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**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY  
AGAINST SHIPS**

**REPORT FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 January – 30 September 2018**

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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 2018.

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](http://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 2018, received reports of 156 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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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- Collecte Localisation Satellites - CLS
- Gard AS
- Japan P&I Club
- Justships Ltd
- Merchant Shipping Cyprus
- Standard Steam Ship Mutual P&I Association
- Steam Ship Insurance Management Services Limited
- The North of England P&I Association Ltd

The PRC is additionally non-financially supported by:

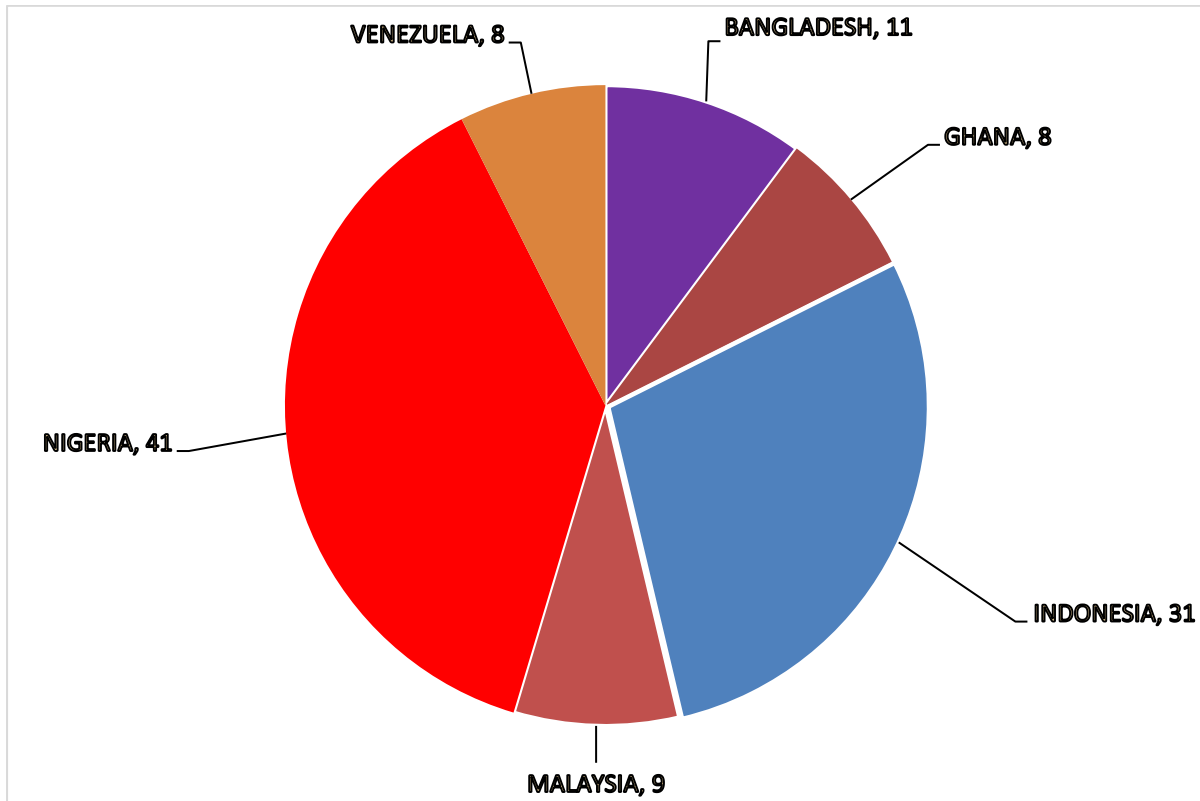
- ExactEarth ([www.exactearth.com](http://www.exactearth.com))
- Vesseltracker ([www.vesseltracker.com](http://www.vesseltracker.com))
- CLS Maritime Intelligence platform powered by Orbcomm AIS data ( [www.cls.fr](http://www.cls.fr) and [www.orbcomm.com](http://www.orbcomm.com) )

**TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks, January – September 2014 – 2018**

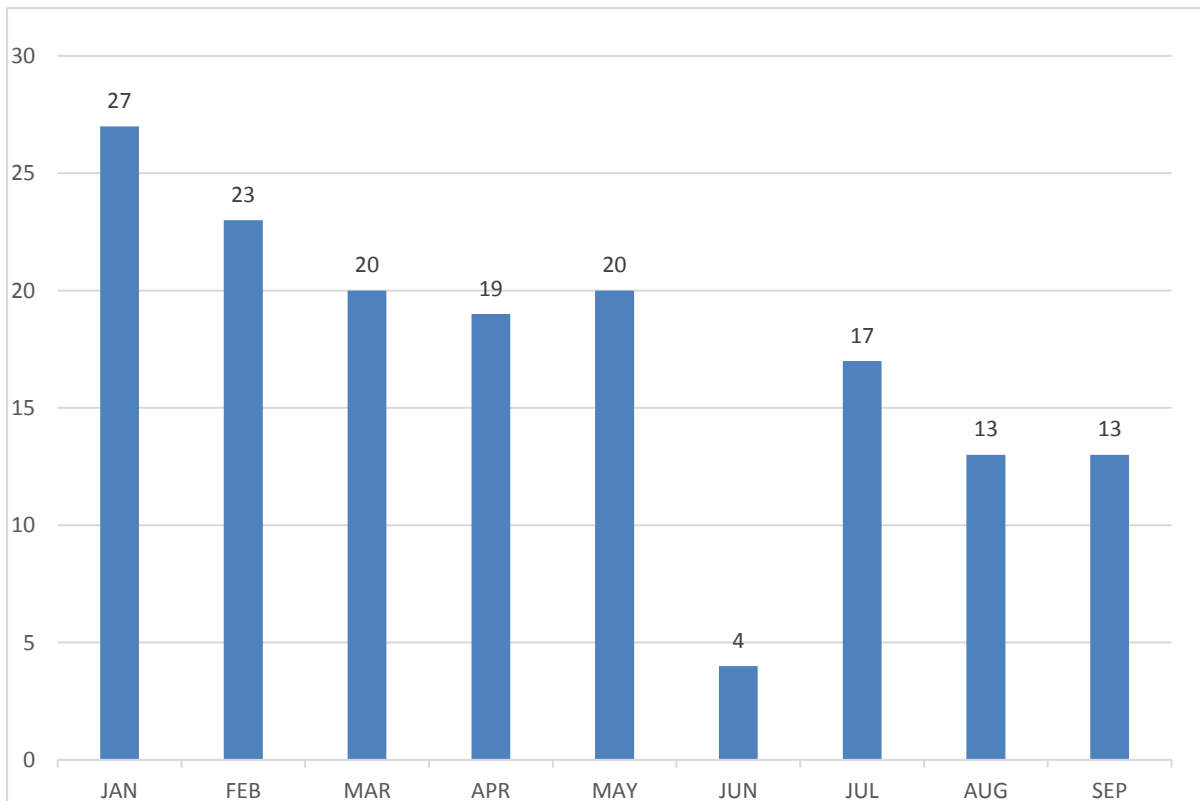
	Locations	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>S E ASIA</b>	Indonesia	72	86	33	23	31
	Malacca Straits	1	5			
	Malaysia	15	11	5	6	9
	Philippines	5	8	5	17	6
	Singapore Straits	8	9	1	1	3
	Thailand	2	1			
<b>EAST ASIA</b>	China			5	1	2
<b>ASIA</b>	Vietnam	2	19	6	1	2
<b>INDIAN SUB CONT</b>	Bangladesh	15	11	3	7	11
<b>INDIAN SUB CONT</b>	India	10	7	14	2	3
<b>AMERICAS</b>	Brazil	1				4
	Colombia	1	4	3	3	1
	Ecuador				2	4
	Guyana			1	1	2
	Haiti		1	2	1	3
	Peru			7	2	3
	Venezuela		1	3	11	8
<b>AFRICA</b>	Angola	1		1	1	
	Benin					5
	Cameroon	1				2
	Democratic Rep. of Congo	1	2	2		1
	Gabon	1				
	Ghana	4	2	2	1	8
	Guinea		3	3	2	2
	Gulf of Aden*	4		1	2	1
	Ivory Coast	2	1	1	1	1
	Kenya		2	2	1	
	Liberia	1	1			
	Morocco			1		
	Mozambique		1	1	2	1
	Nigeria	13	12	31	20	41
	Red Sea*	3			1	
	Senegal				1	
	Sierra Leone	1			4	
	Somalia	3			4	1
	South Africa			1		
	Tanzania	1				
The Congo	6	2	5	1		
Togo	2		1		1	
<b>REST OF WORLD</b>	Oman	2			1	
<b>REST OF WORLD</b>	Papua New Guinea		1			
<b>REST OF WORLD</b>	Yemen			1	1	
<b>Subtotal for nine months</b>		<b>178</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>		<b>245</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>179</b>	

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

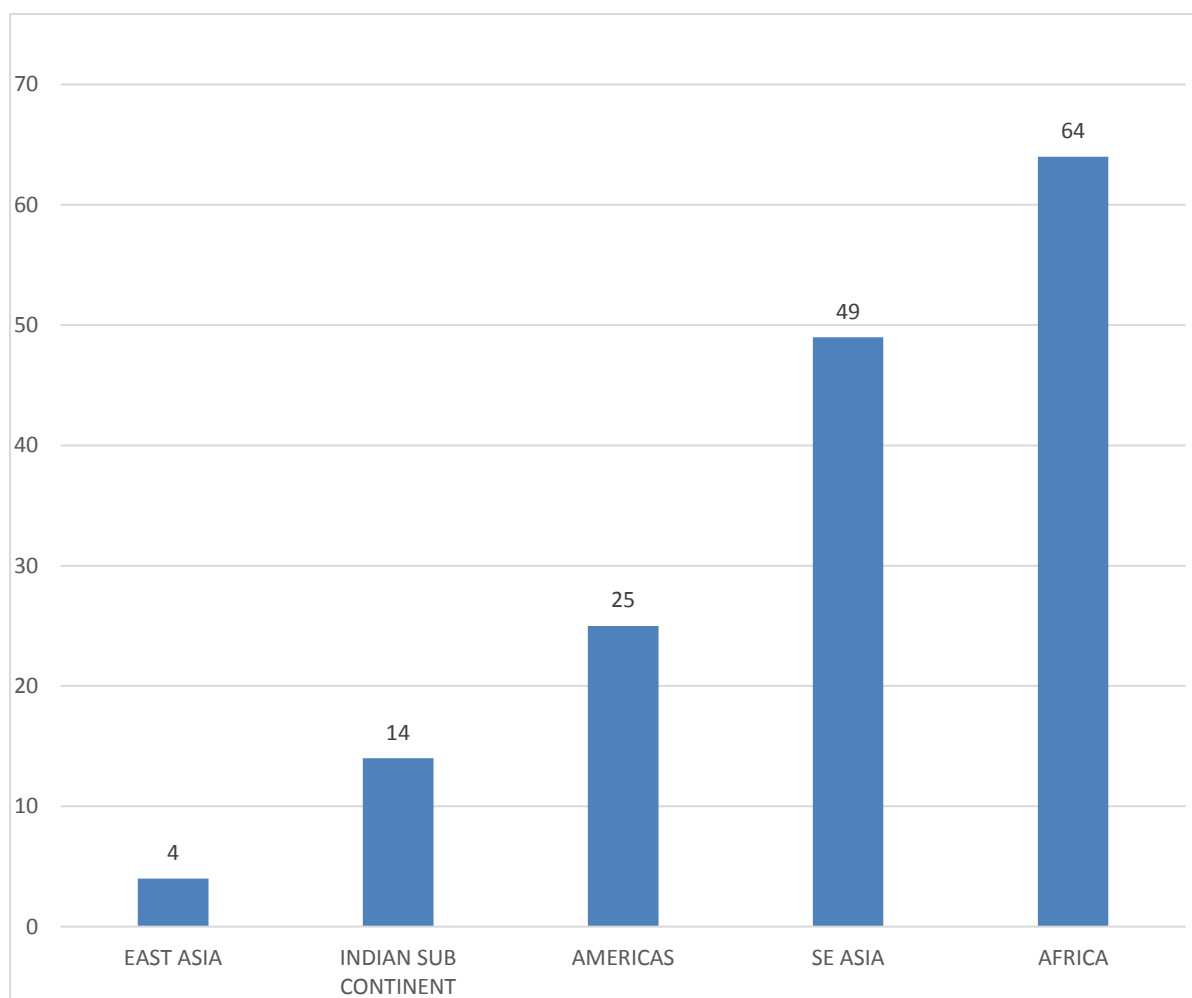
**CHART A: The following six locations contributed to 69% of the total attacks reported in the period January – September 2018**



**CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – September 2018**



**CHART C: Total incidents as per Regions of the world January – September 2018**



**TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by location, January – September 2018**

Location	Actual attacks		Attempted attacks	
	Boarded	Hijacked	Attempted	Fired Upon
<b>SE ASIA</b> Indonesia	24		7	
Malaysia	7		2	
Philippines	2		3	1
Singapore Straits	3			
<b>EAST ASIA</b> China			2	
Vietnam	2			
<b>INDIAN SUB</b> Bangladesh	9		2	
<b>CONTINENT</b> India	2		1	
<b>AMERICAS</b> Brazil	4			
Colombia	1			
Ecuador	1		3	
Guyana	2			
Haiti	3			
Peru	3			
Venezuela	5		3	

<b>AFRICA</b>	Benin	3	2		
	Cameroon	1		1	
	Democratic Rep. of Congo	1			
	Ghana	6	1	1	
	Guinea	1		1	
	Gulf of Aden				1
	Ivory Coast	1			
	Mozambique	1			
	Nigeria	25	1	5	10
	Somalia				1
	Togo			1	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>107</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total</b>				<b>156</b>	

**TABLE 3: Ports and anchorages, with three or more reported incidents, January – September 2018**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>01.01.2018 to 30.09.2018</b>
Bangladesh	Chittagong / Kutubdia	11
Benin	Cotonou	5
Brazil	Macapa	3
Ecuador	Guayaquil	4
Ghana	Takoradi	6
Haiti	Port Au Prince	3
Indonesia	Muara Berau	15
Indonesia	Pulau Bintan	4
Nigeria	Apapa / Lagos	20
Peru	Callao	3
Venezuela	Puerto Jose	4
Venezuela	Puerto La Cruz	4

**TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL attacks, January – September 2018**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Anchored</b>	<b>Berthed</b>	<b>Steaming</b>	<b>Not Stated</b>
<b>SE ASIA</b>				
Indonesia	20	1	3	
Malaysia	1	2	4	
Philippines	2			
Singapore Straits			3	
<b>EAST ASIA</b>				
Vietnam	2			
<b>INDIAN SUB</b>				
Bangladesh	9			
<b>CONTINENT</b>				
India	1		1	
<b>AMERICAS</b>				
Brazil	4			
Colombia	1			
Ecuador	1			
Guyana	1	1		
Haiti	3			
Peru	3			



	Venezuela	5			
<b>AFRICA</b>	Benin	5			
	Cameroon				1
	Democratic Rep. of Congo		1		
	Ghana	6		1	
	Guinea	1			
	Ivory Coast	1			
	Mozambique		1		
	Nigeria	12	8	6	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>78</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>111</b>			

**TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED attacks, January – September 2018**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Anchored</b>	<b>Berthed</b>	<b>Steaming</b>
<b>SE ASIA</b> Indonesia	7		
Malaysia			2
Philippines	1	1	2
<b>EAST ASIA</b> China	2		
<b>INDIAN SUB</b> Bangladesh	2		
<b>CONTINENT</b> India	1		
<b>AMERICAS</b> Ecuador			3
Venezuela	3		
<b>AFRICA</b> Cameroon		1	
Ghana			1
Guinea		1	
Gulf of Aden			1
Nigeria	1		14
Somalia			1
Togo			1
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>		

**TABLE 6: Comparison of attacks reports as per definition of piracy or armed robbery, January – September 2018**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Armed Robbery</b>	<b>Piracy</b>
SE Asia	46	3
Far East	4	
Indian Sub Continent	14	
Americas	25	
Africa	37	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>30</b>

**TABLE 7: Types of arms used during attacks, January – September 2014 – 2018**

Types of Arms	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Guns	48	29	40	39	37
Knives	55	73	30	29	25
Other weapons	4	6	2	2	4
Not stated	71	82	69	51	90
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>179</b>	

**TABLE 8: Comparison of the type of attacks, January – September 2014 – 2018**

Category	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Attempted	27	21	15	11	32
Boarded	124	154	111	92	107
Fired upon	10		10	13	13
Hijack	17	15	5	5	4
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>179</b>	

**TABLE 9: Types of violence to crew, January – September 2014 – 2018**

Types of violence	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Assaulted	1	14	5	5	
Hostage	369	266	110	80	112
Injured	10	13	6	3	6
Kidnap	5	10	49	49	39
Killed	3	1		2	
Missing	1				
Threatened	8	5	5	4	7
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>164</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>191</b>	

**TABLE 10: Type of violence to crew by location, January – September 2018**

Location	Hostage	Kidnap	Threatened	Injured
<b>SE ASIA</b> Indonesia	1		2	
Malaysia	2	2		
Philippines			1	
Singapore Straits				1
<b>EAST ASIA</b> Vietnam				1
<b>INDIAN SUB CONTINENT</b> Bangladesh	1		2	
<b>AMERICAS</b> Peru	1			
Venezuela			1	
<b>AFRICA</b> Benin	46	2		
Cameroon		3		

Democratic Rep. of Congo			1	
Ghana	44	3		
Nigeria	17	29		4
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>164</b>			

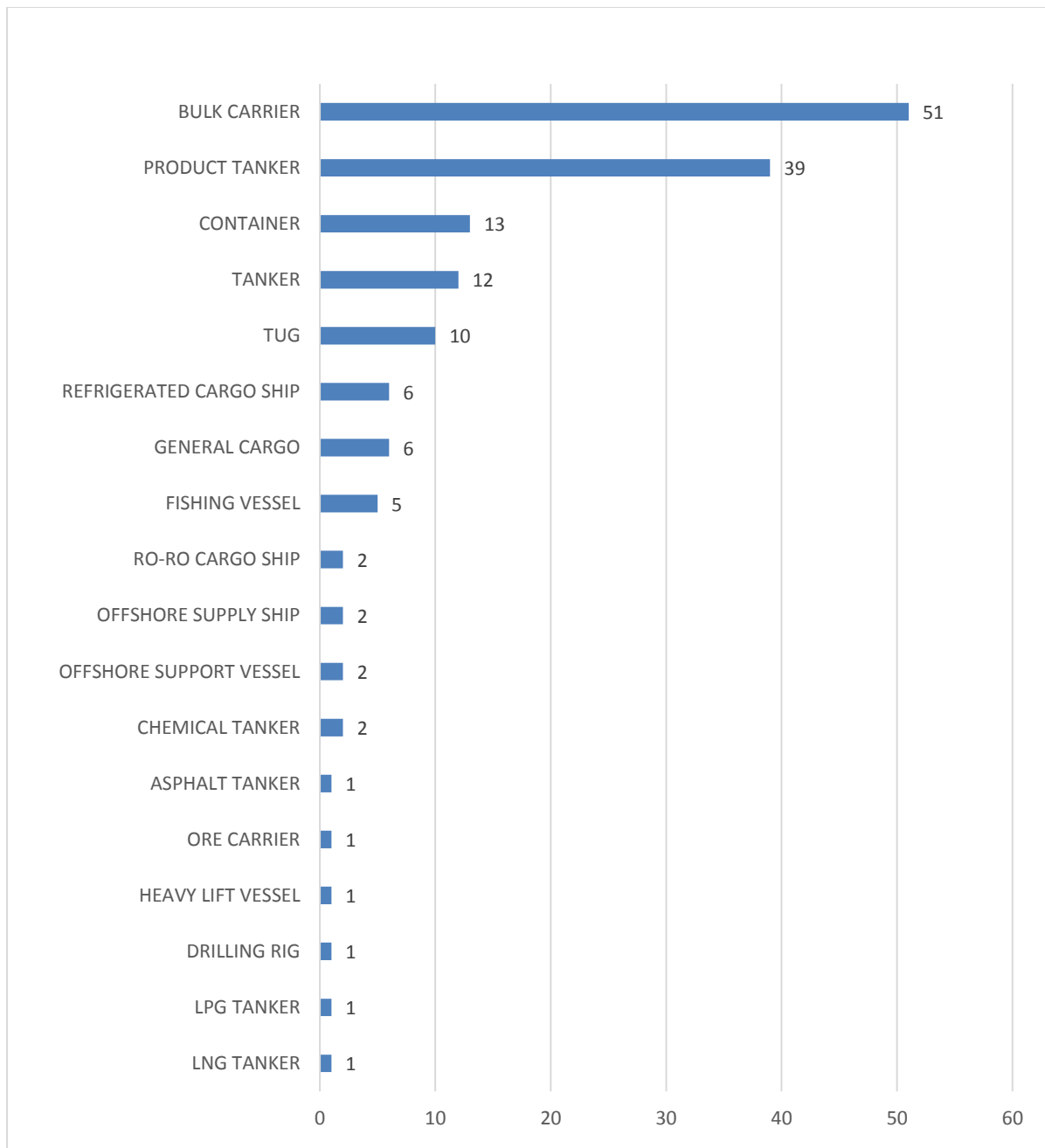
**TABLE 11: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – September 2018**

<b>Locations</b>	<b>Guns</b>	<b>Knives</b>	<b>Not Stated</b>	<b>Other Weapons</b>
<b>S E ASIA</b> Indonesia		7	24	
Malaysia	3	2	4	
Philippines	1		4	1
Singapore Straits		1	2	
<b>EAST ASIA</b> China			2	
Vietnam		1	1	
<b>INDIAN SUB</b> Bangladesh	1	4	4	2
<b>CONTINENT</b> India			3	
<b>AMERICAS</b> Brazil		1	3	
Colombia			1	
Ecuador	2		2	
Guyana			2	
Haiti	1		2	
Peru		2	1	
Venezuela	1	4	2	1
<b>AFRICA</b> Benin	5			
Cameroon	1		1	
Democratic Rep. of Congo		1		
Ghana	1	1	6	
Guinea	1		1	
Gulf of Aden	1			
Ivory Coast			1	
Mozambique			1	
Nigeria	18	1	22	
Somalia	1			
Togo			1	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>156</b>			

**TABLE 12: Types of ships attacked, January – September 2014 – 2018**

<b>Type</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Bulk Carrier	34	65	36	24	51
Cable Ship		1			
Cement Carrier				1	
Container	13	22	9	14	13
Dhow				2	
Dredger			1		
Drilling Rig					1
General Cargo	14	10	5	9	6
Heavy Lift Vessel			3		1
Hopper Dredger		1			
Livestock Carrier	1				
Offshore Processing Ship	1				
Offshore Support Vessel	1		1	1	2
Ore Carrier			1		1
Passenger Ship / Boat		1			
Pipe Lay Barge		1	4		
Refrigerated Ship		2		2	6
Research Ship	1		2	2	
RO-RO	2				2
Supply Ship	2	2	3	6	2
Tanker Asphalt / Bitumen	1		1	1	1
Tanker Bunkering	2	1		1	
Tanker Chem / Product	66	51	44	33	41
Tanker Crude Oil	21	15	11	11	12
Tanker FPSO / FSO		2			
Tanker LNG			1	2	1
Tanker LPG	7	3	5	7	1
Trawler / Fishing	3	2		1	5
Offshore Tug / Tug & Barge	6	7	12	4	10
Vehicle Carrier	2	1	2		
Water Barge	1				
Wood Chips Carrier		2			
Yacht		1			
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>179</b>	

**CHART D: Types of ships attacked, January – September 2018**



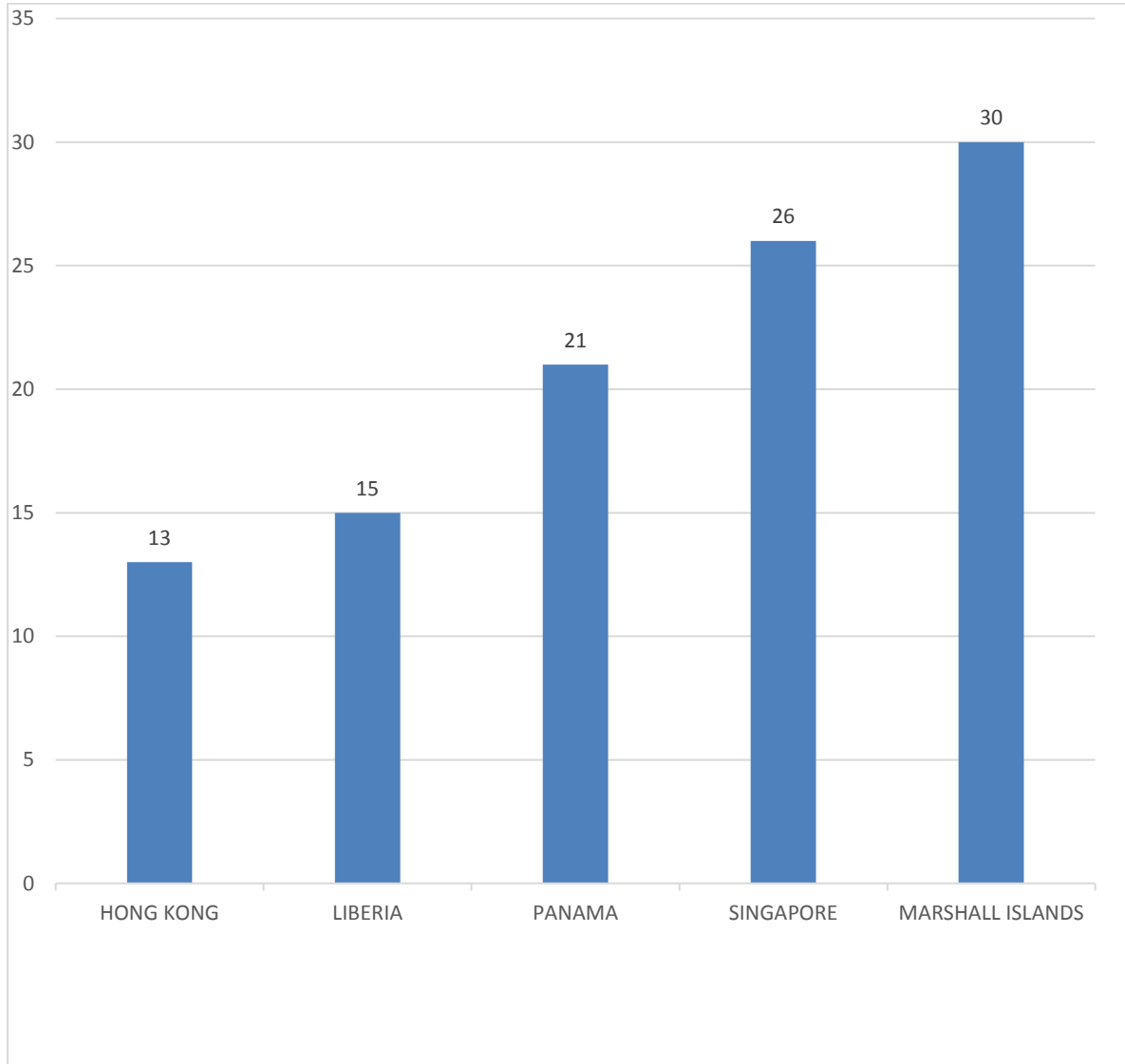
**TABLE 13: Nationalities of ships attacked, January - September 2014 – 2018**

Flag State	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Antigua and Barbuda	4	6		2	2
Australia		1			
Bahamas	3	3	4	5	7
Bangladesh			1		
Barbados					2
Belgium		1			
Belize		1	1		
Bermuda	1			1	

Chile					1
China	1				2
Cook Islands		1	1		1
Croatia			1		
Curacao		1	1		
Cyprus	2	5	2	3	3
Denmark	3	1	1	1	
Dominica	1				
Egypt		1			
Ethiopia			1		
France		1			
Ghana	1	1			2
Gibraltar	1				
Greece	1	3	2		
Honduras	2				
Hong Kong (SAR)	11	18	7	6	13
India	3	1	2	2	1
Indonesia		2	2	1	1
Iran		1			
Isle of Man	2	2	2	1	2
Italy	6				3
Japan			1		
Kiribati	1				
Korea South	1	1			
Liberia	15	22	14	13	15
Luxemburg		1	1		2
Madeira			1		
Malaysia	8	12	4	3	5
Malta	3	8	3	5	6
Marshall Islands	23	28	31	19	30
Mongolia	2				1
Netherlands	6		2	1	3
Nigeria	2	2	4	2	1
Norway	3	1	3	3	1
Panama	32	31	31	20	21
Papua New Guinea		1			
Philippines	3			2	1
Portugal		1			
Russia					1
Saudi Arabia	2	1	1	1	1
Sierra Leone	1			1	
Singapore	22	25	15	18	26
Spain				1	
Sri Lanka				1	
St. Kitts & Nevis	1				
Switzerland					1
Thailand	5	4		3	
Turkey			1		
Tuvalu				1	

United Kingdom			1	1	
USA	2				
Vanuatu		1			
Vietnam	3	1		3	
Not Stated	1			1	1
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>156</b>
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**CHART E: Flag States whose vessels attacked nine or more times January – September 2018**

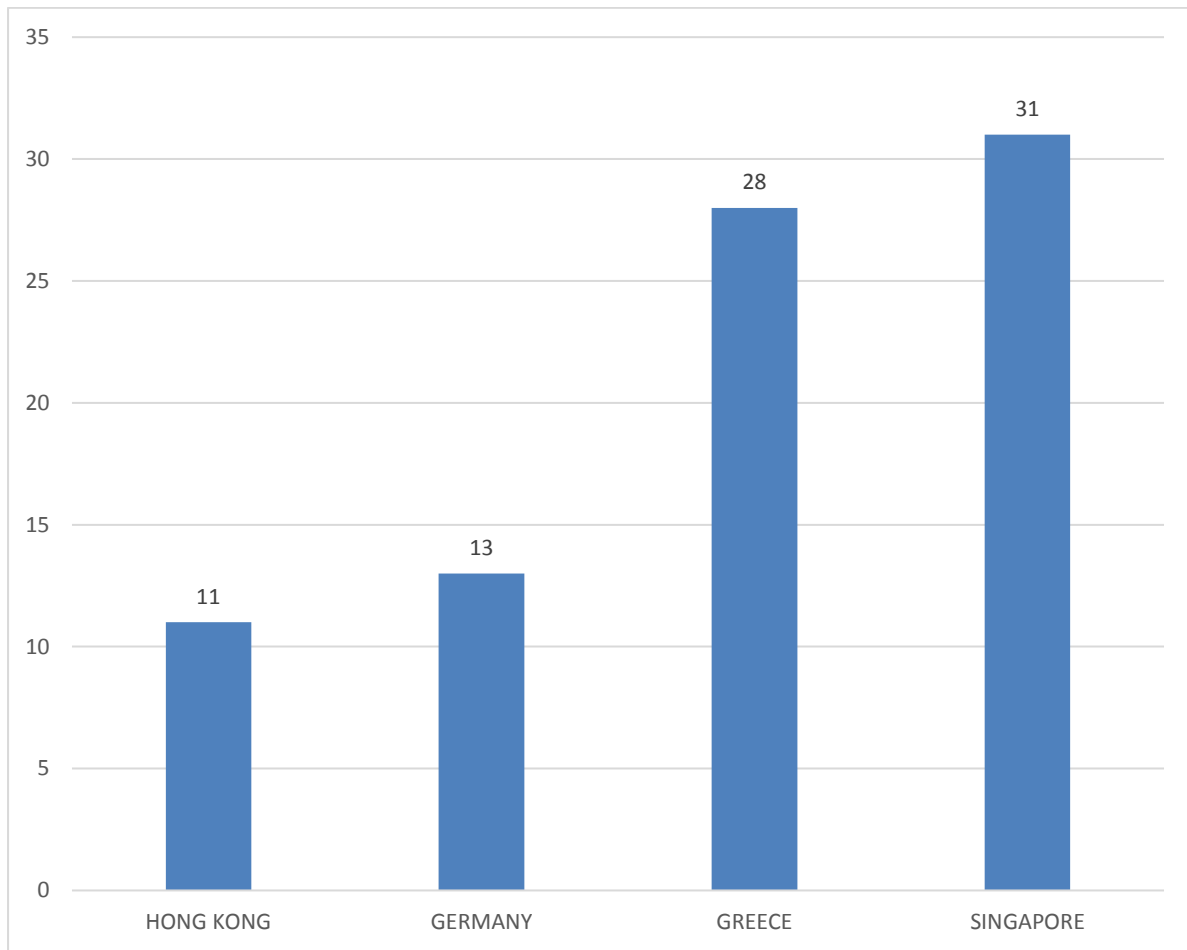


**TABLE 14: Countries where victim ships were controlled or managed:  
January – September 2018**

<b>Country</b>	<b>No of Ships</b>
Belgium	2
Canada	1
Chile	1
Croatia	1
Cyprus	3
Denmark	4
France	2
Germany	13
Ghana	2
Greece	28
Hong Kong	11
India	7
Indonesia	1
Iran	1
Italy	4
Japan	5
Korea South	2
Lithuania	1
Malaysia	7
Monaco	2
Netherlands	5
Nigeria	1
Norway	2
Peru	1
Philippines	2
Poland	1
Portugal	1
Singapore	31
Thailand	1
Turkey	2
UAE	1
United Kingdom	6
USA	1
Not Stated	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>156</b>



**CHART F: Managing countries whose vessels attacked nine or more times  
January – September 2018**



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

**From 1 January to 30 September 2018, the IMB PRC has received two attempted incidents off Somalia and Gulf of Aden.**

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

**All vessels are advised and encouraged to adhere to the BMP5 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.**

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

## **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 continue to target ships at anchor. Most attacks reported at Chittagong anchorages and approaches. Attacks in Bangladesh have fallen significantly over the past few years because of the efforts by the Bangladesh Authorities. Recently, however it appears that attacks are increasing.

**Indonesia:** Tanjung Priok – Jakarta, Batu Ampar / Batam, Bintan Island, 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 Indonesian Marine Police have advised all ships intending to anchor to do so at / near the following areas where patrols are conducted for greater protection.

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

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

**Malacca Straits:** Although the number of attacks has dropped substantially (2016 and 2017 recorded zero attacks) due to the increased and aggressive patrols by the littoral states authorities since July 2005, ships are advised to continue maintaining strict anti-piracy / robbery watches when transiting the Straits. Currently, there are no indications as to how long these patrols will continue or reduce. In some cases, attacks may have gone unreported.

**Malaysia:** In / off Eastern Sabah – Militant activities resulting in several tugs / barges / fishing boats / ships being attacked and crews kidnapped. These activities had stopped since 23 March 2017 but a recent attack on 10 September 2018 resulted in two crew being kidnapped. In view of this latest incident, the local Authorities have increased patrols.

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

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

These kidnappings by militants have stopped since March 2017 but recently on 10 September 2018, two crews were kidnapped off Sabah. These kidnappers are believed to be affiliated to the ASG.

Vessels are advised to take precautionary measures and maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures.

Vessels transiting these waters should refer to the Sabah Notice to Mariners NTM 14 of 2017 on the Ship Reporting System. Vessels are also urged to monitor the IMB PRC Warnings on potential attacks locations issued by the Philippines Intel.

Batangas and Manila – Be vigilant. A number of past and recent 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, a number of hijackings of small product tankers occurred off the coast of Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and in the South China Sea area. This trend started in April 2014 but the hijackings had 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. In 2017 two tankers were hijacked off Kuantan / Off Pulau Aur / East coast Malaysia.

## **AFRICA AND RED SEA**

### **Africa:-**

**Benin** (Cotonou): Attacks have increased at Benin anchorage. Early this year, within a period of several weeks, five attacks were reported at Benin anchorage. Ships especially gas oil tankers are targeted and forced to sail out of Benin anchorage. These tankers were hijacked and later released days after. It is believed that ransom was paid for their release.

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

**Ghana:** Takoradi

**Guinea:** Conakry

**Ivory Coast:** Abidjan: Attacks dropped but remains risky.

**Nigeria** (Lagos): Pirates / robbers are often well armed, violent and have attacked hijacked and robbed vessels / kidnapped crews along the coast, rivers, anchorages, ports and surrounding waters. In the past, attacks reported up to about 170nm from coast. In many past incidents, pirates hijacked the vessels for several days and ransacked the vessels and stole part cargo usually gas oil. A number of crewmembers were also injured and kidnapped in past attacks. Generally, all waters in/off Nigeria remain risky. Vessels are advised to be vigilant, as many attacks may have gone unreported. Attacks continue to rise substantially.

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.

**Togo (Lome):** Attacks have reduced but the area remains one of concern and risk. In the past, pirates / robbers in this area are well armed, violent and dangerous. Attacks can occur at anchorages and off the coast and usually at night. Some past attacks resulted in vessels being hijacked for several days and ransacked and part cargo stolen (gas oil).

**Red Sea / Gulf of Aden / Somalia / Arabian Sea / Indian Ocean:** In 2018, two vessels have reported being fired upon in this region. Although the opportunity for attacks has reduced, the Somali pirates continue to possess the capability and capacity to carry out attacks. All merchant ships are advised to adhere to the latest recommendations in BMP5, while transiting these waters. The IMB PRC will continue to alert and broadcast information to all ships in the region via Inmarsat EGC Safety Net.

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. Masters and ship owners are encouraged to register and report their vessels as per the BMP5 procedures and ensure that their vessel is hardened prior to entering the high-risk area. While transiting through these waters it is essential to maintain a 24-hour visual and radar watch. Keeping in mind the warnings and alerts for the area, an early sighting / detection of an approaching skiff will enable an accurate assessment, allowing the Master and PCASP to make informed decisions to keep clear of small boats, dhows, fishing vessels and if necessary take evasive actions and request assistance as needed.

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

## **SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS**

**Ecuador:** Guayaquil. Ships advised to be vigilant.

**Haiti:** Port Au Prince

**Peru:** Callao

**Venezuela:** Puerto La Cruz / Puerto Jose. Attacks are increasing. Ships are reminded to maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures especially at anchor.

### ***Reporting of incidents***

Ships are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy / robbery watches and report all attacks (actual or 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](mailto: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's (IMB) dedicated hotline allows 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 relating to any maritime crime including terrorism, piracy or any other illegal activity.

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](mailto:imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org)

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

## **OBSERVATIONS**

*Narrations of the 156 attacks for 01 January to 30 September 2018 are listed on pages 28 to 55. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.*

### **Benin:**

On 10 January 2018, a Marshall Islands flagged product tanker MT Barrett was attacked and hijacked by armed persons while anchored at Cotonou Anchorage, Benin. The owners lost communications with their tanker and notified the IMB PRC who informed and liaised with both Benin and Nigerian Authorities. Other regional Authorities were also notified. A search was carried out and on 16 January 2018, owners reported that the tanker and her 24-crew arrived safely in Lagos, Nigeria after successful negotiations with the hijackers.

On 01 February 2018, a Panamanian flagged product tanker MT Marine Express was attacked and hijacked by 13 armed persons while anchored at position Latitude 06:16 North and Longitude 002:31 East, Cotonou Anchorage, Benin at approximately 0748 UTC. The IMB PRC received a missing vessel report from owners who advised that they had lost contact with their tanker laden with gasoline. The IMB PRC immediately notified and liaised with local and regional Authorities including international warships in the Gulf of Guinea and a search was carried out. The IMB PRC broadcast a missing vessel message to all ships in the region to lookout for the missing tanker. On 06 February 2018, the Owners confirmed that the tanker was released. During the time of hijack, crews were beaten and personal belongings and cash were stolen.

On 26 February 2018, a Luxembourg flagged product tanker MT ST Marseille was attacked by five armed persons while anchored at position Latitude 06:16.31 North and Longitude 002:29.24 East, Cotonou Anchorage, Benin at approximately 2330 UTC. While boarding the tanker, the armed persons commenced firing and injured one Benin naval guard. All crew except the D/O retreated into the citadel. As the armed persons made their way to the bridge, they continued firing their weapons and injured another naval guard. They took the D/O hostage and demanded the Master, Chief Officer and Chief Engineer emerge from the citadel and come to the bridge. The armed persons instructed the Master to heave up the anchor. When they were told that the tanker was in ballast, they stole crew properties, and kidnapped the Master and one Engineer and left the tanker in the tanker's rescue boat. The Benin Navy was notified to medivac the injured guards. Once the armed persons, in the rescue boat, were safely ashore, they released the Master and Engineer who were able to make contact with the local police and later re-joined the tanker.

### **Cameroon:**

On 09 February 2018, a Chinese flagged fishing vessel Luwen-Yu 2 was attacked and boarded by armed persons at position Latitude 04:06 North and Longitude 008:51 East, around 10nm SW of Idenao, Cameroon at approximately 1245 UTC. They kidnapped three crew members and escaped. The Cameroon Authorities notified.

### **Ghana:**

On 26 March 2018, a Ghanaian flagged fishing vessel was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates at position Latitude 05:20.0 North and Longitude 000:51.4 East, around 27nm south of Anloga, Ghana. The owners of the fishing vessel reported the incident to the IMB PRC who immediately contacted and liaised with the Ghana Navy Ops Centre. As the fishing vessel moved from Ghanaian waters into Togo and Benin waters the PRC continually updated the respective neighbouring and regional naval authorities. Naval boats were deployed by the respective navies within their waters to look for the fishing vessel. On 28 March 2018, the owners confirmed that the fishing vessel had been released. Three crew members were reported kidnapped. All navies were informed accordingly.

**Guinea:**

On 17 September 2018, a Marshall Islands flagged product tanker was attacked by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 09:20.8 North and Longitude 013:43.3 West, Conakry Anchorage, Guinea at approximately 0300 UTC. Four armed persons in a small craft attacked and boarded the tanker loaded with gas oil. Master raised the alarm, locked the accommodation and all 23 crews mustered in the citadel. The armed robbers fired at the bridge windows and gain access into the accommodation. They ransacked all the crew cabins and escaped with crew personal belongings and cash. A Navy boat arrived at the location to provide assistance. All crew reported safe.

**Malaysia:**

On 08 May 2018, a Malaysian flagged fishing vessel was attacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 04:55.12 North and Longitude 119:06.70 East, around 10nm SSE of Felda Sahabat, Sabah, Malaysia, at approximately 1800 UTC. Armed persons in a boat approached a group of fishing vessels at high speed. A Malaysian Marine Police patrol boat in the vicinity noticed the approach and chased the suspect boat resulting in the persons on the suspect boat firing upon the Marine Police patrol boat. In the ensuing exchange of fire, four armed persons / suspects were killed. The Malaysian Marine Police later indicated that the intentions of the armed suspects were to kidnap the fishermen for ransom.

On 31 May 2018, a Mongolia flagged product tanker MT Lee Bo was boarded whilst underway by 14 armed persons at position Latitude 02:18.2N and Longitude 104:15.7E, around 6.6nm East of Pulau Tinggi, Mersing, Johor, Malaysia at approximately 1900 UTC. After realising the tanker was in ballast the armed persons stole crew personal belongings and disembarked. The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) received information of the incident and deployed assets, which spotted a tanker drifting suspiciously. A special forces team from the MMEA boarded the suspected tanker and detained the 14 persons on board, after finding weapons and the stolen items belonging to the tanker attacked earlier. In collaboration with the Indonesian Enforcement Authorities, two suspects were later arrested.

On 10 September 2018, a fishing vessel FV Dwi Jaya 1 was attacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 04:40.36 North and Longitude 118:43.12 East, around 3nm NNW of Pulau Gaya, Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia, at approximately 1800 UTC. Two armed persons in a speed boat approached and boarded the fishing vessel underway and kidnapped two crew members. The remaining crew managed to retreat to a safe location. Once the armed persons left the vessel, the remaining crew sailed the vessel to a safe port. Incident reported to the local police.

**Nigeria:**

On 09 February 2018, a Bahamas flagged refrigerated cargo ship was attacked, fired upon and boarded by eight armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:40 North and Longitude 006:45 East, around 48nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria at approximately 0600 UTC. One crew was injured due to the firing. The pirates stole ship's properties, cash and kidnapped four crew members prior to escaping. The remaining crew sailed the ship to open seas.

On 22 March 2018, a Chinese flagged fishing vessel FV Luronyuanyu 216 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 06:01.0 North and Longitude 003:12.0 East, around 30nm SSE of Badagry, Nigeria at approximately 1000 UTC. The pirates forced the crew into Benin waters where they kidnapped two crew members before releasing the fishing boat.

On 07 April 2018, a Panamanian flagged bulk carrier was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:44 North and Longitude 006:37 East, around 41nm SSE of Brass, Nigeria at approximately 0430 UTC. Four pirates armed with guns in a speed boat attacked and boarded the ship underway. Alarm was raised, and all 19 crews mustered in the citadel. The IMB PRC liaised with the Nigerian Navy and Owners to request for immediate assistance. The Nigerian Navy dispatched a patrol boat to the location. The pirates fired upon the ship and damaged the ship's equipment and



accommodation. They stole ship's cash and properties and escaped before the Navy patrol boat arrived. Naval personnel boarded the ship, rescued the crew and escorted the ship to a safe port.

On 21 April 2018, a Dutch flagged general cargo ship MV FWN Rapide was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:48.0 North and Longitude 006:50.0 East, around 38nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria at approximately 0534 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and boarded a ship enroute from Takoradi, Ghana to Port Harcourt, Nigeria. The pirates kidnapped 11 crew members and escaped. The incident was reported to the Nigerian Navy and a patrol boat was dispatched to the location. Naval personnel boarded and searched the ship. A total of three crew members were found safe onboard. The ship then sailed under naval escort to a safe location. On 25 May 2018, the Owners confirmed that the 11 kidnapped crew members had been released safely on 20 May 2018.

On 22 September 2018, a Switzerland flagged bulk carrier was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:40 North and Longitude 006:40 East, around 51nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria, at approximately 0500 UTC. Around 17 armed pirates in a craft attacked and boarded the bulk carrier underway. They kidnapped 12 crew members and escaped. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre liaised with the Nigerian Navy who dispatched a naval vessel to assist the ship. The remaining seven crew members sailed the vessel under naval escort to a safe anchorage.

**Philippines:**

On 16 February 2018, a Philippines flagged general cargo ship MV Kudos 1 was attacked by armed persons while underway at position Latitude 06:44.21 North and Longitude 122:23.50 East, off Sibago Island, Philippines during night hours. Alarm raised and distress signal activated. The Philippines Coast Guard (PCG) immediately responded by dispatching its patrol boats. As the armed persons attempted to board the ship, the crew poured hot water on the perpetrators who fired upon the ship, injuring one crew before aborting the attack. The PCG boarding team provided medical assistance to the injured crew.

### ***CONTINUED COOPERATION***

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

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

Ships are advised to cooperate by maintaining strict anti-piracy and robbery watches and report all attacks and suspicious sightings to the local Authorities / IMP and also to the IMB PRC as per IMO Cir 1334. The IMB PRC will also liaise with local and regional Authorities to render necessary assistance.

In line with the Road Map Program Police Reforms Wave III, the Indonesian Authorities will continue to allocate and position resources and assets in key 10 designated areas of concern to prevent sea robbery and piracy in and around Indonesian waters until 2019.

### ***ACKNOWLEDGEMENT***

The IMB appreciates the assistance and vital cooperation provided by the Coalition naval forces / EU naval force (EUNAVFOR ATALANTA) / MSCHOA / US Navy / French Alindien / NATO / UKMTO / Indian Navy / Iranian Navy / Malaysian Navy / Russian Navy / Chinese Navy / South Korean Navy / Japanese Maritime SDF/ Singapore Navy/ Royal Thai Navy / and Yemeni Coast Guard and Navy for assisting the many vessels that have been attacked recently and in the past by suspected Somali pirates both in the Gulf of Aden and off eastern / southern Somali coast, Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea and other areas. The positive actions by the Navies including pre-emptive and disruptive counter piracy tactics had resulted in the drop in the number of attacks.

### ***ACKNOWLEDGEMENT***

The IMB PRC appreciates the strong cooperation from the West African Authorities in the Gulf of Guinea. A special thanks to the Nigerian Authorities who have continued to provide prompt information, actions and valuable cooperation between Agencies. The IMB PRC looks forward to the continued cooperation from the West African Authorities.

## **TRENDS**

A total of 156 incidents of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships were reported to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) in the first nine months of 2018 compared to 121 for the same period in 2017.

The 2018 figure is broken down as 107 vessels boarded, 32 attempted attacks, 13 vessels fired upon and four vessels hijacked – although no vessels were reported as hijacked in Q3 2018. This is first time since 1994 when no vessel hijackings have been reported in two consecutive quarters.

The number of crew held hostage (112) for the duration of the incident has increased in comparison to the same period in 2016 (110) and 2017 (80).

The number of crew kidnappings has reduced from 49 in 2017 to 39 in 2018. It is noticeable that 37 of the 39-crew kidnapped for ransom globally, have occurred in the Gulf of Guinea region in seven separate incidents. Twenty-nine crew were kidnapped in four separate incidents off Nigeria - including 12-crew kidnapped from a bulk carrier underway 51nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria in September 2018.

Statistically, the Gulf of Guinea accounts for 57 of the 156 reported incidents. While most of these incidents have been reported in and around Nigeria (41), the Nigerian Navy has actively responded and dispatched patrol boats when incidents have been reported promptly. There has also been a noticeable increase in the number of vessels boarded at Takoradi anchorage, Ghana.

No new incidents have been reported off the coast of Somalia in Q3. With the retreating of the SW monsoons this lull may change, and vessels are encouraged to continue to comply with all BMP5 recommendations.

Two fishermen have been reported kidnapped off Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia in September 2018.

Though incidents in the remaining regions, including some Latin America countries border on low level opportunistic theft, the IMB continues to encourage all Masters' and crew to be aware of the risks of this crime and report incidents to its 24 hour manned PRC. The Centre will ensure that the reported incident is relayed without delay to the appropriate response agency and will liaise with the ship, its operators and the response agency until the vessel is deemed safe.

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 its 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.

## NARRATIONS OF ATTACKS

1 January – 30 September 2018

### ACTUAL ATTACKS

#### SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	01.01.2018 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	Polar Ecuador Container Liberia 43628 9786774	14:33.5N – 120:54.7E, Manila South Harbour Anchorage, Philippines	Around seven robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. The Master reported the incident to the Port Authorities who notified the Coast Guard. A patrol boat was dispatched resulting in the robbers being apprehended and the stolen properties recovered.
2.	03.01.2018 2158 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Tanker Singapore 30965 -	01:33.1N – 104:47.0E, Around 22nm NNE of Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	While at anchor, duty watchkeeper spotted five robbers boarding the ship from the stern. Alarm raised and crew proceeded to the citadel. Later, a search was carried out and no robbers were found onboard. Nothing reported stolen.
3.	20.01.2018 2135 UTC Anchored Boarded	Athos Bulk Carrier Barbados 32478 9761334	00:15.8S – 117:35.3E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Two robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by crew on routine rounds. Port control informed.
4.	18.02.2018 1900 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Tug Norway 7473 -	01:09.7N – 103:56.4E, Around 3nm West of Batu Ampar Port, Batam, Indonesia	During routine rounds onboard an anchored offshore tug, the bosun reported the lock to the engine room hatch broken. Investigations revealed several foot prints on the aft deck and a large number of spare parts missing.
5.	03.03.2018 1545 UTC Anchored Boarded	Alerce N Bulk Carrier Chile 17979 9250323	06:02.9S – 106:53.4E, Tanjung Priok Anchorage, Jakarta, Indonesia	Duty Motorman onboard an anchored ship noticed two robbers on the aft deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in a waiting boat. On searching the ship nothing reported stolen.
6.	07.03.2018 2110 UTC Anchored Boarded	La Solognais Bulk Carrier Malta 24725 9733258	00:15.1S – 117:37.7E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Unnoticed robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole two mooring ropes and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds.
7.	20.03.2018 1530 UTC Anchored	GH Rich Wall Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands	03:42.6S – 114:28.2E,	Around six robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. Duty crew noticed the robbers and informed the

	Boarded	36291 9735804	Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia	D/O. Alarm raised, crew mustered and port control notified. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed.
8.	27.03.2018 2230 UTC Anchored Boarded	Captain Vangelis L Bulk Carrier Liberia 88420 9450868	00:16.5S – 117:41.5E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Four robbers in a small boat approached an anchored ship. Two robbers boarded while the remaining two stayed in the boat. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and immediately raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed.
9.	04.04.2018 2005 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Singapore 34769 -	00:15.41S – 117:34.18E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	The crew of an anchored ship spotted a boat nearby the ship. OOW was informed and general alarm raised. On searching the ship, some ship's stores items were found missing. It is suspected that the robbers got onboard and breached the ship via the anchor chain through the hawse pipe and removed the razor wires and hawse pipe cover. All crew are safe.
10.	10.04.2018 1900 UTC Steaming Boarded	Dian Pacific Offshore Tug Indonesia 573 9564841 Limin 2803 Barge Indonesia 2523 -	Off Batam, Indonesia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded the barge, stole its properties and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds.
11.	18.04.2018 1800 - 2200 UTC Anchored Boarded	PPS Luck Bulk Carrier Singapore 30811 9407524	00:15.29S – 117:36.70E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole ship store's and escaped. The theft was discovered during routine rounds.
12.	21.04.2018 1545 UTC Steaming Boarded	Katerina Bulk Carrier Cyprus 40002 9256884	01:15.9N – 104:08.6E, Around 4.7nm NE of Nongsa, Pulau Batam, Indonesia	Duty crew onboard the ship underway noticed unauthorized persons in the engine room and raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm the persons escaped. On searching the ship nothing reported stolen.
13.	28.04.2018 1430 UTC Anchored Boarded	Apollo Troth General Cargo Panama 6925 9550931	00:14.9S – 117:32.7E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship was threatened by four robbers armed with knives. The AB managed to escape and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped in two boats. Nothing reported stolen.
14.	28.04.2018 2000 UTC Anchored Boarded	Kirana Tritya Product Tanker Singapore 13203	05:30.13S – 105:18.13E, Panjang Anchorage,	While at anchor, DO noticed a fishing boat approaching the tanker. DO ordered the duty AB to check the fishing boat's activity. The AB noticed

		9279678	Indonesia	three robbers on board the tanker and notified the DO who raised the alarm and alerted all crew via the PA system. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in their boat.
15.	29.04.2018 1600 – 2300 UTC Anchored Boarded	Bigroll Beaufort Heavy Lift Vessel Netherlands 23134 9766841	01:24.7N – 104:46.8E, Around 16nm NE of Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship. While carrying out routine deck work the next day, the Bosun noticed that the paint store padlock was broken and the door left opened. Further investigation showed that the padlocks to the Garbage room, Oxygen locker, Acetylene locker and the Bunker station were also broken into and the doors left open. On investigating nothing reported stolen.
16.	05.05.2018 0800 UTC Anchored Boarded	Erik Spirit Tanker Bahamas 62929 9292515	01:27.4N – 104:36.3E, Around 12nm NNE of Tanjung Berakit, Bintan Island, Indonesia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine emergency drill.
17.	15.05.2018 2045 UTC Anchored Boarded	Kirana Santya Product Tanker Singapore 13201 9667277	01:06.25N – 104:11.17E, Tanjung Uban Anchorage, Indonesia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds.
18.	18.05.2018 1801 UTC Steaming Boarded	Front Ull Tanker Marshall Islands 81670 9600932	01:10.0N – 103:27.0E, Around 2.5nm ENE of Pulau Karimun Kecil, Indonesia	Six robbers boarded the tanker underway. Duty Engineer noticed the robbers, informed the Master who raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed.
19.	18.05.2018 1935 UTC Anchored Boarded	Wangaratta Bulk Carrier Panama 43012 9461166	05:32.0S – 105:18.8E, Tarahan Anchorage, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship using a rope. They took hostage the duty AB, tied him up and threatened him with knives. The robbers stole ship's properties and engine spares and escaped. The AB managed to free himself and raised the alarm. OOW sounded the ship's horn and crew mustered. A search was carried out throughout the ship.
20.	19.05.2018 0700 UTC Steaming Boarded	Budget 19 Tug Malaysia 140 9515369  Budget 29 Barge Malaysia 2127 -	01:12N – 103:34E, Singapore Straits	Robbers in six boats boarded the unmanned barge under tow. They stole the barge cargo of scrap metal and escaped. Incident reported to the Singapore Marine Police.

21.	19.05.2018 1925 UTC Anchored Boarded	Clover Colossus Bulk Carrier Singapore 31545 9748758	05:52.3S – 106:04.8E, Merak Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with knives, boarded an anchored ship and threatened the Duty AB on routine rounds. The robbers entered the engine room, stole ship's spares and escaped.
22.	31.05.2018 1900 UTC Steaming Boarded	Lee Bo Product Tanker Mongolia 881 9230397	02:18.2N – 104:15.7E, Around 6.6nm East of Pulau Tinggi, Mersing, Johor, Malaysia	Fourteen armed persons boarded the tanker underway. After realising the tanker was in ballast the armed persons stole crew personal belongings and disembarked. The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) received information of the incident and deployed assets, which spotted a tanker drifting suspiciously. A special forces team from the MMEA boarded the suspected tanker and detained the 14 persons onboard, after finding weapons and the stolen items belonging to the tanker attacked earlier. In collaboration with the Indonesian Enforcement Authorities, two suspects were later arrested.
23.	03.07.2018 0510 UTC Steaming Boarded	Sung Fatt 31 Tug Malaysia 133 8984446	01:12N – 103:33E, 3.6nm SSW of Singapore Island, Singapore Straits	Ten robbers in small boats approached and boarded a barge being towed by the tug. The crew contacted VTIS Singapore and a police boat was dispatched to the location. As the robbers saw the police boat approaching they escaped from the barge. Once the police boat had left the location they re-embarked and stole the cargo being carried by the barge.
24.	05.07.2018 1640 UTC Anchored Boarded	Innovator LNG Tanker Isle of Man 93498 9238040	13:45.44N – 121:00.82E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	During routine rounds, duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed an unauthorized person on the forecandle deck. He immediately informed the duty officer. Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search was carried out. Upon checking, ship's stores were reported as missing. No other unauthorized persons found onboard. Incident reported to local Authorities.
25.	10.07.2018 0600 UTC Berthed Boarded	Maersk Cancun Product Tanker Singapore 29816 9786138	Sandakan Port, Sabah, Malaysia	Unnoticed robbers boarded the berthed tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was noticed by the duty crew on routine rounds. Incident reported to the local agent who informed the port police and PFSO. Local police boarded the tanker for investigation.
26.	20.07.2018 2220 UTC Anchored Boarded	Capt Stefanos Bulk Carrier Bahamas 39035 9227194	00:17.3S – 117:40.6E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda,	Duty officer onboard an anchored ship noticed suspicious movement on the forecandle deck and raised the alarm. The crew rushed forward and noticed a small boat with four persons onboard

			Indonesia	moving away from the ship's side with stolen ship's stores.
27.	31.07.2018 1915 UTC Anchored Boarded	Achilleas S Bulk Carrier Liberia 32839 9490789	00:14.2S – 117:33.7E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	During security rounds, duty personnel onboard the anchored ship noticed five robbers on the forecastle deck armed with knives and immediately informed OOW. Alarm raised. Seeing the alerted crew approach the forecastle deck, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.
28.	02.08.2018 2000 UTC Anchored Boarded	SFL Tyne Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 19998 9594535	06:02.2S – 106:53.4 E, Tanjung Priok Anchorage, Jakarta, Indonesia	Unnoticed, robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole engine spares and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds and a search throughout the ship was carried out.
29.	04.08.2018 1500 UTC Steaming Boarded	Tesai Tanker Malaysia 187 -	03:24.5N – 112:54.5E, Around 11nm NW of Tanjung Kidurong, Bintulu, Sarawak, Malaysia	Five robbers armed with knives and handgun boarded the tanker underway. After realising the tanker was in ballast, the robbers stole crew personal belongings and disembarked. Incident reported to local police.
30.	10.08.2018 1000 UTC Steaming Boarded	Ever Alpha Tug Malaysia 272 9552757	Off Tambisan Island, NE of Sabah, Malaysia	Several persons in speed boats boarded the tug towing a barge underway. The Crew locked all access into the tug and contacted the local authorities who dispatched a security boat. Due to the hardening of the tug the persons were unable to enter the accommodation and escaped when they noticed the security boat approaching. The tug continued her voyage to the next port. Crew reported safe.
31.	10.09.2018 1800 UTC Steaming Boarded	Dwi Jaya 1 Fishing Vessel - - -	04:40.36N – 118:43.12E, Around 3nm NNW of Pulau Gaya, Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia	Two armed persons in a speed boat approached and boarded the fishing vessel and kidnapped two crew. The remaining crew managed to retreat to a safe location. Once the armed persons left the vessel, the remaining crew sailed the vessel to a safe port. Incident reported to the local police. Investigations on going.
32.	10.09.2018 2030 UTC Berthed Boarded	NCC Haiel Product Tanker Saudi Arabia 29575 9335068	Jetty No.2, Tarahan Port, Indonesia	Duty AB, on routine rounds, onboard the berthed tanker noticed two robbers on deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed.
33.	11.09.2018 2015 UTC Berthed Boarded	Hako Bulk Carrier Malta 35873 9691814	05:48.5N – 118:04.9E, Sandakan Port, Sabah, Malaysia	A robber boarded the berthed ship via the anchor chain. Alert duty crew stationed on the forecastle deck spotted the robber and immediately notified the Master and D/O. Alarm raised and the crew made their way to the forward



				deck to investigate. Hearing the alerted crew, the robber escaped with his accomplices in their speed boat. Incident reported to local authority.
34.	18.09.2018 1915 UTC Anchored Boarded	Pindos Bulk Carrier Barbados 32478 9761322	00:14.2S – 117:34.9E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship twice in three hours. On both occasions, the duty watchman noticed the robbers on the forecandle deck and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ship's stores.
35.	18.09.2018 2045 UTC Steaming Boarded	Maregas LPG Tanker Panama 4200 9007087	01:14.7N – 103:57.5E, Singapore Straits	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker underway. They confronted and injured a duty crew and stole his personal belongings. Alarm raised, and crew mustered resulting in the robbers escaping. Incident reported to Singapore VTIS.
36.	26.09.2018 0330 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ocean Rover Drilling Rig Marshall Islands 18871 8753225	01:20.02N – 104:14.81E, Around 1.5nm SE of Tanjung Bulat, Johor, Malaysia	Two men armed with swords boarded the vessel and robbed two onboard security guards. The robbers tied up the security guards and managed to rob personnel items and communications equipment before departing the vessel. The security guards were released by shore based staff after a few hours after they failed to radio in.

### EAST ASIA

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	01.01.2018 0030 UTC Anchored Boarded	Alentejo Bulk Carrier Singapore 24166 9626118	20:57.08N – 107:19.33E, Cam Pha Loading Anchorage, Vietnam	A robber boarded an anchored ship during cargo operations and escaped with stolen ship's properties. The theft was noticed by crew during routine rounds.
2.	31.01.2018 1910 UTC Anchored Boarded	Globe Explorer Bulk Carrier Panama 17027 9675561	10:39.0N – 107:00.9E, Godau Port, Vietnam	Two robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. They took hostage the Bosun, threatened and injured him with a knife and then tied him up. The Bosun managed to free himself and informed the Master who then raised the alarm and crew mustered. A search was carried out and ship's stores were reported missing. Incident reported to Port Authorities who boarded the ship for investigation. The Bosun was sent ashore for medical treatment.

## INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2018 0738 UTC Steaming Boarded	ASL Scorpio Tug Singapore 1730 9422952  Ship Ocean I Chemical Tanker Tuvalu 19081 8916243	21:12.60N – 072:12.79E, 11nm South of Alang, Gujarat, India	Three robbers boarded a tanker under tow by a tug. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with ship's stores and engine spares. Incident was reported to Indian Coast Guard. The three robbers were later arrested by the marine police and the stolen items recovered.
2.	26.01.2018 2200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Baltic Panther Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 31117 9387346	22:10N – 091:42E, Chittagong B Anchorage, Bangladesh	During routine rounds, duty AB found three lub-oil drums on deck and suspecting something amiss, informed the D/O who alerted the Master and Chief Engineer. On investigating the shore watchmen admitted to have drained the lub-oil from the anchor windlass feed tank into the drums. Local agents informed.
3.	30.01.2018 2200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Port Hainan Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 33036 9456422	21:48N – 091:48E, Kutubdia Anchorage, Bangladesh	Five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. They threatened the Duty AB, who managed to escape and raise the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. The incident was reported to Bangladesh Coast Guard who boarded the ship for investigation. Later, the Coast Guard managed to recover the stolen stores and delivered them to the ship.
4.	06.02.2018 1715 UTC Anchored Boarded	BBC Amber General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 12838 9563706	22:08.6N – 091:44.0E, Chittagong Anchorage C, Bangladesh	Four robbers armed with guns boarded an anchored ship and threatened the duty watchman who managed to escape. Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to the Coast Guard.
5.	12.04.2018 1635 UTC Anchored Boarded	Bertina Product Tanker Bahamas 8545 9352133	22:12.86N – 091:44.54E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Three robbers in small boat boarded an anchored tanker. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers armed with an iron rod, injured the local watch keeper, stole ship's properties and escaped. Incident reported to Bangladesh Coast Guard who dispatched a patrol boat to search the area.

6.	17.04.2018 1915 UTC Anchored Boarded	IDM Doodle General Cargo Panama 9992 9112557	22:11.3N – 091:42.1E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Six robbers in a black boat tried to board an anchored ship from astern. The crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. One robber managed to board the ship and threatened the crew by showing a knife. Hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped without stealing anything. All crew reported safe.
7.	03.07.2018 2200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Medi Firenze Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 32379 9386407	22:19.45N – 091:43.67E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Eight robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship using ropes attached to hooks. The robbers took hostage and tied up the deck watchman, stole the aft mooring ropes and escaped. Incident reported to local agent.
8.	19.07.2018 1700 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ocean Nhava Sheva Container Panama 17280 9470765	22:02.8N – 091:46.5E, Chittagong Outer Anchorage, Bangladesh	Unnoticed robbers boarded an anchored ship, stole three mooring ropes and escaped. On noticing the theft, the crew notified the Bangladesh Coast Guard who dispatched a patrol boat to the location. They searched the waters around the area and were able to identify the robber's boat and recover the stolen mooring ropes, which were returned to the ship.
9.	02.08.2018 1730 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Tanker Marshall Islands 60007 -	22:01N – 091:46E, Off Kutubdia Anchorage, Bangladesh	Six robbers in a small boat boarded the anchored tanker using a hook attached with a rope. They stole ship's stores and properties and escaped. The incident was reported to the Bangladesh Coast Guard who searched the area.
10.	10.08.2018 2055 UTC Anchored Berthed	Stargate Bulk Carrier Liberia 17025 9493212	21:41.60N – 088:01.35E, Sagar Inner Anchorage, India	Duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed six robbers stealing the mooring ropes and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to local authority.
11.	16.08.2018 1935 UTC Anchored Boarded	MCC Ningbo Container Hong Kong 31649 9761011	22:06.7N – 091:44.7E, Chittagong Outer Anchorage, Bangladesh	Unnoticed, four robbers boarded an anchored ship and escaped with stolen ship's stores. The theft was noticed during routine rounds. Incident reported to Chittagong Port Control.

### AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	11.01.2018 0800 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Asphalt Tanker Marshall Islands 6457 -	18:34.34N – 072:22.87W, Port Au Prince Anchorage,	Unnoticed a robber boarded an anchored tanker, stole ship's properties and escaped. The theft was discovered by duty crew during routine rounds.

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2.	27.01.2018 0550 UTC Anchored Boarded	CMB Yasmine Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 23432 9474242	12:01.67S – 077:12.10W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Three robbers armed with knives in a boat boarded an anchored ship. They tied up one crew in the forward store. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores and crew personal belongings. A search was carried out. Incident reported to Port Authorities and the local agents.
3.	27.01.2018 1255 UTC Anchored Boarded	Silver Ervilia Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29375 9718404	18:34N – 072:24W, Port Au Prince Inner Anchorage, Haiti	Unnoticed robbers boarded an anchored tanker, stole two mooring ropes and a messenger rope and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds. Local Authorities notified.
4.	31.01.2018 0050 UTC Anchored Boarded	Stenaweco Caterina Corrado Chemical Tanker Bahamas 29846 9688427	10:16.5N – 064:42.3W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Seven robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker and took hostage the duty AB on routine rounds. They threatened him with a knife, tied him up to the windlass rail and stole his safety shoes and portable UHF radio. Another crew near the accommodation noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and a search was carried out and the duty AB was released. The paint store was found broken into and ship's stores stolen. Attempts to contact the port control were futile.
5.	06.02.2018 0212 UTC Anchored Boarded	Emerald Spirit Tanker Bahamas 60185 9422005	10:10.6N – 064:47.7W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	Four robbers boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds noticed the robbers and immediately notified the D/O, who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in a small boat with stolen ship's properties. Incident reported to Port Authorities.
6.	15.02.2018 0112 UTC Anchored Boarded	Rio Apure Tanker Marshall Islands 81384 9589748	10:14.2N – 064:44.2W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds saw the robbers and notified the D/O. The robbers threatened the AB. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. Incident reported to the Puerto La Cruz VTS. A Coast Guard patrol boat was dispatched to investigate.
7.	15.02.2018 0525 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Liberia 44200 -	Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	The D/O onboard an anchored ship noticed the forecandle door open and robbers on the forward deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. On searching the ship, ship's stores were reported stolen. Port Authority notified via local agent.

8.	22.02.2018 0525 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Maya Product Tanker Singapore 26900 9367750	18:34.15N – 072:24.29W, Port Au Prince 'H' Anchorage, Haiti	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed robbers armed with guns on the forecandle deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, one of the robbers fired a warning shot and escaped. Crew and the tanker reported safe. Incident reported to Port Authorities.
9.	25.02.2018 0842 UTC Anchored Boarded	Celina Star Container Liberia 37113 9210086	02:21.3S – 079:59.7W, Guayaquil Inner Anchorage, Ecuador	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship was confronted by five robbers on the aft deck. One robber, with a gun was seen near the entrance to the steering gear room. The AB immediately retreated and informed the Duty Officer. Alarm raised and port control notified. A coast guard boat was sent to the ship. All crew safe. Nothing reported stolen.
10.	15.03.2018 0530 UTC Anchored Boarded	Eco Splendor Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 23749 9659189	12:01.8S – 077:11.2W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Four robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores. A search was carried out. Incident reported to the local agents.
11.	24.03.2018 0142 UTC Anchored Boarded	Silver Point Product Tanker Malta 29717 9510462	10:17.0N – 064:42.5W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Robbers armed with guns boarded an anchored tanker. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers on the forecandle deck and immediately raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, two robbers were seen escaping. On conducting a search, the forecandle store padlock was reported broken and ship's properties stolen. Port Control notified via Vhf Ch. 16/13. The Coast Guard later dispatched a vessel to search the anchorage waters around the vessel.
12.	04.04.2018 0650 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 41725 -	00:03.88N – 050:58.34W, Around 6nm NE of Macapa Port, Brazil	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship. Duty AB noticed the robbers and immediately informed D/O who raised the alarm, sounded the ship's whistle and alerted the crew on the PA system. Seeing the alerted crew, the two robbers escaped in their speed boat. On searching the ship, nothing reported stolen.
13.	05.05.2018 0530 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Seoul Bulk Carrier Singapore 22683 9544736	12:01.4S – 077:10.7W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Three robbers in a wooden boat with an outboard engine approached and boarded an anchored ship using a hook attached to a rope. Duty lookout noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and crew mustered. OOW sounded the ship's whistle and notified the Port Authorities. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped with stolen ship's stores.

14.	01.07.2018 0500 UTC Anchored Boarded	Green Magic Refrigerated Cargo Ship Bahamas 5103 8822583	06:59.0N – 058:02.0W, Georgetown Outer Anchorage, Guyana	Unnoticed an anchored ship was boarded by robbers who stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds. Incident reported to local agent.
15.	25.07.2018 0735 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Matsuyama Product Tanker Panama 26911 9367736	10:19.3N – 075:31.7W, Mamonal Anchorage, Colombia	Duty officer onboard an anchored tanker noticed the locking device on the forward store cut and ship's stores missing. On investigating, it was noticed that the robbers had gained access via the anchor chain. Incident reported to the local agent who informed the local police.
16.	26.07.2018 0500 UTC Berthed Boarded	Toronto Trader Container Singapore 9932 9675822	Georgetown Port, Guyana	Unnoticed robbers boarded the berthed ship, stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds. Incident reported to port control.
17.	05.08.2018 0500 UTC Anchored Boarded	Jumeirah Beach Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 20969 9642045	00:04.0N – 050:58.5W, Macapa Anchorage, Brazil	Unnoticed robbers boarded the anchored ship, stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds. Incident reported to local agent.
18.	12.08.2018 0622 UTC Anchored Boarded	Grande Francia Ro-Ro Cargo Ship Italy 56738 9246592	24:05.9S – 046:17.4W, Santos Anchorage, Brazil	Around four robbers boarded an anchored ship using a rope attached to a hook and started opening the containers on deck. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm and notified the authorities. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. After berthing, the local police and customs boarded for investigation.
19.	25.09.2018 0510 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29940 -	10:16.4N – 064:42.8W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker. The alert watchkeeper noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped without stealing anything. Master contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre which immediately relayed the incident information to the authorities. A coast guard patrol boat was dispatched and the officers boarded the tanker for investigations.

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

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	05.01.2018 0615 UTC Anchored Boarded	Meridian Express Product Tanker Panama 29289 9596272	06:17.8N – 003:19.7E, Around 6.24nm South of Lagos, Nigeria	Duty crew onboard a tanker carrying out STS operations spotted two robbers near the forecastle. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped empty handed. Incident reported to the Nigerian Navy.
2.	08.01.2018 2305 UTC Anchored Boarded	Mount Express Product Tanker Liberia 23313 9470985	06:19.15N – 003:20.35E, Around 5.6nm SW of Lagos, Nigeria	Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker engaged in STS operations. Upon being noticed by the crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. On searching the tanker, the crew found a hose near a cargo oil tank and concluded that the robbers had boarded to steal cargo. Incident reported to the naval patrol boat. All crew are safe. No cargo reported stolen.
3.	10.01.2018 - Anchored Hijacked	Barrett Product Tanker Marshall Islands 8482 9351749	Cotonou Anchorage, Benin	The Owners of an anchored tanker informed the IMB PRC that they had lost communications with their tanker. The IMB PRC notified the Nigerian and Benin navies. A search was carried out. On 16 January 2018, owners reported that the tanker and her crew arrived safely in Lagos, Nigeria after successful negotiations with the hijackers.
4.	13.01.2018 1945 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 30095 -	Congo Terminal, Ango-Ango, Democratic Republic of Congo	A robber, armed with a knife, boarded an anchored tanker via the anchor chain and started stealing the ship's mooring ropes. Noticing the Chief Officer on the forecastle deck, the robber threatened him with the knife. As the Chief Officer retreated to the accommodation he raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped with stolen ship's stores.
5.	27.01.2018 0001 UTC Anchored Boarded	Atlantic Crown Product Tanker Hong Kong 29266 9332169	06:18.23N – 003:20.11E, Lagos STS Anchorage, Nigeria	Duty AB onboard an anchored tanker noticed some suspicious movement on the forecastle and immediately informed the D/O who noticed a person hiding behind the mooring winches. Alarm raised, PA announcement made, ship's horn continuously blown, crew mustered and a Nigerian Navy patrol boat notified. The patrol boat arrived and searched the waters around the tanker. Crew searched the tanker. Nothing reported stolen.
6.	31.01.2018 2206 UTC Anchored	Jennings Bay Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands	Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed two small boats tied up to the anchor chain and one

	Boarded	29735 9717773		robber on the forecastle deck. D/O notified. Alarm raised and fog horn sounded. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped. Nigerian Navy patrol boat notified. The patrol boat arrived and searched the waters around the tanker. Nothing reported stolen.
7.	01.02.2018 0748 UTC Anchored Hijacked	Marine Express Product Tanker Panama 28054 9403322	06:16N – 002:31E, Cotonou Anchorage, Benin	The IMB PRC received a missing vessel report from the Owners of an anchored tanker awaiting berthing instruction. The Owners reported that they had lost contact with their tanker laden with gasoline. The IMB PRC immediately notified all the Regional Authorities and the international warships in the Gulf of Guinea. A search was carried out. The IMB PRC broadcast a message to all ships in the region to look out for the missing tanker. On 06 Feb 2018, the Owners confirmed that the tanker was released. The crew and cargo safe.
8.	02.02.2018 0245 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship Singapore 4566 -	04:54.4N – 001:43.1W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Two robbers boarded an anchored offshore supply ship. Duty watchman noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ship's stores. The OOW contacted the Naval base via VHF. A patrol boat was dispatched to the location.
9.	09.02.2018 0600 UTC Steaming Boarded	Sierra Leyre Refrigerated Cargo Ship Bahamas 5100 9135822	03:40N – 006:45E, Around 48nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Heavily armed pirates attacked, fired upon and boarded the ship underway. A crew member was injured due to the firing. The pirates kidnapped four crew members, stole ship's property and cash and escaped. The remaining crew sailed the ship to open seas. On 27 Feb 2018, the four kidnapped crew members were released.
10.	09.02.2018 1245 UTC Not Stated Boarded	Luwen-Yu 2 Fishing Vessel China - -	04:06.0N – 008:51.0E, Around 10nm SW of Idenao, Cameroon	Persons armed with AK47 assault rifles boarded the fishing vessel, kidnapped three crew members and escaped. Cameroonian Authorities notified.
11.	17.02.2018 2250 UTC Anchored Boarded	Sea Emperor Product Tanker Marshall Islands 8503 9383601	06:17.9N – 002:30.3E, Cotonou Anchorage, Benin	D/O onboard an anchored tanker noticed three armed persons on deck and immediately raised the alarm. SSAS activated and all crew retreated to the citadel. The CSO notified the IMB PRC who immediately informed the Benin Authorities. Three patrol boats were dispatched to the location. They searched the waters around the tanker. A navy team boarded the tanker. On confirmation from the navy team that the tanker was clear of pirates, the



				Master and crew emerged from the citadel. On investigating, the ship's office port hole was damaged due to a gunshot and other ship's property found damaged.
12.	20.02.2018 0145 UTC Anchored Boarded	Green Sky Product Tanker Liberia 30263 9676515	06:17N – 003:13E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Duty AB onboard an anchored tanker noticed six robbers boarding and notified the D/O. Master informed, ship's horn sounded, alarm raised and crew mustered in the citadel. The onboard Safety Advisor established communication with the Nigerian Navy patrol boat in the secure anchorage area and requested for immediate assistance. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in their small black skiff. The patrol boat proceeded towards the tanker and tried to chase the speed boat. The crew emerged from the citadel. Upon investigation, the ullage caps of some oil tanks were found opened. Nothing reported stolen.
13.	26.02.2018 2330 UTC Anchored Boarded	ST Marseille Product Tanker Luxembourg 5218 9367358	06:16.31N – 002:29.24E, Cotonou Anchorage, Benin	Five armed persons approached an anchored tanker in a speed boat. As they boarded the tanker, they commenced firing and injured one of the Benin navy guards onboard the tanker. All crew except the D/O on the bridge retreated into the citadel. As the armed persons made their way to the bridge, they fired upon and injured another Navy Guard. They took hostage the D/O and demanded that the Master, Chief Officer and Chief Engineer come to the bridge. The armed persons then instructed the Master to heave up anchor but when they were told that the tanker was in ballast, they stole crew properties, kidnapped the Master and one engineer and escaped using the rescue boat. The Benin Navy was notified to medivac the injured guards. Once the armed persons were safely ashore they released the Master and engineer who made contact with the local police and later re-joined their tanker.
14.	02.03.2018 0540 UTC Berthed Boarded	Pamyat Kirova Refrigerated Cargo Ship Russia 12403 8701040	Berth No. 14, Lagos Port, Nigeria	Eight robbers boarded the berthed ship, stole ship's stores and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds. Incident reported to local agent.
15.	06.03.2018 1000 UTC Steaming	Scot Munchen Product Tanker Malta	04:05N – 006:57E,	Pirates, armed with guns, boarded the tanker approaching Bonny Fairway Buoy. Alarm raised, SSAS activated

	Boarded	5145 9255816	Around 21nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	and all crew mustered in the citadel. Nigerian Navy notified and patrol boats were immediately deployed to assist the tanker. As all crew were secure in the citadel, the pirates were unable to take any hostages. Before escaping they damaged some navigation and communication equipment. Later, the Master and crew emerged from the citadel and took back control of their tanker and sailed to a safe port. All crew safe.
16.	16.03.2018 0800 UTC Steaming Boarded	MSC Maria General Cargo Panama 8721 9067544	03:57.0N – 006:42.5E, Around 36nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Armed pirates attacked and boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised and all crew retreated into the citadel. The Owners contacted the IMB PRC and requested for assistance. The Centre immediately informed the Nigerian Navy who dispatched patrol boats to assist the ship. The IMB PRC liaised with the Owners and the Navy on the incident. The Naval personnel boarded the ship. No pirates found onboard. The crew emerged from the citadel and sailed the ship to a safe port under Naval escort.
17.	16.03.2018 2240 UTC Anchored Boarded	Dong-A Krios Product Tanker Panama 28160 9694191	06:17.8N – 003:25.1E, Around 13.55nm SSE of Lagos, Nigeria	Armed guards onboard an anchored tanker noticed three unauthorised persons onboard the tanker and fired a warning shot. One person managed to escape in a small boat while the remaining two were captured and handed over to Nigerian Navy.
18.	22.03.2018 0115 UTC Anchored Boarded	Isleman Refrigerated Cargo Ship Panama 4579 8814902	06:15.4N – 002:30.5E, Around 7.5nm SE of Cotonou, Benin	Eight persons in a small boat, armed with guns and knives boarded an anchored reefer ship. They demanded the crew start the main engine and sail. As the engines were unable to start, they stole crew and ship's property and escaped. Incident reported to Benin Navy who dispatched a naval vessel to investigate.
19.	22.03.2018 1000 UTC Anchored Hijacked	Luronyuanyu 216 Fishing Vessel China - -	06:01.0N – 003:12.0E, Around 30nm SSE of Badagry, Nigeria	Pirates in a speed boat hijacked the fishing boat and forced it to sail into Benin waters. They kidnapped two crew members before releasing the fishing boat.
20.	26.03.2018 1720 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Name Withheld Fishing Vessel Ghana 454 -	05:20.0N – 000:51.4E, Around 27nm South of Anloga, Ghana	Armed pirates attacked and hijacked the fishing vessel underway. The Owners of the fishing vessel reported the incident to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) who immediately contacted and liaised with the Ghana Navy Ops Centre. As the fishing vessel moved

				from Ghanaian waters into Togo and Benin waters the PRC continually updated the respective naval authorities. Naval boats were deployed by the respective navies within their waters to look for the fishing vessel. On 28 Mar 2018, the Owners confirmed that the fishing vessel has been released and it is sailing to a safe port. Three crew members were reported missing. All navies were informed accordingly. On 30 Apr 2018, the Owners confirmed that the three kidnapped crew members were released safely on 27 April 2018.
21.	28.03.2018 0400 UTC Berthed Boarded	Lafayette Bay Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29735 9717785	MRS Terminal, ALPHA-Jetty, Lagos Port, Nigeria	Two robbers boarded the berthed tanker. Duty watchman spotted the robbers hiding near a forward cargo tank dome with a flexible hose. D/O notified. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers escaped. Two skiffs with eight robbers were seen moving away from the tanker. The Terminal Watchman and Jetty Duty Officer immediately boarded and searched the tanker. Nothing reported stolen.
22.	07.04.2018 0430 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Panama 21192 -	03:44N – 006:37E, Around 41nm SSE of Brass, Nigeria	Four pirates in a speed boat armed with guns chased and boarded the ship underway. Alarm raised and all crew mustered in the citadel. The IMB PRC liaised with the Nigerian Navy and the Owners. The Navy dispatched a patrol boat to the location. The pirates fired upon and damaged the ship's equipment and parts of the accommodation. They stole ship's cash and properties and escaped. Naval personnel boarded the ship, rescued the crew and escorted the ship to a safe port.
23.	13.04.2018 0230 UTC Berthed Boarded	Arkas Africa Container Antigua and Barbuda 40541 9431719	Berth No. 17, Apapa Port, Lagos, Nigeria	Four robbers in a skiff boarded the berthed ship shortly after mooring operations. Duty crew on routine rounds noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped. On searching the ship, the bosun store padlock was found broken and ship's stores and properties missing.
24.	21.04.2018 0534 UTC Steaming Boarded	FWN Rapide General Cargo Netherlands 7767 9320520	03:48.0N – 006:50.0E, Around 38nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Armed pirates boarded a ship enroute from Takoradi, Ghana to Port Harcourt, Nigeria, kidnapped 11 crew members and escaped. The incident was reported to the Nigerian Navy and a patrol boat was sent to the location. Naval personnel boarded and searched the ship. A total of three crew members were found safe onboard. The ship sailed under the escort of the patrol boat

				to a safe location. On 25 May 2018, the Owners confirmed that the 11 kidnapped crew members were released safely on 20 May 2018.
25.	24.04.2018 0315 UTC Berthed Boarded	Asia Ruby I Bulk Carrier Singapore 36427 9669378	06:26.82N – 003:22.58E, Berth No. 8, ENL Terminal, Apapa Port, Lagos, Nigeria	Four robbers boarded the berthed ship, took hostage and threatened the duty watchman and stole his mobile phone and VHF radio. As all the stores were secured, the robbers were unable to steal anything and escaped. The duty watchman shouted and called for assistance. Incident reported to Apapa FPSO. A search was carried out around the area.
26.	29.04.2018 0400 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Colorado Bulk Carrier Singapore 34241 9805661	04:54.0N – 001:41.0W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Crew on board an anchored ship noticed a robber on the poop deck and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped without stealing anything.
27.	03.05.2018 0030 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship Singapore 3585 -	04:54N – 001:42W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Two robbers boarded an anchored supply ship. Duty watchman noticed the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping. The crew noticed the padlock for the paint locker broken. On searching the locker no items reported stolen. Port Control informed.
28.	19.05.2018 0202 UTC Berthed Boarded	Mount Travers Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 16978 9263772	06:26.18N – 003:23.42E, Lagos Port, Nigeria	Seven robbers in a speed boat approached and came alongside an anchored ship. Two robbers managed to board the ship using a hook attached to a rope. While the remaining five were attempting to board the duty crew noticed the robbers, raised the alarm and alerted the onboard shore security watchmen who notified the local authorities. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped in their boat. Nothing reported stolen.
29.	23.05.2018 2310 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Tangier Product Tanker Singapore 29445 9726451	06:15.9N – 003:12.2E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Duty crew onboard an anchored tanker noticed robbers onboard the tanker and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed.
30.	25.05.2018 2335 UTC Anchored Boarded	Seabreeze Product Tanker Malta 31433 9343986	06:18.0N – 003:20.2E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Two robbers in a small boat approached and boarded an anchored tanker during STS operations. Duty watchman noticed the robbers near the forward cargo oil tanks with a hose and raised the alarm. OOW immediately sounded the ship's horn and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted their attempt to steal cargo and escaped. The Nigerian Navy boat patrolling the anchorage was notified. Nothing reported stolen.

31.	26.05.2018 0115 UTC Berthed Boarded	Grande Congo Ro-Ro Cargo Ship Italy 47658 9437921	Lagos Port, Nigeria	Seven robbers boarded the berthed ship. They took hostage the duty crew, tied him up, took his UHF radio and asked for the location of the paint store and then stole ship's stores. The duty crew managed to free himself and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping. A search was carried out. PFSO and local agents informed.
32.	01.06.2018 0230 UTC Berthed Boarded	Seaspan Saigon Container Hong Kong 39941 9301809	Apapa Port, Lagos, Nigeria	Robbers boarded the berthed ship and tried to steal ship's properties. The duty OS intervened and the robbers assaulted and injured the OS. Medical treatment was provided to the OS and he was later repatriated from the next port for full recovery.
33.	03.06.2018 0230 UTC Anchored Boarded	HTC Charlie Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 32987 9670846	06:17N – 003:21E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Two robbers boarded an anchored ship using a hook attached to a rope. The Duty Officer and the armed security guard noticed the robbers on the forecastle deck. The armed guard fired a warning shot resulting in the robbers escaping. On conducting a search, ship's stores were reported stolen. MRCC Nigeria informed.
34.	09.06.2018 0330 UTC Berthed Boarded	Brent Product Tanker Marshall Islands 8539 9340350	06:27.3N – 003:22.3 E, NOJ Terminal, Apapa Port, Lagos, Nigeria	Seven robbers in a small boat came alongside the berthed tanker. One robber managed to board the tanker and started lowering a rubber hose into one of the cargo tanks. Duty AB spotted the robber and raised the alarm resulting in the robber jumping overboard and escaping.
35.	13.06.2018 0245 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Offshore Supply Ship Singapore 4566 -	04:53.6N – 001:42.3W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Watchmen onboard an anchored offshore supply ship noticed a small boat approaching the vessel. As the watchmen made their way aft, the robbers boarded the vessel. Alarm raised. Seeing alerted crew the robbers escaped.
36.	03.07.2018 0029 UTC Anchored Boarded	BW Petrel Product Tanker Singapore 29751 9706073	06:16N – 003:11E, Lagos Secure Anchorage Area, Nigeria	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed a boat tied up to the anchor chain and alerted the bridge. The AB sighted a robber approaching him and retreated into the accommodation and secured the doors. Master raised the alarm, SSAS activated, distress message sent, patrol boats informed via VHF, crew mustered and ship's whistle sounded. Upon hearing the alarm, the robber escaped. Two patrol boats responded to the calls and searched the area.
37.	22.07.2018 0005 UTC	BW Tiger Product Tanker	05:11.45N – 004:04.27W,	Three robbers in a small boat approached and boarded the anchored

	Anchored Boarded	Singapore 29737 9635846	Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast	tanker. Duty watchman noticed the robbers near the port quarter and raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping with three mooring ropes. Incident reported to local Authorities.
38.	26.07.2018 0218 UTC Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29826 -	14:32.27S – 040:40.15E, Port of Nacala, Mozambique	Three robbers in a small boat approached the berthed tanker during discharging operations. Using a bamboo pole attached with hook and a portable wooden ladder, one robber managed to board the tanker. The duty deck watch crew noticed the robber and immediately informed the OOW who raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robber escaped with his two accomplices. A search was made throughout the tanker. It was reported that ship's properties were stolen. Incident reported to Port Authorities through the local agents.
39.	07.09.2018 0300 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Tug Singapore 2147 -	04:55N – 001:43W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	One robber boarded an anchored tug and managed to steal a high-pressure washer. Two crew members noticed the robber and tried to stop him. The robber waved a knife towards the crew and escaped in a boat. Port control informed via VHF. A security boat responded and caught the robber.
40.	17.09.2018 0300 UTC Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 24162 -	09:20.8N – 013:43.3W, Conakry Anchorage, Guinea	An anchored tanker was boarded by four armed robbers. Master raised the alarm, locked the accommodation and all crew mustered in the citadel. The armed robbers fired at the bridge windows and gained access into the accommodation. They ransacked all crew cabins and escaped with crew personal belongings. A navy boat arrived at the location to provide assistance. All crew reported safe.
41.	21.09.2018 0001 UTC Anchored Boarded	BW Puma Product Tanker Singapore 29737 9635810	06:16.51N – 003:13.15E, Lagos Secure Anchorage Area, Nigeria	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored tanker noticed two boats close to the anchor chain. He immediately notified the OOW and tried to chase away the boats. As the AB approached the No. 1 Cargo Tank he noticed two robbers hiding on deck. The AB raised the alarm and shouted at the robbers resulting in the robbers jumping overboard and escaping. A search was made throughout the tanker. The razor wire abreast the forward cargo tank was found to have been bent allowing access to deck. Nigerian navy informed. A patrol boat came and searched the area. Nothing reported stolen.

42.	22.09.2018 0500 UTC Steaming Boarded	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Switzerland 27011 -	03:40N – 006:40E, Around 51nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Armed pirates boarded the ship underway, kidnapped 12 crew members and escaped. Incident reported to the Nigerian Navy who dispatched a naval boat to assist the ship. Remaining crew sailed the ship under naval escort to a safe anchorage.
43.	30.09.2018 0402 UTC Anchored Boarded	John Ernest Aidoo Tug Ghana 294 9793105	04:54.10N – 001:41.17W, Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	Two robbers boarded an anchored tug via the anchor chain. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping without stealing anything.

### ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

1 January – 30 September 2018

#### SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.01.2018 0600 UTC Steaming Attempted	Tiberius Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 21163 9665841	02:27.4N – 101:39.11E, Around 9nm WSW of Port Dickson, Malaysia	D/O noticed a speed boat with five masked persons, holding a long hook, approaching the ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered with fire hoses. Seeing the crew alertness, the speed boat moved away.
2.	05.01.2018 1830 UTC Anchored Attempted	Asali Bulk Carrier Cyprus 33338 9461805	00:16.22S – 117:36.11E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Five robbers in a small boat approached an anchored ship and attempted to board via the anchor chain. Alert duty crew noticed the robbers and shouted at them resulting in the robbers retreating and moving away.
3.	08.01.2018 2300 UTC Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 33032 -	00:16.15S – 117:43.01E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Ship's crew noticed robbers attempting to board the ship via the anchor chain and informed the D/O who sounded the fog horn. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted the attempt and escaped in a small boat.
4.	16.02.2018 Night hours Steaming Fired upon	Kudos 1 General Cargo Philippines 499 9133044	06:44.21N – 122:23.50E, Off Sibago Island, Philippines	Armed persons in a boat approached the ship underway. Alarm raised and distress calls broadcast. The Philippines Coast Guard (PCG) immediately responded by dispatching its patrol boats. As the armed persons attempted to board the ship, the crew poured hot water on the perpetrators who fired upon the ship, injuring one crew, before aborting the attack. The PCG boarding team provided medical assistance to the injured crew.

5.	20.04.2018 1900 UTC Anchored Attempted	Alkyonis Bulk Carrier Liberia 23266 9709465	00:14.33S – 117:35.07E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Robbers in a wooden boat tried to board an anchored ship via the anchor chain. The crew noticed the boat and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped.
6.	21.04.2018 1300 UTC Anchored Attempted	Alkyonis Bulk Carrier Liberia 23266 9709465	00:14.33S – 117:35.07E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Robbers in a boat approached an anchored ship and attempted to board via the anchor chain. Duty crew directed lights towards the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted their attempt and escaped in their boat.
7.	24.04.2018 0617 UTC Steaming Attempted	Berge K2 Ore Carrier Isle of Man 134693 9709506	04:58.25N – 119:37.90E, Around 6nm WSW of Bongao Island, Philippines	While transiting the Sibutu passage, two high speed crafts were sighted approaching the ship underway. As the boats closed to the ship, the crew could see a blue coloured boat with two persons wearing face masks and a white coloured boat with one person wearing a face mask. Two Philippine Naval patrol vessels contacted the ship via vhf channel 16. The high-speed boats closed to three cables from the ship, noticed the hardening, crossed the ship's stern and moved away. The ship had received cautionary advice from the Philippine Navy and Coast Guard Coast Watch as they were transiting the Sibutu passage.
8.	06.05.2018 1530 UTC Anchored Attempted	Baltic Scorpion Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36353 9729477	00:13.8S – 117:33.8E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship heard noise coming from the hawse pipe and sighted somebody trying to remove the hawse pipe protection cover. OOW immediately informed, alarm raised and ship's whistle sounded. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers aborted their attempted boarding and escaped. Crew mustered and a search was carried out. Nothing reported stolen. SSO tried to call the port control on VHF but received no response.
9.	08.05.2018 1800 UTC Steaming Attempted	NA Fishing Vessel Malaysia - -	04:55.12N – 119:06.70E, Around 10nm SSE of Felda Sahabat, Sabah, Malaysia	Armed persons in a boat approached a group of fishing vessels at high speed. A Malaysian Marine Police boat in the vicinity noticed the approach and chased the boat resulting in the persons firing upon the Marine Police boat. In the ensuing exchange of fire four armed persons were killed. The Malaysian Marine Police indicated the intentions of the armed persons was to kidnap the fishermen for ransom.
10.	26.05.2018 2115 UTC	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier	00:02.4S – 117:34.9E,	Duty AB on routine rounds noticed robbers attempting to board the ship via



	Anchored Attempted	Marshall Islands 44200 -	Around 5nm SE of Bontang, Indonesia	the hawse pipe. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted their attempt and retreated to their boat.
11.	28.07.2018 1440 UTC Anchored Attempted	Mykonos Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 23456 9450791	13:44.4N – 121:01.9E, Batangas Anchorage, Philippines	During routine rounds, duty crew onboard an anchored ship noticed an unauthorized person attempting to board the ship from a small boat using a hook attached with a rope. Duty crew informed the bridge and SSO. Alarm activated and crew mustered. Seeing the crew alertness, the person aborted the boarding attempt and escaped. Incident was reported to the local agent and the Coast Guard.
12.	27.08.2018 1254 UTC Anchored Attempted	Red Lily Bulk Carrier Panama 43036 9758442	00:15.52S – 117:41.96E, Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda, Indonesia	Two robbers attempted to board the anchored ship via the anchor chain during cargo operations. Alert duty crew stationed on the forecastle deck spotted the robbers and immediately notified the Master and D/O. Alarm sounded and crew members made their way to the forward deck. Hearing the alerted crew members approaching, the robbers aborted the attempt and escaped in their boat. Incident reported to the agent.
13.	27.08.2018 2015 UTC Berthed Attempted	Maersk Mishima Product Tanker Panama 28049 9450789	07:06.9N – 125:39.5E, Insular Oil Terminal, Davao, Philippines	Four robbers in a boat attempted to board the berthed tanker. Duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted the boarding attempt and escaped. Coast Guard informed.

### EAST ASIA

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	17.03.2018 1640 UTC Anchored Attempted	Helen N Bulk Carrier Liberia 151448 9479163	38:51.2N – 118:36.6E, Caofeidian Anchorage, China	Three robbers, in a small boat, approached an anchored ship and attempted to board using ropes attached with hooks. The crew noticed the robbers, informed the Master and raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and escaped empty handed.
2.	24.03.2018 1515 UTC Anchored Attempted	Berge Atlas Bulk Carrier Panama 90092 9439113	38:43.9N – 118:32.6E, Caofeidian Anchorage, China	Two robbers in a wooden boat came alongside an anchored ship. Duty crew noticed the robbers attempting to board the ship using a ladder and immediately informed the D/O who raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers fled.

**INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	09.02.2018 1930 UTC Anchored Attempted	Team Challenge Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 17679 9282780	22:11.56N – 088:09.59E, Diamond Harbour Anchorage, Kolkata, India	Duty AB on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship heard an unusual sound coming from the anchor chain. Upon checking, he noticed one robber climbing the anchor chain. He also saw two more persons waiting in a small boat. The duty AB shouted at the robber resulting in the robber escaping.
2.	11.02.2018 2120 UTC Anchored Attempted	Tiberius Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 21163 9665841	22:07.70N – 091:43.41E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Five robbers in a small boat, armed with knives attempted to board an anchored ship using ropes attached with hooks. The crew noticed the robbers, notified the Master and prepared the fire hoses to stop the robbers. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed.
3.	06.05.2018 1525 UTC Anchored Attempted	Vela Ocean Bulk Carrier Singapore 30006 9480966	22:15.0N – 091:44.9E, Chittagong Alpha Anchorage, Bangladesh	Seven robbers in a wooden boat with an outboard engine approached and attempted to board an anchored ship using a hook attached to a rope. The crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. Seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted the boarding attempt. Local Authorities informed.

**AMERICAS**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.01.2018 0700 UTC Anchored Attempted	Nestor I Bulk Carrier Liberia 20969 9599016	10:12N – 064:51W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	Five robbers in a small boat, armed with knives attempted to board an anchored ship via the anchor chain. Duty AB noticed the robbers and reported to D/O, who raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers abort the attempted boarding and escaped. Master contacted port control but did not receive a reply.
2.	28.04.2018 0345 UTC Anchored Attempted	Name Withheld Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 36449 -	10:09.69N – 064:48.49W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	During routine rounds onboard an anchored ship crew noticed robbers trying to access the ship via the hawse pipe. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers escaped empty handed.
3.	23.05.2018 0700 UTC Anchored Attempted	Jag Punit Product Tanker India 29967 9709984	10:11.34N – 064:47.74W, Puerto Jose Anchorage, Venezuela	A white skiff with three robbers onboard came alongside an anchored tanker. They tried to board the tanker via the poop deck. Duty crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm resulting in

				the robbers aborting the attempted boarding and moving away.
4.	14.08.2018 0935 UTC Steaming Attempted	Maersk Niamey Container Hong Kong 26836 9434917	02:25S – 080:01W, Off Punta Tambulinero, Guayaquil Approaches, Ecuador	Six persons in a small boat approached the ship underway during pilotage. Master raised the alarm and crew directed flash lights and search lights towards the boat. The boat closed in to a distance of five meters from the ship and aborted the attempted boarding after seeing the alerted crew.
5.	20.08.2018 1551 UTC Steaming Attempted	Maersk Nienburg Container Hong Kong 26836 9446104	02:22.3S – 080:00.9W, Estero Salada Passage, Guayaquil, Ecuador	Two persons in a small skiff came alongside the ship underway. The onboard security guards spotted the persons, raised the alarm and switched on all deck lighting. Seeing the crew alertness, the persons aborted the attempted boarding and moved away. Incident reported to Guayaquil Port Control.
6.	28.08.2018 0935 UTC Steaming Attempted	Maersk Niteroi Container Hong Kong 26836 9434943	02:30.9S – 080:05.1W, Around 16nm SW of Guayaquil, Ecuador	Three persons armed with handguns, in a small skiff came alongside the ship underway. One person attempted to board the ship. The crew spotted the attempted boarding and raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the persons aborted the attempted boarding and moved away. Incident reported to Guayaquil Port Control and Ecuador Coast Guard.

**AFRICA (SOMALIA/GULF OF ADEN)**

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	22.02.2018 2030 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Leopard Sun Product Tanker Singapore 29939 9635781	03:28.1N – 050:27.8E, Around 315nm ENE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Two skiffs chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The tanker increased speed and the armed guards onboard the tanker returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack.
2.	31.03.2018 0520 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Kriti Spirit Tanker Liberia 83724 9207027	13:58.1N – 051:25.3E, Gulf of Aden	Two skiffs with two armed pirates in each skiff chased the tanker underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. When the skiffs closed to around 100m the pirates fired upon the tanker. The armed guards onboard the tanker returned fire, resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away. All crew safe. Vessel sustained minor damage due to the firing. Ladders sighted in the skiffs.

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

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.01.2018 0300 UTC Anchored Attempted	Seaways Ariadmar Products Tanker Marshall Islands 30018 9273624	06:18.05N – 003:23.61E, Lagos Outer Anchorage, Nigeria	Ship's crew preparing for STS cargo operations onboard an anchored tanker noticed robbers attempting to board the and informed the D/O who raised the alarm. All crew mustered on the bridge. Ship's whistle continuously sounded, and search lights directed towards the robbers. Crew secured all access to the accommodation. Seeing the alerted crew, the robbers aborted the boarding and moved away.
2.	21.01.2018 0001 UTC Berthed Attempted	Anna B Offshore Support Vessel Luxembourg 2411 9339002	04:00.8N – 009:40.3E, Douala Port, Cameroon	Two robbers attempted to board the berthed vessel via the scaffolding installed at the stern. The Duty Watchman noticed the robbers and informed the security guard on board who fired a warning shot, resulting in the robbers aborting the attempted boarding and escaped. Port Authority informed.
3.	23.01.2018 0530 UTC Berthed Attempted	Konrad Schulte Container Cyprus 18334 9292125	09:30N – 013:43W, Conakry Port Terminal, Guinea	Crew on routine rounds onboard an anchored ship noticed two persons attempting to climb onboard using the ship's line. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing the alerted crew, the intruders aborted and moved away.
4.	24.01.2018 0515 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Thor Infinity Bulk Carrier Singapore 30303 9238466	03:38N – 006:37E, Around 45nm SE of Brass, Nigeria	While underway, two skiffs with two to three armed pirates in each skiff chased and fired upon the ship underway. Ship increased speed, crew mustered in a safe place and the armed guards were on standby. Due to the ship hardening measures the pirates were unable to access the ship and aborted the attempt.
5.	24.01.2018 0900 UTC Steaming Attempted	Ebunola Product Tanker Nigeria 5245 9014511	03:30N – 006:20E, Around 48nm South of Brass, Nigeria	Armed pirates chased and attacked the tanker underway. The presence of armed naval team onboard the tanker resulted in the pirates aborting the attack.
6.	03.02.2018 1639 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Biskra Product Tanker Panama 8744 9030709	03:29.40N – 006:36.42E, Around 60nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Around 10 to 12 armed pirates in a high-speed boat, chased and fired upon a tanker underway. Alarm raised and non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. Due to the Master's evasive manoeuvres and the presence of the onboard Naval armed team the pirates aborted and moved away. Incident was reported to Nigerian navy. All crew was safe.
7.	15.02.2018 1850 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Lutetia Container Liberia 35881	03:42.59N – 007:05.59E,	Four pirates in a speed boat chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master increased speed and started evasive manoeuvres. Due to the presence of a

		9246695	Around 40.62nm SSW of Bonny, Nigeria	Nigerian Naval escort boat the pirates aborted and moved away. Crew and ship reported safe.
8.	18.02.2018 1845 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Belema Light Crude Tanker Panama 156809 9079066	03:41.5N – 006:37.5E, Around 42nm SE of Brass, Nigeria	A speed boat with six to seven armed pirates chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered, evasive manoeuvres started and Nigerian authorities contacted. Due to the tanker's hardening measures the pirates were unable to board and moved away. The tanker was escorted to Bonny anchorage by two Navy vessels. All crew safe. The tanker sustained minor damage due to being fired upon.
9.	19.02.2018 0824 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Interim Tanker Panama 25060 9039121	04:02.66N – 006:34.33E, Around 25nm SE of Brass, Nigeria	Six pirates armed with guns in a black hull speed boat approached and tried to board the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm, activated SSAS, transmitted distress message, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew secured all access doors. The pirates made several attempts to hook an aluminium ladder on the tanker's railing but were unsuccessful due to the evasive manoeuvres. They then fired at the tanker and moved away. A Nigerian Navy boat was in contact with the tanker and arrived at the location.
10.	24.02.2018 1016 UTC Steaming Attempted	Kota Sahabat Container Singapore 41567 9645463	03:33.8N – 007:02.7E, Around 50nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Around eight armed pirates in a speed boat chased the ship underway. Alarm raised, SSAS activated, speed increased and all non-essential crew retreated to the citadel. Nigerian navy contacted, who informed the Master to rendezvous with their naval vessel in the vicinity. As the pirate boat closed in the Master commenced evasive manoeuvres. Due to the hardening measures, the pirates were unable to hook their ladder onto the ship and moved away.
11.	24.02.2018 1520 UTC Steaming Fired upon	China Frost Refrigerated Cargo Ship Cook Islands 4999 8410914	03:38.1N – 006:42.0E, Around 40nm SSW of Bonny Fairway Buoy, Nigeria	Around 10 pirates in a speed boat, armed with automatic weapons, chased and fired upon the ship underway. The armed guards onboard the ship returned fire, resulting in the pirates aborting the attack and moving away. All crew safe. The ship sustained minor damage due to the firing.
12.	16.03.2018 0810 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Biskra Product Tanker Panama 8744 9030709	03:57.31N – 006:52.39E, Around 29nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Eight armed pirates in a small high-speed boat approached and fired upon the tanker underway. Master notified the onboard naval armed team, commenced evasive manoeuvres and all non-essential crew retreated to the citadel.

				Seeing the tanker hardening the pirates aborted and moved away. Nigerian Navy notified.
13.	22.03.2018 2129 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Tanker Liberia 29335 -	03:35.0N – 006:44.0E, Around 53nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Pirates in a small speed boat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The armed guards onboard returned fire resulting in the pirates aborting the attack. All crew safe.
14.	08.05.2018 0920 UTC Steaming Attempted	Eleni M Bulk Carrier Malta 28718 9228033	03:37.2N – 006:16.4E, Around 41nm South of Brass, Nigeria	Six pirates in a speed boat approached and came alongside the ship underway. They hooked a ladder on the ship's railing and attempted to board. Master raised the alarm, activated SSAS, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. Due to the hardening measures taken by the Master, the pirates aborted the attempted attack and moved away leaving their ladder hanging on the ship's side.
15.	22.05.2018 0004 UTC Steaming Attempted	Name Withheld Product Tanker Marshall Islands 23248 -	03:46N – 001:30E, Around 140nm South of Lome, Togo	Seven pirates in a skiff came alongside the drifting tanker and tried to board via the poop deck. Alert duty crew spotted the pirates and raised the alarm resulting in the pirates aborting the boarding attempt and the skiff moving away. All crew safe. Master reported a suspicious vessel in the vicinity from which the pirates could have approached his tanker.
16.	01.07.2018 1030 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Frio Nagato Refrigerated Cargo Ship Panama 7367 9227596	04:06.4N – 006:55.9E, Around 18.7nm SW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	While steaming, a refrigerated cargo ship was fired upon by seven pirates in a blue coloured speed boat. Master raised the alarm, contacted local authorities, activated SSAS, increased the ship's speed and all crew mustered. A naval warship responded and escorted the ship to a safe anchorage. Ship's superstructure damaged by the gun shots. All crew reported safe.
17.	03.07.2018 1920 UTC Steaming Attempted	Coastal Vanguard Tug Netherlands 327 9591569	01:49.9N – 003:12.1E, Around 220nm SW of Bayelsa, Nigeria	Duty officer onboard the vessel noticed a fishing boat lowering a long skiff into the water. The skiff with four to five persons onboard started approaching the vessel and closed in to a distance of 0.5nm. Master raised the alarm, increased speed and headed into the swell. Several attempts were made by the skiff to get closer to the vessel, but failed due to the rough weather. After following the vessel for over five hours the skiff moved away.

18.	22.07.2018 1350 UTC Steaming Attempted	Toscana Tug Italy 431 9807827	01:30.1N – 001:15.7E, Around 257nm SSE of Accra, Ghana	Duty officer onboard the tug underway, noticed a fishing boat lowering two skiffs into the water. As the skiffs closed in to the tug, the Master raised the alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Due to the hardening measure taken by the tug, the skiffs aborted the attempted attack and returned to the fishing boat.
19.	25.09.2018 1142 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Name Withheld Tanker Marshall Islands 81186 -	02:45.6N – 006:39.1E, Around 100nm SSW of Bonny Island, Nigeria	Six armed pirates in a speed boat approached the tanker underway. Master raised the alarm, increased speed, started evasive manoeuvres, contacted the escort vessel and the non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The pirates fired towards the tanker and then moved away when they saw the escort vessel approaching. All crew safe and no damages reported.



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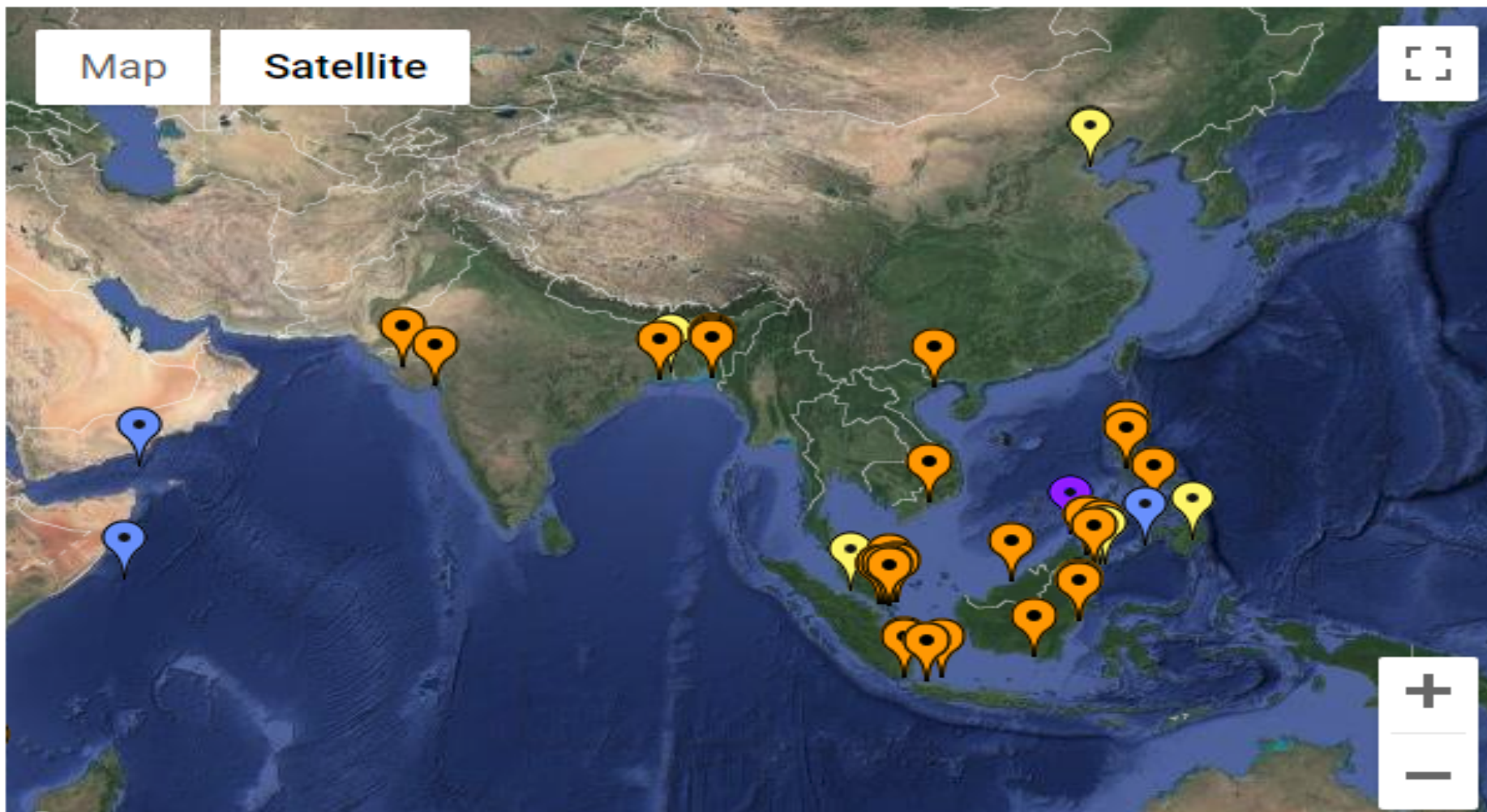
**Total number of attacks – 156**





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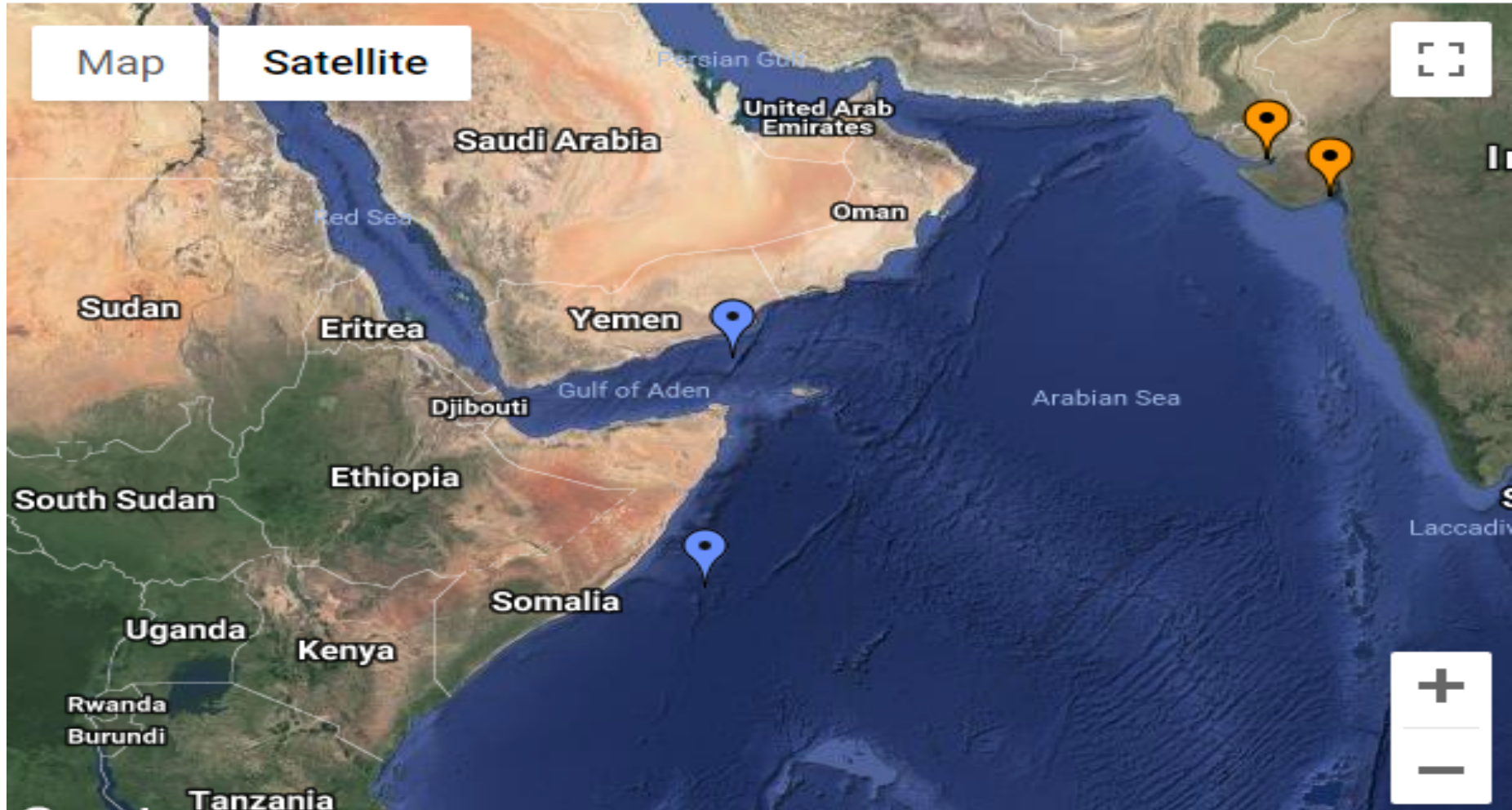
**Total attacks Indian Sub-Continent – 14**

**Total attacks East Asia & SE Asia – 53**



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**Total attacks Red Sea / Gulf of Aden – 1**

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**Total attacks Gulf of Guinea - 57**