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(U) Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) Report, 07 October – 04 November 2026

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(U) Executive Summary

(U) Scope

(U) The Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) report provides information on threats to merchant vessels, the shipping industry, and other maritime stakeholders worldwide in the last 30 days. This report is produced primarily to inform merchant mariners and naval forces.

(U) Warnings, Advisories, and Alerts: See Appendix C for active advisories.

(U) Summary:

1. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 04 November at 1550 UTC, a cargo vessel was boarded
2. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 03 November at 1900 UTC, a tanker was struck by two unknown projectiles
3. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 02 November at 1436 UTC, a cargo vessel was boarded
4. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 01 November at 2347 UTC, a tanker was struck by two unknown projectiles
5. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 01 November at 2020 UTC, a vessel was struck by an unknown projectile
6. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 01 November at 1509 UTC, a tug vessel was struck by an unknown projectile
7. **(U) PERSIAN GULF:** On 30 October at 1800 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile

8. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 29 October at 2212 UTC, a tanker was sighted on fire
9. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 29 October at 1600 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile
10. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 29 October at 0900 UTC, a fishing vessel was hijacked
11. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 29 October at 0730 UTC, a robbery occurred on board a cargo vessel
12. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 28 October at 0001 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile

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(U) Monthly Incidents by Region

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

(U) NORTH AMERICA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) CENTRAL AMERICA – CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) NORTHERN EUROPE – BALTIC

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) MEDITERRANEAN – BLACK SEA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND – PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) WEST AFRICA – GULF OF GUINEA

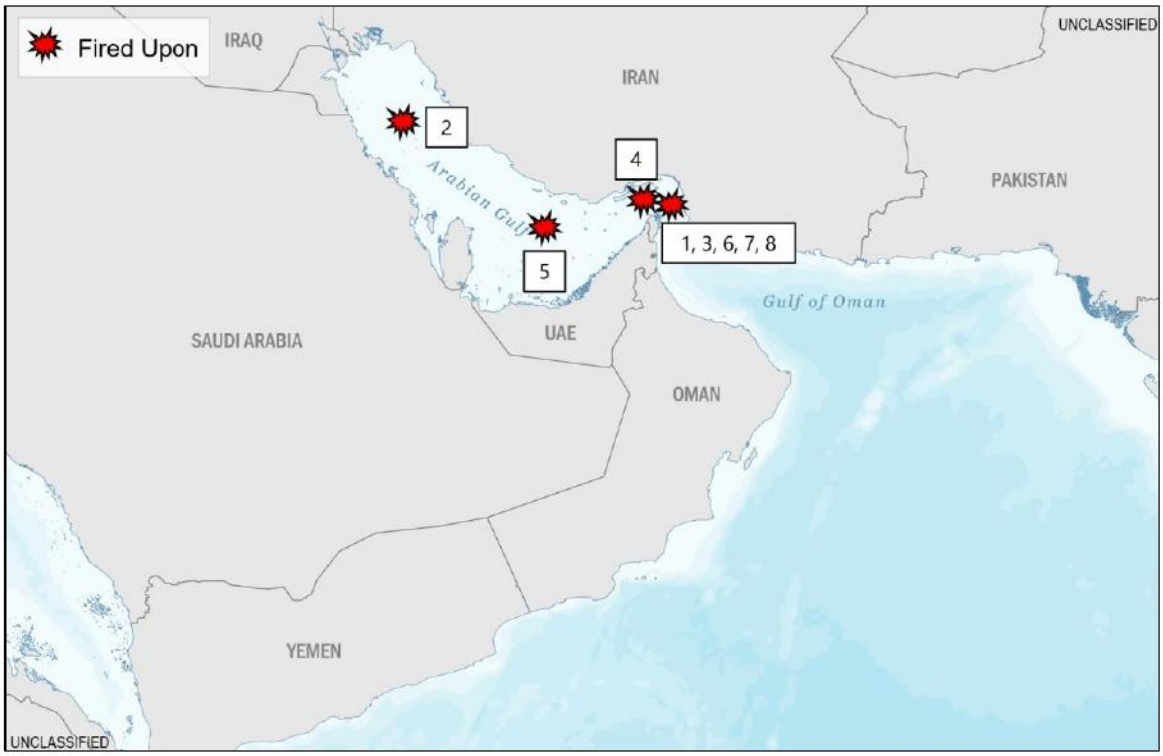
(U) No current incidents to report.

(U) EAST ASIA – SOUTHEAST ASIA



1. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 04 November at 1550 UTC, a cargo vessel was boarded by eight unarmed perpetrators while transiting the Philip Channel, Singapore. No items have been reported stolen. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 02 November at 1436 UTC, a cargo vessel was boarded by three persons while underway in the Philip Channel, Singapore. Authorities are investigating. (CLOSED SOURCES/Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) INDONESIA:** On 29 October at 0730 UTC, a robbery occurred on board a cargo ship while it was anchored IVO Belawan, Indonesia. All crew were reported safe and unidentified items were stolen. (ICC/Clearwater Dynamics)
4. **(U) SINGAPORE STRAIT:** On 17 October at 1525 UTC, an attempted robbery occurred on board a vessel being towed by a Singapore-flagged tug while transiting in the eastbound lane. All crew were accounted for with no injuries reported and no items stolen. (IFC/Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) PERSIAN GULF



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13. **(U) IRAQ:** On 20 October at 1930 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while underway approximately 30NM southeast of Al-Faw, Iraq. There has been no

reported damage to the vessel and all crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/CLOSED SOURCE/Clearwater Dynamics)

14. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 18 October at 0001 UTC, a tug was struck by two unknown projectiles while transiting southbound, northeast of the UAE. The attack caused damage to the vessel and one minor casualty was reported. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

15. **(U) SAUDI ARABIA:** On 16 October at 1922 UTC, a tanker was attacked by a rocket-propelled grenade fired from a small boat. The attack caused damage to the aft port quarter of the vessel, all crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

16. **(U) SAUDI ARABIA:** On 16 October at 0900 UTC, a tanker was struck by an unknown projectile approximately 68NM northeast of Al Jubayl. The vessel was evacuated and all crew members reported safe. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

17. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 13 October at 0000 UTC, a Barbados-flagged crude oil tanker was struck by an unknown projectile while transiting the Strait of Hormuz (exact time and position not specified). Authorities are investigating the incident. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

18. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 13 October at 1640 and 1700 UTC, two container ships were struck by unknown projectiles while transiting. The first vessel involved was a 50,000-tonne Singapore-flagged container ship transiting inbound. The second vessel involved was a 19,000-tonne Marshall Islands-flagged container ship while transiting outbound. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

19. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 12 October at 0000 UTC, a container vessel was struck by an unknown projectile while transiting inbound through the Strait of Hormuz. The status of the crew, damage assessment, and environmental impacts are unknown at the time of the report. The authorities are investigating. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

20. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 11 October at 1200 UTC, a Company Security Officer (CSO) reported a tanker being struck by an unidentified projectile on the port side, resulting in damage to the vessel. All crew members were reported safe, and no environmental impacts were reported at the time of the attack. Authorities are investigating. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

21. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 11 October at 0000 UTC, UKMTO reported a tanker transiting outbound was struck by an unknown projectile. The crew was confirmed

as safe. The damage assessment and environmental impact are unknown at the time of the report. Authorities are investigating. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

22. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 11 October at 0000 UTC, UKMTO reported an incident involving a tanker being hit by a drone while anchored at the Port of Sohar, Oman. The status of crew, damage assessment, and environmental impacts are unknown at the time of the report. Nine of the eleven crew members are reported safe, and two crew members remain missing. Search and rescue operations occurred. (UKMTO/OPEN SOURCE/Clearwater Dynamics)

23. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 11 October at 0000 UTC, UKMTO reported a products tanker being struck by an unknown projectile while transiting outbound. The status of the crew, damage assessment, and environmental impacts are unknown at the time of the report. The authorities are investigating. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

24. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 10 October at 1850 UTC, UKMTO reported that several Masters in the vicinity of Ras Al Khaimah, UAE, had been directed via VHF broadcast to move from their anchorages. Authorities continue to investigate and vessels are requested to continue to report any further suspicious activity. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

25. **(U) STRAIT OF HORMUZ:** On 10 October at 1920 UTC, it was reported that a tanker had been struck on the port side by an unknown projectile while transiting the Strait of Hormuz outbound. The crew have been reported safe. (UKMTO/OPEN SOURCE/Clearwater Dynamics)

26. **(U) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** On 09 October at 1000 UTC, UKMTO received multiple third-party reports that a vessel had been struck by an unknown projectile. The strike caused a fire onboard, which has since been extinguished. The status of the crew, the extent of any damage, and any environmental impacts remain to have been confirmed at this time. The authorities are investigating. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)

27. (U) PERSIAN GULF: On 07 October at 1930 UTC, an Antigua and Barbuda-flagged tanker was targeted by an aerial attack while drifting in the Persian Gulf. Three drones struck the vessel's funnel and deck, all crew members reported safe. (CSO/Clearwater Dynamics)

(U) INDIAN OCEAN – EAST AFRICA – RED SEA



1. **(U) SOMALIA:** On 29 October at 0900 UTC, an Iranian-flagged fishing vessel was hijacked by 12 armed pirates off the northeastern coast of Somalia. India announced the forcible rescue of the vessel off the eastern coast of Puntland, Somalia, with several members of the pirate group being apprehended. (MSCIO/Clearwater Dynamics)
2. **(U) YEMEN:** On 17 October at 1030 UTC, a tanker was attacked by seven perpetrators while transiting approximately 140NM southeast of Yemen. The skiff fired two shots at the tanker and the vessel's armed security team discharged two warning shots in response. (UKMTO/Clearwater Dynamics)
3. **(U) RED SEA:** On 07 October at 0615 UTC, a Singapore-flagged container ship was involved in a maritime incident in the Southern Red Sea. A small craft approached the vessel and shots were fired. All crew members reported safe. (CLOSED SOURCE/MSCIO/Clearwater Dynamics)

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

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(U) Gulf of Guinea

Event	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Hijackings	2	1	0	0	1
Kidnappings	3	7	10	9	1
Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination	4	1	0	0	0
Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings	5	4	5	5	1
Boardings	12	10	10	15	8
Total	**26**	**23**	**25**	**29**	**11**

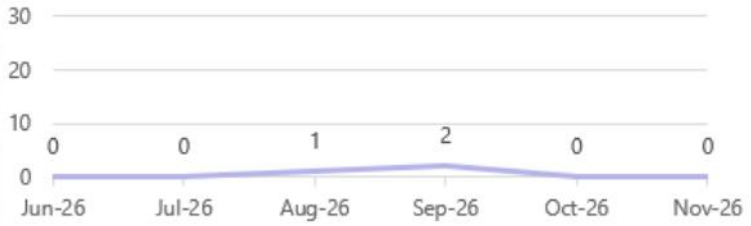
(U) Horn of Africa

Event	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Hijackings	0	6*	12*	4*	8
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0
Fired Upon, Boardings and Attempts	0	1	6	9	58
Total	**0**	**7**	**18**	**13**	**64**

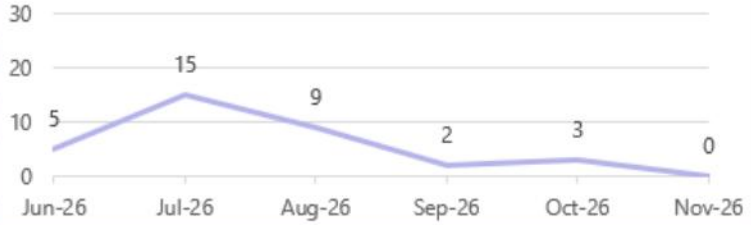
(U) Southeast Asia

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	36
Total	**85**	**105**	**98**	**134**	**38**

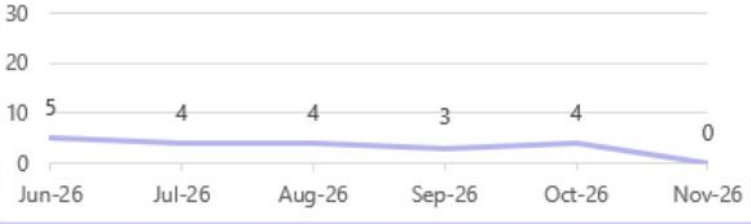
(U) GoG: Number of events in the last six months



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



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



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(U) * HORN OF AFRICA HIJACKING NUMBERS INCLUDE DHOWS AND FISHING VESSELS

(U) Appendix B: Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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