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# (U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 19 August – 16 September 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 14 September, a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile.
2. (U) **ANGOLA:** On 13 September at 2315 UTC, a firefighting vessel was boarded while at anchor.
3. (U) **STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 12 September at 2300 UTC, a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile.
4. (U) **STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 10 September at 1910 UTC, two vessels were hit by unknown projectiles.
5. (U) **GULF OF ADEN:** On 10 September at 0900 UTC, a cargo vessel was boarded while underway.
6. (U) **SAUDI ARABIA:** On 9 September at 0300 UTC, a firefighting vessel 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.

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**(U) NORTH AMERICA**

(U) No current incidents to report.

**(U) CENTRAL AMERICA – CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA**

1. **(U) BAY OF CAMPECHE:** On 4 September at an unknown time, it was reported that an offshore supply vessel had been boarded while operating off Ciudad Del Carmen in the Bay of Campeche, Mexico. Three perpetrators aboard a fishing boat boarded the vessel and stole fifteen cable reels. Following the robbery, the perpetrators reportedly boarded the nearby oil platform. The crew contacted security forces; however, no support was provided. (Closed Source/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) PERU:** On 22 August at 0130 local time, IMB reported that a bulk carrier was boarded while at anchor in San Nicolas Anchorage, Peru. Two perpetrators armed with knives were spotted by the duty crew near the forecastle store. The alarm was immediately raised which resulted in the perpetrators escaping with stolen ship's stores. The incident was reported to Port Control. (IMB/Clearwater Dynamics)

**(U) ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA**

(U) No current incidents to report.

**(U) NORTHERN EUROPE – BALTIC**

(U) No current incidents to report.

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**(U) MEDITERRANEAN – BLACK SEA**

1. **(U) MEDITERRANEAN SEA:** On 5 September at an unknown time, open sources have reported that a Russian-flagged cargo vessel was struck by an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) while transiting through the Mediterranean Sea. Reports state that the vessel was targeted by Ukrainian forces using drones equipped with munitions-dropping systems. The strike caused a small fire to break out onboard. The vessel has departed from Algerian port of Oran and is reportedly on route towards Syria. (Open Source/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) BLACK SEA:** On 5 September at an unknown time, open sources have reported that a Liberia-flagged tanker was struck by an UAV while transiting off the coast of Samsun, Turkey. Initial reports indicate that the vessel sustained damage to its accommodation block. No injuries have been confirmed at this time, and there have been no reports of an oil spill, fire, or need to abandon the vessel. (Open Source/Clearwater Dynamics)

**(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT**

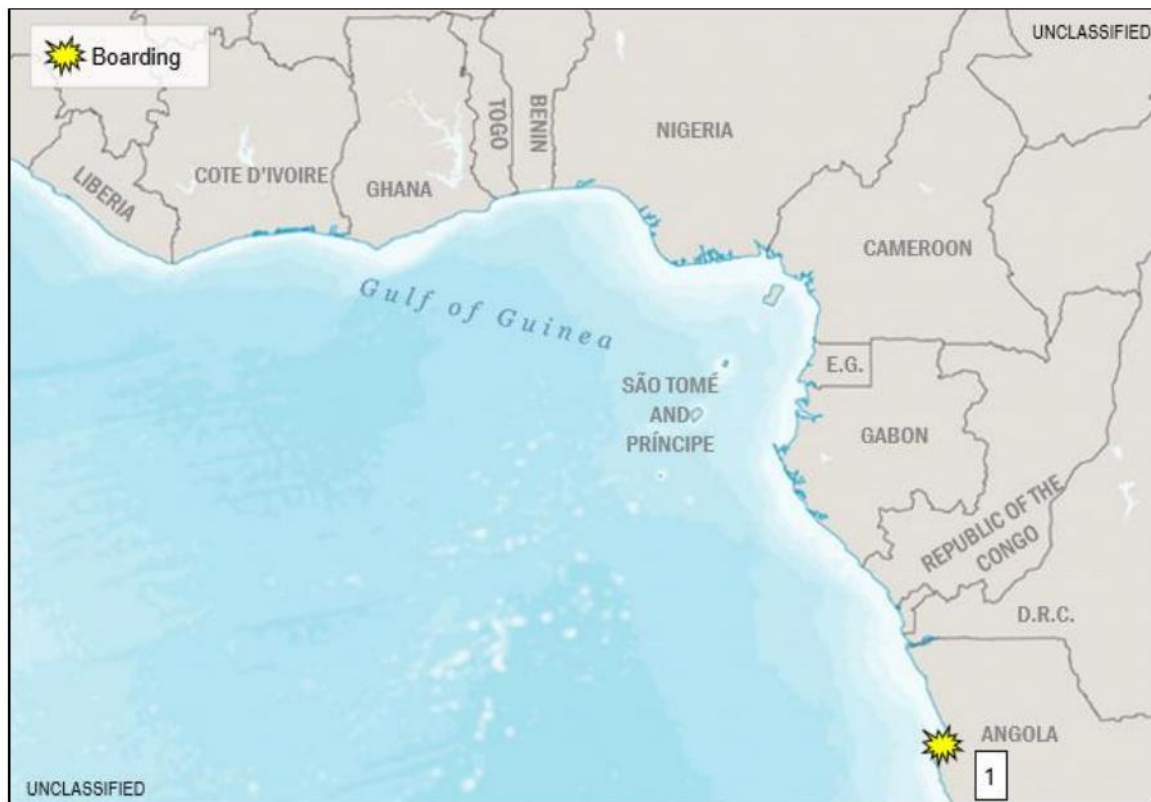
(U) No current incidents to report.

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

(U) No current incidents to report.

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## (U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA



1. **(U) ANGOLA:** On 13 September at 2315 UTC, it was reported a firefighting vessel had been boarded while at anchor in Luanda outer anchorage, Angola. A duty crew member onboard the anchored vessel heard a noise coming from the starboard side and discovered two intruders inside the store upon investigation. The crew member retreated to the bridge and raised the alarm upon being threatened by one of the intruders with a machete. The Master of the ship informed Luanda port control radio and the authorities were notified. All crew are reported safe and no items have been reported stolen. (Clearwater Dynamic/CLOSED)

## (U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA

1. **(U) JAKARTA:** On 7 September at 1905 UTC, the ICC reported that a bulk carrier had been boarded while at anchor in Jakarta Anchorage, Indonesia. Duty crew onboard the anchored vessel noticed a small wooden boat alongside the ship and four unauthorized people on the AFT deck. The alarm was raised resulting in the unauthorized people escaping with stolen engine spares. (ICC/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 24 August, a robbery occurred onboard a vessel while berthed at Lubuk Gaung Port, Indonesia. Two perpetrators boarded the vessel and stole generator spare parts while the vessel was loading cargo. A watch helmsman discovered the robbers in the engine

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room and raised the alarm. The perpetrators fled the stern deck, jumped overboard, and escaped via a small boat. All crew reported safe. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)

3. **(U) VIETNAM:** On 23 August at 0106 local time, an anchored bulk carrier was robbed at Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam. The robbers were able to board the vessel and escape with items from the ships store. The incident was reported to the local authorities. (IMB/Clearwater Dynamics)
4. **(U) PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** On 20 August at 1255 UTC, a French-flagged research vessel was boarded by seven robbers whilst anchored off Wewak, East Sepik Province. The perpetrators boarded the vessel from a motorized banana boat. Personal and professional electronic equipment was reported stolen before the robbers escaped heading east. One crew member sustained minor injuries. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)

**(U) PERSIAN GULF**

1. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 14 September at 2040 UTC, UKMTO was informed of late report that a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile. There is no reported damage or environmental impact at this time. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

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2. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 12 September at 2300 UTC, UKMTO reported that a vessel has been struck by an unknown projectile while transiting the Strait of Hormuz. A fire was reported to have broken out but was extinguished. An Oman Naval Vessel rescued 23 crew member and a total of two remain missing. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics/Open)
3. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 10 September at 1910 UTC, UKMTO reported 4NM west of Khasab, Oman, that a Master of a vessel reported two vessels were struck by four unknown projectiles, causing a fire on one vessel. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
4. **(U) SAUDI ARABIA:** On 9 September at 0300 UTC, it was reported that an Indonesian-flagged firefighting vessel has received damage from an unidentified projectile while operating approximately 20NM east of Al Saffaniyah. The crew have been reported as safe. (Clearwater Dynamics/Closed Source)
5. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 9 September at 0248 UTC, UKMTO was informed from a third-party that a vessel had been attacked while at anchor northwest of Port Rashid, UAE. The Master of a tanker observed another vessel listing at its anchorage, with indications of water ingress consistent with damage from a projectile strike. The nature of the projectile remains unconfirmed. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
6. **(U) IRAQ:** On 9 September at 0230 UTC, UKMTO reported a tanker had been attacked 28NM southeast of Al-Faw, Iraq. The Master reported that the tanker was struck by an unknown projectile. All crew reported safe and there have been no environmental impacts reported at this time. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
7. **(U) IRAN:** On 8 September at an unknown time, open sources reported that an oil tanker was attacked near the Yakboni coast of Jask, Iran. State television reported that the tanker's crew was safely evacuated following the attack. A second explosion was also heard; however, its source and location were unknown. (Open Source/Clearwater Dynamics)
8. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 31 August at 2050 UTC, UKMTO reported a tanker was attacked while underway in the Strait of Hormuz. Initial reports indicated that the incident resulted in two casualties. No environmental impacts have been reported at this time. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
9. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 31 August at 2000 UTC, a tanker was attacked while completing an outbound transit in the Strait of Hormuz approximately 17nm East of Khasab, Oman. The vessel was struck by three unknown projectiles. No casualties or environmental impacts have been reported at this time. (UKMTO/MICA-CENTER/Clearwater Dynamics)
10. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 29 August at 2053 UTC, a tanker was attacked while transiting 12NM North of Khasab, Oman. The tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while

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transiting inbound in the Strait of Hormuz. No casualties or environmental impacts are reported currently. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

11. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 25 August at 1730 UTC, UKMTO reported that a Kuwaiti-flagged tanker was struck by an unknown projectile whilst transiting through the Strait of Hormuz, causing a fire onboard, which has been extinguished. All crew reported safe, and no environmental impacts have been reported. (UKMTO)
12. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 24 August at 2024 UTC, UKMTO reported that a Liberian-flagged tanker was struck by an unknown projectile approximately 9NM northeast of Ash Shishah, UAE. The Master of the ship reported that there was damage to the engine room, which disabled the vessel. All crew reported safe, and the environmental impact is unknown currently. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

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



1. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 10 September at 0900 UTC, UKMTO reported that a cargo vessel had been boarded by six-armed persons 98NM Southwest of Al Mukalla, Yemen. The alert was raised and crew members secured themselves in the citadel, but the armed personnel were confirmed to have disembarked following a search for the vessel. All crew members are reported safe and well. (UKMTO/MSCIO/Clearwater Dynamics/CLOSED)
2. **(U) INDIAN OCEAN:** On 31 August at 1600 UTC, a tanker was involved in an incident with military forces while operating in the Indian Ocean. The Master reported this incident to authorities, who are aware and relevant investigations remain ongoing. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) RED SEA:** On 24 August at 0637 UTC, UKMTO reported that a Saudi Arabian-flagged tanker was struck by an unknown projectile approximately 63NM west of Saudi Arabia, causing a fire on the main deck. All crew reported safe, and no environmental impact has been reported. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
4. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 20 August, UKMTO reported that a tanker was hijacked by six-armed perpetrators approximately 136NM east of Al Mukalla, Yemen. The perpetrators are reportedly in control of the vessel and are sailing towards Somalia. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

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# (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        | 7        |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>26</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>9</b> |

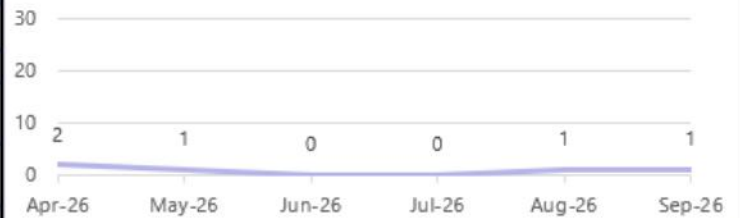
### (U) Horn of Africa

| Event                              | 2022     | 2023     | 2024      | 2025      | 2026      |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Hijackings                         | 0        | 6*       | 12*       | 4*        | 6         |
| Kidnappings                        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts | 0        | 1        | 6         | 9         | 56        |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>0</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>61</b> |

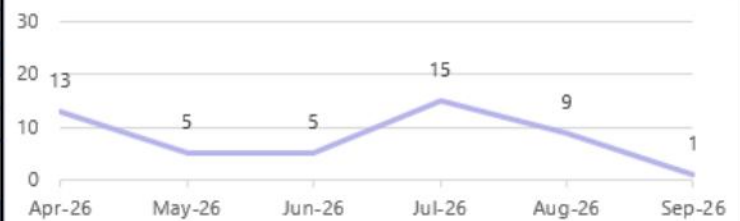
### (U) Southeast Asia

| Event                              | 2022      | 2023       | 2024      | 2025       | 2026      |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Hijackings                         | 1         | 2          | 2         | 0          | 0         |
| Kidnappings                        | 0         | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0         |
| Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts | 84        | 103        | 96        | 134        | 31        |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>85</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>98</b> | <b>134</b> | <b>31</b> |

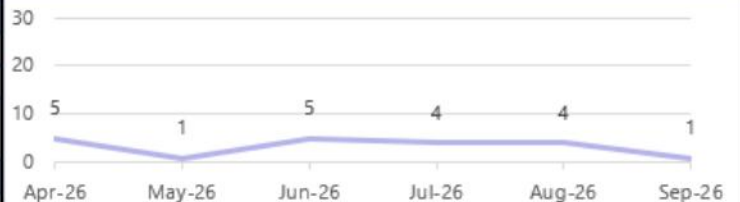
### (U) GoG: Number of events in the last six months



### (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.

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

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

|                                                                                                                                          |             |             |
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| <a href="#">2026-011-Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman-Iranian Attacks on Commercial Vessels</a>                          | 09 Sep 2026 | 08 Mar 2027 |
| <a href="#">2026-010-Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean-Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom</a>                              | 07 Aug 2026 | 04 Feb 2027 |
| <a href="#">2026-009-Gulf of Guinea-Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom</a>                                                       | 24 Jun 2026 | 21 Dec 2026 |
| <a href="#">2026-008-Global-U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts</a>                                                  | 24 Apr 2026 | 21 Oct 2026 |
| <a href="#">2026-007-Worldwide-Worldwide-Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence</a>                            | 24 Apr 2026 | 21 Oct 2026 |
| <a href="#">2026-006-Red Sea, Bab el Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, and Somali Basin-Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels</a> | 26 Mar 2026 | 22 Sep 2026 |

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