was reported to the Marine Control via VHF Ch16 and a naval boat was dispatched to the location. The armed persons stole the barge's high value project equipment and escaped. One crew was injured due to the firing.

Nigeria:

On 30 April 2020, a Panamanian flagged Product Tanker MT Vemahope was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:29.99 North and Longitude 003:50.17 East, around 127 nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria at approximately 1845 UTC. Eight armed pirates in a skiff attacked and boarded the tanker underway. They stole cash, crew valuables, ship's property and kidnapped 10 crews. The Owners of the tanker informed the IMB PRC who liaised with the relevant regional and international authorities in the region and requested for assistance. A Nigerian Navy Security Vessel was dispatched to the location and aided the tanker. The four remaining crew members onboard together with the assistance of another sister vessel, in the vicinity, managed to sail the tanker to a safe port. On 22 May 2020, the kidnapped crew were released safely.

Sao Tome and Principe:

On 14 February 2020, at approximately 0759 UTC, a Marshall Islands flagged Container ship was attacked by armed pirates while underway in position Latitude 01:33 North and Longitude 005:19 East, around 102 nm NW of Sao Tome Island, Sao Tome and Principe. Armed pirates in two boats approached and boarded the ship underway. Master raised the alarm, sent distress

message, stopped the ship and all crew members mustered in the citadel. Upon receiving the distress message, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC) immediately alerted the Authorities in the Region and commenced liaising with the authorities and vessel operators. A security vessel with a Nigerian Navy team was dispatched to assist. The Sao Tome Navy / Authorities requested a nearby Portuguese patrol boat to assist as well. The crew emerged from the citadel after the Nigerian navy personnel boarded and searched the ship. Some ship's equipment was reported as damaged. Under the escort of the security vessel the ship proceeded to a safe port.

NARRATIONS OF ATTACKS

1 January – 30 June 2020

ACTUAL ATTACKS

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2020 2015 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Isle of Man 30948 -	01:16:20N – 104:16:15E, Singapore Straits	Duty motorman on routine engine room rounds, onboard the tanker underway, noticed an unauthorized person armed with a knife in the steering gear room. As the motorman challenged the person, a second person was noticed escaping towards the poop deck. Alarm raised. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS. On searching the tanker, nothing was reported stolen.
2.	16.01.2020 Around 1200 UTC Anchored Boarded	SSK 00543/F Fishing Vessel Malaysia - -	Around 4nm NW of Tambisan, Lahad Datu, Sabah, Malaysia	A fishing vessel was attacked by six armed persons in a grey coloured speed boat. Malaysian Authorities managed to locate and intercepted the fishing vessel. Three crews were found safe on the vessel. The remaining five crews were reported kidnapped.
3.	20.01.2020 2145 UTC Anchored Boarded	Horizon Maru Product Tanker Indonesia 760 9048017	Kabil Anchorage, Pulau Batam, Indonesia	While anchored, the tanker was boarded by two robbers. While they were stealing ship's properties the crew noticed the robbers and managed to apprehend one of the robbers. The other robber escaped in a waiting boat along with two other accomplices. The crew handed over the robber to the Indonesian Marine Police who boarded the tanker for investigations.
4.	22.01.2020 0001 UTC Anchored Boarded	RHL Clarita Bulk Carrier Liberia 32486 9358864	03:42.6S – 114:25.2E, Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed the bosun store lock broken and ship's properties stolen. Port Control and local agent notified.
5.	26.01.2020 0324 UTC Anchored Boarded	FSL London Chemical Tanker Singapore 11587 9340465	03:56.49N – 098:45.24E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Deck watchmen on routine rounds onboard the anchored tanker noticed the forward store broken into and ship's properties missing. On searching the area, footprints were noticed on the forecastle.
6.	27.01.2020 1810 UTC Steaming Boarded	Papora Wisdom Bulk Carrier Panama 17025 9508718	01:15.5N – 104:07.5E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. Duty crew spotted the robbers. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with ship's engine spares. Incident reported to VTIS.
7.	02.02.2020 2120 UTC Anchored Boarded	Crest Onyx Offshore Tug / Supply Vessel Indonesia 1727	01:03.89N – 103:53.98E, Around 0.4nm SW of PT	Alert crew onboard the tug moored to a buoy noticed three robbers on deck and raised the alarm. The crew confronted the robbers who were able to escape with the assistance of two of their

		9655717	Dharma Sentosa Marindo Yard, Pulau Batam, Indonesia	accomplices in a waiting boat. Incident reported to the police who boarded the tug for investigations. A search was carried out. It was noticed the padlock to the storeroom was damaged and ship's equipment stolen. All crew safe.
8.	08.02.2020 1820 UTC Steaming Boarded	New Spirit Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 32287 9425801	01:15.6N – 104:09.7E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed six armed robbers in the engine room and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and incident reported to Singapore VTIS. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Singapore Coast Guard boarded the ship for inspection.
9.	08.02.2020 1830 UTC Steaming Boarded	Swarna Jayanti Tanker India 57702 9467720	01:15.67N – 104:10.28E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew onboard the tanker underway noticed an unauthorised person in the engine room. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and incident reported to Singapore VTIS. On searching the tanker, it was noticed that ship's properties were stolen.
10.	27.02.2020 1630 UTC Steaming Boarded	Western Seattle Bulk Carrier Philippines 32350 9660619	01:10.65N – 103:25.84E, Singapore Straits	Duty lookout noticed four unauthorised persons near the accommodation block. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and Singapore VTIS notified. Hearing the alerted crew, the unauthorised persons escaped. The Singapore Coast Guard boarded the ship for inspection. On searching the ship, nothing was reported stolen.
11.	11.03.2020 2100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Endeavour II Product Tanker Singapore 29671 9835056	06:04.95N – 125:11.96E, General Santos Harbour Anchorage, Philippines	Duty officer and duty A/B onboard an anchored tanker noticed some movements on the forecastle and raised the alarm. Hearing the alerted crew, the persons escaped. Incident reported to Port Control. A search was carried out. The padlock to the Bosun store was reported broken. Nothing reported stolen.
12.	13.03.2020 1310 UTC Anchored Boarded	Kota Anggerik Container Singapore 17652 9175597	03:55.50N – 098:46.30E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty watchman onboard an anchored ship noticed an armed robber on the forecastle. He immediately informed the duty officer who sounded the alarm. Hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped by boat. A second robber was spotted escaping via the anchor chain. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen.
13.	15.03.2020 2030 UTC Steaming Boarded	SAM Jaguar Bulk Carrier Liberia 31760 9637428	01:10.9N – 103:26.0E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers armed with a crowbar and pipes boarded the ship underway. The engine crew noticed the robbers and managed to lock them inside the engine room workshop. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Two accomplices in a skiff tried to approach the ship but were repelled by the crew. Singaporean and Indonesian Authorities notified. Two Indonesian Authority armed guards boarded the ship and arrested the three robbers.

14.	22.03.2020 1855 UTC Berthed Boarded	Au Libra Product Tanker Panama 7092 9236339	Batangas Port, Philippines	Duty crew onboard the berthed tanker noticed a robber with a long knife near the forecabin. Duty officer informed. Alarm raised and all crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped. The tanker and crew safe.
15.	11.04.2020 0230 UTC Anchored Boarded	Leyla K Tanker Marshall Islands 63304 9430313	01:42.5N – 104:28.7E, Around 16nm NE of Bandar Penawar, Malaysia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped. Incident reported to local agent.
16.	11.04.2020 2100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Jasmine Bulk Carrier Liberia 31756 9514327	Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed the forward store room door security padlock broken. Further investigation revealed ship's stores were stolen.
17.	13.04.2020 1910 UTC Anchored Boarded	NYK Joanna Container Singapore 27003 9387449	14:36.06N – 120:52.16E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines	Two robbers in an unlit boat approached and boarded an anchored ship. Duty OS on routine rounds noticed the boat and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and moved forward. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with ship's properties. No injuries to crew. Incident reported to VTMS.
18.	15.04.2020 1700 UTC Steaming Boarded	Palais Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 41605 9646649	01:14.70N – 104:02.30E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers armed with long knives in an unlit boat approached and boarded the ship underway. Duty officer on routine rounds noticed the robbers in the engine room and raised the alarm. Master made PA announcement, crew mustered and made a search. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's engine spares and properties. VTIS informed.
19.	22.04.2020 1500 UTC Steaming Boarded	Horizon II Bulk Carrier Panama 63993 9537563	01:14.8N – 104:03.1E, Singapore Straits	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. Duty crew spotted the robbers and informed the duty officer. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Singapore Police Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation. Nothing reported stolen.
20.	29.04.2020 2115 UTC Steaming Boarded	Chem Ranger Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 16411 9490296	01:16.7N – 104:16.9E, Singapore Straits	Duty crew in the engine room noticed three unauthorized persons entering the engine room. The duty crew shouted at the persons who then escaped. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and Singapore VTIS notified. Singapore Police boarded the tanker for inspection. On searching the tanker, nothing was reported stolen.
21.	03.05.2020 1950 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Denmark 29325 -	01:36.7N – 104:52.8E, Around 29nm NE of Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Four persons in a wooden boat, armed with knives, came alongside an anchored tanker. Two persons boarded the tanker using a hook attached with a rope. Duty AB on routine rounds saw the robbers and immediately informed the bridge. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered. The robbers took the AB's UHF radio by force and escaped. A search was made throughout the tanker. Padlocks to four storerooms

				were found broken but nothing reported stolen.
22.	05.05.2020 2330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Star Glory Bulk Carrier Cayman Islands 33232 9503990	00:16S – 117:35E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed the forward hatch at the forecandle opened. Upon inspection, it was discovered that the security padlock was broken, and ship's stores stolen. Incident reported to the Port Authorities and the local agent.
23.	09.05.2020 1548 UTC Steaming Boarded	Vega Aquarius Bulk Carrier Liberia 33044 9429170	01:15.2N – 104:05.8E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. They injured the duty crew on watch and stole his personal properties. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to VTIS.
24.	15.05.2020 2100-2230 UTC Berthed Boarded	MTM Penang Product Tanker Singapore 13122 9712591	03:47.3N – 098:41.8E, Belawan Port, Indonesia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed tanker and stole ship's stores. The incident was noticed after the completion of cargo operations. Incident reported to Port Authority.
25.	16.05.2020 1830 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Tanker Marshall Islands 43142 -	05:58.7S – 105:56.0E, Anyer Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed a robber armed with a knife. Duty officer informed and alarm raised. While retreating into the accommodation, the duty crew spotted another robber emerging from the emergency steering room. Crew mustered, and the robbers were seen escaping in their boat. A search was carried out and engine spares were reported missing.
26.	16.05.2020 2100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ocean Leader Product Tanker Singapore 11999 9402835	01:05.3N – 104:10.8E, Tanjung Uban Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty crew on routine rounds, onboard an anchored tanker noticed three robbers armed with knives. The crew raised the alarm and retreated into the accommodation. Crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. Nothing was reported stolen. Tanker and crew safe.
27.	17.05.2020 1925 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Denmark 42048 -	05:53.95S – 105:59.07E, Merak Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with long knives in a small boat boarded an anchored tanker using a ladder. They forced their way into the steering gear room after breaking the padlock. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in their boat. A search was carried out. It was reported that engine spares were stolen. Port Control was informed.
28.	18.05.2020 1315 UTC Steaming Boarded	SMS Sangatta Tug Indonesia 372 9637519 Winposh Resolve Offshore Supply Ship Indonesia 2588	01:13.3N – 104:06.5E, Singapore Straits	Six robbers armed with machetes boarded the barge under tow. Three duty watchmen onboard the barge were threatened by the robbers. One watchman was taken hostage while the other two watchmen managed to escape and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped stealing the watchmen's mobile phones. Authorities informed and they boarded the vessel for investigation.

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29.	28.05.2020 2020 UTC Anchored Boarded	Red Daisy Bulk Carrier Panama 34830 9767584	00:16.4S – 117:36.7E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the forecastle skylight opened and anchor pipe cover and padlock missing. He immediately informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and crew mustered. A search was carried out. It was reported that ship's stores were stolen. Incident reported to the Coast Guard who boarded the ship for investigation.
30.	02.06.2020 1100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Dubai Crown Bulk Carrier Panama 30738 9326378	00:15.94S – 117:36.85E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor two robbers from a small boat boarded the ship using hooks and ropes. They broke into the forecastle store and started lowering mooring ropes in the water. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers aborting and escaping without anything.
31.	12.06.2020 2000 - 2100 UTC Anchored Boarded	CMA CGM Puget Container Portugal 49855 9248124	14:33.5N – 120:53.8E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the bosun store and paint room door padlocks broken and doors open. He immediately informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and crew mustered. A search was carried out. It was reported that ship's stores and properties were stolen. Incident reported to the Port Authority.
32.	16.06.2020 0415 UTC Anchored Boarded	Magic Striker Bulk Carrier Bahamas 33044 9493664	13:11.08N – 100:50.80E, Ko Sichang Anchorage, Thailand	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship during cargo operations. They broke into the aft store, stole ship's equipment and escaped. The break-in was noticed by crew during routine operations. Incident reported to agent and PFSO.
33.	17.06.2020 0200 UTC Anchored Boarded	BW Zambesi Product Tanker Singapore 43885 9393101	05:54.2S – 105:59.0E, Merak Anchorage, Indonesia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's spares and escaped. The robbery was discovered during routine rounds in the engine room.

EAST ASIA

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	19.04.2020 1845 UTC Anchored Boarded	Masagana Chemical Tanker Bermuda 8627 9404895	Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Four robbers in a wooden boat boarded an anchored tanker. Duty watchman on routine rounds noticed the robbers and notified the OOW. Alarm raised and ship's whistle sounded. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Incident reported to Port Control.
2.	21.05.2020	Baltic Cove Bulk Carrier	20:57.2N – 107:18.8E,	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship and stole ship's stores. The incident

1830-2150 UTC Anchored Boarded	Liberia 23456 9450727	Campha Anchorage, Vietnam	was noticed after the completion of cargo operations. Incident reported to local agent.
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INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2020 0130 UTC Anchored Boarded	Amil 59 Offshore Supply Ship Palau 1330 9540493 Amil 12 Offshore Supply Ship Palau 1621 9367085	21:23.90N – 072:17.14E, Alang Anchorage, India	While anchored, persons in a small boat approached and boarded the barge, stole some scrap metal and escaped. Master noticed the persons and reported the incident to the Authorities who apprehended the thieves.
2.	07.02.2020 1310 UTC Anchored Boarded	ASL Amber Offshore Tug Singapore 977 9430301	21:41.72N – 091:50.34E, Matarbari Anchorage, Bangladesh	Duty AB onboard an anchored tug noticed robbers armed with knives boarding the tug and immediately informed the Duty Officer. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to the Coast Guard who boarded the tug for investigation.
3.	19.02.2020 0250 UTC Steaming Boarded	Mordius Tanker Comoros 58141 9165762	20:36.40N – 071:03.96E, Around 7.7nm SSE of Diu, Gujarat, India	Nine persons in a fishing boat approached the tanker under tow by a tug. Two persons boarded the tanker. The Master of the tug immediately reported the incident to the Indian Coast Guard via VHF ch-16. A Coast Guard ship responded, arrived at the location, apprehended the nine persons and handed them over to the Marine Police for further legal action.
4.	19.02.2020 1830 UTC Anchored Boarded	Al Barrah LPG Tanker Saudi Arabia 23999 9332030	17:03.5N – 082:24.6E, Kakinada Anchorage, India	During routine rounds, crew noticed ship's stores missing. On investigating, it was noticed that a robber had boarded the tanker, stolen ship's stores and escaped. Incident reported to Regional Authorities.
5.	27.02.2020 2230 UTC Anchored Boarded	Malaviya Ten Offshore Tug India 2180 9202596	16:58N – 082:18E, Kakinada Anchorage, India	Seven persons in a dinghy approached and boarded an anchored offshore tug. They stole lube oil drums and escaped. Incident reported to Kakinada Coast Guard. Two coast guard vessels were then deployed to search for the robbers' boat in the vicinity.
6.	27.03.2020 1430 UTC Steaming Boarded	Naashi Offshore Support Ship Panama 2910	21:24.1N – 072:20.0E, Around 8nm East of Alang, India	Crew onboard the tug towing a barge noticed unauthorised persons boarding the barge, stealing barge properties and escaping. Alarm raised and incident

		8762898		reported to VTS and Coast Guard, who dispatched a boat to investigate.
7.	24.05.2020 1600 UTC Berthed Boarded	FSL Osaka Product Tanker Singapore 28063 9354519	22:16.27N – 091:48.64E, Chattogram Port, Bangladesh	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the berthed tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed part of a mooring rope missing from the winch. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and a search was carried out. Incident reported to PFSO.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	19.01.2020 0500 UTC Anchored Boarded	Fortunato LPG Tanker Panama 7732 9347736	10:19.02N – 075:31.41W, Cartagena Anchorage, Colombia	Two persons armed with a machete were seen on the forecandle of an anchored tanker. Alarm sounded and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. Incident reported to the Coast Guard who board the tanker. Nothing was reported stolen.
2.	28.01.2020 0818 UTC Anchored Boarded	Minerva Mediterranea Product Tanker Malta 26897 9367671	12:00.15S – 0777:10.59W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Two unauthorised persons from two skiffs came alongside and boarded an anchored tanker. Duty watchman on security rounds noticed the persons on the forecandle deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons jumped overboard and escaped. Port Authorities notified. Nothing reported stolen.
3.	25.02.2020 0707 UTC Anchored Boarded	Iver Ambassador Asphalt Tanker Marshall Islands 7009 9768514	18:34.0N – 072:23.2W, Echo Anchorage, Port Au Prince, Haiti	Two robbers armed with a gun boarded an anchored tanker. Alert duty crew noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and retreated into the accommodation. All crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with ship's properties in a wooden boat along with another accomplice. The incident was reported to the CSO and Port Control.
4.	13.03.2020 0815 UTC Anchored Boarded	Star Spirit Refrigerated Cargo Ship Panama 17164 9765847	12:01.6S – 077:16.4W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Nine robbers, in three small boats, came alongside and boarded an anchored reefer ship. They took hostage three crew members, tied them up and assaulted them. Alarm raised. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. During the incident, two crew members were injured. Incident reported to Port Authorities.
5.	17.03.2020 0330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36421 -	Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed a small boat near the bow and notified the OOW. As he headed forward to check, three robbers intercepted him and took him hostage. The OOW raised the alarm when he noticed some movements near the forecandle and the AB did not respond to his calls on the walkie-talkie. Crew mustered and moved forward. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness,

				the robbers released the captured AB and escaped with the AB's walkie-talkie and ship's stores.
6.	09.04.2020 0330 UTC Steaming Boarded	Fouma Container Cyprus 15375 9395082	02:34.05S – 080:06.68W, River Passage, Guayaquil, Ecuador	Eight armed robbers in two speed boats approached the ship underway. Master raised the alarm and activated the SSAS. The robbers fired warning shots, managed to board the ship, and opened 15 containers. When the search lights were directed towards the robbers, they opened fire towards the bridge. Port Control and Coast Guard notified. The robbers stole part of the cargo and escaped. Later, the Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation. No injuries to crew.
7.	09.04.2020 0230 UTC Steaming Boarded	Sapura 3500 Pipe Layer Panama 40845 9651204	18:29.25N – 093:17.70W, Hokchi Field, Offshore Puerto Dos Bocas, Mexico	Duty crew onboard a dynamic positioning pipelaying vessel noticed two boats with seven armed persons approaching at high speed. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and crew mustered in the citadel. Three persons managed to board the vessel. Master activated SSAS, increased speed and commenced manoeuvres resulting in the persons escaping. Port Control notified and a patrol boat was dispatched to assist the vessel. After the crew emerged from the citadel a security search was carried out. Crew and vessel reported safe.
8.	10.04.2020 0337 UTC Steaming Boarded	Remas Offshore Supply Ship Italy 2600 9586459	18:36.76N – 093:19.39W, Around 13nm NW of Puerto Dos Bocas, Mexico	Eight armed robbers boarded the drifting vessel. They fired several warning shots and later left the vessel. No injuries to crew members. Authorities have been informed.
9.	11.04.2020 0435 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Container Germany 118945 -	02:52.6S – 080:23.2W, Around 7nm West of Isla Puna, Ecuador	Six armed robbers boarded the ship under pilotage. They took hostage two duty crew members and tied them up. Seeing the robbers, the Master raised the alarm, crew mustered, and pilot notified the coast guard. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers fired warning shots and escaped. On searching the ship, some containers were noticed broken into. The crew and ship are safe.
10.	15.04.2020 0330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Telford 28 Accommodation Barge Gibraltar 13062 8769638	18:51.94N – 091:52.56W, Around 12nm North of Ciudad del Carmen, Mexico	Around six persons armed with automatic weapons and pistols boarded an anchored barge. They attempted to enter into the accommodation without success and opened fire towards the superstructure causing damage to three windows. Master raised the alarm, sent distress message, informed CSO, and crew mustered in the citadel. The incident was reported to the Marine Control via VHF ch.16 and a naval boat was dispatched to the location. The persons stole the barge's high value project equipment and escaped. One crew was injured during the incident.

11.	10.05.2020 0600 UTC Berthed Boarded	Port Phillip Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 20987 9377975	18:41.44N – 072:21.46W, Lafiteau Port, Haiti	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard the berthed ship noticed an aft mooring rope missing. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out onboard the ship. Port Control and agents notified. The PFSO and Terminal Authorities also searched the port area and around the ship.
12.	03.06.2020 0840 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Liberia 5200 -	18:35.2N – 072:33.7W, Port Au Prince Anchorage, Outside Anchorage Area S, Haiti	Five robbers armed with a machete and knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty watchmen on routine rounds noticed the robbers and immediately informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. Crew mustered on the bridge. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen mooring ropes and ship's properties. The incident reported to the CSO and Port Control.
13.	10.06.2020 0330 UTC Anchored Boarded	FJ Star Bulk Carrier Panama 35025 9797682	00:02.8N – 050:58.6W, Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed two unauthorised persons on the aft deck. As he approached to investigate the two persons armed with a knife and pipe threatened the watchkeeper who retreated and reported the attack to the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to Port Authority and local agent.

AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	13.01.2020 0004 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nordic Wismar Container Liberia 39753 9539482	14:22.91S – 040:42.55E, Nacala Anchorage, Mozambique	During routine rounds duty crew noticed two robbers armed with long knives approaching and immediately informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and alerted the other crew. Ships stores reported missing.
2.	19.01.2020 2010 UTC Steaming Boarded	Atlantic Discoverer Container Marshall Islands 30024 9243590	05:08.3N – 002:17.9E, Around 73nm South of Cotonou, Benin	Two pirates armed with AK47 rifles in a boat approached and boarded the drifting ship. Alarm raised, deck lights switched off, accommodation locked down ship sailed towards Tema. Ghana navy notified and requested to board and search the ship on arrival. All crew safe. Nothing reported stolen.
3.	25.01.2020 0050 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Stingray Product Tanker Denmark 30010 9419735	06:16.91N – 003:19.53E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Duty crew onboard the anchored tanker carrying out STS operations noticed an unauthorised person near the forecastle. Alarm sounded and seeing the alerted crew, the person jumped overboard and escaped with his accomplices in a wooden boat. A naval patrol boat arrived at the location, searched the waters around the tanker and remained

				close to the tanker until daybreak. Nothing reported stolen.
4.	29.01.2020 0300 UTC Berthed Boarded	Posh Kittiwake Offshore Supply Ship Panama 2899 9617765	04:41.2N – 007:09.4E, FOT, Onne Port, Nigeria	Duty AB onboard the berthed offshore supply vessel noticed an unauthorised person on deck. Alarm raised and hearing the alerted crew, the person escaped with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to Port Authority and a search was carried out.
5.	01.02.2020 0130 UTC Anchored Boarded	Palawan Star Tanker Marshall Islands 42010 9401233	06:15.7N – 003:19.1E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Two robbers in a boat boarded an anchored tanker. They tried to seize the duty AB on routine rounds, who managed to escape. Alarm raised. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to Nigerian Navy. A patrol boat was dispatched to the location.
6.	14.02.2020 0759 UTC Steaming Boarded	Maersk Tema Container Marshall Islands 51872 9698264	01:33N – 005:19E, Around 102nm NW of Sao Tome Island, Sao Tome and Principe	Armed pirates in two boats approached and boarded the ship underway. Master raised the alarm, sent distress message, stopped the ship and all crew members mustered in the citadel. Upon receiving the distress message, the IMB PRC immediately alerted the Authorities in the Region and commenced liaising with the authorities and vessel operators. A security vessel with a Nigerian Navy team was dispatched to assist. The Sao Tome Navy / Authorities requested a Portuguese patrol boat to assist as well. The crew emerged from the citadel after the Nigerian navy personnel boarded and searched the ship. Some ship's equipment was reported as damaged. Under the escort of the security vessel the ship proceeded to a safe port.
7.	15.02.2020 0300 - 0500 UTC Anchored Boarded	Sanco Sea Support Vessel Gibraltar 1129 9204295	08:43.4S – 013:17.5E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola	Duty crew onboard an anchored vessel noticed the paint store broken into and ship's stores stolen.
8.	20.02.2020 0103 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Liberia 41696 -	05:08.31N – 002:06.14E, Around 75nm SSW of Cotonou, Benin	While underway, armed pirates attacked the tanker and kidnapped nine crew members. The tanker sailed to a safe port. Investigations are ongoing. On 06.03.2020 the nine kidnapped crew members were released safely.
9.	25.02.2020 2340 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship Singapore 3585 -	08:45.8S – 013:16.3E, Luanda Inner Anchorage, Angola	Crew onboard the supply ship noticed the padlock to the paint store broken. On checking the CCTV footage, it was noticed that four robbers had forced their way into the paint store and stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to Port Control.
10.	04.03.2020 0345 UTC Anchored Boarded	UAL Lobito General Cargo Netherlands 3153 9265653	04:54.0N – 001:41.7W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Robbers in two wooden boats approached and boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. Alarm raised and extra lookouts posted. Incident reported to

				Port Control and the Ghana Authorities boarded the ship for investigation.
11.	05.03.2020 1246 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Greece 28960 -	05:36.13N – 002:20.38E, Around 45nm SSW of Cotonou, Benin	Six armed persons boarded the tanker underway. Distress signal activated and regional authorities notified. All non-essential crew mustered in citadel. The Benin Navy responded, boarded the tanker and rescued the crew. One crew reported kidnapped and later released safely on 28 March 2020.
12.	07.03.2020 0150 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ingrid K Offshore Tug / Supply Ship Marshall Islands 1731 9444132	05:16.0N – 004:02.2W, Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast	A robber in a canoe approached and boarded an anchored vessel. Alert crew noticed the presence of the robber and raised the alarm. All crew mustered and a security search was carried out throughout the vessel. Port Control informed and a security boat was sent to the location. It was reported that a mobile phone was stolen from the vessel.
13.	19.03.2020 0045 UTC Anchored Boarded	Archon Product Tanker Liberia 29770 9724611	06:18.80N – 003:21.30E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	A robber boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew spotted the robber and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, the robber escaped with stolen cargo. Port control and Nigerian navy notified. A patrol boat was dispatched, and Nigeria Naval personnel boarded the tanker for investigations.
14.	20.03.2020 0130-0530 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Taasinge Container Hong Kong 20842 9064384	04:43.1S – 011:46.2E, Pointe Noire Northern Anchorage, The Congo	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain, stole ship's properties and escaped. Incident reported to local Port Control.
15.	22.03.2020 0557 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Container Portugal 9981 -	00:33.21N – 008:25.21E, Around 62nm WNW of Libreville, Gabon	Pirates boarded the ship underway. Most crew managed to retreat into the citadel. Regional Authorities notified and assistance was dispatched to the ship. When the crew emerged from the citadel seven crew were reported missing.
16.	18.04.2020 2330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Tommi Ritscher Container Portugal 48338 9656137	06:16.8N – 002:32.4E, Cotonou Anchorage, Benin	Armed persons boarded an anchored ship. Alarm raised and crew took shelter in the citadel. Incident reported to the Benin Authorities. A patrol boat in the vicinity was diverted to the location to rescue the crew members and to provide assistance. Eight crew kidnapped from the ship who were released safely on 23.05.2020.
17.	30.04.2020 Around 1845 UTC Steaming Boarded	Vemahope Product Tanker Panama 4568 9477751	03:29.99N – 003:50.17E, Around 127nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria	Armed pirates in a skiff attacked and boarded the tanker underway. They kidnapped 10 crews and escaped. The Owners of the tanker informed the IMB PRC who liaised with relevant regional and international authorities in the region and requested for assistance. A Nigerian Navy Security Vessel was dispatched to the location to assist the tanker. The four remaining crew members onboard together with the

				assistance of another sister vessel managed to sail the tanker to a safe port. Nigerian Authorities are investigating. The 10 kidnapped crew members were released safely on 22 May 20.
18.	03.05.2020 0300 UTC Steaming Boarded	Amerger VII Fishing Vessel Gabon - -	00:30.50N – 009:06.21E, Around 22nm WNW of Libreville, Gabon	Unknown persons attacked the fishing vessel. Three crews were reported kidnapped. The incident was reported to the Gabon Authorities who then escorted the remaining crew back to a safe port.
19.	03.05.2020 0500 UTC Steaming Boarded	Amerger II Fishing Vessel Senegal 110 -	00:55.24N – 009:08.09E, Around 11nm West of Corisco Island, Equatorial Guinea	Unknown persons attacked the fishing vessel. Three crews were reported kidnapped. The incident was reported to the Authorities who then escorted the remaining crew back to a safe port.
20.	09.05.2020 0107 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld General Cargo Comoros 7366 -	03:47.26N – 008:45.93E, Malabo Inner Anchorage, Equatorial Guinea	Five persons armed with rifles in a skiff approached an anchored ship. They boarded the ship and opened fire causing injuries to two crew members. Before escaping, they kidnapped two crew members and stole two mobile phones. Incident reported to Port Control and a naval ship via VHF Ch.16. The naval personnel boarded the ship and evacuated the injured crew to a hospital. It was reported that the crew members had sustained bullet wound injuries in their legs.
21.	10.05.2020 2050 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Saudi Arabia 29736 -	14:30.1S – 040:39.5E, Nacala Anchorage, Mozambique	One person boarded an anchored tanker during cargo operation. Alarm raised, resulting in the person escaping with his two accomplices in the boat. Port Control was notified. Nothing reported stolen.
22.	15.05.2020 - Steaming Hijacked	Hailufeng 11 Fishing Vessel China - -	Ivory Coast Fishing Areas, Ivory Coast	A fishing vessel carrying out fishing activities was boarded and hijacked by ten pirates. Upon receiving the distress message, the IMB PRC immediately started liaising with the Regional Authorities and the vessel operators. A Nigerian navy patrol vessel intercepted and boarded the hijacked vessel, apprehended the pirates, rescued the crew and escorted the fishing vessel to a safe port. All crew reported safe.
23.	20.05.2020 1730 UTC Steaming Boarded	ESL Australia General Cargo Cyprus 11864 9365661	02:14.5N – 005:03.7E, Around 142nm SW of Brass, Nigeria	Seven heavily armed pirates attacked and boarded the ship underway. The crew retreated into the citadel and contacted the owners and the IMB PRC for help. The IMB PRC immediately started liaising with the Nigerian Authorities and requested assistance. Two Nigerian Naval vessels responded. By the time the naval vessels arrived near the ship, the pirates had disembarked. The crew emerged from the citadel and the Naval vessels remained alongside the ship until daylight to ensure safety and security.

24.	09.06.2020 Around 0015 UTC Anchored Boarded	Karadeniz Powership Ayberk Bey Product Tanker Liberia 4606 9175236	09:21.2N – 013:47.0W, Conakry Anchorage, Guinea	Around seven persons armed with guns and knives boarded an anchored tanker. They stole ship's cash and crew personal belongings before escaping. It was reported that five crew members were assaulted during the incident.
25.	24.06.2020 Around 1430 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Fishing Vessel Ghana 994 -	05:21N – 002:37E, Around 60nm South of Cotonou, Benin	Six armed pirates attacked and boarded the vessel underway, kidnapped six crew, and escaped. The incident was reported to the Regional Authorities who coordinated response and escorted the remaining crew to a safe port.
26.	30.06.2020 2115 UTC Anchored Boarded	Frederike Oldendorff Bulk Carrier Liberia 33729 9629988	14:23.2S – 040:41.9E, Nacala Anchorage, Mozambique	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed a mooring line was cut and missing. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, and a search was carried out onboard the ship. Port Control notified and a patrol boat was dispatched to the location.

REST OF WORLD

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	26.04.2020 2300 UTC Berthed Boarded	Seamax Darien Container Hong Kong 89097 9243394	30:03.16N – 047:56.13E, Umm Qasr Port, Iraq	Unauthorised persons disguised as stevedores boarded the berthed ship. They broke into the forepeak store and started stealing ship's properties by passing them to their accomplices on the jetty. Alert crew noticed the persons and raised the alarm resulting in them escaping. Port Authorities responded and were able to recover and return the stolen items.

ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

1 January – 30 June 2020

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	01.03.2020 0540 UTC Anchored Attempted	Global Tomorrow Bulk Carrier Panama 29847 9495947	12:01.8S – 077:12.3W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Duty crew on routine safety rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed two small boats secured near the bow and three persons climbing the anchor chain. One person was seen waiting in the boat. Alarm raised and all crew moved towards the forecastle. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons retreated and escaped in their boats.
2.	04.04.2020 0206 UTC	Sapura 3500 Pipe Layer	18:37.5N – 093:19.7W,	Crew onboard the vessel noticed a boat with eight armed persons approaching at

	Steaming Fired upon	Panama 40845 9651204	HSP Platform, Offshore Dos Bocas, Mexico	high speed. Alarm sounded. Crew locked the accommodation mustered. As the boat approached from the stern it started firing at the vessel. Using the thrusters, the Master was able to prevent the boat from coming alongside resulting in the boat aborting and moving away. Port Control notified via VHF and a patrol boat was dispatched to the location.
3.	02.05.2020 0315-0400 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Container Germany 118945 -	02:46.2S – 080:14.7W, Around 4nm South of Posorja, Ecuador	Seven armed persons in a skiff chased and fired upon the ship underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered, and the search light directed towards the skiff. Coast Guard onboard the ship fired four warning shots resulting in the skiff moving away. Crew and ship safe.
4.	27.06.2020 0010 UTC Anchored Attempted	Maria Topic Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 34905 9726267	12:01.4S – 077:10.8W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Duty AB onboard an anchored ship noticed three robbers attempting to board via the anchor chain. The AB immediately informed the duty officer and started shouting at the robbers. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped. Port Control and Coast Guard were notified who later arrived at the location and made a search.

AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	16.01.2020 2057 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Lagertha Product Tanker Malta 12619 9410143	03:38.0N – 006:40.2E, Around 52nm SW of Bonny, Nigeria	Five armed pirates in a small craft approached the tanker underway. Alarm raised and evasive manoeuvres commenced. Armed security team onboard the tanker fired warning shots resulting in the pirates returning fire and then aborting the approach and moving away.
2.	17.01.2020 Early Morning Hrs Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Tanker Marshall Islands 62769 -	Lagos Secure Anchorage Area (SAA), Nigeria	Robbers in a small boat approached an anchored tanker during STS cargo operations. Two of the robbers attempted to board the tanker via the anchor chain. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and patrol boat informed. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped in their boat. Authorities notified.
3.	21.01.2020 0835 UTC Steaming Fired upon	MSC Grace Container Panama 13258 8918057	04:05.62N – 005:44.52E, Around 19nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria	Around 15 armed persons in a speed boat chased and fired upon the ship underway. Alarm raised and the non-essential crew took shelter in the citadel. The ship increased speed and the armed naval guard onboard returned fire, resulting in the skiff aborting the

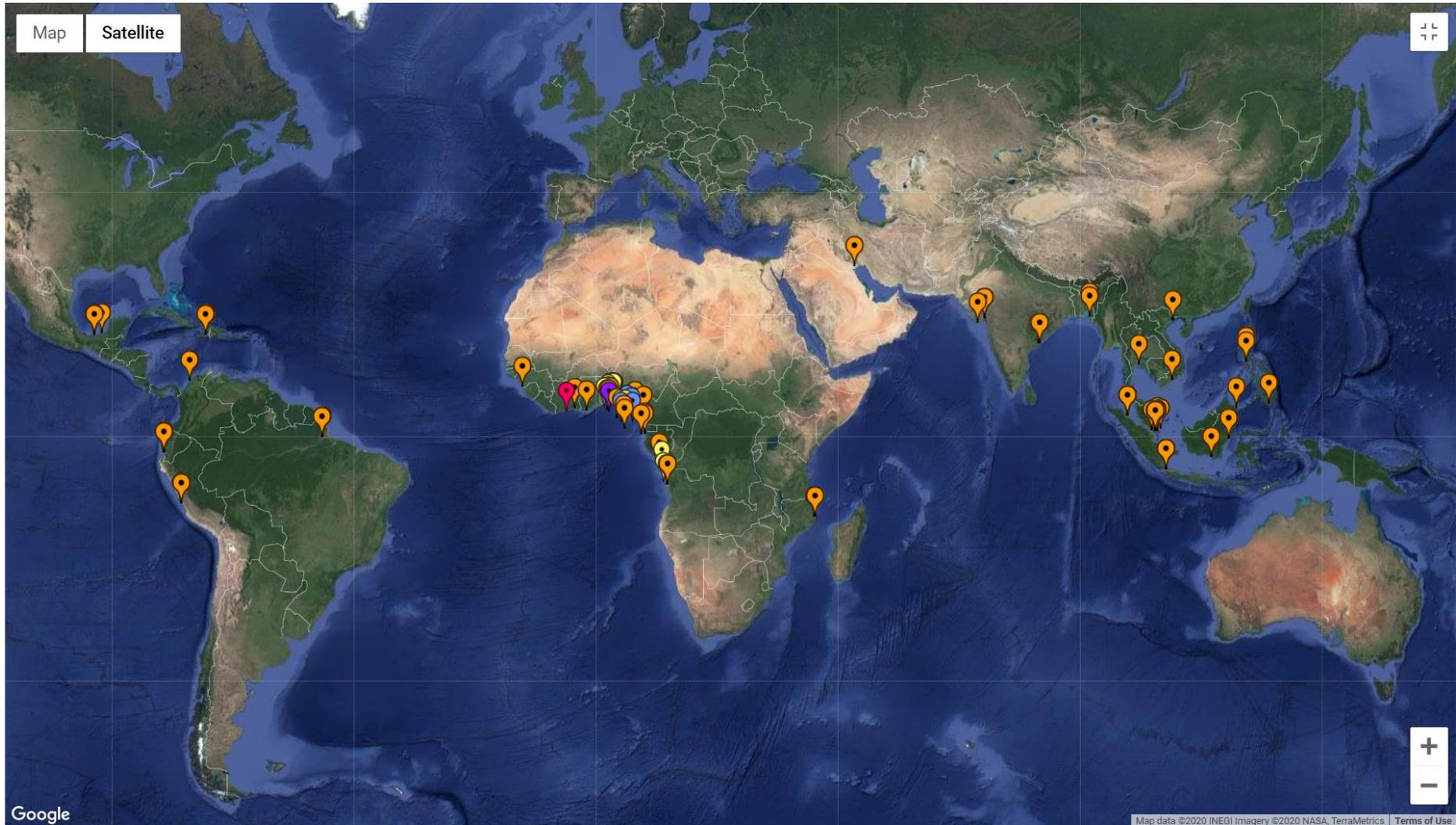
				attack and moving away. Ship and crew safe.
4.	18.02.2020 0020 UTC Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Tanker Panama 62350 -	06:17.53N – 003:14.16E, Lagos Secure Anchorage Area, Nigeria	Three persons in a small boat approached an anchored tanker and attempted to board via the anchor chain. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the attempted boarding and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons aborted the boarding and escaped in their boat. Incident reported to Port Control.
5.	21.02.2020 0220 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Container Liberia 40085 -	02:49.3N – 004:40.5E, Around 130nm SW of Brass, Nigeria	Duty officer onboard the ship underway noticed a speed boat approaching at high speed and raised the alarm. Speed increased, all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel and CSO notified. Evasive manoeuvres started by the Master as the boat closed. The approaching boat called the ship over VHF Ch 16 and demanded the ship to be stopped. Shots were heard being fired towards the ship. After around one hour the boat aborted and moved away. All crew safe.
6.	27.02.2020 0824 UTC Steaming Attempted	Sea Emperor Product Tanker Marshall Islands 8503 9383601	08:10.4S – 012:41.6E, Around 48.24nm NNW of Luanda, Angola	Eight pirates in a small boat approached and attempted to board the tanker underway. All non-essential crew mustered in the citadel and CSO notified. Master commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the pirates aborting the approach. The tanker and crew safe.
7.	05.03.2020 0730 UTC Steaming Attempted	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29738 -	05:22.2N – 001:36.0E, Around 49nm SE of Lome, Togo	Master onboard the tanker underway noticed a skiff on a parallel course. On altering her course, the skiff was seen altering course also and approaching the tanker. Alarm raised and the non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel. As the skiff closed in, ten persons were noticed in the skiff. A weapon was observed in the skiff as well. The Master increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the skiff aborting the approach. Tanker and crew safe.
8.	15.03.2020 1605 UTC Anchored Attempted	Bourbon Horus Offshore Supply Ship St Vincent and Grenadines 2537 9507025	06:04.53S – 012:18.50E, Soyo Anchorage, Angola	Duty officer onboard the anchored vessel noticed 12 armed person in a wooden boat attempting to board. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the persons aborted the attempt and moved away. Port Authorities notified and a security boat was dispatched to the location.
9.	25.03.2020 1006 UTC Steaming Attempted	Scarabe Bulk Carrier Greece 34553 9712967	03:07.7N – 005:35.8E, Around 75nm SSW of Bayelsa, Nigeria	Seven armed pirates in a black speed boat approached and attempted to board the ship underway. Alarm raised and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Master activated the SSAS, increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the

				pirates aborting the approach. Ship and crew safe.
10.	26.03.2020 0830 UTC Steaming Attempted	Pyxis Theta Product Tanker Malta 30159 9657064	05:59.8N – 002:21.2E, Around 21nm SSW of Cotonou, Benin	Around five persons in a speed boat approached the tanker underway. PA announcements made. Accommodation locked down and all non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Master increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the persons aborting the approach and moving away. The tanker and crew safe.
11.	27.03.2020 1700 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Lana Container Liberia 42112 9484522	02:45.6N – 006:54.9E, Around 97nm South of Bonny Island, Nigeria	About ten pirates armed with an AK-47 in a skiff doing 21 knots, chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master raised the alarm, activated distress alert, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres, resulting in the pirates aborting the attempted attack and moving away. The ship and crew are safe.
12.	09.06.2020 1900 UTC Steaming Attempted	Rio Charleston Container Liberia 40807 9362449	03:14.3N – 004:43.0E, Around 95nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria	Five persons in a skiff, approached the ship underway. The duty officer raised the alarm, activated the fire pump, increased speed and commenced evasive manoeuvres. After several attempts to board the ship the skiff aborted and moved away. Ship and crew safe. Incident reported to the Authorities and Security Escort Company.



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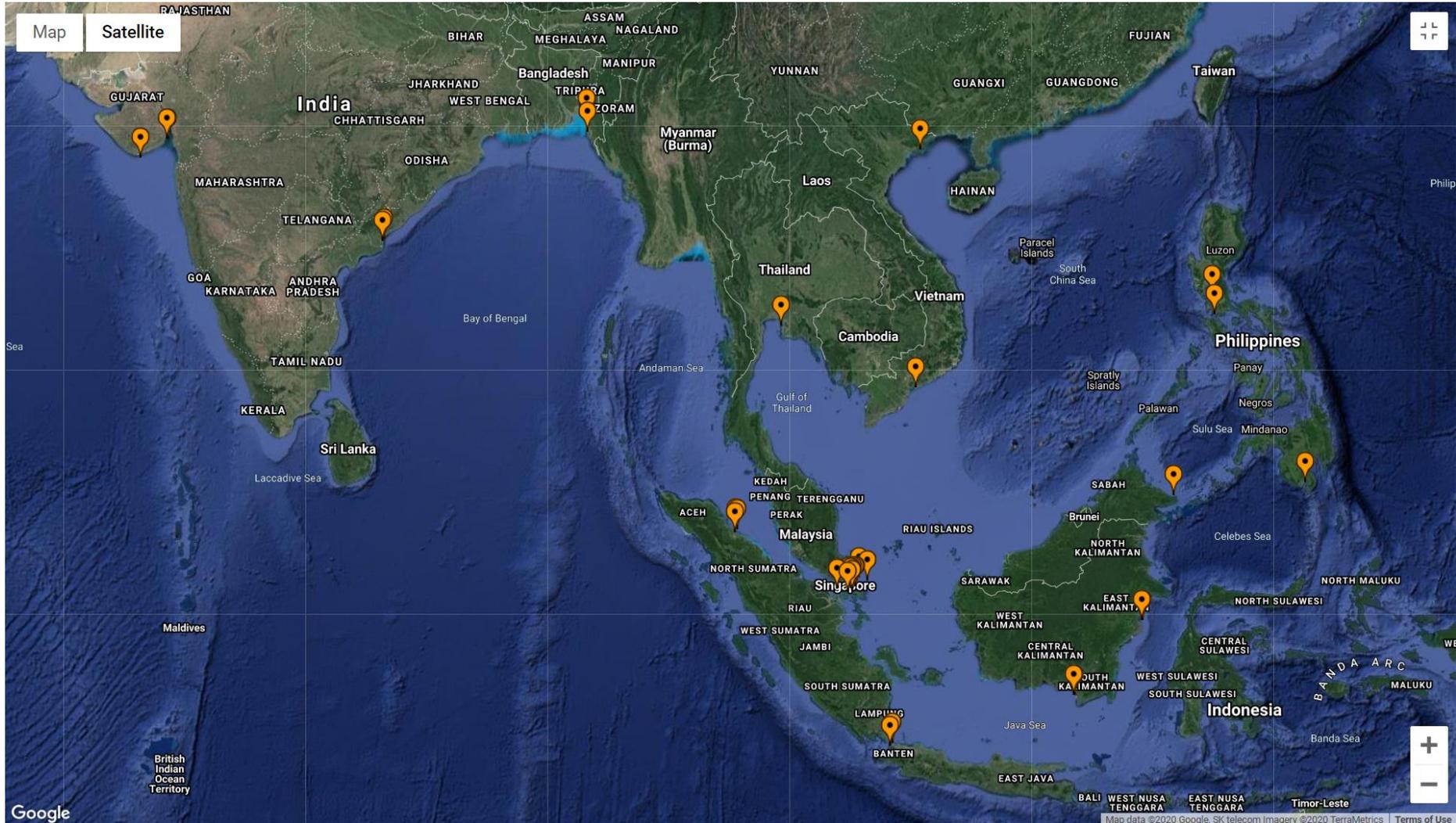


Total number of attacks – 98



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Total attacks Indian Sub-Continent – 7

Total attacks East & SE Asia – 35



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Total attacks Red Sea / Gulf of Aden – 0

Total attacks east coast Somalia / Arabian Sea – 0



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Total attacks West Africa (Gulf of Guinea) – 35



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Total attacks South America – 17