



ICC INTERNATIONAL MARITIME BUREAU

**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY
AGAINST SHIPS**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1 January – 30 September 2017

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INTRODUCTION

The ICC 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 organization 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.

This report is an analysis of world-wide reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships from 1 January to 30 September 2017.

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

The key services of the PRC are:

- Issuing daily status reports on piracy and armed robbery to ships via broadcasts on the Inmarsat-C SafetyNET service
- Reporting piracy and armed robbery at sea incidents to law enforcement and the IMO
- Helping local law enforcement apprehend pirates and assist in bringing them to justice
- Assisting shipowners whose vessels have been attacked or hijacked
- Assisting crewmembers whose vessels have been attacked
- Providing updates on pirate activity via the Internet
- Publishing comprehensive quarterly and annual reports detailing piracy statistics

The services of the PRC are provided free of charge to all ships irrespective of their ownership or flag.

The IMB also locates ships seized by pirates and recovers stolen cargos on a chargeable basis.

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Piracy report on the Internet: The IMB posts updates of attacks at www.icc-ccs.org. By posting the information on the internet, ship owners and authorities ashore as well as ships at sea can access these updates regularly and make informed decisions and assess associated risks with certain sea areas.

Sometimes, incidents occurring in the previous quarter(s) are reported to the PRC after a time lag. This late reporting of incidents results in changes to the figures in the tables. The PRC has, as at 30 September 2017, received reports of 121 incidents but may receive details of more in the coming months relating to the same period.

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.

DEFINITIONS OF PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY

Piracy is defined in Article 101 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and Armed Robbery defined by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in its 26th Assembly session as Resolution A.1025 (26).

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).

The IMO defines Armed Robbery in Resolution A.1025 (26) “Code of Practice for the Investigation of Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships” 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

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

TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks, January – September 2013 – 2017

	Locations	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
S E ASIA	Indonesia	68	72	86	33	23	
	Malacca Straits	1	1	5			
	Malaysia	5	15	11	5	6	
	Philippines	2	5	8	5	17	
	Singapore Straits	5	8	9	1	1	
	Thailand		2	1			
EAST ASIA	China				5	1	
ASIA	South China Sea	4					
	Vietnam	6	2	19	6	1	
INDIAN	Bangladesh	10	15	11	3	7	
SUB CONT	India	7	10	7	14	2	
AMERICAS	Brazil		1				
	Colombia	6	1	4	3	3	
	Ecuador	3				2	
	Guyana	1			1	1	
	Haiti			1	2	1	
	Peru	4			7	2	
	Venezuela			1	3	11	
	AFRICA	Angola		1		1	1
		Cameroon		1			
Democratic Rep. of Congo			1	2	2		
Egypt		7					
Gabon		2	1				
Ghana			4	2	2	1	
Guinea		1		3	3	2	
Gulf of Aden*		4	4		1	2	
Ivory Coast		4	2	1	1	1	
Kenya				2	2	1	
Liberia			1	1			
Mauritania		1					
Morocco					1		
Mozambique		1		1	1	2	
Nigeria		29	13	12	31	20	
Red Sea*		2	3			1	
Senegal						1	
Sierra Leone		1	1			4	
Somalia		4	3			4	
South Africa					1		
Tanzania	1	1					
The Congo	2	6	2	5	1		
Togo	7	2		1			
REST OF WORLD	Oman		2			1	
	Papua New Guinea			1			
Yemen				1	1		
Subtotal for nine months		188	178	190	141	121	
Total at year end		264	245	246	191		

All incidents for countries with * above are attributed to Somali pirates

CHART A: The following six locations contributed to 70% of the total attacks reported in the period January – September 2017

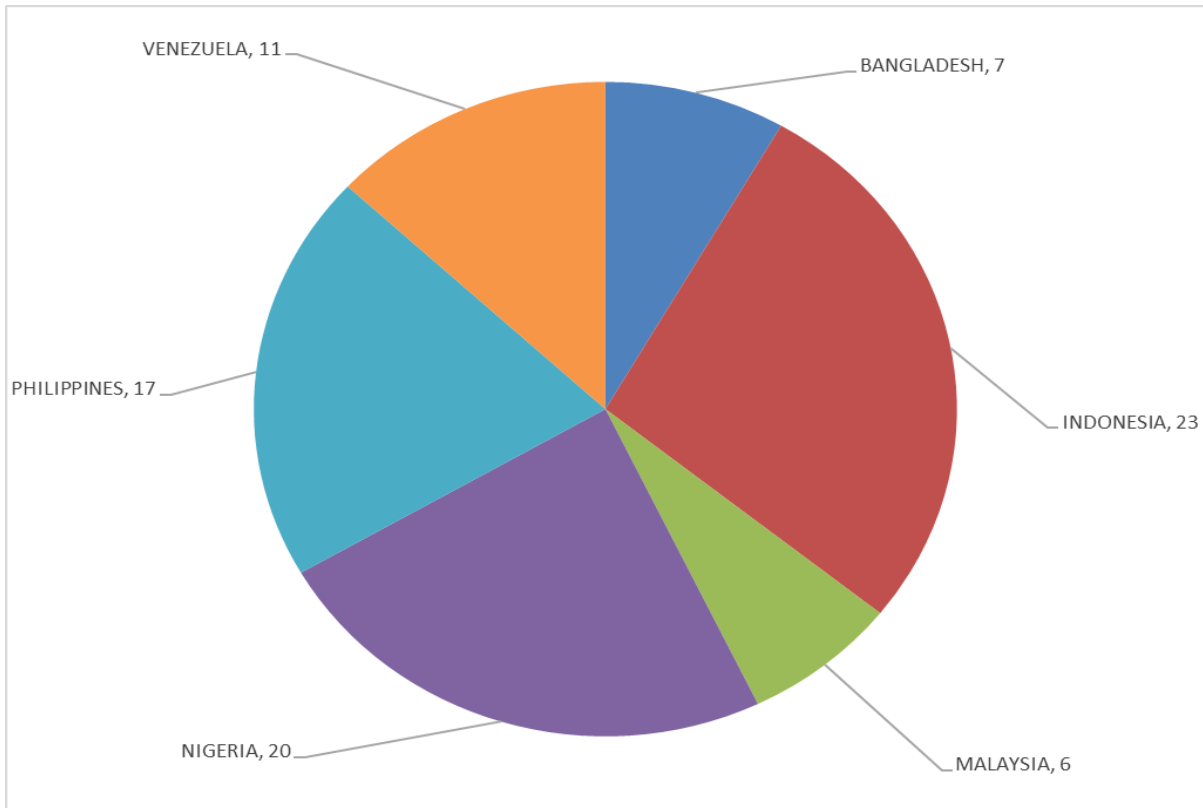


CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – September 2017

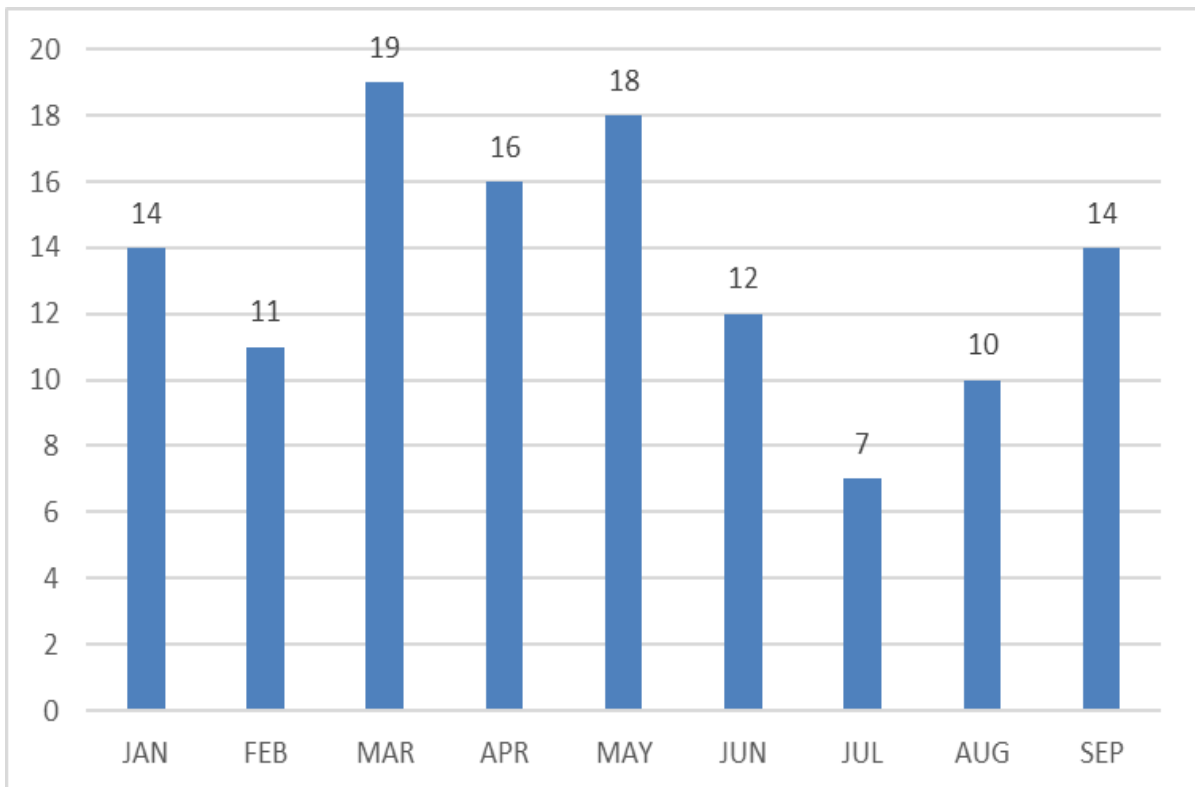


CHART C: Total incidents as per Regions of the world January – September 2017

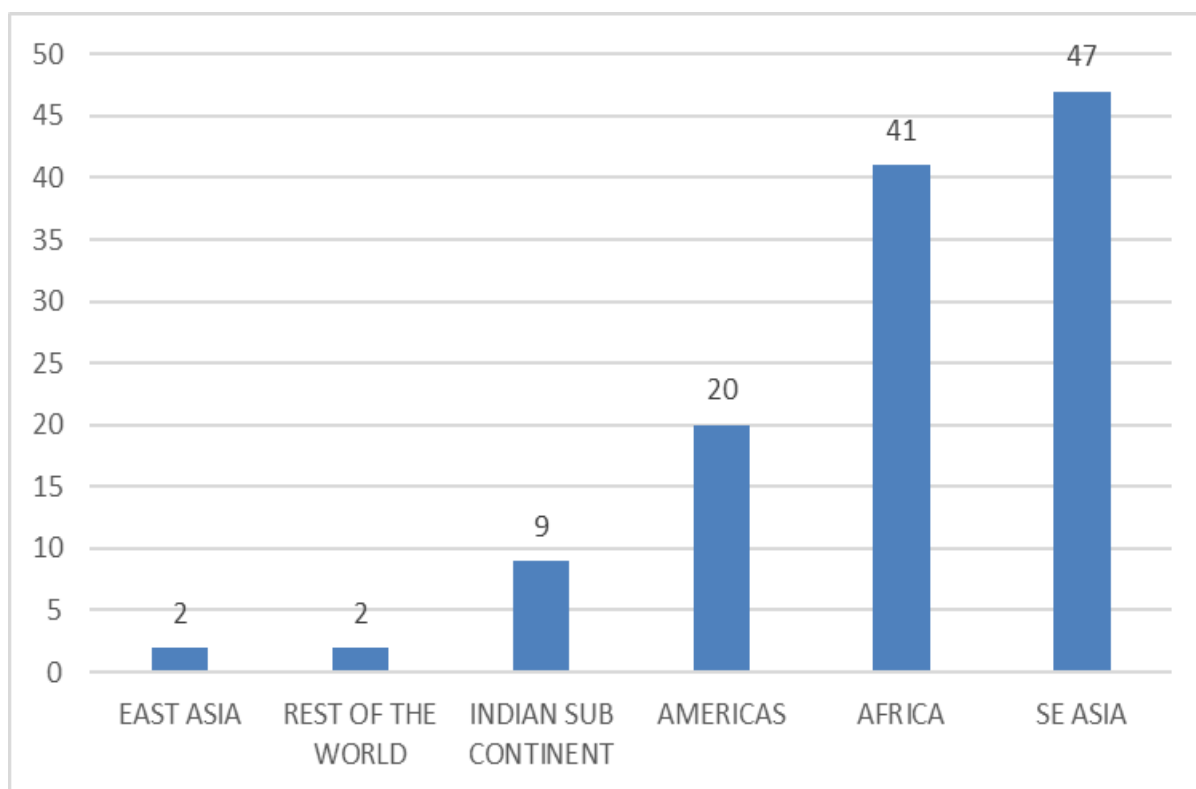


TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by location, January – September 2017

Location	ACTUAL ATTACKS		ATTEMPTED ATTACKS	
	Boarded	Hijacked	Fired Upon	Attempted
S E ASIA Indonesia	20			3
Malaysia	3	2		1
Philippines	14		1	2
Singapore Straits				1
EAST ASIA China	1			
Vietnam	1			
INDIAN Bangladesh	7			
SUB CONT India	2			
AMERICAS Colombia	3			
Ecuador	2			
Guyana	1			
Haiti				1
Peru	2			
Venezuela	11			
AFRICA Angola	1			
Ghana	1			
Guinea	2			
Gulf of Aden	1		1	
Ivory Coast				1
Kenya	1			
Mozambique	1			1
Nigeria	13		7	
Red Sea			1	
Senegal				1

Sierra Leone	4			
Somalia		3	1	
The Congo	1			
REST OF Oman			1	
WORLD Yemen			1	
Sub total	92	5	13	11
Total	121			

TABLE 3: Ports and anchorages, with three or more reported incidents, January – September 2017

Location	Country	01.01.2017 – 30.09.2017
Batangas	Philippines	6
Chittagong / Kutubdia Island	Bangladesh	6
Dumai / Lubuk Gaung	Indonesia	5
Freetown	Sierra Leone	3
Manila	Philippines	4
Muara Berau	Indonesia	4
Lagos	Nigeria	3
Off Bayelsa / Brass / Bonny	Nigeria	16
Puerto Jose	Venezuela	4
Puerto La Cruz	Venezuela	5
Sub Total		56

TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL attacks, January – September 2017

	Location	Berthed	Anchored	Steaming	Not Stated
S E ASIA	Indonesia	2	16	2	
	Malaysia	1		4	
	Philippines	2	9	3	
EAST ASIA			1		
	Vietnam		1		
INDIAN			6	1	
SUB CONT		1	1		
AMERICAS			3		
	Ecuador	1	1		
	Guyana		1		
	Peru		2		
	Venezuela	1	10		
AFRICA			1		
	Ghana		1		
	Guinea		2		
	Gulf of Aden			1	
	Kenya	1			
	Mozambique	1			
	Nigeria	1	2	10	
	Sierra Leone		4		
	Somalia			2	1
	The Congo		1		
Sub Total		11	62	23	1
Total		97			

TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED attacks, January – September 2017

	Location	Berthed	Anchored	Steaming
S E ASIA	Indonesia		2	1
	Malaysia	1		
	Philippines			3
	Singapore Straits			1
AMERICAS	Haiti		1	
AFRICA	Gulf of Aden			1
	Ivory Coast		1	
	Mozambique		1	
	Nigeria			7
	Red Sea			1
	Senegal			1
	Somalia			1
REST OF	Oman			1
WORLD	Yemen		1	
Sub Total		1	6	17
Total			24	

TABLE 6: Types of arms used during attacks, January – September 2013 – 2017

Types of Arms	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Guns	59	48	29	40	39
Knives	55	55	73	30	29
Other weapons	2	4	6	2	2
Not stated	72	71	82	69	51
Sub total	188	178	190	141	121
Total at year end	264	245	246	191	

TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of attacks, January – September 2013 – 2017

Category	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Attempted	21	27	21	15	11
Boarded	140	124	154	111	92
Fired upon	17	10		10	13
Hijack	10	17	15	5	5
Sub total	188	178	190	141	121
Total at year end	264	245	246	191	

TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – September 2013 – 2017

Types of violence	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Assaulted	-	1	14	5	5
Hostage	266	369	266	110	80
Injured	20	10	13	6	3
Kidnap	34	5	10	49	49
Killed	1	3	1		2
Missing	1	1			

Threatened	8	8	5	5	4
Sub total	330	397	309	175	143
Total at year end	373	479	333	236	

TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – September 2017

Location	Hostage	Threatened	Injured	Assaulted	Killed	Kidnap
SE ASIA Indonesia	3	1				
Malaysia	31					
Philippines		2			2	10
AMERICAS Peru	3					
Venezuela	4		1	2		
AFRICA Guinea				3		
Nigeria			1			39
Sierra Leone		1				
Somalia	39		1			
Sub total	80	4	3	5	2	49
Total	143					

TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – September 2017

Location	Guns	Knives	Not Stated	Other Weapons
S E ASIA Indonesia	1	9	12	1
Malaysia	3		3	
Philippines	4	4	8	1
Singapore Straits			1	
EAST ASIA China			1	
Vietnam			1	
INDIAN Bangladesh		4	3	
SUB CONT India			2	
AMERICAS Colombia			3	
Ecuador		1	1	
Guyana			1	
Haiti			1	
Peru	1	1		
Venezuela	2	5	4	
AFRICA Angola		1		
Ghana			1	
Guinea	1	1		
Gulf of Aden	2			
Ivory Coast			1	
Kenya		1		
Mozambique		1	1	
Nigeria	18		2	
Red Sea	1			
Senegal			1	
Sierra Leone		1	3	
Somalia	4			
The Congo			1	
REST OF Oman	1			

WORLD	Yemen	1			
Sub total		39	29	51	2
Total		121			

TABLE 11: Types of ships attacked, January – September 2013 – 2017

Type	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Bulk Carrier	41	34	65	36	24
Cable Ship			1		
Cement Carrier					1
Container	22	13	22	9	14
Dhow	1				2
Dredger				1	
General Cargo	15	14	10	5	9
Heavy Lift Vessel				3	
Hopper Dredger			1		
Landing Craft	1				
Livestock Carrier	1	1			
Offshore Processing Ship		1			
Offshore Support Vessel		1		1	1
Ore Carrier				1	
Passenger Ship / Boat			1		
Pipe Lay Barge			1	4	
Refrigerated Ship	2		2		2
Research Ship		1		2	2
RO-RO	1	2			
Supply Ship	5	2	2	3	6
Tanker Asphalt / Bitumen	2	1		1	1
Tanker Bunkering		2	1		1
Tanker Chem / Product	55	66	51	44	33
Tanker Crude Oil	22	21	15	11	11
Tanker FPSO / FSO			2		
Tanker LNG				1	2
Tanker LPG	5	7	3	5	7
Trawler/Fishing	2	3	2		1
Offshore Tug / Tug & Barge	13	6	7	12	4
Vehicle Carrier		2	1	2	
Water Barge		1			
Wood Chips Carrier			2		
Yacht			1		
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CHART D: Types of ships attacked, January – September 2017

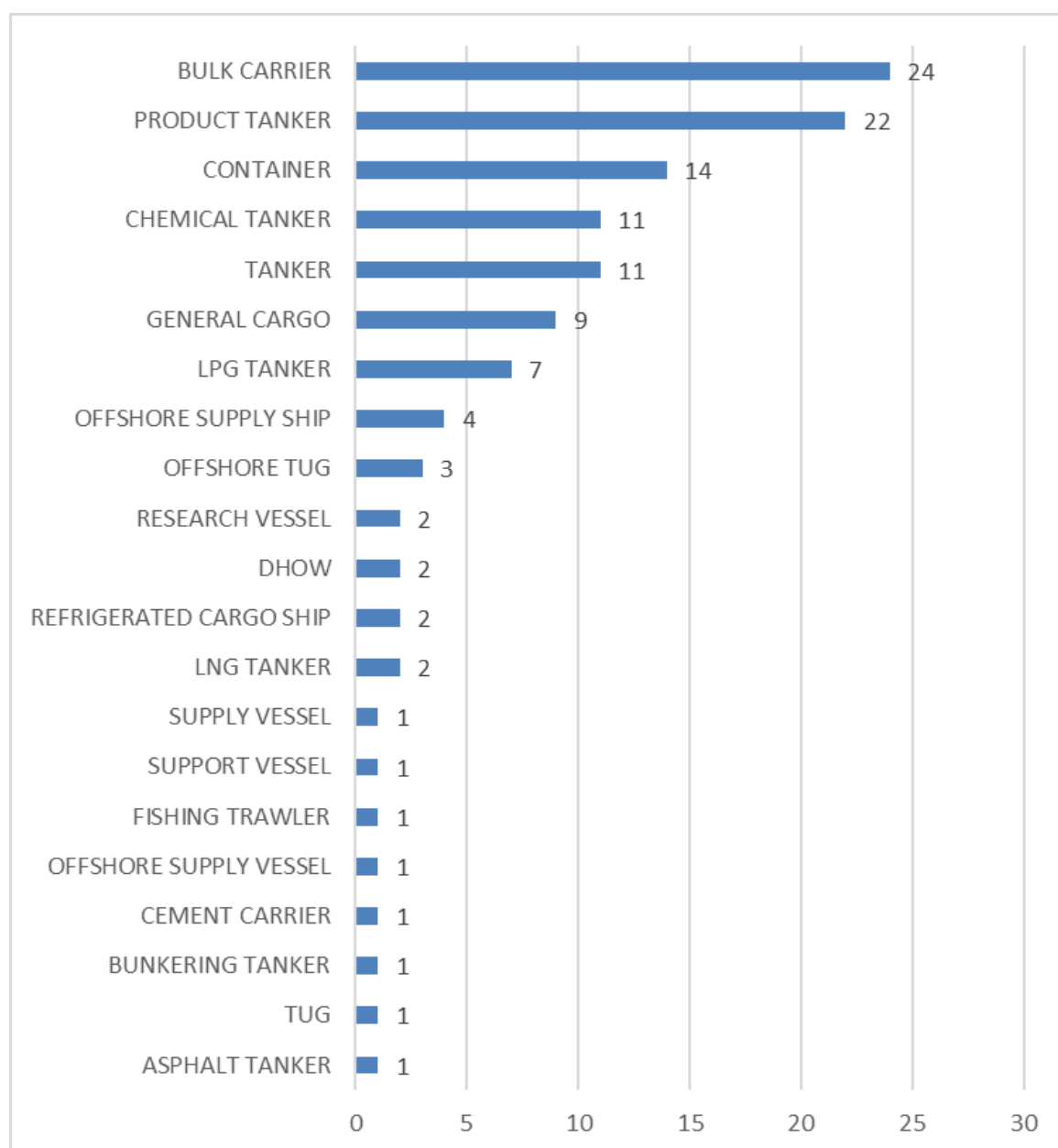


TABLE 12: Nationalities of ships attacked, January - September 2013 – 2017

Flag State	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Antigua and Barbuda	6	4	6		2
Australia			1		
Bahamas	4	3	3	4	5
Bangladesh				1	
Barbados	1				
Belgium			1		
Belize			1	1	
Bermuda		1			1
Cayman Island	1				
China	2	1			

Cook Islands			1	1	
Croatia	1			1	
Curacao			1	1	
Cyprus		2	5	2	3
Denmark	3	3	1	1	1
Dominica		1			
Egypt			1		
Ethiopia				1	
France	1		1		
Gabon	1				
Ghana		1	1		
Gibraltar	3	1			
Greece	2	1	3	2	
Honduras		2			
Hong Kong (SAR)	16	11	18	7	6
India	2	3	1	2	2
Indonesia			2	2	1
Iran	1		1		
Isle of Man	1	2	2	2	1
Italy	3	6			
Japan				1	
Kiribati	1	1			
Korea South		1	1		
Liberia	33	15	22	14	13
Luxemburg	2		1	1	
Madeira				1	
Malaysia	7	8	12	4	3
Malta	6	3	8	3	5
Marshall Islands	21	23	28	31	19
Mongolia		2			
Netherlands	1	6		2	1
Nigeria	2	2	2	4	2
Norway	3	3	1	3	3
Panama	22	32	31	31	20
Papua New Guinea			1		
Philippines	1	3			2
Portugal			1		
Saudi Arabia		2	1	1	1
Sierra Leone	1	1			1
Singapore	29	22	25	15	18
Spain					1
Sri Lanka					1
St. Kitts & Nevis		1			
St. Vincent Grenadines	4				
Thailand	2	5	4		3
Turkey	1			1	
Tuvalu					1
United Kingdom	1			1	1
USA	2	2			

Vanuatu	1		1		
Vietnam		3	1		3
Not Stated		1			1
Sub total	188	178	190	141	121
Total at year end	264	245	246	191	

CHART E: Flag States whose vessels attacked nine or more times January – September 2017

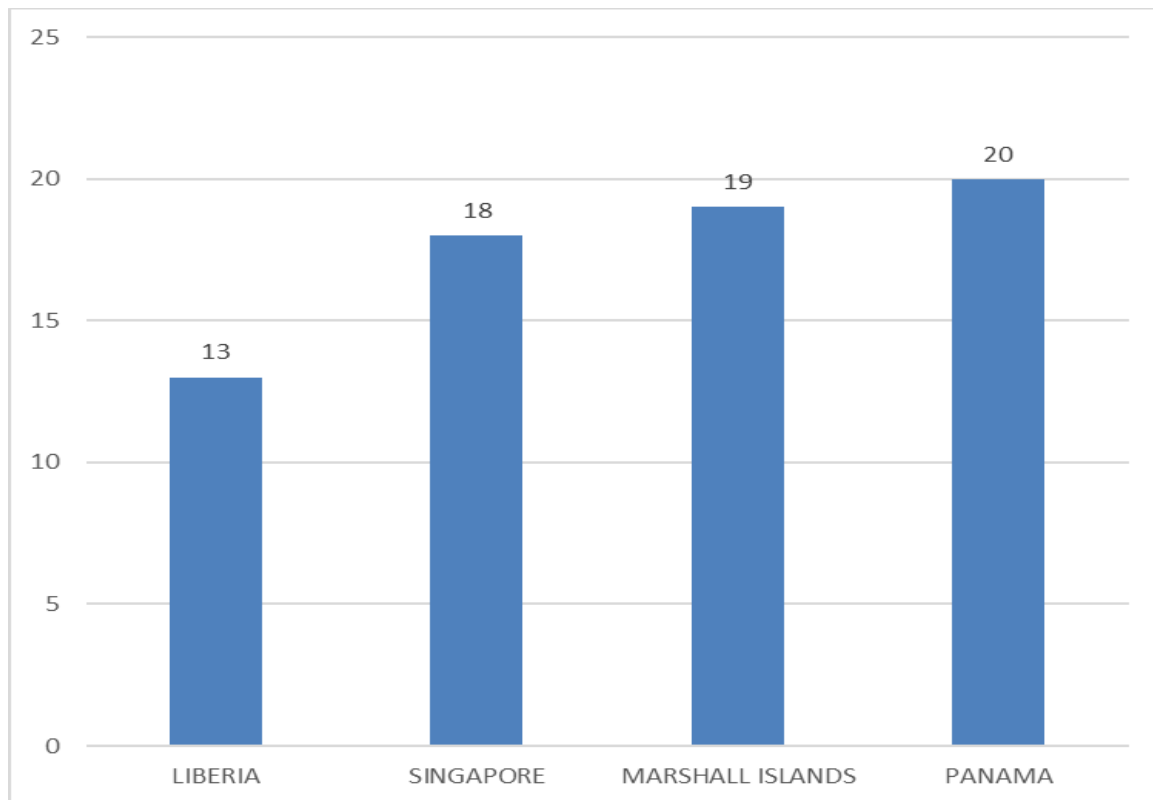
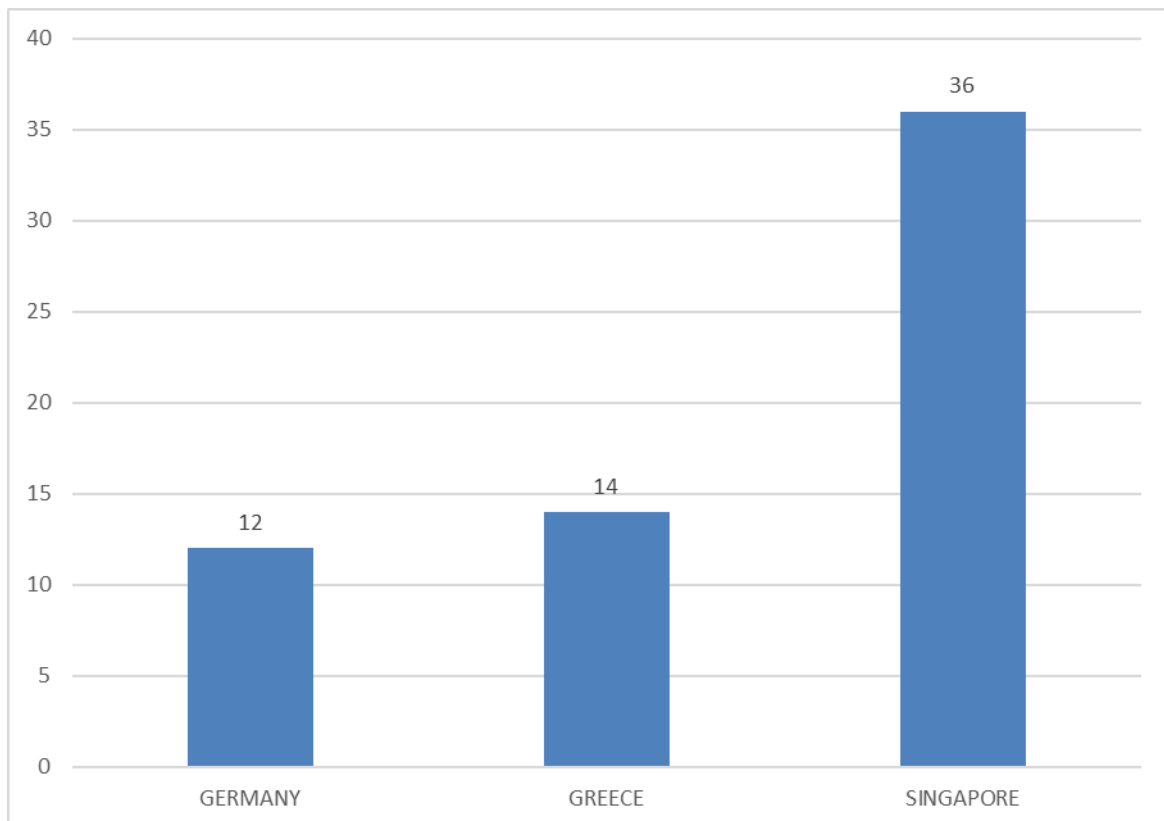


TABLE 13: Countries where victim ships were controlled or managed: January – September 2017

Country	No of Ships
Australia	1
Bahamas	1
China	2
Cuba	1
Cyprus	1
Denmark	3
Germany	12
Greece	14
Hong Kong	5
India	5
Indonesia	1
Ireland	1
Japan	3
Lebanon	1

Malaysia	2
Netherlands	2
Nigeria	2
Norway	6
Philippines	3
Singapore	36
Switzerland	1
Taiwan	1
Thailand	3
The Congo	1
UAE	5
United Kingdom	3
USA	1
Vietnam	3
Not Stated	1
Total	121

**CHART F: Managing countries whose vessels attacked nine or more times
January – September 2017**



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

From 1 January to 30 September 2017, the IMB PRC has received seven incidents including three vessels being hijacked.

The international navies are also patrolling these waters to understand the patterns of life, which will allow them to identify and deter any suspected pirate activity.

Merchant ships are advised and encouraged to adhere to the latest BMP4 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 have the capability and capacity to carry out attacks.

PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY PRONE AREAS AND WARNINGS

Mariners are warned to be extra cautious and to take necessary precautionary measures when transiting the following areas:

SOUTH EAST ASIA AND INDIAN SUB CONTINENT

Bangladesh: Robbers usually target ships preparing to anchor. Most attacks reported at Chittagong anchorages and approaches. However, attacks in Bangladesh have fallen significantly over the past few years because of the efforts by the Bangladesh Authorities.

Indonesia: Tanjung Priok – Jakarta, Dumai/Lubuk Gaung, Batu Ampar/Batam, 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 attacks may have gone unreported. Pirates / robbers normally attack vessel during the night. When spotted and alarm sounded, the pirates / robbers usually escape without confronting the crew.

The continued dialog between the Indonesian Marine Police (IMP) and the IMB PRC has resulted in positive actions by the Indonesian Authorities which, has resulted in a reduction of incidents.

The IMP has advised all ships intending to anchor to do so at / near the following areas where patrol boats are stationed for the protection of ships.

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 officially that in accordance with the Road Map Program Police Reforms Wave III, prevention action of sea robbery / piracy in the above given ten locations in Indonesian waters will continue until 2019.

Ships are advised to implement anti-piracy measures and report all attacks and suspicious sightings to the local authorities and the IMB PRC, who will also liaise with the local authorities to render necessary assistance.

Malacca Straits: The number of attacks have dropped substantially (2016 recorded zero attacks) due to the patrols by the littoral states authorities since July 2005. Ships are advised to continue maintaining strict anti-piracy / robbery watches when transiting the Straits, as there are currently no indications as to how long the patrols will continue.

Malaysia: Off Eastern Sabah – Militant activities resulting in a number of tugs / barges / fishing boats / ships being attacked and crews kidnapped. Vessels transiting these waters should refer to the Sabah Notice to Mariners NTM 14 of 2017 on the Ship Reporting System.

Philippines: Pirates / militants in the southern Philippines attacking 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. The kidnappings by militants has recently stopped due to the ongoing efforts of the Philippines military. Vessels transiting

these waters should refer to the Sabah Notice to Mariners NTM 14 of 2017 on the Ship Reporting System.

Batangas and Manila – sudden rise in attacks/robberies.

Singapore Straits: Vessels are advised to remain vigilant and to continue maintaining adequate anti-piracy / robbery watch and measures. Pirates / robbers attack ships while underway or while at anchor especially during the night.

South China Sea: Although attacks have dropped significantly 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 have 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. Recently two tankers were reported hijacked off Kuantan / Off Pulau Aur / East coast Malaysia.

Vietnam: Attacks appear to have stopped but vessels advised to remain vigilant especially at Vung Tau anchorage area.

AFRICA AND RED SEA

Benin: Cotonou – Although the number of attacks has dropped significantly, the area remains risky. Vessels are advised to continue to be vigilant and maintain strict anti-piracy / robbery watches and measures.

Guinea: Conakry.

Ivory Coast: Abidjan – Attacks dropped but remains risky.

Nigeria: Lagos – Pirates / robbers are often well armed, violent and have hijacked and robbed vessels and kidnapped and injured crews along the coast, rivers, anchorages, ports and surrounding waters. In the past, attacks have been reported up to 170nm from the coast. Vessels have usually been hijacked to steal cargo. During the hijack the vessel is usually ransacked and communication equipment damaged.

Off Bayelsa / Brass/Bonny Island / Port Harcourt – Recently, there has been an increase in the number of reported attacks / hijackings / kidnapping of crews off these areas. Vessels are advised to take additional measures in these high-risk waters.

Generally, all waters in / off Nigeria remain risky. Vessels are advised to be vigilant, as many attacks may have gone unreported.

The Congo: Pointe Noire

Togo: Lome – Although the number of attacks has dropped significantly, the area remains risky. Vessels are advised to continue to be vigilant and maintain strict anti-piracy / robbery watches and measures.

Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean: Three vessels have been hijacked off Somalia taking the total, this year, to seven. Somali pirates continue to possess the capability and capacity to carry out attacks. It appears that they may now be seeking the opportunity as well. All merchant ships are advised to adhere to the latest BMP4 recommendations 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.

The threat of these attacks still exists in the waters off 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.

Somali pirates tend to be well armed with automatic weapons and RPG and sometimes use skiffs launched from mother vessels, which may be hijacked fishing vessels or dhows, to conduct attacks far from the Somali coast. Masters and ship owners are encouraged to register and report their vessels as per the BMP4 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. Early sightings / detection enables an accurate assessment, keeping in mind the warnings and alerts for the area, allowing the Masters 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.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS

Ecuador: Guayaquil. Attacks stopped but ships advised to be vigilant.

Peru: Callao: Incidents increasing

Venezuela: Puerto Jose/Puerto La Cruz: Incidents increasing especially at anchorages

Reporting of incidents

Ships are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watches and report all piratical attacks (actual and attempted) and suspicious sightings to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Tel: +60 3 2078 5763 Fax: +60 3 2078 5769 E-mail: imbkl@icc-ccs.org

The Centre's 24 Hours Anti-Piracy HELPLINE is: +60 3 2031 0014

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.

OBSERVATIONS

Narrations of the 121 attacks for 01 January to 30 September 2017 are listed on pages 27 to 48. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.

Malaysia:

On 23 June 2017, a Thai flagged Product Tanker C.P.41 was boarded and hijacked while underway in position Latitude 03:55.27 North and Longitude 103:52.8 East, around 33nm NNE of Kuantan, Malaysia. Six pirates in a speed boat attacked and boarded the tanker while enroute from Singapore to Songkhla, Thailand. They took all the crew hostage, hit a few crew with their guns and damaged the navigation and communication equipment. They then sailed the tanker to an unknown location where part of the diesel oil cargo was stolen and transferred into another boat. Before escaping the pirates stole crew and ship property. On departure, the pirates released the crew who sailed to a safe port.

On 06 September 2017, a Thai flagged Product Tanker MT MGT 1 was attacked and hijacked while underway at position Latitude 05:38.3 North and Longitude 103:11.8 East, around 3 nm east off Pulau Yu, Malaysia at approximately 0700 UTC. Around 10 persons attacked and boarded the tanker while underway and switched off its AIS equipment. The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) was notified and they dispatched its patrol vessel and an aircraft to locate the tanker. The aircraft spotted the hijacked tanker with another unknown vessel alongside. As the MMEA approached, a speed boat with three persons was seen moving away from the tanker. A boarding team boarded the tanker and detained the 10 hijackers and thereafter escorted the tanker to a safe port.

Nigeria:

On 05 February 2017, an Antigua and Barbuda flagged General Cargo Ship MV BBC Caribbean was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:00.5 North and Longitude 005:29.3 East, around 31 nm SW of Bayelsa coast, Nigeria at approximately 1025 UTC. Armed pirates in three speed boats and one tug reportedly attacked the ship with 11 crew onboard. The pirates boarded the ship, kidnapped eight crew members and escaped. After the pirates left the vessel, one crew emerged from hiding and activated the SSAS. The IMB PRC received the notification from the Netherlands Coast Guard and contacted the ship and owners. The IMB PRC also liaised with the Nigerian Navy for assistance. A warship was dispatched to assist. Later, two more crew emerged from hiding and steered the ship further away from the coast before heading towards a safe port.

On 07 February 2017, a Panama flagged LPG Tanker MT Gaz Providence was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:22.0 North and Longitude 007:13.5 East, around 60 nm South of Bonny Island, Nigeria at approximately 1904 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and boarded the tanker with 25 crew onboard. Alarm raised and most crew retreated into the citadel. The Owners notified the IMB PRC, who then liaised with the Nigerian Navy and all other relevant Agencies. A naval vessel was dispatched to assist the tanker. The naval vessel intercepted the tanker and a team boarded the tanker and confirmed it to be free of pirates. The three crews who did not enter the citadel were reported missing and believed to be kidnapped. The naval vessel then escorted the tanker to Bonny Anchorage for further investigation. On 28 February 2017, the three crew members were released safely.

On 30 March 2017, a Malta flagged Bulk Carrier MV Eleni M was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:01 North and Longitude 006:48 East, around 32 nm SW of Bonny, Nigeria in the early morning hours. As the Bulk Carrier approached the pilot boarding station the crew noticed a small boat approaching. Four armed pirates were seen in the boat who attacked and successfully boarded the ship, kidnapped six crew including the Captain and escaped.

On 19 April 2017, a Nigerian flagged Offshore Tug, Atlantic Mann was attacked by armed persons while underway in position Latitude 04:06.43 North and Longitude 006:15.34 East, around 10.8nm South of Brass, Nigeria. The tug was attacked and boarded by armed persons who kidnapped eight crew members and escaped. The Nigerian Navy responded to the incident. One crew was reported injured and later evacuated by helicopter.

On 29 April 2017, a Bermuda flagged LNG Tanker, LNG Lokoja, was attacked and fired upon by pirates while underway in position Latitude 03:37.6 North and Longitude 006:44.1 East, around 50nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria. Two boats with four to five pirates armed with rifles chased and fired upon the LNG tanker. The Master raised the alarm and noticed a ladder in one boat. The boats managed to come alongside the tanker but, due to the hardening measures, the pirates were unable to board and aborted the attack. All crew safe. The tanker sustained some damage due to the firing.

On 29 April 2017, a Liberian flagged Reefer, was attacked by pirates while underway in position Latitude 03:51.20 North and Longitude 006:46.00 East, around 38nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria. Two aluminum hulled motorized boats with three to five pirates armed with automatic rifles chased and fired upon the refrigerated cargo ship. Master raised the alarm, activated the SSAS and called the Nigerian navy on VHF Ch 16. Speed increased and evasive manoeuvres commenced. The pirates closed to the ship and attempted to board using a ladder. The Master fired three rocket flares and headed towards the Okwari oil field to seek assistance from their security vessels. Seeing this the boats aborted the attack and moved away. The Master altered and headed towards Bonny fairway buoy. The ship sustained damages due to the firing.

On 17 May 2017, an Antigua and Barbuda flagged General Cargo ship was attacked by pirates while underway in position Latitude 03:59 North and Longitude 006:46 East, around 30nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria. The armed pirates boarded the ship and escaped with six kidnapped crew members. The remaining crew sailed the vessel to Bonny anchorage.

On 13 July 2017, a Netherlands flagged General Cargo ship UAL Houston was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:08.91 North and Longitude 006:59.83 East, around 16 nm SSW of Bonny, Nigeria at approximately 0652 UTC. Six armed persons in a skiff came alongside and boarded the ship. The alarm raised, SSAS activated and all 10 crew retreated into the citadel. The Nigerian Navy responded and boarded the ship. All crews were reported safe.

On 30 July 2017, a Panamanian flagged General Cargo ship MV Oya 1 was attacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 04:10.12 North and Longitude 006:59.44 East, around 15 nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria at approximately 0900 UTC. Around six armed persons attacked and boarded the ship. They were violent and kidnapped five crewmembers and escaped. The Nigerian Navy responded to the incident. They located and boarded the ship and thereafter towed it to a safe port for investigations. On 19 August 2017, the kidnapped crew were safely released.

On 31 July 2017, a Nigerian flagged Tanker was attacked by pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:07.52 North and Longitude 007:00.04 East, around 21 nm SSW of Bonny, Nigeria at approximately 1750 UTC. Pirates attacked and boarded the tanker underway. They stole crew's personal belongings. Three crew members were reported missing and believed kidnapped. Nigerian Navy responded and escorted the ship to Bonny anchorage for investigation.

Philippines:

On 19 January 2017, a Malaysian flagged Fishing Trawler BN-838/4/F was attacked by armed persons while underway near Taganak Island, Philippines. The Fishing Trawler, with three crew had sailed from Sandakan Jetty on 18 January 2017 at around 1500 Hrs LT. On 19 January 2017 at around 1500 Hrs LT, the Owners received information from the Malaysian Marine Police in Sandakan that the Fishing Trawler was found drifting off Taganak Island. Information received from the Taganak Authorities indicated that the trawler was found without any crew onboard. The Fishing Trawler was then towed to Taganak for investigations. The missing three crew are believed to have been kidnapped.

On 19 February 2017, a Vietnam flagged General Cargo ship MV Giang Hai was attacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 06:09.26 North and Longitude 119:39.18 East, around 17 nm North of Pearl Bank, Philippines at approximately 1024 UTC. Armed persons in a speedboat attacked, fired upon and successfully boarded the ship with 17 crew. They then damaged the navigational equipment, kidnapped six crew and escaped. As the crew was transferred to the pirate boat

one crew fell into the water, was not able to be rescued and is presumed dead. The pirates took the remaining five crew. Two crew killed during the incident. The remaining crew managed to sail the ship until the Philippines Coast Guard intercepted and boarded the ship for investigations.

On 23 March 2017, a Philippines flagged Tugboat Super Shuttle Tug 1 was attacked by armed persons while underway at around 24nm SE of Sibago Island, Philippines at approximately 1159 LT. Six persons armed with rifles in speed boats attacked and boarded the tug with 11 crew. The tug was towing a Ro-Ro ship. They stole crew and tug's documents, kidnapped two crew and escaped. The incident was reported to the Philippines Authorities who conducted a rescue operation and successfully rescued the two kidnapped crew members.

Somalia:

On 14 March 2017, a Sri Lankan flagged Bunkering Tanker MT Aris 13 was attacked and hijacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 11:59 North and Longitude 050:45 East, around one nm north of Aluula, Bari, North of Somalia at approximately 1830 UTC. All eight crew were taken hostage. On 16 March 2017, the crew and tanker were released safely. No further information available.

On 23 March 2017, a Dhow Casayr II – No. 30 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates near Eyl, Somalia in the morning hours. The pirates took hostage the dhow's 20 crew. The dhow also had three skiffs onboard. The pirates released 13 crew in one skiff. The dhow with the remaining crew and an unknown number of pirates then sailed the dhow to an unknown location. The pirates released the dhow on 26 March 2017 after stealing one skiff along with food and diesel. No further information available.

On 01 April 2017, an Indian flagged Dhow, Al Kausar, was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while en route to Bosaso, off Somalia. The pirates hijacked the dhow with its 11 crew, and anchored inside Somali coastal waters between Hobyo and El Hur. On 12 April 2017, Somali Forces managed to release the vessel and its crew. All crew members safe. A warship then escorted the vessel to its next port of call.

On 08 April 2017, a Tuvalu flagged Bulk Carrier, OS 35 was attacked and boarded by armed pirates while underway in position Latitude 14:02.9 North and Longitude 051:40.0 East, around 147nm SE of Al Mukalla, Gulf of Aden. The Master and crew stopped the engine, retreated into the citadel and requested for help. On 09 April 2017, the vessel was boarded by the international navies and all crew rescued. No pirates were found on board. The crew resumed control of the vessel and sailed to a safe port.

On 22 April 2017, a Sierra Leone flagged Product Tanker, was chased and fired upon by armed persons while underway in position 05:42 North and Longitude 048:53 East, around 30nm NE of Hobyo, Somalia. Master raised the alarm and sent distress message, which was responded to by a warship. The skiff chased the tanker for nearly two hours and then moved away due to the continuous evasive manoeuvres. One crew reported injured.

On 31 May 2017, a Marshall Island flagged Tanker, Muskie, was chased and fired upon by pirates while underway in position Latitude 12:35.0 North and Longitude 043:27.2 East, in the Bab el-Mandeb Straits, Red Sea. Three pirates in a skiff fired upon the tanker with automatic weapons and RPGs. Alarm raised and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiff moving away. UKMTO notified. Two warships proceeded to the area to assist the vessel which, had sustained damages due to the firing. All crew reported safe.

On 01 June 2017, a Marshall Island flagged Product Tanker, Navig8 Providence, was chased and fired upon by six armed persons while underway in position Latitude 23:32.4 North and Longitude 060:26.3 East, around 103nm East of Muscat, Oman. Alarm raised and all non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. Master increased speed, conducted evasive manoeuvres and the onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiffs moving away. A mother vessel was reported in the vicinity.

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TRENDS

A total of 121 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships have been reported to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (RPC) in the first nine months of 2017.

Ninety-two vessels were boarded, 13 fired upon, there were 11 attempted attacks and five vessels hijacked. Eighty crew were taken hostage compared to 110 for the same period in 2016. The number of crew kidnapped from their vessels was the same at 49 for the first nine months of 2016 and 2017.

One vessel was reported hijacked this quarter when a Thai flagged product tanker was attacked off Pulau Yu in Malaysia in early September. Thanks to the prompt intervention by the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency ten individuals were apprehended. This is exactly the type of speedy and robust action required to counter such attacks.

Elsewhere in Asia, the number of mainly low-level incidents off Indonesia continues to show improvement.

No incidents were reported off Somalia this quarter. Masters are however urged to remain vigilant when transiting these waters and to adhere to the recommendations as prescribed in the latest Best Management Practice. The successful attacks from earlier this year suggests that Somali pirates retain the capacity to target merchant shipping at distances from their coastline.

Twenty reports against all vessel types were received for Nigeria. Of these 18 were reported in 18 incidents with 16 of the 20 incidents reported off Brass / Bonny / Bayelsa. Vessels were also underway in 17 of the 20 reports. Thirty nine of the 49 crew kidnapped globally occurred off Nigerian waters in seven separate incidents. Eight crew were kidnapped, this quarter, in two incidents reported within 36 hours and 10 nautical miles of each other. Other crew kidnappings in 2017 have been reported 60 NM off Nigeria.

There has also been an increase in the number of low level incidents in Venezuela with 11 in 2017 compared to three for the same period in 2016. All vessels were successfully boarded by robbers armed with guns or knives and whilst mainly at anchorage. During these incidents four crew were taken hostage, two assaulted and one injured.

Since 1991 the IMB PRC's 24-hour manned centre, has provided the maritime industry, governments and response agencies with timely and transparent data on piracy and armed robbery incidents – received directly from the Master of the vessel or her owners. The IMB PRC's prompt forwarding of reports and liaison with response agencies, its broadcasts to shipping via Inmarsat 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.

IMB strongly urges all shipmasters and owners to report all actual, attempted and suspected piracy and armed robbery incidents to the IMB PRC. This first step in the response chain is vital to ensuring that adequate resources are allocated by authorities to tackle piracy. Transparent statistics from an independent, non-political, international organization can act as a catalyst to achieve this goal.

PIRACY NEWS

Incidents update on collaboration between Indonesia Marine Police (IMP) and IMB on safe designated areas

The table for the designated areas shown below indicates that the actions by the IMP continue to ensure stability in the 10 areas.

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

Merchant 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 also to the IMB PRC who would also liaise with local and regional Authorities to render necessary assistance.

Incidents reported at the 10 designated areas where IMP patrols are as follows: Updated as of 30 September 2017

	Locations	2014 Total	2015 Total	2016 Total	Total 2017
1	Belawan: 03:55.00N - 098:45.30E	9	15	1	1
2	Dumai/Lubuk Gaung 01:42.00N - 101:28.00E	1	5	8	5
3	Nipah: 01:07.30N - 103:37.00E	-	26	-	1
4	Tanjung Berakit / Bintan Island 01:21.00N - 104:29.00E	35	1	1	2
5	Tanjung Priok: /Jakarta - 06:00.30S - 106:54.00E	9	4	6	1
6	Gresik: 07:09.00S - 112:40.00E	1	-	-	-
7	Taboneo: 03:41.30S - 114:28.00E	2	4	3	1
8	Adang Bay: 01:40.00S - 116:40.00E	-	-	-	-
9	Muara Berau: 00:17.00S - 117:36.00E	6	1	5	4
10	Balikpapan: 01:22.00S - 116:53.00E	1	-	2	-

MMEA successfully arrest and prosecute mastermind and hijackers of MT MGT 1

Recently, the MMEA managed to arrest and prosecute the mastermind and 10 hijackers of the tanker MT MGT 1. The judge sentenced each of the pirates 16 years in prison, with some receiving an additional sentence of five strokes of the rotan (cane). The harsh penalties will hopefully deter future pirates from conducting similar hijackings for monetary gains.

The Thai product tanker MT MGT 1 laden with oil was hijacked on 06 September 2017. The hijackers were subsequently caught after a fisherman alerted the MMEA when he saw them boarding the tanker. MMEA dispatched its patrol vessel and an aircraft and successfully arrested 10 hijackers. Three suspects managed to escape via a speed boat.

Libya – security incidents against vessels

The PRC has received reports in respect of three incidents in February, August and September this year, believed to be related to the failing law and order situation in Libya. In two of these cases, vessels were boarded and taken over. In the first case, monies were demanded for the release of the vessel. In the third case a bulk carrier under way in international waters off the Libyan coast was fired upon by a speed boat with guns and rocket shells. The vessel avoided boarding by increasing speed and using evasive manoeuvres. Vessels are advised to remain vigilant as they transit past the coast of Libya.

Combined Maritime Forces – Maritime Security Transit Corridor

The Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) have issued a press release relating to transits through the Gulf of Aden, Bab el Mandeb, Southern Red Sea and associated waters.

In an effort to provide a more secure transit route for merchant vessels, through these waters and to effectively deploy assets the CMF has established the Maritime Security Transit Corridor (MSTC) which, extends the IRTC into the Bab el Mandeb and the Southern Red Sea. As per the press release;

The MSTC will consist of:

- The Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC)
- The BAM TSS and the TSS West of the Hanish Islands
- A two-way route directly connecting the IRTC and the BAM TSS

The CMF has highlighted that the press release does not replace any previous guidance and has stressed the need for all vessels transiting these waters to adhere to BMP4.

More information on the MSTC can be found on the CMF website:

<https://combinedmaritimeforces.com/2017/09/06/guidance-on-maritime-security-transit-corridor/>

NARRATIONS OF ATTACKS

1 January – 30 September 2017

ACTUAL ATTACKS

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2017 1450 UTC Anchored Boarded	Silver Express Product Tanker Panama 26900 9380099	13:44.0N – 121:02.2E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Robbers in two boats approached and boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping. Crew mustered and a search was carried out and ship's properties reported stolen. Incident reported to Coast Guard who boarded the tanker for investigation.
2.	08.01.2017 1735 UTC Anchored Boarded	Alpha Bulker Bulk Carrier Panama 19885 9336763	00:15.2S – 117:34.0E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Five robbers boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the duty crew and tied him at the fore mast. Another duty crew tried to contact the crew but received no response. As he approached the forecandle to investigate, he noticed the robbers and informed the OOW who raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their speed boat with the stolen ship's stores.
3.	16.01.2017 1930 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Malta 30000 -	05:47.2N – 118:01.5E, Mowtas Oil Terminal (MOT), Sandakan Port, Sabah, Malaysia	During cargo operations, crew onboard the berthed tanker observed a robber on the forecandle. Alarm raised. Seeing the alert crew approaching the robber escaped with stolen ship's stores.
4.	19.01.2017 - Steaming Boarded	BN-838/4/F Fishing Trawler Malaysia - -	Vicinity of Taganak Island, Philippines	A fishing trawler with three crew onboard sailed from Sandakan Jetty on 18.01.2017 at around 1500 LT for fishing activities. On 19.01.2017 at around 1500 LT, the Owners received information from the Marine Police of Sandakan that the fishing vessel was found drifting at Taganak Island. Information from Taganak Authorities indicated that the vessel was found without the crew. The vessel was towed to Taganak for investigation. The missing three crew members are believed to have been kidnapped.
5.	19.02.2017 1024 UTC	Giang Hai General Cargo	06:09.26N – 119:39.18E,	Five persons armed with rifles in a speedboat approached, fired upon and

	Steaming Boarded	Vietnam 2875 9557329	Around 17nm North of Pearl Bank, Philippines	boarded the ship underway. One crew member tried to stop the persons from entering the bridge was shot dead. They damaged the navigation equipment, took hostage all crew members and stole ship's properties. The persons intended to kidnap six crew members by taking them into their boat. However, while moving the six crews into their boat, one crew fell into the sea and was reported dead. The body of the crew was not found. The persons escaped with the stolen ship's properties along with the five kidnapped crew members. The remaining crew members managed to sail the ship until the Philippines Coast Guard intercepted and boarded the ship for investigation.
6.	23.02.2017 0355 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Tug Indonesia 6641 -	01:10.9N – 103:59.2E, Batu Ampar Anchorage, Batam, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with a knife boarded an anchored offshore tug. Alert crew noticed the robbers on the CCTV cameras and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
7.	09.03.2017 1906 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Norway 42835 -	05:52.9S – 105:59.6E, Merak Anchorage OPL, Indonesia	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed a boat close to the stern and informed the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm, one robber was seen jumping overboard and escaping with two others waiting in the boat. Nothing stolen.
8.	11.03.2017 1845 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Aegean Chemical Tanker Singapore 23297 9636644	01:42.80N – 101:26.04E, Lubuk Gaung Inner Anchorage, Dumai, Indonesia	An unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident reported to the local agents.
9.	13.03.2017 1750 – 1820 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nancy P Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29225 9702194	13:44.9N – 121:01.5E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed that the forepeak store lock was broken and immediately informed the duty officer on the bridge. A search was made throughout the tanker. It was reported that ship's properties were stolen.
10.	21.03.2017 1800 UTC Berthed Boarded	Global Phenix LPG Tanker Panama 5917 9552719	13:40.48N – 121:03.10E, JG Summit Berth, Batangas, Philippines	During loading operations, duty crew on board a LPG carrier, noticed a robber hiding near the starboard winches and threatened the crew with a long knife. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped in a waiting boat with his accomplice. On searching the tanker after the incident,

				the crew reported ship's properties were stolen. Authorities and agents informed.
11.	23.03.2017 1159 LT Steaming Boarded	Super Shuttle Tug 1 Tug Philippines 225 8609709	Around 24nm SE of Sibago Island, Philippines	Six persons armed with rifles in speed boats approached the tug towing a ro-ro ship. They boarded the tug, stole crew and vessel's documents, kidnapped two crew members and escaped with stolen properties. Philippine Authorities notified and rescue operation launched, resulting in the two crew being rescued.
12.	26.03.2017 1200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ocean Ambition Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 44855 9717709	03:43.08S – 114:25.08E, Taboneo Anchorage, Banjarmasin, Indonesia	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed the forecandle store door lock was broken. Further checks made on the forecandle indicated that the hawse pipe cover securing arrangements were cut through. The AB immediately informed the bridge and alarm raised. Crew mustered and went to the forecandle and found ship's stores were stolen. Port Control informed.
13.	26.03.2017 1730 UTC Anchored Boarded	Overseas Andromar Product Tanker Marshall Islands 30018 9265885	13:43.7N – 121:02.2E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed a robber on the forecandle as he approached during routine rounds. The robber threatened the crew with a knife, resulting in the duty crew raising the alarm and retreating. Seeing the crew alertness, the robber escape in a boat. On conducting a thorough security check, ship's properties found missing. Incident reported to the Philippines Coast Guard and Port Authority.
14.	19.04.2017 1800 UTC Anchored Boarded	Arpeggio Bulk Carrier Panama 42608 9636278	00:15.7S – 117:34.5E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
15.	21.04.2017 1900 UTC Berthed Boarded	Lucina Providence LPG Tanker Panama 46025 9349784	13:40.5N – 121:03.1E, JG Summit Terminal Jetty 1, Batangas, Philippines	Unnoticed, robbers boarded a berthed LPG tanker, stole its properties and escaped. The theft was discovered by the crew during routine rounds.
16.	22.04.2017 1940 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ballenita Container Marshall Islands 26412 9603609	07:10.9N – 122:39.9E, Around 10nm SW of Olutanga Coast, Philippines	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed a small boat near the anchor chain and the hawse pipe cover opened and immediately informed the OOW, who raised the alarm. Two robbers were seen escaping from the ship. Upon inspection, no stores were reported stolen. Incident reported to Davao coast guard and pilot station via VHF CH. 16.

17.	02.05.2017 1800 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Maru Bulk Carrier Singapore 30684 9284491	05:57.5S – 106:55.6E, Tanjung Priok Anchorage, Jakarta, Indonesia	Three robbers boarded an anchored ship and entered into the engine room. They stole ship's engine spares and escaped. Duty AB noticed the robbers escaping in an unlit boat and raised the alarm. Port Control informed.
18.	03.05.2017 1706 UTC Steaming Boarded	Nave Buena Suerte Tanker Hong Kong 152727 9514561	01:16.6N – 103:17.6E, Around 7.8nm SSW of Pulau Kukup, Johor, Malaysia	Second Engineer onboard the tanker underway noticed five robbers in the engine room. Alarm raised. Seeing alerted crew, the robbers escaped. All crew safe.
19.	11.05.2017 1212 UTC Anchored Boarded	Prabhu Lal Bulk Carrier India 30057 9263124	Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	A robber, armed with a knife boarded an anchored ship via the anchor chain. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robber and informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped via the anchor chain. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen.
20.	20.05.2017 1800 UTC Berthed Boarded	SC Dalian Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 8539 9430454	01:43.72N – 101:23.21E, MSSP Jetty, Lubuk Gaung Port, Dumai, Indonesia	Six robbers wearing face masks and armed with long knives boarded the berthed tanker. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. The robbers stole ship's property and escaped in their boat. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Local police informed.
21.	24.05.2017 2215 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Saudi Arabia 29165 -	01:43.1N – 101:25.8E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers armed with a machete boarded an anchored tanker. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
22.	28.05.2017 1500 UTC Steaming Boarded	Alice Product Tanker Marshall Islands 4202 9520273	02:49.9N – 105:17.4E, Around 24nm West of Pulau Jemaja, Indonesia	While underway, six persons armed with guns boarded the tanker using a rope. They tied up the crew, threatened them with their weapons, stole ship's cash and Master's personal belongings and escaped. Incident reported to the CSO, who notified the authorities.
23.	31.05.2017 2100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Uni Challenge Bulk Carrier Singapore 18465 9606546	07:45.65S – 109:04.25E, Cilacap Anchorage, Indonesia	Unnoticed robbers boarded an anchored bulk carrier, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident reported to local agents.
24.	02.06.2017 2020 UTC Anchored Boarded	Harvester Bulk Carrier Liberia 23651 9777711	03:55.7N – 098:45.5E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. They held a knife to the duty watchman's neck and took him hostage. At the same time, the OOW called the watchman, who was forced to reply and indicate all clear. The robbers then tied up the watchman, removed the hawse pipe cover and let

				another robber onboard. They broke into the paint locker and bosun stores and stole ship's stores. The OOW noticed some abnormal movements on the forecastle and raised the alarm. The robbers stole the personal belongings of the watchman before escaping. Crew mustered and a search was carried out.
25.	07.06.2017 1955 UTC Anchored Boarded	Akrotiri Product Tanker Singapore 25190 9007752	01:21N – 104:36E, Around 8nm North of Tg. Berakit, Bintan Island, Indonesia	While at anchor, two robbers boarded the tanker. They threatened the duty AB with a knife, took his walkie talkie and held him hostage. They then entered the engine room through the steering flat door. When the AB failed to report to the bridge the duty officer raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ship's property.
26.	12.06.2017 1849 UTC Anchored Boarded	Duke Research Vessel Bahamas 2031 8200838	00:45.40N – 104:08.70E, Galang Layup Anchorage, Indonesia	Six robbers boarded an anchored vessel, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was discovered in the morning during routine rounds. Incident reported to the local agents and Port Authorities.
27.	13.06.2017 2050 UTC Anchored Boarded	Loch Seaforth Offshore Supply Vessel Singapore 10835 9594949	01:00.09N – 104:14.58E, Singatac Anchorage, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Duty AB onboard an anchored vessel noticed four robbers near the stern. He immediately informed the duty officer, switched on the search lights, sounded the ship's whistle and shouted at the robbers. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. A search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen.
28.	14.06.2017 2200 UTC Anchored Boarded	MS Sophie Chemical Tanker Liberia 25400 9241798	13:44.01 N – 121:01.09 E, Batangas Inner Anchorage, Philippines	A robber boarded an anchored tanker through the hawse pipe, stole ship's properties and escaped unnoticed. The theft was discovered by duty crew during routine rounds.
29.	21.06.2017 2030 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 15591 -	01:04.39N – 104:08.35E, Jetty No. 3, CPO Kabil Port, Batam, Indonesia	While carrying out pre-departure checks the duty AB noticed wet footsteps on the poop deck. On carrying out further checks he noticed the padlocks to the steering gear and engine room were removed and engine spares missing. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out. Incident was reported to Port VTS and local agents. No intruders found on board.
30.	23.06.2017 1300 UTC Steaming Hijacked	C.P. 41 Product Tanker Thailand 2752 9186455	03:55.2 N – 103:52.8 E, Around 33nm ENE of Kuantan, Malaysia	Six pirates in a speed boat attacked and boarded the tanker while en route from Singapore to Songkhla, Thailand. They took all the crew hostage, hit a few crew with their guns and damaged the navigation and communication equipment. They then sailed the tanker to an unknown location where part of the gas oil cargo was stolen and transferred into another vessel. Before

				escaping the pirates stole crew and ship property. On departure, the pirates released the crew who sailed to a safe port.
31.	10.07.2017 1750 UTC Anchored Boarded	E.R. Martinique Container Liberia 28927 9314985	14:33.8N – 120:54.9E, Manila South Harbour Anchorage, Philippines	Unnoticed robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole its properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident reported to the Coast Guard.
32.	14.07.2017 1130 UTC Anchored Boarded	COSCO Fukuyama Container Panama 40165 9400306	14:33.3N – 120:55.2E, Manila South Harbour Anchorage, Philippines	Two robbers boarded an anchored ship via the hawse pipe. Duty watch keeper informed the Chief Officer who raised the alarm. Crew mustered and moved forward. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with ship's properties. Manila VTMS informed. The coast guard boarded the ship to investigate.
33.	02.08.2017 2300 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Tanker Marshall Islands 42750 -	01:24N – 104:33E, Around 10nm North of Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole its properties and escaped. The theft was discovered the next day by the deck crew.
34.	09.08.2017 1740 UTC Anchored Boarded	RHL Aqua Container Liberia 18480 9373498	14:32.79N – 120:55.35E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines	Robbers boarded an anchored ship and entered the forecandle store. Security guard on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
35.	15.08.2017 2050 UTC Anchored Boarded	Warnow Master Container Cyprus 17068 9449833	14:33.9N – 120:55.59E, Manila South Harbour Anchorage, Philippines	Alert duty crew on security rounds, onboard an anchored ship noticed two persons inside the starboard hawse pipe trying to open the cover and gain access onto the ship. Crew alerted and alarm raised. Hearing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in a waiting boat along with their three accomplices. Incident reported to VTMS Manila via VHF.
36.	20.08.2017 1800 UTC Steaming Boarded	Star Lily Bulk Carrier Panama 21192 9370422	01:04.20N – 103:41.70E, Around 4.7nm SSE of Pulau Nipah, Indonesia	Two robbers boarded a ship underway and entered the steering gear room. They threatened the duty oiler with a knife. Once the robbers left the steering gear room the oiler immediately informed the 3/E who notified the bridge. Master noticed on the radar two small boats heading towards Indonesia. Alarm raised and crew mustered. VTS Central Traffic Control informed. A warship responded and assisted the ship to the its anchorage. The Chief Officer made checks and found all crew safe. The ship anchored in Singapore where

				the Coast Guard and Customs boarded for investigations.
37.	06.09.2017 0700 UTC Steaming Hijacked	MGT 1 Product Tanker Thailand 983 9019975	05:38.30N – 103:11.80E, Around 3nm East of Pulau Yu, Malaysia	About 10 persons boarded and hijacked a tanker underway and switched off its AIS. The MMEA was notified and a patrol vessel and an aircraft were dispatched to locate the tanker. The aircraft spotted the hijacked tanker with another one alongside. A speed boat with three persons was seen moving away from the ship. A MMEA boarding team boarded the tanker and detained the hijackers and escorted the ship to a safe port.
38.	07.09.2017 1910 UTC\ Steaming Boarded	Senna 3 LPG Tanker Thailand 3499 9179270	02:03.55N – 104:59.28E, Around 35nm SSE of Pulau Aur, Malaysia	Four persons armed with a gun and knives boarded a LPG tanker underway. They stole crew and ship's properties and escaped. All crew safe.
39.	11.09.2017 2030 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ocean Amazing Bulk Carrier Singapore 25967 9162942	00:13.3S – 117:33.5E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	During cargo operations, onboard an anchored ship, duty crew on routine rounds noticed the forecastle hatch opened and two mooring ropes missing. Local agents informed.

EAST ASIA

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	14.02.2017 1710 UTC Anchored Boarded	Skythia Bulk Carrier Malta 89990 9423920	38:52.6N – 119:10.0E, Jingtang Anchorage, China	Four robbers boarded an anchored ship and tried to open the port side Marine Diesel Oil (MDO) manhole. Duty officer raised the alarm and SSAS Alert was activated. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Incident reported to the port authorities and the local agents.
2.	19.09.2017 1700 – 2300 UTC Anchored Boarded	SBI Echo Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 34835 9714692	20:54.3N – 107:16.3E, Campha Inner Anchorage, Vietnam	Unnoticed robbers boarded an anchored ship during cargo operations. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the paint store padlock broken. Incident reported to Port Authorities through local agents. It was reported that ship's stores had been stolen.

INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	16.01.2017 2050 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Container Marshall Islands 16986 -	22:06.6N – 091:44.4E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Robbers, armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. The duty crew on security watch noticed the robbers and notified the duty officer who raised the alarm, made a PA announcement and mustered the crew. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with ship's stores. The incident was reported to the Authorities who boarded the ship to investigate.
2.	18.01.2017 1955 UTC Anchored Boarded	Santa Fiorenza Container Liberia 21583 9162253	22:05.8N – 091:48.8E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship using a hook attached with a rope. Duty crew noticed the robbers on the aft mooring station and raised the alarm, made an announcement on PA system and mustered the crew. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the ship's stores. The incident was reported to the Port Control and Chittagong Coast Guard. After a few hours, the Coast Guard notified the ship that two suspicious boats were stopped and searched but the stolen stores were not recovered.
3.	23.01.2017 0400 UTC Steaming Boarded	Jaya Crystal Tug Singapore 2763 9594212 El Hadjr Bulk Carrier St. Kitts & Nevis 37327 8103585	21:12N – 091:43E, Around 19nm SW of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh	A tug towing a bulk carrier to the scrap yard was approached by numerous small boats. The tug made zig-zag manoeuvres to try and deter the boats from approaching the tow. The Master contacted the authorities for assistance. The pirates boarded the tow and set fire to the wheel house and accommodation. When the pirates noticed the approaching patrol, they escaped.
4.	04.02.2017 1400 to 0000 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship Norway 3181 -	21:51.53N – 091:48.36E, 1nm West of Kutubdia Island, Bangladesh	Robbers boarded an offshore supply vessel at anchor. They attempted to enter the accommodation but were unsuccessful as the crew had secured all doors.
5.	04.02.2017 1400 to 0000 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship Bahamas 3181 -	21:51.53N – 091:48.36E, 1nm West of Kutubdia Island, Bangladesh	An unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored offshore supply vessel. They broke into the paint locker and escaped with a large amount of paint. The theft was noticed by crew when they commenced work in the morning. Authorities informed.

6.	17.02.2017 2155 UTC Anchored Boarded	MMA Pinnacle Support Vessel Singapore 5138 9696187	18:54N – 072:52E, 6.3nm West of JNPT Port, Mumbai, India	Two robbers boarded an offshore support vessel from an unlit wooden boat, stole ship's equipment and escaped. Incident reported to Coast Guard who boarded the vessel to investigate and to collect evidence.
7.	02.05.2017 1715 UTC Anchored Boarded	Unique Developer Product Tanker Hong Kong 26914 9402809	22:13.9N – 091:44.1E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker spotted two robbers on the poop deck and informed the OOW. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
8.	29.08.2017 2100 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Chemical Tanker Panama 12247 -	North Berth, Kakinada Port, India	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker during cargo operations. They stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Port control informed.
9.	02.09.2017 1945 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Panama 34187 -	22:14.08N – 091:44.53E, Chittagong Alpha Anchorage, Bangladesh	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship during cargo operations. The watchmen and duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers on the forecandle and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Port control and coast guard informed.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.01.2017 0215 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nijinsky LPG Tanker Singapore 16804 9364966	10:12.0N – 064:47.9W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker via the anchor chain. The robbers took hostage the duty AB on the forecandle, tied him up and threatened him with a knife. They then removed the hawse pipe cover and four more robbers boarded the tanker. The robbers took the AB's mobile phone, stole ship's properties and escaped. The AB managed to free himself and informed bridge who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Port Control informed.
2.	19.01.2017 0755 UTC Anchored Boarded	Imabari Logger Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 23452 9663855	02:43.0S – 080:24.0W, Guayaquil Outer Anchorage, Ecuador	An unknown number of robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. Incident was reported to the local agents.
3.	24.01.2017 1750 LT	Name Withheld Chemical Tanker	10:19.3N – 075:32.1W,	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole the ship's properties and

	Anchored Boarded	Malta 29658 -	Mamonal Inner Anchorage, Colombia	escaped. The theft was discovered by the crew during routine rounds.
4.	07.02.2017 0630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Jumeirah Beach Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 20969 9642045	12:01.2S – 077:12.0W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Four robbers in a small boat came alongside and boarded an anchored ship using a rope. They took hostage the duty crew and tied him up. The robbers then stole ship's stores and escaped. Duty officer raised the alarm, crew mustered and a search was carried out. Incident reported to port authorities and the local agents.
5.	01.03.2017 0250 LT Anchored Boarded	Adamas I Chemical Tanker Panama 29924 9428683	10:16.9N – 064:42.8W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Three robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Alert crew noticed the robbers. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
6.	28.03.2017 0845 UTC Anchored Boarded	Angelica Schulte Tanker Liberia 56163 9296822	10:19.3N – 075:32.1W, Cartagena Anchorage, Colombia	Four robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties. Port Control notified.
7.	28.04.2017 0620 UTC Anchored Boarded	Mainport Cedar Research Vessel Marshall Islands 1659 9659323	06:49.4N – 058:10.2W, Georgetown Anchorage, Guyana	Duty officer on routine rounds onboard the seismic support vessel noticed a boat alongside the vessel and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, five robbers were seen escaping with stolen ship's properties.
8.	02.05.2017 0650 UTC Berthed Boarded	Glory Ocean Cement Carrier Singapore 10337 9116448	10:14.75N – 064:33.44W, Berth No.5, Pertigalete, Venezuela	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the berthed ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
9.	04.05.2017 0630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Kota Lukis Container Singapore 39906 9439747	12:01.02S – 077:12.06W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Six robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the duty AB and the shore security watchman and tied them up. The robbers then broke into the forecandle store and escaped with stolen ship's stores. The duty AB and watchman managed to free themselves and informed the bridge who raised the alarm. Incident reported to the local agent and Port Authority.
10.	18.05.2017 0001 - 0530 LT Anchored Boarded	TRF Marquette Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 23676 9732785	10:11.31N – 064:46.16W, Around 4nm West of Lecheria, Venezuela	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's equipment, stores and escaped unnoticed. Theft noticed by crew on routine rounds.
11.	24.05.2017 0420 UTC Anchored Boarded	Vectis Eagle General Cargo United Kingdom 6190 9594286	10:17.22N – 064:42.79W, Around 1.05nm East of Isla Boraccha,	Six robbers boarded an anchored ship during the hours of darkness. They opened and entered the forecandle store room. Deck watchman discovered the robbers and informed duty officer who raised the alarm and crew mustered.

			Pozuelos Bay Anchorage, Venezuela	Seeing the alert crew, the robbers escaped immediately. A search was carried out and it was reported that ship's property was stolen. Master tried to contact Port Authorities by VHF but received no response.
12.	24.06.2017 0424 UTC Anchored Boarded	Seletar Spirit Tanker Bahamas 60193 9484077	10:12N – 064:46W, Jose Terminal Anchorage, Venezuela	Eight robbers boarded an anchored tanker. They assaulted the duty AB on security rounds. Another crew noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and injured himself as he fled from the robbers. The duty officer sounded the general alarm and ship's whistle resulting in the robbers escaping. The injured crew was sent ashore for medical attention. No loss of property reported. Coast Guard informed.
13.	30.06.2017 0330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Malaga Chemical Tanker Singapore 29669 9447768	10:16N – 064:42W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Around four to five robbers boarded an anchored tanker and entered the forepeak store. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything.
14.	05.08.2017 1900 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Container Liberia 26435 -	Esmeraldas Port, Ecuador	Unnoticed by crew, robbers boarded the berthed ship, stole brass sounding pipe covers and escaped. The theft was noticed by duty crew on routine rounds.
15.	01.09.2017 0315 UTC Anchored Boarded	Petion Tanker Panama 41503 9295098	10:14.3N – 064:44.0W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Five robbers in a small fishing boat armed with pistols, knives and sticks boarded an anchored tanker. They assaulted the aft duty watchman, tied him up and took him hostage. When the watchman failed to report, the OOW sent another duty crew to investigate. The OOW was notified about the robbers and the alarm was raised. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped in their boat. A search was carried out and the watchman was found with minor injuries. Ship's stores were reported stolen. Port control was informed through local agents.
16.	02.09.2017 0620 UTC Anchored Boarded	Norgas Pan LPG Tanker Singapore 8331 9378266	10:19.26N – 075:32.20W, Cartagena Inner Anchorage, Colombia	Duty officer onboard an anchored tanker noticed a small boat approaching near the bow and asked the duty watch crew to investigate. Upon checking, the duty crew reported that the padlock to the forepeak store and paint locker were broken and ship's stores and properties stolen.
17.	07.09.2017 0230 UTC Anchored Boarded	Kyriakoula Tanker Liberia 40680	10:12.25N – 064:47.54W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage,	Seven robbers armed with guns and knives boarded an anchored tanker. They attacked the watchman and tied him up. When the watchman did not

		9265720	Venezuela	report to the bridge, the OOW sent another crew to investigate. Master was informed and alarm raised. On noticing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Terminal authorities notified.
18.	22.09.2017 0300 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Bahamas 19972 -	10:09.27N – 064:47.63W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	Duty officer onboard an anchored ship raised the alarm when the duty AB did not respond to a call on the walkie talkie. Crew mustered and carried out a search for the duty AB who was found tied up on the forecastle. Hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew the robbers were seen escaping. Upon inspecting the bosun store it was found large quantity of ship's stores stolen. Authorities notified.
19.	29.09.2017 0630 UTC Anchored Boarded	Seaways Josefa Camejo Tanker Marshall Islands 62385 9213301	10:16.6N – 064:42.3W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Duty AB on board an anchored tanker spotted two robbers armed with knives on the poop deck and immediately informed the OOW. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mastered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Incident reported to port authorities and the local agents.

AFRICA (GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	08.04.2017 1310 UTC Steaming Boarded	OS 35 Bulk Carrier Tuvalu 20947 9172399	14:02.9N – 051:40.0E, 147nm SE of Al Mukalla, Gulf of Aden	While underway armed pirates in a skiff came alongside and boarded the ship. The Master and crew stopped the engine, retreated into the citadel and requested for help. On 09.04.2017 the ship was boarded by authorities and all crew rescued. No pirates were found on board. The crew resumed control of the ship and sailed to a safe port.

AFRICA (SOMALIA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	14.03.2017 1830 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Aris 13 Bunkering Tanker Sri Lanka 1188 9012501	11:59N – 050:45E, 1nm North of Aluula, Bari,	Armed pirates hijacked the tanker and took hostage it's eight crew members. On 16.03.2017 the crew and the tanker were released. All crew safe.

			North of Somalia	
2.	23.03.2017 Morning Hrs Not Stated Hijacked	Casayr II - No.30 Dhow - - -	Vicinity of Eyl, Somalia	Pirates attacked and hijacked the dhow and took hostage its 20 crew members. The dhow had three skiffs onboard. The pirates released 13 crew members in one skiff. The dhow with the remaining crew and an unknown number of pirates sailed to an unknown location. The pirates released the dhow on 26.03.2017 after stealing one skiff along with food and diesel.
3.	01.04.2017 - Steaming Hijacked	Al Kausar Dhow India - -	Enroute to Bosaso, Off Somalia	A dhow with 11 crew onboard was boarded and hijacked by pirates while en route to Bosaso. The dhow was anchored in Somali coastal waters between Hobyo and El Hur. On 12.04.2017, Somali Forces managed to release the vessel and its crew. All crew members are in good health. A warship escorted the vessel to its next port of call.

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

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	25.01.2017 0035 UTC Anchored Boarded	Charlotte Selmer Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 92079 9435064	08:27.1N – 013:21.2W, Pepel Outer Anchorage, Sierra Leone	Three robbers with knives boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew noticed the robbers on the forecandle and notified the duty officer who raised the alarm. Robbers threatened the duty AB with knives and escaped with stolen ship's properties.
2.	30.01.2017 0345 UTC Anchored Boarded	JPO Gemini Container Liberia 25672 9294020	08:27.3N – 013:26.4W, Freetown Outer Anchorage, Sierra Leone	Duty deck crew onboard an anchored ship informed the OOW that two robbers were sighted on the forecandle. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
3.	05.02.2017 1025 UTC Steaming Boarded	BBC Caribbean General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 5261 9378242	04:00.5N – 005:29.3E, Around 31nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Armed pirates attacked and boarded the ship underway, kidnapped eight crew members and escaped. One crew came out from hiding and raised the SSAS. The IMB PRC received information from the Netherlands Coast Guard and contacted the ship, Owners and liaised with the Nigerian Navy for assistance. Later, two more crew members came out of hiding and steered the ship further away from the coast, before heading towards a safe port. On 05.03.2017, the

				eight-kidnapped crew were released safely.
4.	07.02.2017 1904 UTC Steaming Boarded	Gaz Providence LPG Tanker Panama 16777 9448504	03:22.0N – 007:13.5E, Around 60nm South of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Armed pirates boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised and most crew members managed to retreat into the citadel. The Owners notified the IMB PRC, who in turn informed and liaised with the Nigerian Navy and all other relevant parties. A naval vessel was dispatched to assist the tanker. The naval boarding team reported the tanker to be free of pirates before the crew emerged from the citadel. Three crew members were reported missing and believed to be kidnapped. The naval vessel escorted the tanker to Bonny anchorage for investigation. On 28.02.2017, the three crew members were released safely.
5.	09.02.2017 2130 UTC Anchored Boarded	Far Starling Supply Vessel Norway 3527 9629017	04:45.2S – 011:49.2E, Pointe Noire Anchorage, The Congo	Duty crew onboard an anchored vessel noticed a boat alongside near the bow and informed the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's properties.
6.	19.02.2017 0709 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Asphalt Tanker Malta 4703 -	05:12.66N – 004:48.57E, Around 33nm WSW of Forcados, Nigeria	Armed pirates in a speedboat approached and boarded the tanker underway. Alarm raised, SSAS activated and all crew retreated to the citadel. The IMB PRC received the information from the Nigerian Navy and contacted the Owners for further details and liaised with all parties. Two naval vessels were dispatched to assist the tanker. The pirates damaged ship's equipment, stole ship's properties and crew personal belongings and escaped before the naval teams boarded the tanker to rescue the crew. All crew were reported safe.
7.	22.03.2017 2115 UTC Berthed Boarded	Zita Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 38237 9760043	19:48.85S – 034:50.06E, Berth 6/7, Beira Port, Mozambique	During cargo operations, duty crew on routine rounds onboard the ship noticed two robbers armed with knives on the poop deck. Chief Officer informed via walkie talkie. Crew mustered and then proceeded to the poop deck. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped without stealing anything. The incident was reported to the Authorities who boarded the ship to investigate.
8.	30.03.2017 Early Morning Hours Steaming	Eleni M Bulk Carrier Malta 28718	04:01N – 006:48E, Around 32nm SW of Bonny,	Four persons in a small boat approached, came alongside and boarded the ship as it approached the pilot boarding station. They kidnapped

	Boarded	9228033	Nigeria	six crew members and escaped. On 20.04.2017, the six kidnapped crew members were released safely.
9.	07.04.2017 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Blue Balance Bulk Carrier Panama 26058 9168491	05:52.11S – 013:02.49E, Congo River, Angola	Duty crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed six robbers on the forecandle and immediately informed the duty officer on the bridge. Alarm and ship's whistle sounded. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in their boat with the stolen ship's properties.
10.	19.04.2017 0934 UTC Steaming Boarded	Atlantic Mann Offshore Tug Nigeria 804 8305494	04:06.43N – 006:15.34E, Around 10.8nm South of Brass, Nigeria	An offshore tug was attacked and boarded by armed persons. They kidnapped eight crew members and escaped. The Nigerian Navy responded to the incident. One crew was reported injured and evacuated by helicopter.
11.	29.04.2017 0737 UTC Steaming Boarded	Vectis Progress General Cargo Isle of Man 7227 9626144	03:41N – 006:46E, Around 47nm SW of Bonny Islands, Nigeria	Armed pirates in a speedboat approached and boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised, SSAS activated and all crew retreated into the citadel. The Owners notified the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre, who in turn informed and liaised with the Nigerian Navy. A naval vessel was dispatched to assist the ship. The pirates damaged ship's equipment, stole crew cash and belongings and escaped before the naval team boarded the ship to rescue the crew. All crew reported safe.
12.	17.05.2017 - Steaming Boarded	Glory General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 6393 9378254	03:59N – 006:46E, Around 21nm South of Nigerian Coast, Nigeria	While underway, armed pirates boarded the ship. They kidnapped six crew members and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the ship to Bonny anchorage. The Nigerian Navy is investigating the case. On 07.06.2017, the six-kidnapped crew were released safely.
13.	26.05.2017 0200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nordatlantic Container Cyprus 25407 9241451	08:26.33N – 013:28.16W, Freetown Offroads Anchorage, Sierra Leone	A robber boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was discovered by duty crew during routine rounds.
14.	06.06.2017 0303 UTC Anchored Boarded	Annou Max Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 91374 9423073	08:28.3N – 013:22.9W, Freetown Anchorage, Sierra Leone	A robber boarded an anchored ship. The security watchman noticed the robber and raised the alarm, resulting in the robber escaping empty handed.
15.	19.06.2017 2300 UTC Berthed Boarded	Eagle Express Product Tanker Panama 28051 9414280	04:04.0S – 039:39.0E, Mbaraki Terminal, Mombasa, Kenya	Duty crew on anti-piracy watch onboard the berthed tanker noticed a robber attempting to board via the poop deck, using a hook attached with rope. OOW in the cargo control room informed. As the robber approached the ship's railing

				the duty crew shouted at him resulting in the robber escaping. A search was made throughout the tanker. No theft notified.
16.	13.07.2017 0652 UTC Steaming Boarded	UAL Houston General Cargo Netherlands 5925 9542348	04:08.91N – 006:59.83E, Around 16nm SSW of Bonny, Nigeria	Six persons in a skiff boarded the ship underway. Alarm and SSAS activated. All crew retreated into the Citadel. Nigerian Navy boarded the ship and found all crew safe.
17.	30.07.2017 0900 UTC Steaming Boarded	Oya 1 General Cargo Panama 851 8512126	04:10.12N – 006:59.44E, Around 15nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Armed pirates boarded the ship underway. The incident was reported to the Nigerian Navy who responded and located the ship. It was reported that five crew members were kidnapped. The Nigerian navy vessel towed the ship to a safe port for investigation. On 19.08.2017, the five kidnapped crew members were released safely.
18.	31.07.2017 1750 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Tanker Nigeria - -	04:07.52N – 007:00.04E, Around 21nm SSW of Bonny, Nigeria	Pirates attacked the tanker and stole the crews' personal belongings. Three crew members were reported missing. Nigerian navy escorted the tanker to Bonny anchorage.
19.	04.08.2017 2155 UTC Anchored Boarded	Norgas Shasta LPG Tanker Singapore 9691 9254941	04:54.35N – 001:39.69W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Deck watch keepers onboard an anchored tanker noticed a robber near the Stbd side poop deck and informed the OOW who raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robber jumped overboard and escaped with his accomplice waiting in a boat. On carrying out a thorough search, it was reported that ship's properties were stolen.
20.	07.08.2017 2240 UTC Berthed Boarded	BW Lioness Chemical Tanker Singapore 29737 9675509	Folawiyo Terminal, Apapa, Lagos, Nigeria	Duty AB onboard the berthed tanker noticed two robbers trying to insert a flexible hose into 1P / 1S cargo tank. He immediately informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with the flexible hose. A search was carried out throughout the tanker. Nothing reported stolen. Port control informed.
21.	19.08.2017 0250 UTC Anchored Boarded	GSW Forward Product Tanker Singapore 11261 9421271	06:20.7N – 003:18.2E, Lagos General Purpose Anchorage, Nigeria	Alert duty watch keepers onboard the bridge of an anchored tanker spotted a floating object near the Stbd Bow and informed the armed security guard who fired warning shots. One robber was seen jumping overboard from the forecastle. Alarm raised and PA announcement made. All crew except watch keepers were directed to the citadel. After the security guards checked the deck areas to ensure no unauthorised persons on board, the crew emerged from the citadel and carried out

				a thorough search on board the tanker. The crew noticed a flexible hose pipe inserted into a Butterworth pocket of No. 1S COT. One robber was noticed hiding in the hawse pipe. He was apprehended and tied up by the security guard and later handed over to the local agents. It was reported that the robbers had managed to steal some oil from the tanker.
22.	08.09.2017 0316 UTC Anchored Boarded	Fortis Amalthea Bulk Carrier Liberia 25955 9200342	09:21.96N – 013:44.48W, Conakry Anchorage, Guinea	Seven robbers armed with knives and crowbars boarded an anchored ship. They stole Master and ship's properties and escaped. All crew safe.
23.	15.09.2017 0145 UTC Anchored Boarded	Thomas Maersk Container Denmark 18859 9064267	09:24.22N – 013:44.89W, Conakry Anchorage, Guinea	Around seven robbers armed with a gun, knives and iron bars boarded an anchored ship. They assaulted three crew members, stole ship's properties and escaped. Authorities informed.
24.	20.09.2017 0300 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Tanker Singapore 28539 -	06:19N – 003:22E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	A robber boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew noticed the robber and raised the alarm, resulting in the robber escaping empty handed. Incident reported to the local authorities.

ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

1 January – 30 September 2017

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.01.2017 1524 LT Steaming Fired upon	Ocean Kingdom General Cargo Philippines 7541 9202091	06:36.0N – 122:41.0E, Around 21.6nm East of Basilan Island, Philippines	Six persons in two speed boats, armed with automatic rifles, chased and fired upon the ship underway. Alarm raised and increased speed. Ship's distress message was relayed by Zamboanga radio station to the local authorities who dispatched patrol boats to assist the ship. Due to the firing, the ship sustained multiple gunshot damage on the port and starboard sides. Ship however, managed to evade the attack. All crew safe.
2.	05.01.2017 1630 UTC Steaming Attempted	Great Sailor Chemical Tanker Vietnam 9419 9183477	01:15.1N – 104:03.4E, Singapore Straits	A tanker underway was chased by a speed boat. Master raised the alarm, contacted the VTS, commenced evasive manoeuvres, increased speed and directed the spot light towards the speed

				boat. Seeing the alerted crew, the speed boat aborted and moved away.
3.	05.03.2017 0800 - 1030 UTC Steaming Attempted	Phu An 268 General Cargo Vietnam 1599 9549293	06:20.5N – 118:08.0E, Around 4.43nm NE of Lihiman Island, Philippines	A skiff with around six persons onboard approached and followed the ship for around 1.5 hours. Master raised the alarm, increased speed and activated fire hoses. Incident reported to Malaysian authorities. A patrol vessel rendezvoused with the ship and escorted her to Sandakan port. All crew safe.
4.	19.03.2017 2020 UTC Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 15591 -	01:42N – 101:28E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed one person attempting to climb onboard by using a bamboo stick attached to a hook. The duty AB informed the DO who raised alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the intruders aborted and moved away.
5.	25.03.2017 1815 UTC Anchored Attempted	Ping An Product Tanker Marshall Islands 11438 9495856	01:43N – 101:26E, Lubuk Gaung Anchorage, Dumai, Indonesia	Alert crew noticed a robber attempting to board and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robber escaped in a boat with three accomplices. The robbers were apprehended by the IMP who were patrolling in the vicinity.
6.	16.05.2017 1803 UTC Steaming Attempted	Posh Conquest Offshore Supply Ship Panama 2736 9451654	03:32N – 126:23E, Around 26nm SW of Kepulauan Talaud, North Sulawesi, Indonesia	A small speed boat approached an offshore supply ship underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered and fire pump started. Seeing the alerted crew, the boat moved away.
7.	19.05.2017 1130 UTC Steaming Attempted	Sapurakencana Samudra Offshore Supply Ship Malaysia 1061 7396692	10:58N – 118:15E, Around 56nm NW of Cacinpa Island, Philippines	An offshore tug underway was chased by two speed boats. Master increased speed, conducted evasive manoeuvres and activated fire hoses. Incident reported to Philippines Authorities. Vessel and crew safe.
8.	12.08.2017 2155 UTC Berthed Attempted	Aquabelle Chemical Tanker Malaysia 5256 9410193	05:48N – 118:04E, Sandakan Port, Malaysia	Two robbers attempted to board the berthed tanker but failed. Port authorities informed.

AFRICA (GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.04.2017 1306 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Alheera Product Tanker Panama 6519	12:53.77N – 048:02.52E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a white coloured skiff approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm, contacted UKMTO and

		9221803		the non-essential crew withdrew into the citadel. The onboard armed security team returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away. Crew and tanker safe. Warship notified.
2.	31.05.2017 0647 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Muskie Tanker Marshall Islands 42771 9256638	12:35.0N – 043:27.2E, Bab el-Mandeb, Red Sea	Three pirates in a skiff armed with guns and RPG chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiff moving away. UKMTO notified. Two warships proceeded to the area to assist the tanker. The tanker sustained damages due to the firing. All crew reported safe.

AFRICA (SOMALIA)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	22.04.2017 1442 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Product Tanker Sierra Leone 4462 -	05:42N – 048:53E, Around 5.7nm East of Somali Coast, Somalia	Six armed persons in a skiff chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm and broadcast a distress message, to which a warship responded. The skiff chased the tanker for nearly two hours and then moved away due to the continuous evasive manoeuvres. One crew reported injured.

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

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	08.03.2017 0800 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Sofia Bulk Carrier Liberia 32983 9472086	03:20.0N – 004:28.9E, Around 106nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Seven persons armed with guns in a skiff approached and fired upon the ship underway. Ship increased speed and commenced evasive maneuver. All non-essential crew retreated to the Citadel. After 40 minutes, the skiffs aborted the attack and moved away. All crews reported safe.
2.	10.03.2017 0518 UTC Steaming Fired upon	La Mancha Knutsen LNG Tanker Spain 116246 9721724	03:03N – 006:57E, 84nm South of Bonny, Nigeria	A speed boat approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm, activated the water spray, commenced evasive manoeuvres, activated the SSAS, broadcast a distress message via VHF and mustered non-essential crew in the citadel. The boat managed to come alongside near the mid-ship manifold and attempted to

				hook on a ladder, which was unsuccessful due to the evasive manoeuvring. A security boat in the vicinity contacted the tanker via VHF and indicated that they were proceeding to assist, and the small boat moved away. The tanker continued her voyage. All crew safe.
3.	29.03.2017 1200 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Cora A Product Tanker Panama 8251 9357638	04:05.89N – 004:42.03E, Around 64nm SW of Bayelsa Coast, Nigeria	Armed pirates in a boat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. The onboard armed naval security team returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away. All crew safe. The tanker continued her voyage to her next port.
4.	19.04.2017 0845 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Axel Spirit Tanker Bahamas 62929 9282041	03:25N – 005:46E, Around 59nm SSW of Brass, Nigeria	Nine pirates in a skiff approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised, fire pumps started and non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. The tanker increased speed and conducted evasive manoeuvres. While the Master communicated with the escort vessel, the skiff was seen aborting and moving away. Crew and tanker reported safe.
5.	28.04.2017 1850 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Refrigerated Cargo Ship Liberia 5100 -	03:49.00N – 007:04.00E, Around 32nm SSW of Bonny, Nigeria	Four boats chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master increased speed and conducted evasive manoeuvres. The pirates aborted the attack after they failed to board the ship. Incident reported to the local authorities.
6.	29.04.2017 0408 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Refrigerated Cargo Ship Liberia 6363 -	03:51.20N – 006:46.00E, Around 38nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Two aluminium hulled motorized boats with pirates armed with automatic rifles chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master raised the alarm, SSAS activated and Nigerian navy called on VHF Ch 16. Speed increased and evasive manoeuvres commenced. The pirates came close and attempted to board the ship using a ladder. Three rocket flares were fired. The Master headed towards the Okwari oil field to seek assistance from the security vessels but, seeing the boats aborting and moving away, the Master altered and headed towards Bonny fairway buoy. The ship sustained damages due to the firing.
7.	29.04.2017 1740 UTC Steaming Fired upon	LNG Lokoja LNG Tanker Bermuda 98798 9269960	03:37.6N – 006:44.1E, Around 50nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Two boats with four to five pirates armed with rifles chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised and anti-piracy preventive measures applied. Master noticed a ladder in one boat. The boats managed to come alongside the tanker but due to the hardening measures

				the pirates were unable to board and aborted the attack. All crew safe. The tanker sustained some damage due to the firing.
8.	06.05.2017 0030 UTC Anchored Attempted	MOL Dedication Container Marshall Islands 39906 9352391	05:10.88N – 004:04.72W, Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast	While at anchor, duty officer noticed a suspicious boat approaching the ship from astern and alerted the duty crew on deck. As the boat came alongside, alarm and ship's whistle sounded and fire pump started. Seeing the alerted crew, the boat slowly moved away, circled the ship once and then departed. Port Control informed.
9.	02.07.2017 0010 UTC Anchored Attempted	CMA CGM Utrillo Container Cyprus 25803 9192430	14:22.46S – 040:42.42E, Nacala Anchorage, Mozambique	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers attempting to board. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped without stealing anything.
10.	22.07.2017 0249 UTC Steaming Attempted	Lowlands Phoenix Bulk Carrier Singapore 89543 9303845	15:31.9N – 018:10.0W, Around 65nm NW of Dakar, Senegal	A fishing boat approached and attempted to board the ship underway. Alarm raised, all crew mustered, Master increased speed and conducted evasive manoeuvre. Due to bad weather, ship managed to evade the boarding. All crew safe.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	26.09.2017 0230 UTC Anchored Attempted	Prime Express Product Tanker Panama 28725 9459242	18:34.0N – 072:24.0W, Port Au Prince Anchorage, Haiti	Three robbers attempted to board an anchored tanker via the hawse pipe. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed.

REST OF THE WORLD

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	14.04.2017 0700 UTC Anchored Fired upon	Safe Sino Product Tanker Panama 27526 9149251	15:55.56N – 052:20.75E, Around 10nm NE of Nishtun, Yemen	Six persons armed with rifles in a small boat approached and fired upon an anchored tanker. They attempted to board the tanker several times but failed and moved away. All crew safe. The tanker continued her passage.
2.	01.06.2017 0430 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Navig8 Providence Product Tanker 43142 9737759	23:32.4N – 060:26.3E, Around 103nm East of Muscat, Oman	Six persons armed with guns in a skiff approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised, non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. Speed increased, evasive manoeuvres

				conducted and onboard armed security team fired warning shots resulting in the skiffs moving away. A mother vessel was seen in the vicinity. Tanker is safe.
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IN / OFF LIBYA – UNLAWFUL DETENTION BY ARMED PERSONS REPORTED FOR YEAR 2017

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
ACTUAL / ATTEMPTED ATTACKS				
1.	28.02.2017 1616 UTC Anchored Boarded	Haci Telli Product Tanker Turkey 1949 9353163	32:59N – 012:03E, Around 1.13nm NE of Libya Coast, Libya	While at anchor, the tanker was boarded and detained by armed persons. They demanded money for safe release of the tanker. Four crew were taken ashore.
2.	29.08.2017 2303 UTC Steaming Boarded	Rex Product Tanker Tanzania 797 7105421	36:02.08N – 013:14.58E Around 189nm North of Tripoli, Libya	Armed persons introduced as Libyan Coast Guard boarded the tanker underway. They detained the tanker and forced the crew to sail the tanker to Tripoli, Libya. The crew were taken ashore and detained in jail.
3.	24.09.2017 0648 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Lintan Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 24785 9715206	32:55.3N – 023:26.4E, Around 42nm ENE of Derna, Libya	A speed boat with seven to 10 persons onboard tried to stop the ship claiming to be “coast guard” inspection. The ship raised the alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres to avoid boarding. The speed boat fired at the ship with guns and rockets. The ship managed to prevent the boarding and continued her passage to a safe port. All crew safe.



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 - Attempted Attack  - Boarded  - Fired upon  - Hijacked  - Suspicious vessel

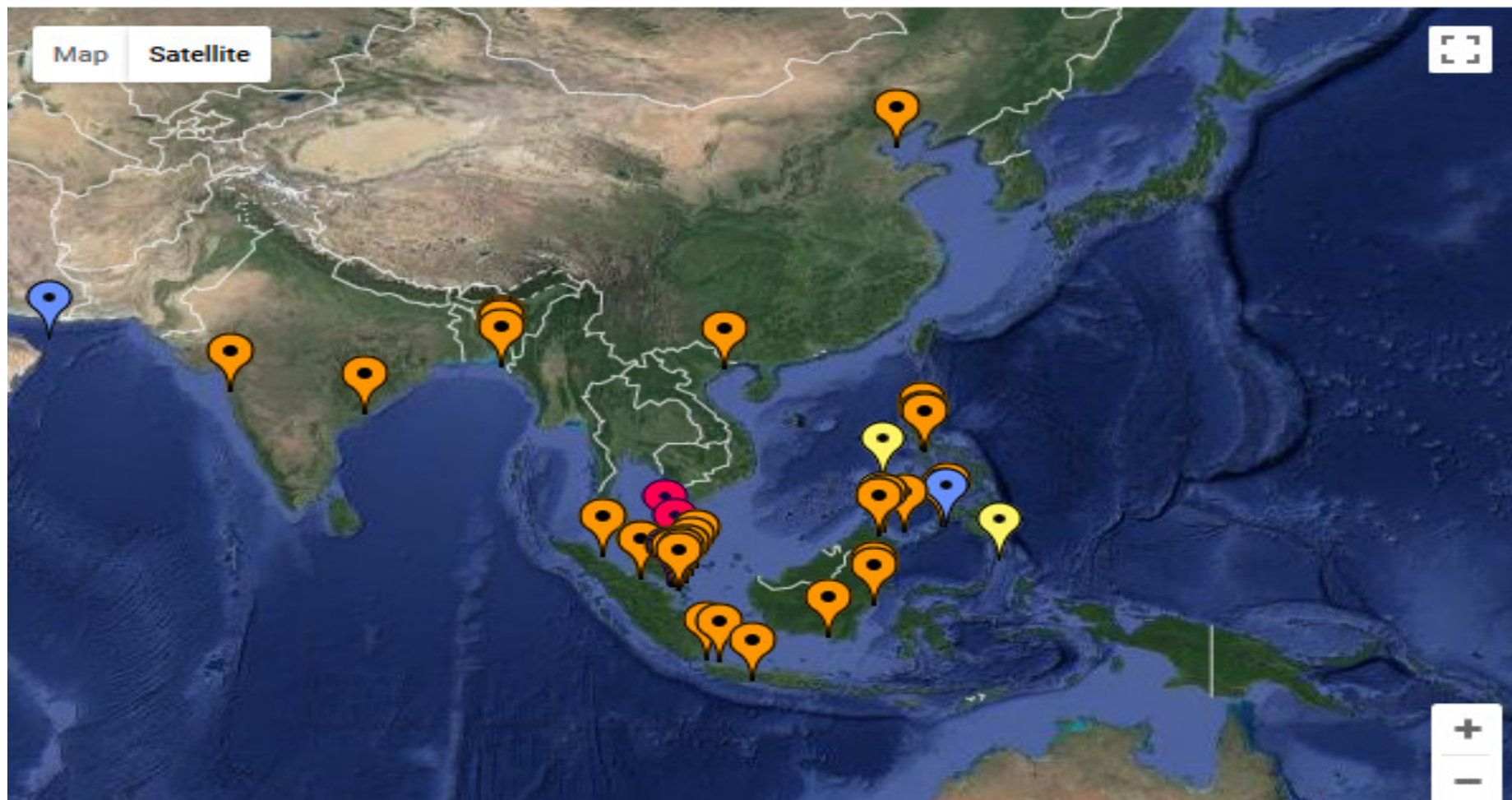


Total number of attacks – 121



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Total attacks Indian Sub-Continent – 9

Total attacks Far East & SE Asia – 49



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Total attacks Red Sea / Gulf of Aden – 3

Total attacks east coast Somalia / Arabian Sea – 4



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Total attacks Gulf of Guinea - 22