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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 02 September – 30 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 29 September at 0001 UTC, three vessels were struck by unknown projectiles.
2. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 28 September at 0530 UTC, a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile.
3. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 20 September, a vessel was hijacked.

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(U) Monthly Incidents by Region

(U) This section lists reports of active violence against shipping, credible threats to shipping, or the potential for a situation to develop into a direct threat to shipping over the past 30 days. Every effort is made to ensure incidents are not double counted. In the event double-counting is detected, or an incident is later found to be different than initially reported, an explanation of the cancellation of the inaccurate report will be made in at least one message prior to dropping the erroneous report.

(U) NORTH AMERICA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) CENTRAL AMERICA – CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA

1. **(U) BAY OF CAMPECHE:** On 04 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)

(U) ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) NORTHERN EUROPE – BALTIC

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) MEDITERRANEAN – BLACK SEA

1. **(U) MEDITERRANEAN SEA:** On 05 September at an unknown time, open sources have reported that a Russian-flagged cargo vessel was struck by an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle 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 05 September at an unknown time, open sources have reported that a Liberia-flagged tanker was struck by an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle 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.

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(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA

1. **(U) LUANDA:** 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) SINGAPORE:** On 16 September at 2046 UTC, the IFC reported that a cargo vessel was boarded whilst transiting the Phillip Channel, Singapore Strait. Four robbers were reportedly observed onboard. The crew sounded the general alarm and mustered. Engine spares were stolen, and the Singapore Police Coast Guard were notified and searched the vessel. Engine spares were stolen and no perpetrators were found onboard. All crew members were reported safe. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) PHILIPPINES:** On 15 September, the IFC reported that a robbery occurred aboard a Singapore-flagged tanker whilst anchored at Batangas Bay Anchorage, Luzon, Philippines. CCTV footage confirmed that two perpetrators had boarded the vessel and had stolen several items from the forecastle area, including hose couplings and scupper plugs. All crew members were confirmed safe with no injuries reported. (IFC/ Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) JAKARTA:** On 07 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)

(U) PERSIAN GULF

1. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 28 September at 0530 UTC, a Kuwaiti-flagged tanker was reportedly struck by an unknown projectile while transiting the Strait of Hormuz. The strike resulted in a fire onboard, which has since been extinguished. The crew has been reported safe and there have been no environmental impacts reported. (UKMTO/Closed Source/Clearwater Dynamic)
2. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 29 September at 0001 UTC, two Liberian-flagged tankers, and one Bahamas-flagged tanker were struck by unknown projectiles while transiting the Strait of Hormuz. No further information regarding casualties, damage, or environmental impact has been reported. Authorities are investigating. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 23 September at 0630 UTC, the UKMTO reported that a cargo vessel was struck by an unknown projectile whilst transiting through the Strait of Hormuz. The vessel's Company Security Officer reported that the vessel caught fire and is currently adrift, with the engines being confirmed as non-operational. All crew have been evacuated, with two casualties reported. No environmental impacts reported at this time. Authorities are investigating the incident. (UKMTO/ MICA CENTRE)

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4. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 21 September at 1330 UTC, UKMTO was informed of a late report that a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile. All crew are reported safe, with no environmental impacts reported. (UKMTO/ Clearwater Dynamics)
5. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 21 September at 0730 UTC, UKMTO reported that a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile. Two crew members sustained minor injuries. The vessel is continuing to its next port of call under its own power, and no environmental impacts have been reported at this time. (UKMTO/ Clearwater Dynamics)
6. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 18 September at 0040 UTC, UKMTO reported that a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile whilst transiting the Strait of Hormuz. The vessel's Company Security Officer reported that the strike from the unknown projectile had resulted in a fire onboard. The fire has since been extinguished. All crew have been reported safe, and no environmental impacts have been reported at this time. (UKMTO/ Clearwater Dynamics)
7. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 17 September, the UKMTO reported a security incident in the Strait of Hormuz. The crew of the vessel were reported safe, and no environmental impacts have been confirmed at the time of this report. (UKMTO/ Clearwater Dynamics)
8. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 16 September at 0740 UTC, the UKMTO reported that a tanker was reportedly struck by an unknown projectile whilst transiting outbound of the Strait of Hormuz. The crew have been reported safe. Damage assessment and environmental impact have not been reported. Authorities are investigating. (UKMTO/ Clearwater Dynamics)
9. **(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)
10. **(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)
11. **(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)

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- 12. (U) SAUDI ARABIA:** On 09 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)
- 13. (U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 09 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)
- 14. (U) IRAQ:** On 09 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)
- 15. (U) IRAN:** On 08 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)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA



1. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 20 September, an Eritrean-flagged tanker issued a distress call on VHF Channel 16 while underway Westbound in the IRTC, approximately 136NM East of Al Mukalla. Yemen stated that they were being approached by an unauthorized vessel with six -armed perpetrators. The armed perpetrators took control of the tanker and started sailing towards Somalia. Shortly thereafter, the Puntland Maritime Police Force (PMPF) apprehended the perpetrators and recovered the vessel. (UKMTO/Open Source/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) GULF OF ADEN:** On 09 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)

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

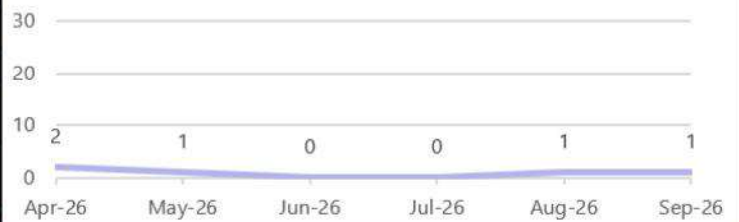
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(U) Gulf of Guinea

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
Total	26	23	25	29	9

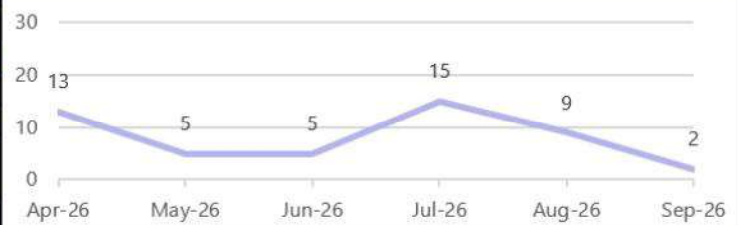
(U) GoG: Number of events in the last six months



(U) Horn of Africa

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

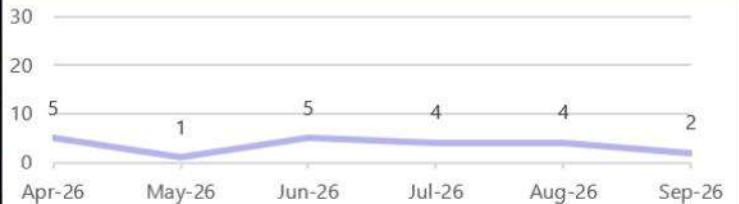
(U) HoA: Number of events in the last six months



(U) Southeast Asia

Event	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Hijackings	1	2	2	0	0
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	2
Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts	84	103	96	134	31
Total	85	105	98	134	33

(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

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(U) Appendix B: Definitions

(U) In order to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference, we use the following definitions to describe a range of criminal antishipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis.

- > (U) **Attempted Boarding** – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.
- > (U) **Blocking** – Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.
- > (U) **Boarding** – Unauthorized embarkation of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.
- > (U) **Fired Upon** – Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.
- > (U) **Hijacking** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.
- > (U) **Kidnapping** – Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.
- > (U) **Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement who forcefully remove crew members from vessel when disembarking.
- > (U) **Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.
- > (U) **Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained activity in close proximity of an unknown vessel.

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

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2026-013-Red Sea, Bab el Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, and Somali Basin-Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels	23 Sep 2026	22 Mar 2027
2026-012-Black Sea and Sea of Azov-Military Combat Operations	23 Sep 2026	22 Mar 2027
2026-011-Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman-Iranian Attacks on Commercial Vessels	09 Sep 2026	08 Mar 2027
2026-010-Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean-Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	07 Aug 2026	04 Feb 2027
2026-009-Gulf of Guinea-Piracy/Armed Robbery/Kidnapping for Ransom	24 Jun 2026	21 Dec 2026
2026-008-Global-U.S. Maritime Advisory Updates, Resources, and Contacts	24 Apr 2026	21 Oct 2026
2026-007-Worldwide-Worldwide-Foreign Adversarial Technological, Physical, and Cyber Influence	24 Apr 2026	21 Oct 2026
2026-006-Red Sea, Bab el Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, and Somali Basin-Houthi Attacks on Commercial Vessels	26 Mar 2026	22 Sep 2026

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