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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 31 December 2007.

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 weekly 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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Weekly piracy report on the Internet: The IMB now posts the weekly updates of attacks on the Internet at www.icc-ccs.org. The report is compiled from the Piracy Reporting Centre's daily status bulletins. By posting the information on the Internet, ship owners and authorities ashore as well as ships at sea can access the weekly updates.

Sometimes, incidents occurring in the previous quarter(s) are reported to the Centre after a time lag. This late reporting of incidents results in changes to the figures in the tables. The Centre has, as at 31 December 2007, received reports of 263 incidents but may receive details of more in the coming months relating to the same period.

Because of the recent debate concerning Malacca Straits, narrations of incidents in this area are shown as separate categories. Similarly because of the increasing serious incidents off Somalia, incidents in this area are also shown as separate categories.

COMMENTS OF DEFINITIONS AND FIGURES

For *statistical purposes*, the IMB defines Piracy and Armed Robbery as;

“An act of boarding or attempting to board any ship with the apparent intent to commit theft or any other crime and with the apparent intent or capability to use force in the furtherance of that act”.

This definition thus covers actual or attempted attacks whether the ship is berthed, at anchor or at sea. Petty thefts are excluded unless the thieves are armed.

The above definition has been adopted by the IMB as the majority of attacks against ships take place within the jurisdictions of States and piracy as defined under United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea (1982) does not address this aspect.

The IMB is pleased to record that the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 74th meeting of MSC addressed this matter in the draft Code of practice for the Investigation of Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships (MSC/Circ.984) article (2.2) (The Code of Practice).

The Code of Practice defines “Piracy” and “Armed Robbery against Ships” as follows;

- Piracy means unlawful acts as defined in article 101 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS):

ARTICLE 101

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).

- *“Armed Robbery against Ships means any unlawful act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of “piracy”, directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such ship, within a State’s jurisdiction over such offences”*

The above definitions now cover actual or attempted attacks whether the ship is berthed, at anchor or at sea.

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- Union of Greek Shipowners, Greece
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TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks.

January – December : 2003 – 2007

Locations	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
S E ASIA Indonesia	121	94	79	50	43
Malacca Straits	28	38	12	11	7
Malaysia	5	9	3	10	9
Myanmar (Burma)		1			
Philippines	12	4		6	6
Singapore Straits	2	8	7	5	3
Thailand /Gulf of Thailand	2	4	1	1	2
FAR China / HK / Macau	1	3	4	1	
EAST Papua New Guinea					1
Solomon Islands					1
South China Sea	2	8	6	1	3
Taiwan	1				
Vietnam	15	4	10	3	5
INDIAN SUB Bangladesh	58	17	21	47	15
CONTINENT India	27	15	15	5	11
Sri Lanka	2			1	4
SOUTH Argentina				1	
AMERICA Brazil	7	7	2	7	4
Caribbean	4				
Colombia	10	5	2	2	
Cuba	4				
Dominican Republic	6	2	1		
Ecuador	2	1		1	
Guyana	6	2	1	1	5
Haiti	1	6	2		2
Honduras	1	1			
Jamaica	5	7	8	3	1
Martinique	1				
Panama	2				
Peru	7	5	6	9	6
Salvador			1		
Suriname					2
Trinidad & Tobago	2	1		1	
USA	1	1			
Venezuela	13	7	2	4	1
AFRICA Angola	3			4	1
Benin	1				
Cameroon	2	4	2	1	
Dem. Congo Republic				3	4
Egypt					2
Eritrea		1			1
Ghana	3	5	3	3	1
Guinea	4	5	1	4	2
Ivory Coast	2	4	3	1	
Kenya	1	1			4
Liberia	1	2			1
Madagascar		1	1		1
Mauritania		2	1	1	
Morocco			1		1
Mozambique	1				3
Nigeria	39	28	16	12	42

Gulf of Aden/ Red Sea	18	8	10	10	13
Senegal	8	5			
Sierra Leone		3		2	2
Somalia	3	2	35	10	31
South Africa	1				
Tanzania	5	2	7	9	11
Togo	1			1	
REST OF Arabian Sea		2	2	2	4
WORLD Arabian Gulf	1				
Belgium				1	
Bulgaria	1				
Indian Ocean			1		
Iran	2			2	2
Iraq		1	10	2	2
Oman					3
Pacific Ocean		1			
Saudi Arabia				1	
UAE		2			
United Kingdom					1
Total at year end	445	329	276	239	263

CHART A: The following locations shared almost two thirds of the total reported incidents, i.e. 166 from a total of 263 reported attacks for the period.

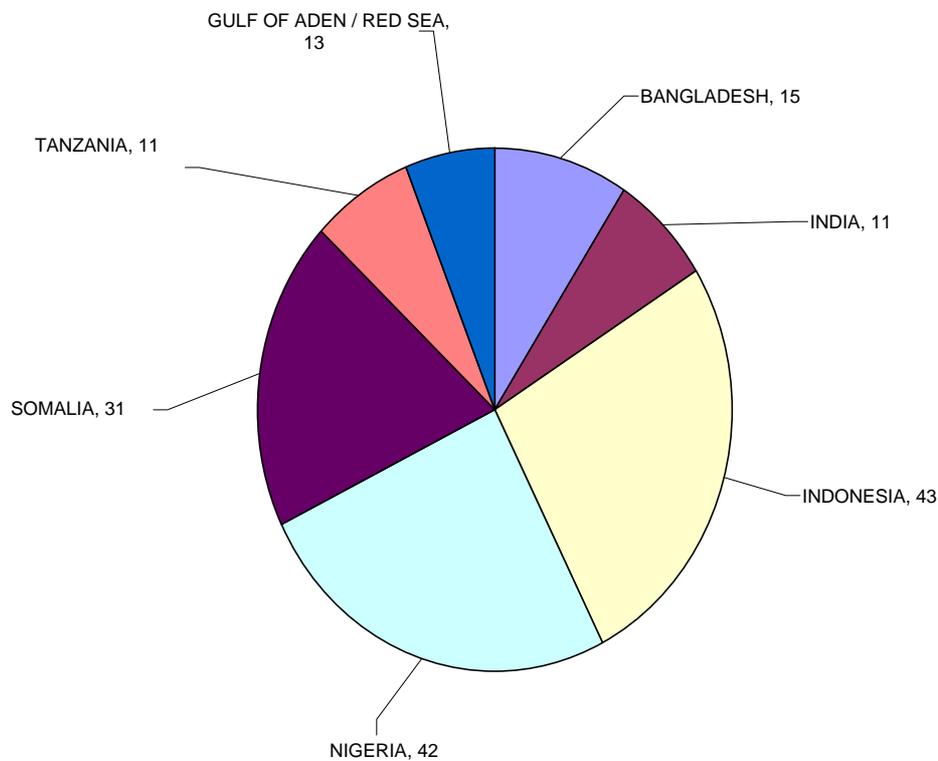


CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – December 2007

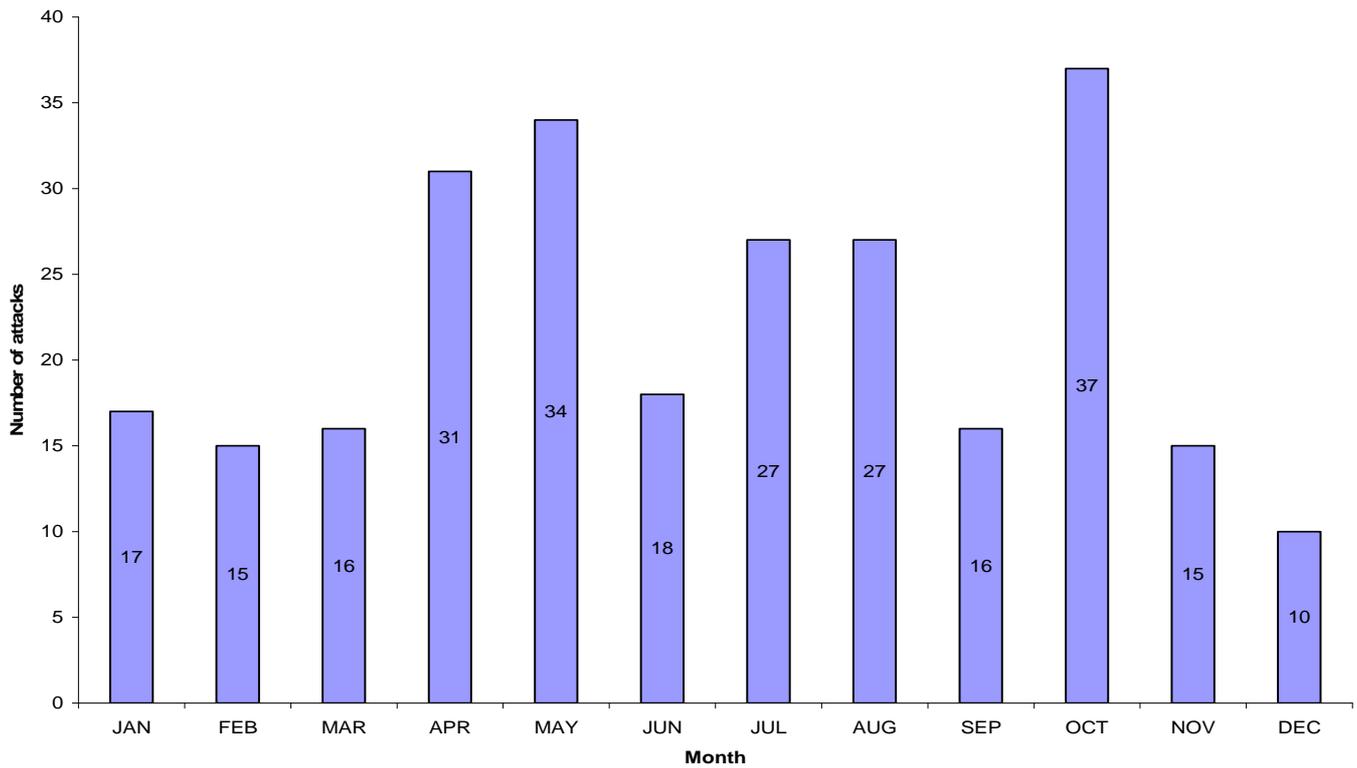
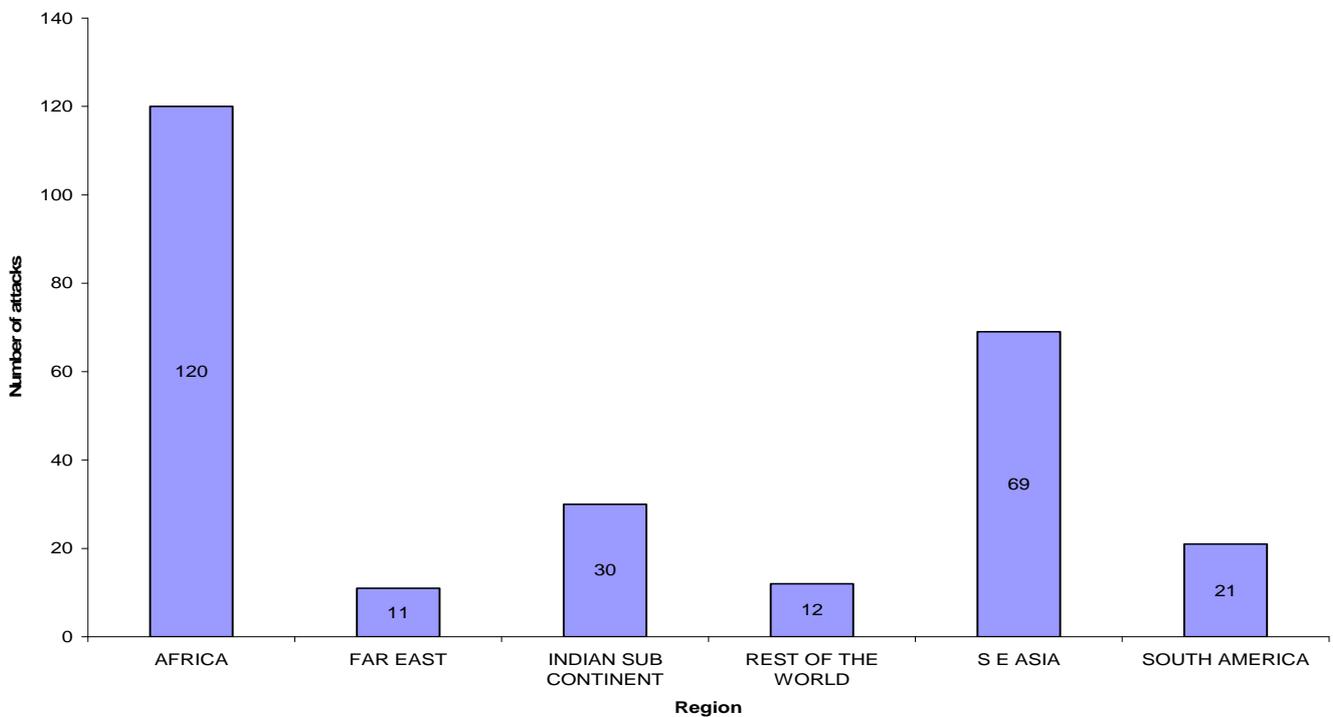


Chart C: Total Incidents as per region of the world January – December 2007



**Chart D: Countries / Area where five or more incidents have occurred
January – December 2007**

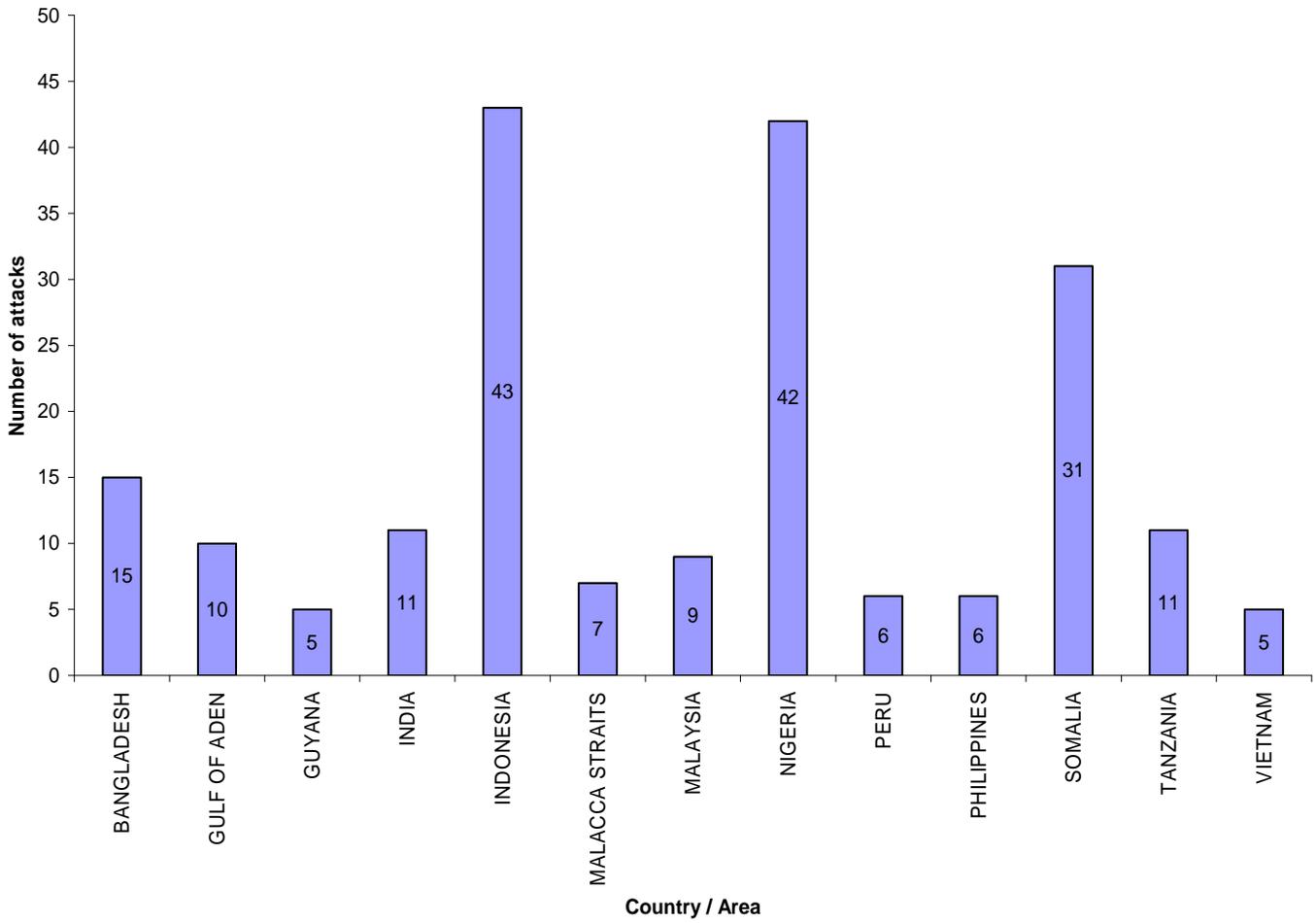


TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by location, January – December 2007

Location		ACTUAL ATTACKS				ATTEMPTED ATTACKS	
		Boarded	Hijacked	Detained	Missing	Fired Upon	Attempted Boarding
S E ASIA	Indonesia	33	1			1	8
	Malacca Straits	3					4
	Malaysia	9					
	Philippines	5					1
	Singapore Straits	2					1
	Thailand		2				
FAR	Papua New Guinea	1					
EAST	South China Sea	1				1	1
	Solomon Island	1					
	Vietnam	5					
INDIAN	Bangladesh	14					1
SUB CONT	India	11					
	Sri Lanka						4
SOUTH	Brazil	4					
AMERICA	Guyana	5					
	Haiti	2					
	Jamaica	1					
	Peru	4					2
	Surinam	2					
	Venezuela	1					
AFRICA	Angola	1					
	Dem. Republic Congo	4					
	Egypt	2					
	Eritrea		1				
	Ghana	1					
	Guinea	2					
	Gulf of Aden / Red Sea		1			2	10
	Kenya	2					2
	Liberia		1				
	Madagascar	1					
	Morocco	1					
	Mozambique	2					1
	Nigeria	35	1			1	5
	Sierra Leone	2					
	Somalia		11			8	12
Tanzania	9					2	
REST OF:	Arabian Sea						4
WORLD	Iran	1				1	
	Iraq	2					
	Oman						3
	United Kingdom						1
	Sub total	169	18			14	62
Total				263			

TABLE 3: Ports and anchorages, with three or more reported incidents.

January - December 2007

Country	Location	1.1.2007 to 31.12.2007
	Arabian Sea	4
	Gulf of Aden / Red Sea	13
	Malacca Straits	7
	Singapore Straits	3
Bangladesh	Chittagong	15
Brazil	Santos	3
Indonesia	Balikpapan	3
Indonesia	Balongan	6
Indonesia	Jakarta-Tg. Priok	3
Indonesia	Dumai	3
Indonesia	Belawan	9
Kenya	Mombasa	3
Nigeria	Bonny River	4
Nigeria	Lagos	25
Nigeria	Port Harcourt	3
Peru	Callao	5
Philippines	Manila	5
Somalia	Mogadishu	5
Tanzania	Dar es Salaam	11
Vietnam	Vung Tau	3

TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL attacks, January - December 2007

LOCATION	BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING	NOT STATED
S E ASIA Indonesia	6	23	5	
Malacca Straits			3	
Malaysia	3	3	3	
Philippines		5		
Singapore Straits		2		
Thailand			2	
FAR Papua New Guinea			1	
EAST South China Sea			1	
Solomon Island		1		
Vietnam	1	4		
INDIAN Bangladesh	2	12		
SUB CONT India		7	4	
SOUTH Brazil	1	3		
AMERICA Guyana			4	1
Haiti		2		
Jamaica		1		
Peru	1	3		
Suriname			1	1
Venezuela		1		
AFRICA Angola		1		
Dem. Republic Congo		4		
Egypt		1	1	
Eritrea			1	
Ghana		1		
Guinea		2		
Gulf Aden / Red Sea			1	

	Kenya		2		
	Liberia		1		
	Madagascar		1		
	Morocco	1			
	Mozambique	1	1		
	Nigeria	5	19	9	3
	Sierra Leone			2	
	Somalia		2	7	2
	Tanzania	1	1	7	
REST OF WORLD	Iran			1	
	Iraq		2		
	Sub Total	22	105	53	7
	Total			187	

TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED attacks, January – December 2007

LOCATION	BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING	NOT STATED
S E ASIA Indonesia		5	4	
Malacca Straits			4	
Philippines			1	
Singapore Straits		1		
FAR EAST South China Sea			2	
INDIAN Bangladesh		1		
SUN CONT Sri Lanka			4	
S. AMERICA Peru		1	1	
AFRICA Gulf of Aden / Red Sea			12	
Kenya		1	1	
Mozambique		1		
Nigeria		5	1	
Somalia		2	18	
Tanzania			2	
REST OF WORLD Arabian Sea			4	
Iran			1	
Oman			3	
United Kingdom	1			
Sub Total	1	17	58	
Total			76	

TABLE 6: Types of arms used during attacks, January - December 2003 - 2007

Types of Arms	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Guns	100	89	80	53	72
Knives	143	95	80	76	67
Not stated	168	130	103	100	110
Other weapons	34	15	13	10	14
Total at year end	445	329	276	239	263

TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of attacks, January - December 2003 – 2007

Category	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Attempted	93	77	52	56	62
Fired upon	20	13	19	7	14
Hijack	19	11	23	14	18
Missing	2	-	-	-	-
Boarded	311	228	182	162	169
Total at year end	445	329	276	239	263

TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – December 2003 – 2007

Types of Violence	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Taken hostage	359	148	440	188	292
Kidnap/Ransom		86	13	77	63
Crew threatened	65	34	14	17	6
Crew assaulted	40	12	6	2	29
Crew injured	88	59	24	15	35
Crew killed	21	32	-	15	5
Missing	71	30	12	3	3
Total Jan – Dec.	644	401	509	317	433

TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January - December 2007

Location		Taken Hostage	Crew Threatened	Crew Assault	Crew Injured	Crew Killed	Missing	Kidnap
S E ASIA	Indonesia	8	2	1	1		1	
	Malaysia	9		6	4		1	
	Malacca Straits							2
	Singapore Straits	1						
	Thailand	11				1		
FAR EAST	Papua New Guinea						1	
INDIAN SUB CONT	Bangladesh				3			
SOUTH AMERICA	Brazil	1		1				
	Guyana	11						
	Peru	2						
	Suriname	2		19				1
AFRICA	Angola	1						
	Democratic Republic of Congo		1					
	Eritrea	23						
	Ghana	1						
	Gulf of Aden/Red Sea	23						
	Liberia				3			
	Madagascar				2			
	Nigeria	36	2	2	15	2		40
	Sierra Leone	2						
	Somalia	154			6	2		20
	Tanzania	3						
REST OF WORLD	Iran	4	1					
	Iraq				1			
	Sub total	292	6	29	35	5	3	63
	Total	433						

TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January - December 2007

LOCATIONS		Armed with Guns	Armed with Knives	Other Weapons	Not Stated
S E ASIA	Indonesia	6	10	5	22
	Malacca Straits	1			6
	Malaysia	3	4		2
	Philippines	1	2		3
	Singapore Straits		1		2
	Thailand / Gulf of Thailand	1			1
FAR	Papua New Guinea			1	
EAST	South China Sea	1			2
	Solomon Islands		1		
	Vietnam		2		3
INDIAN	Bangladesh		11		4
SUB CONT	India		5	1	5
	Sri Lanka			1	3
SOUTH	Brazil	3			1
AMERICA	Guyana	4			1
	Haiti		1		1
	Jamaica				1
	Peru		2	2	2
	Suriname	2			
	Venezuela				1
AFRICA	Angola				1
	Dem. Republic Congo		3		1
	Egypt				2
	Eritrea				1
	Ghana		1		
	Guinea	1	1		
	Gulf of Aden / Red Sea	3			10
	Kenya		1		3
	Liberia		1		
	Madagascar		1		
	Morocco		1		
	Mozambique		2		1
	Nigeria	19	14	2	7
	Somalia	19			12
Sierra Leone	2				
Tanzania		3	2	6	
REST OF	Arabian Sea				4
WORLD	Iran	2			
	Iraq	2			
	Oman	2			1
	United Kingdom				1
Sub total		72	67	14	110
Total		263			

TABLE 11: Types of vessels attacked, January – December 2003 – 2007

Type	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barge / Barge carrier	2	1	2	2	1
Bulk carrier	114	73	81	57	32
Cable Layer	1		1		
Catamaran	1	1	1		
Cement Carrier		1			
Container	56	48	30	49	53
Diving Support Vessel		1			
Dhow				2	3
Ferry	2				
General cargo	73	38	46	30	36
Heavy Lift					
Hopper Dredger				1	
Landing Craft		2		2	
Lighterage Ship					
Livestock carrier		2			
Multipurpose	1				
OBO	2				
Offshore Processing Ship			1	1	1
Offshore Barge					
Passenger	1		1	2	1
Pollution Control				1	
Refrigerated	7	10	3	3	7
Research ship					2
Rig / Platform					3
RORO	5	2	5	2	3
Special Purpose Ship	1				
Supply Ship	5	8	2	1	
Support ship					1
Survey Ship	2				
Tanker Bitumen					1
Tanker Chem / Product	49	56	43	35	52
Tanker Crude Oil	42	17	22	9	25
Tanker LNG		1			1
Tanker LPG	14	13	5	4	5
Trawler/Fishing	28	18	7	18	16
Tug / Tug & barge	19	24	13	9	7
Vehicle carrier	1	1	2	1	1
Yacht	15	11	7	10	8
Not stated	4	1	4	-	4
Total at year end	445	329	276	239	263

CHART E: Types of vessels attacked for the year 2007

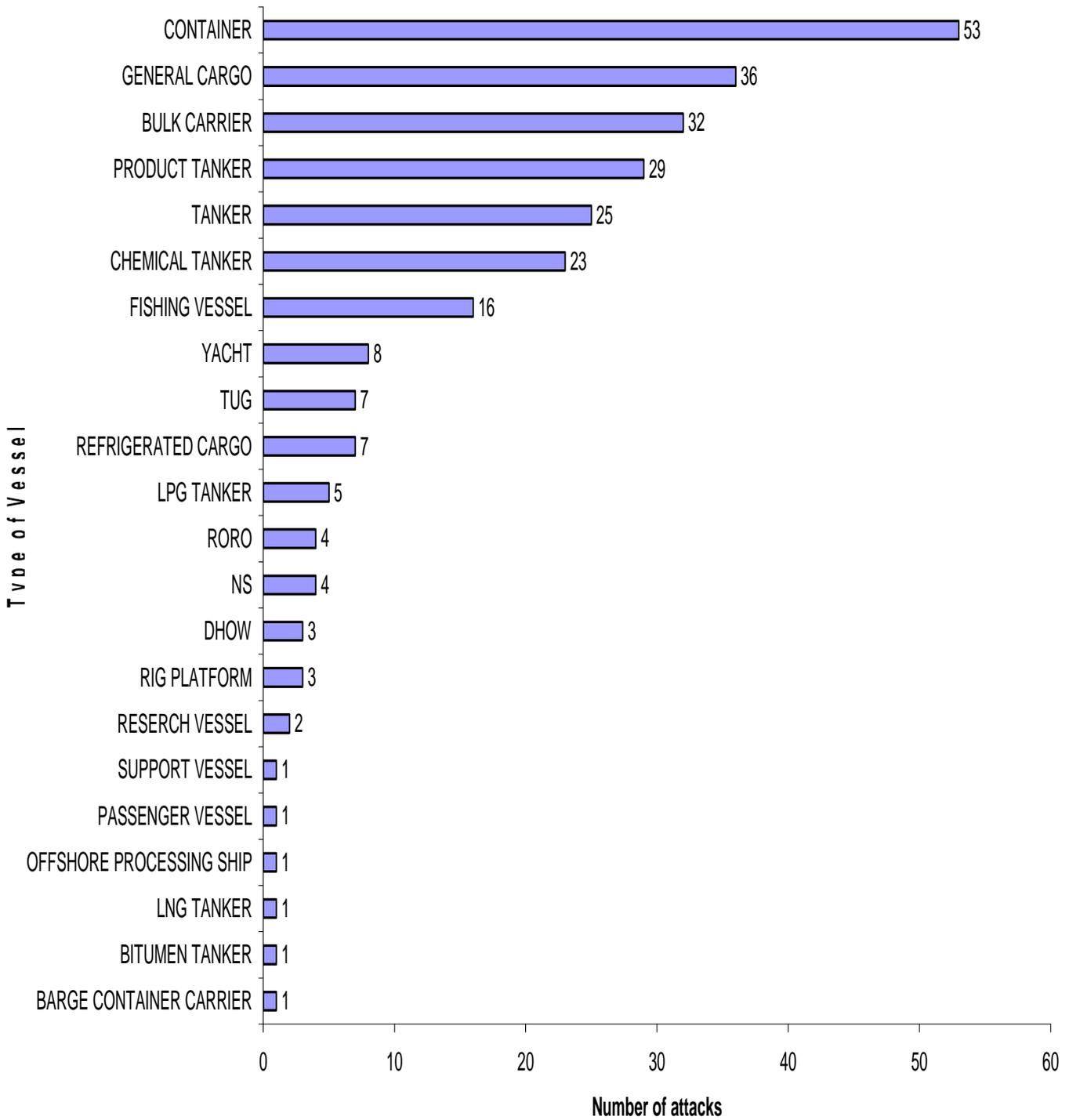


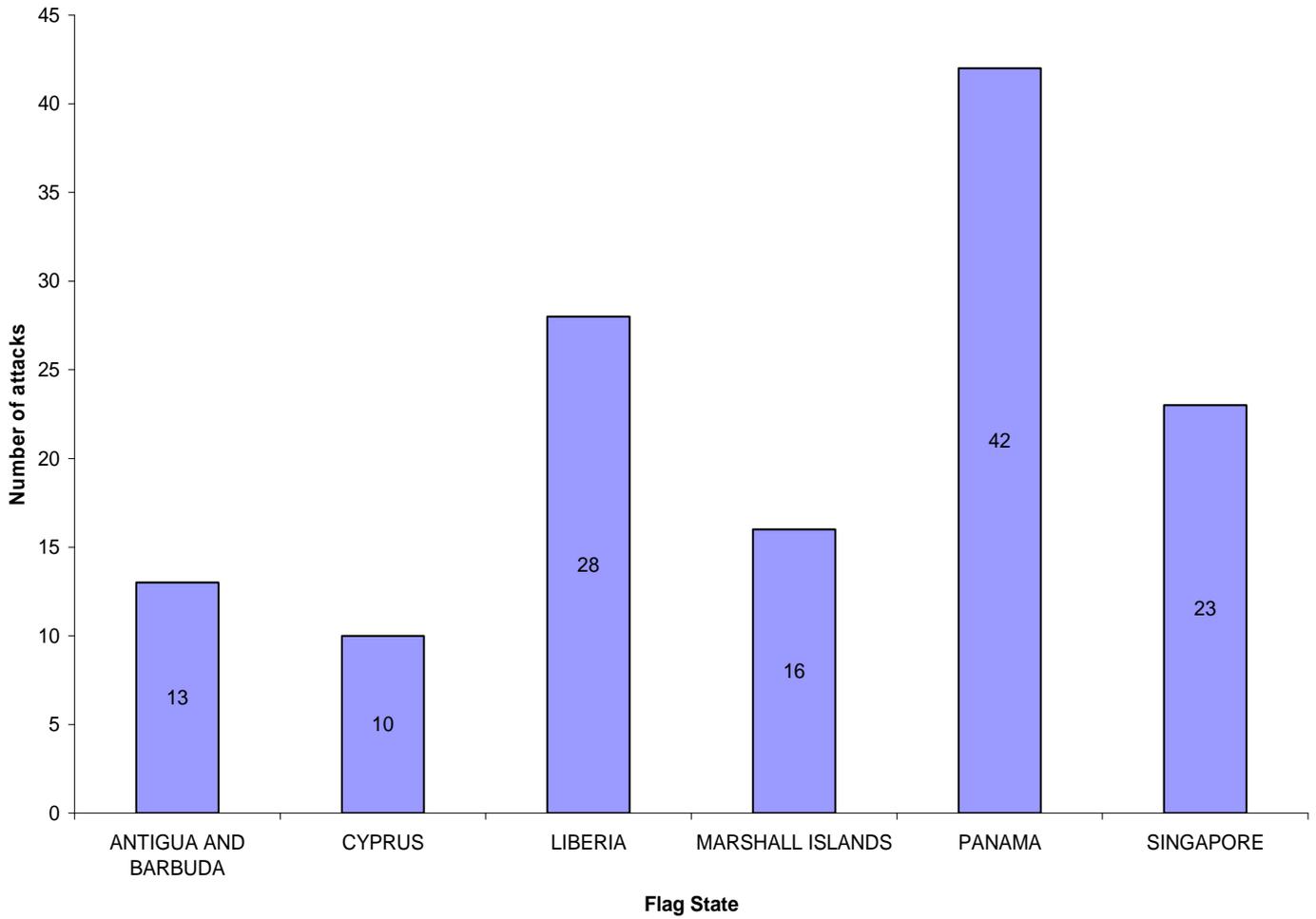
TABLE 12: Nationalities of ships attacked, January - December 2003 – 2007

Flag State	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Algeria	1	1	1		
Antigua Barbuda	11	9	8	10	13
Antilles Netherlands	3	4	2	2	
Australia	4			1	
Austria				2	
Bahamas	17	8	9	5	7
Bahrain		1			
Bangladesh	18	6		1	1
Barbados	1				
Belgium	1				
Belize	1	2	1		
Bermuda	2				
Bolivia	1				
Brazil		2	1		1
British Virgin Islands			1		
Cambodia	2		1		1
Canada		1			1
Cayman Island	1	4	3	1	1
Chile		2			
China	2	2	1	1	2
Comoros					3
Colombia	1				
Croatia	1				1
Cuba	2				
Cyprus	24	14	13	5	10
Denmark/Int'l	12	2	1	1	3
Dominica			1		
Estonia	1				
Egypt			1		1
France	3	1		1	
Gambia					1
Georgia		1	2		
Germany	1	1		1	1
Gibraltar	2	4	1		6
Greece	10	5	1	1	1
Guyana					6
Honduras	1	1	1		1
Hong Kong (SAR)	20	6	12	10	7
Hungary	1				
India	17	9	10	7	6
Indonesia	8	12	6	6	3
Iran	3	3	7	2	
Isle Of Man	6	2		4	2
Italy	1	3	3		1
Japan		2	2		1
Jordan				3	1
Korea North	1	1		1	1
Korea South	4	2		4	
Lebanon	1				
Liberia	27	34	18	24	28
Lithuania	1				2
Luxemburg	1				1
Madeira				1	

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Malaysia	27	17	13	11	5
Maldives	1		2		
Malta	17	13	11	14	6
Marshall Islands	6	6	9	7	16
Mongolia		1	1		1
Monrovia			1		
Morocco	1				
Myanmar		1	2	1	1
Netherlands	6	1	3	3	4
Nigeria	2	5			2
Norway	11	7	3	3	8
Oman				1	
Pakistan		1	2		1
Panama	62	64	50	42	42
Paraguay				1	
Philippines	5	2	3	3	1
Portugal					2
Qatar	2	1			2
Russia	1			1	
South Africa		1			
Saudi Arabia		1		1	
Singapore	41	31	24	20	23
Spain	1				
St. Kitts & Nevis			1	1	3
St. Vincent Grenadines	6	3	7	6	4
Sri Lanka	1	2	2		
Suriname					1
Switzerland	1			2	
Taiwan	3		4		2
Thailand	4	4	6	2	3
Tanzania	1				2
Trinidad & Tobago	1	1		1	
Turkey	1	2	1	2	2
Tuvalu		1		5	2
UAE		2		1	3
Ukraine	1				
United Kingdom	6	7	4	3	3
USA	6	1	7	6	1
Vanuatu	2	2	1	2	1
Venezuela		1			
Vietnam	1	3	3	1	1
Not Stated	14	3	9	5	7
Total year end	445	329	276	239	263

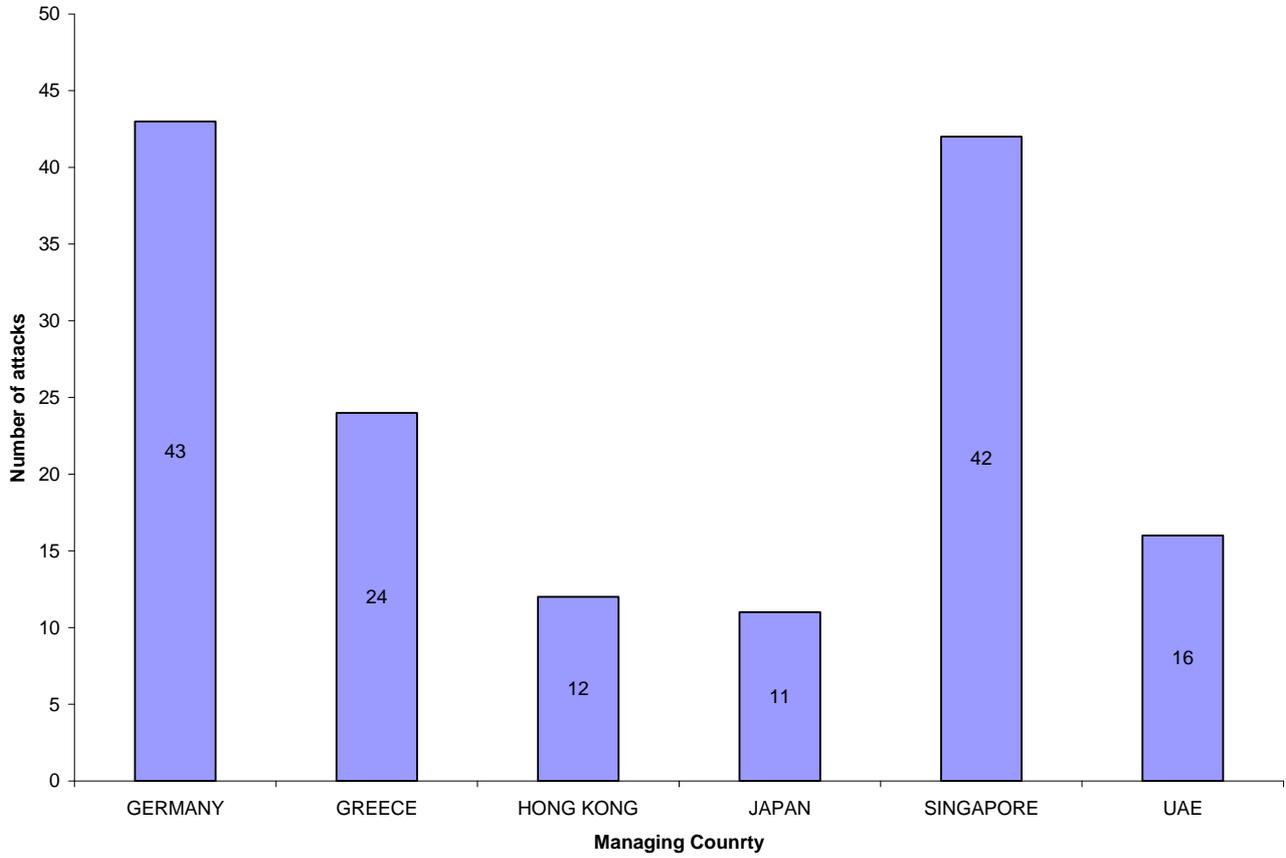
CHART F: Flag States whose vessels attacked ten times or more from January – December 2007



**TABLE 13: Countries where victim ships controlled / managed,
January – December 2007**

Country	No of Ships
Australia	1
Bangladesh	1
Belgium	1
Canada	1
China	3
Croatia	2
Cyprus	4
Denmark	5
Egypt	1
Estonia	1
Finland	1
France	3
Germany	43
Greece	24
Guyana	5
Hong Kong	12
India	9
Indonesia	3
Iran	1
Italy	2
Japan	11
Kenya	1
Korea North	1
Korea South	4
Kuwait	1
Lithuania	2
Madeira	1
Malaysia	5
Monaco	1
Netherlands	5
Nigeria	2
Norway	7
Pakistan	1
Russia	1
Singapore	42
South Africa	1
Sri Lanka	1
Suriname	2
Sweden	1
Switzerland	1
Taiwan	4
Thailand	3
Turkey	2
UAE	16
Ukraine	1
United Kingdom	7
USA	4
Vietnam	1
Not Stated	11
Total	263

CHART G: Managing countries whose ships attacked more than ten times from January – December 2007



PIRACY 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 : Chittagong

Sixty two incidents have been reported since January 2006. Pirates are targeting ships preparing to anchor. Most attacks reported at Chittagong anchorages and approaches. Although the number of attacks has fallen recently, the area is still listed as very high risk.

Indonesia : Balongan, Balikpapan, Belawan.

Generally be vigilant in other areas. Many attacks may have gone unreported.

Malacca Straits : Although the number of attacks has dropped due to the increase and constant patrols by the littoral states relevant Authorities since July 2005, ships are advised to continue maintaining a strict anti piracy watch when transiting the straits.

Philippines : Manila – Pirates target ships at anchor.

Singapore Straits : Pirates seen attacking ships while at anchor but in the past several ships were attacked while underway.

AFRICA AND RED SEA.

Africa :

Nigeria: Lagos & Bonny River

Pirates are violent and have attacked and robbed vessels/kidnapped crews along the coast and river, at anchorages and ports. Forty-two incidents have been reported in Nigeria this year. Twenty-five attacks alone for Lagos and four for Bonny River. Generally be vigilant in other areas in Nigeria.

Tanzania: Dar Es Salaam – Eleven incidents have been reported this year alone. Pirates are targeting mostly container ships in port and anchorage areas.

Kenya: Mombasa

Gulf of Aden/Red Sea : Numerous pirate attacks have been reported by ships and yachts in the Gulf of Aden/Red Sea. In the past, some of the vessels have been fired upon.

Somalia : The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre has received 31 actual and attempted attacks so far this year. Many more attacks may have gone unreported. The use of RPG (Rocket Propelled Grenade) launchers and automatic weapons on ships has been reported. Pirates are believed to use “mother vessels”; capable of launching smaller craft, to launch attacks further away from the coast.

Eastern and North-eastern coasts are high risk areas for attacks and hijackings. Recently, coalition naval forces have increased patrols and have been actively involved in the release of hijacked vessels resulting in a drop in attacks. The IMB continues to advice, vessels not making scheduled calls to ports in Somalia to keep as far away as possible from the Somali coast, ideally more than 200 nautical miles until a more permanent and encouraging sign is seen.

Mariners are advised to report any suspicious boats to the Centre.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS.

Brazil : Santos - Although the number of attacks has dropped in Santos. Ships are advised to continue to remain vigilant.

Peru : Callao

REST OF THE WORLD

Arabian Sea – Sightings and calls from suspicious small boats. In some cases, boats have chased ships with unknown intent.

Reporting of incidents

Ships are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watches and report **all piratical attacks and suspicious movements of crafts** to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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TRENDS

The total number of incidents reported in 2007 indicates an overall increase in the number of attacks as compared to 2006.

Compared to 2006, there has been an approximate 10% increase in the total number of attacks reported to the Piracy Reporting Centre.

The significant increase in the incidents can be directly related to the increase in the reported incidents in Nigeria (42) and Somalia (31) as compared to the attacks reported in Nigeria (12) and Somalia (10) in 2006. This rise can be attributed to the increased ability of the pirates to attack vessels further out at sea as well as being better armed, organised and last but not least the lack of proper law enforcement.

Nigeria has recorded the second highest reported incidents in 2007 with the highest number of vessels boarded (35). The attacks and kidnappings are all being justified under the umbrella of political change. From the shipping industries point of view this is nothing short of being criminal.

Somalia has seen the highest hostages taken (154) in eleven hijackings. The recent intervention of the international community and the coalition forces may prove to be the only way forward in curbing the enthusiasm of the pirates who have until now shown complete disregard for the law.

On the brighter side, there has been a steady decrease in incidents reported in SE Asia.

Over the last five years, there has been a significant drop in the incidents reported in Indonesia, where in 2003, there were 121 reported incidents and in 2007, there have been only 43 incidents. Malaysia, Malacca Straits and Singapore Straits have also seen steady decrease in reported incidents. This welcomed reduction has been the cumulative result of increased vigilance and patrolling by the littoral states and the continued precautionary measures on board the ships.

Authorities in Bangladesh have to be commended for their efforts in reducing the reported incidents from 47 in 2006 to only 15 in 2007. This should however, not be taken as an indication that the threat has ceased to exist. Masters are advised to maintain strict anti piracy watches especially while approaching the anchorage and while anchored.

The nature of the attacks indicates that the pirates / robbers boarding the vessels are better armed and they have shown no hesitation in assaulting and injuring the crew. The total incidents in which guns have been used are 72. The total number of crew assaulted and injured is 64 as compared to 17 in 2006.

This rise in the incidents indicates a breakdown in the capability of certain countries to address the problem. The IMB strongly believes that unless continuous worldwide pressure on the law enforcement agencies and governments is exerted the governments will not give this crime the priority that it requires. Piracy not only affects the crew on board the vessels, traders and governments but also, at the grass

route the common man who may probably be deprived of much needed aid being shipped to him.

The IMB therefore strongly urges all ship Masters, Owners, shipping industry and the respective flag states to report all incidents of actual and attempted piracy and armed robbery to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. These reports are extremely important to indicate to the law enforcement agencies and the governments the severity of the problem in their waters hence urging them to take appropriate action.

The IMB is aware that a number of incidents go unreported each year due to various problems.

OBSERVATIONS

Narrations of the 263 attacks for 2007 are listed on pages 41 to 91. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence, are described in more detail.

Nigeria:

On 8 January 2007, a Danish Product Tanker MT Torm Estrid was attacked by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 06:19 North and Longitude 003:23 East, Lagos Roads, Nigeria.

Five pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the ship at approximately 2335 LT during STS discharge cargo operations. They attacked the duty crew Bosun who sustained injuries to his left hand. They then tied him up and stole his personal effects. The pirates then hit the Bosun and threatened to cut off his ears if he did not reveal the code for the locks to the Cargo Control Room and how much money was onboard.

The Duty Officer noticed the pirates and raised the alarm. The pirates managed to escape. Crew personal belongings and ship's store were stolen. The incident was reported to the Port Control.

Nigeria:

On 20 January 2007, a Liberian barge container carrier MV Baco-Liner 2 was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 05:33.5 North and Longitude 005:24.5 East, Chanomi Creek, Nigeria at approximately 0930 UTC.

The armed pirates/militants blocked the channel with their boats, which were equipped with sophisticated heavy weapons. They forced the Master to stop the vessel, drop anchor and lower the gangway. The vessel was boarded and 17 crew members abducted. The remaining pirates/militants took 7 other crew members as hostage and hijacked the vessel. The pilot onboard at the time was later released.

The kidnappers subsequently released the crew on 13 February following the intervention of local elders and authorities.

Somalia:

On 8 February 2007, a Panamanian Product Tanker MT Sea Energy while at anchor was attacked by armed pirates at approximately 2130 Hrs LT at position Latitude 02:00.44 North and Longitude 045:20.7 East, about 1.5 NM off Mogadishu, Somalia.

Five pirates armed with guns attempted to board the tanker. Master raised the alarm, crew mustered and activated fire hoses pointing to the pirate boat. The pirates fired three times at the tanker before making their escape. One bullet hit near the starboard navigation light.

Master contacted Port Control and Agent for assistance. Four security gun men with tug arrived and searched the area at 2245 Hrs LT and then boarded the tanker.

Nigeria:

On 8 February 2007, a Panamanian tug TB Ocean Satin was attacked while steaming by armed pirates at position Latitude 05:23.4 North and Longitude 005:11.7 East, in the vicinity of Forcados river, Nigeria at approximately 1950 Hrs LT.

Five heavily armed pirates in a speed boat boarded the vessel. The Master was ordered to drop anchor and the crew members and supernumeraries were forced to the bridge. Pirates smashed Master's head with a bottle. The armed pirates one by one accompanied each crew member to their respective cabin. They then ransacked each crew cabin and took all valuable personal belongings of the crew. Ship's properties were also stolen before the pirates escaped at 0130 Hrs LT.

Vessel's call for assistance from shore received no response.

Earlier on 3 February 2007, a Singaporean Product Tanker MT Watford while steaming was attacked by armed pirates at position Latitude 06:03.0 North and Longitude 003:25.5 East at approximately 0245 Hrs LT.

Five pirates armed with guns boarded the tanker which was drifting 20 miles off the breakwaters. Pirates threatened the Duty A/B at the forward station by pointing a gun at him. They then entered the Bosun store. The other crew members informed the OOW who raised the alarm and crew mustered. The Port Control was informed but there was no response.

Pirates stole ship's stores and escaped in a motor canoe.

Somalia:

On 25 February 2007, a St Vincent and Grenadines flagged general cargo ship MV Rozen was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates at approximately 0603 UTC at position Latitude 11:50 North and Longitude 051:35 East.

The UN World Food Program (WFP) chartered ship departed Berbera port after discharging UN food aid. While returning to Kenya, the ship was hijacked by armed pirates.

The "Somali Coast Guard" / Puntland Authorities were informed and intercepted the ship. There was gunfire between the hijackers and the "Coast Guard / Puntland Authorities". Fortunately, the 12 crew members onboard the ship was not hurt.

The Authorities could not board the ship due to strong resistance from the hijackers who were also heavily armed.

The pirates had taken the ship to Ehinowea Dhiedhiglay in the southern region and anchored her about 1.2 NM from shore. The vessel was subsequently released on 5 April 2007. The crew – consisting of six Kenyans and six from Sri Lanka – is reported to be well after their month long ordeal.

Red Sea:

On 11 March 2007, a Panamanian research vessel MV Northern Explorer was attacked by armed pirates while steaming at position Latitude 18:32.56 North and Longitude 038:12.25 East at approximately 1812 UTC.

Fifteen pirates in a 12 metre long wooden boat armed with AK 47 rifles approached the vessel which was conducting survey operations. They then opened fire towards the bridge of the vessel. The vessel activated the SSAS and contacted the Sudanese Authorities. The vessel then managed to clear from that area.

The following day on 12 March 2007 at approximately 0910 UTC, at position Latitude 18:29.02 North and Longitude 038:19.26 East, three pirates in a speed boat opened fire at the vessel. A Sudanese Navy vessel came to its assistance and detained the pirates. It appears that after 20 minutes, the pirates were released.

Suriname:

On 8 May 2007, four Suriname fishing vessels were reportedly attacked by armed pirates in the Corentyne River at approximately 1800 Hrs LT. Four pirates armed with guns boarded the fishing vessels and assaulted the crew members. One crew member was kidnapped and the pirates stole the fishing vessels' properties including their outboard engines, cargo and crew personal belongings and escaped. The fishing vessels drifted and crew were rescued on 10 May 2007 at approximately 1500 Hrs IT.

Somalia;

On 14 May 2007 an UAE owned general cargo ship IBN YOUNUS was attacked in position 01:19.62N - 048:51.92E, 180 nautical miles off Somalia.

Pirates, armed with machine guns and rocket launchers, approached the general cargo ship underway from her port quarter. The pirates ordered the ship to stop and started firing towards the bridge. The duty officer raised the emergency alarm. The master activated the Ship Security Alarm System and started taking evasive manoeuvres to prevent the boarding of the pirates. The master had to fire rocket parachute distress signals on the pirate boat when he saw the pirates preparing to fire a rocket propelled grenade. The ship was hit and the accommodation caught fire. The crew took preventive measures to stop the fire from spreading and finally managed to extinguish the fire. There was extensive damage to the accommodation.

The master continuously manoeuvred the vessel to prevent the pirates from boarding. The attack lasted for one hour before the pirates aborted the attack. No injuries were reported to crew.

The Piracy Reporting Centre relayed a message to the coalition navy for assistance.

Nigeria:

On 19 May 2007 four armed pirates boarded the refrigerated cargo ship Silver Cape while she was berthed at Port Harcourt.

Armed pirates in military fatigue boarded the refrigerated cargo ship via the quay side accommodation ladder. Before the Duty AB could inform the D/O, the pirates assaulted the AB with the butt of their guns and then shot him in his legs. Hearing the shots, the ship's alarm was raised and the pirates ran back onto the quay. While escaping, more shots were fired at the ship's superstructure. They escaped in a boat waiting at the stern of the ship.

The ambulance and police refused to come to the port and the injured AB had to be sent to the hospital via the port security car. After four hours, the pirates once again attempted to gain access to the vessel via the stern but were deterred by the sounding of the ship's alarm and the armed watchmen on the nearby vessel.

Thailand:

On 22 May 2007, at around 0200 hrs LT Thai Tanker MT THANADOL 4 was hijacked in approximate position, Latitude 07:00 North and Longitude 102:00 East, in the Gulf of Siam. The tanker was loaded with 400,000 litres of fuel oil to supply fishing vessels at sea. The pirate, who used to be a crew member of the tanker, came alongside in his fishing boat. He boarded and hijacked the tanker. He tried to convince the Master of the tanker to rob the tanker. The Master was shot when he refused to cooperate and thrown him into the sea. Three crew members heard the shot and escaped by jumping overboard. They were later picked up by a passing fishing boat which contacted the Thai Police and Navy. The Police dispatched two marine police patrol boats and Navy aircraft to locate the pirate. The Police caught the pirate who tried to escape in a fishing boat. The police then located the tanker with the remaining three crew members and took the tanker to the marine police base for investigation.

Nigeria:

On 21 June 2007 the Tanker Cape Bindisi was moored to a SBM at Pennington, Nigeria.

The tanker was carrying out cargo operations when shots were heard. The vessel was under attack from armed pirates. The pirates boarded the standby tug at the stern of the vessel and contacted the ship via VHF demanding to be let on board or the vessel would be sunk. The crew mustered, and took anti piracy measures. The mooring master called up the terminal and requested that all cargo operations be stopped. Once this was achieved the vessel disconnected from the SBM, the tug was cast off and the ship proceeded at full speed to sea.

The Pennington security Officer was called on VHF and mobile phone – no response was received. The Nigerian navy vessel arranged for security in the area also ignored the VHF calls.

South China Sea:

On 26 July 2007 a Chinese Fishing Vessel Huyu 908 was attacked by armed pirates, while underway, approximately 40 NM west of Anambas Islands, South China Sea at around 0730 hrs LT.

The fishing vessel was approached by a small rubber boat with five persons armed with guns. The men, believed to be pirates, shot at and attempted to board the fishing boat. The fishing vessel increased speed and managed to escape. The small rubber boat was launched from a blue tug.

The bullets damaged the fishing vessel's hull / bridge glass windows. The incident was reported to the Authorities.

Iraq:

On 2 August 2007 a Cyprus flagged Container ship, MV Sima Touba, was attacked by armed pirates while anchored at Umm Qasr Anchorage, Iraq, in position Latitude 29:43.6 North and Longitude 048:40.1 East at approximately 0200 hrs LT.

The pirates, armed with guns, boarded the ship and opened fire with their automatic weapons damaging the, master's cabin, porthole. The Second Officer received injuries on his fingers.

The pirates escaped after stealing the ships and crew cash and Master and crew's personal belongings.

Indonesia:

On 24 August 2007, a Singapore flagged Tanker MT Sichem Eva was believed to have been attacked by pirates while anchor at position Latitude 03:55.3 North and Longitude 098:46.56 East in Belawan at approximately 0055 Hrs LT.

The tanker waiting to berth maintained an anti piracy watch at the forecastle, main deck and poop deck while the duty officer was on the bridge. The ABs on piracy watch on the main deck and poop deck heard the AB on the forecastle shouting and alerted the duty officer on the bridge on radio. The Duty Officer tried to contact the AB but the AB on the forecastle could not be reached. The Duty Officer then raised the emergency alarm and all crew were alerted. The crew then searched the area but the AB could not be located. They found some foot and hand prints on the forecastle. Local Authorities were informed and to date, the AB is still missing.

Somalia:

On 20 September 2007, a Greek flagged Fishing Vessel FV Greko 2 was attacked and hijacked by armed Somali pirates about 110 NM west of Berbera, Somalia at approximately 1715 Hrs LT.

The pirates hijacked the vessel and anchored her near the village of Raas Shula. All 16 crews plus four Somali security personnel onboard were taken out of the vessel. The pirates also destroyed all the equipment onboard and stole everything they could move from the vessel including some diesel oil except the engines. The crews were intimidated but not harmed and later returned to the vessel.

The vessel was released on 23 September 2007 and arrived at Aden port, Yemen. Owners said that no ransom was paid.

Indonesia:

On 22 September 2007, an Indonesian Product Tanker MT Kraton was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates after departing Palembang enroute to Cilacap, Indonesia at approximately 1950 Hrs LT.

The product tanker was laden with a cargo of Palm Olein. Pirates armed with guns boarded the tanker and took control of the ship. They then diverted the ship away from her original route and headed towards Malaysia/Singapore.

Owners contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) and reported the incident. The IMB PRC then relayed the message to all Authorities in the region to lookout for the hijacked tanker.

The Indonesian Navy managed to locate the tanker on 24 September 2007, south of Tanjung Ayam. They boarded and detained all 14 pirates for investigation. All crew were found safe onboard.

Bangladesh:

On 12 October 2007, a Bangladeshi General Cargo ship MV Banglar Mookh was attacked by armed robbers while at berth at TSP Jetty, Chittagong Port, Bangladesh.

About five robbers boarded the ship from the stern. They stabbed the watchman on duty and stole ship's stores. Duty Officer raised the alarm and the robbers escaped. The watchman is in serious condition.

The port control and coast guard were notified and the coast guard managed to recover the stolen items and return them to the ship on 14 October 2007.

Iran :

On 16 October 2007, a Panamanian Container Ship MV Navid while steaming was attacked by armed pirates at position Latitude 30:06.0 North and Longitude 048:24.4 East, Shatt Al Arab River, Iran at approximately 0145 Hrs LT.

Five pirates in a speed boat and armed with AK 47 automatic rifles boarded the ship underway. The ship was on the way to Khoramshahr port in Iran. The pirates pointed their guns at the ship's crew. They took the Master, Chief Engineer, 2nd Officer and pilot as hostage. The Chief Officer discovered the incident and raised the alarm. The pirates fired at the Chief Officer but missed. The Chief Officer managed to escape.

The pirates robbed the crew of cash and property before escaping in their speed boat. Port Control and the Iranian Coast Guard were informed.

Somalia:

On 17 October 2007, a Comoros flagged General Cargo ship MV Almarjan was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while steaming off Mogadishu, Somalia at approximately 1830 Hrs LT.

The ship was proceeding to Mombassa, Kenya after discharging her cargo at Mogadishu when pirates in a boat chased her and opened fire with automatic weapons.

The pirates later successfully boarded the ship and hijacked her. They sailed the ship into coastal waters and anchored her close to shore. A ransom was then demanded for the release of the ship and the crew.

On 2 December 2007, the ship and crew were released after lengthy negotiations. It appears that a ransom was paid to secure the release of the ship and crew.

Somalia :

On 18 October 2007, a Cyprus flagged Bulk Carrier MV Maria was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:45 North and Longitude 051:30 east, off Somalia at approximately 1000 Hrs UTC.

The 2nd Officer, sighted two small crafts on the portside disguising as fishing boats. At 3 NM, the crafts increased speed and proceeded towards the ship. One craft approached from the bow and the other from the stern. The 2nd Officer alerted the Master and the crew working on deck. One of the craft with 4 pirates near the bow

fired warning shots in the air signalling the ship to stop. The other craft came near the port quarter of the ship and started firing at the accommodation. The first craft also started firing at the accommodation and the bridge. One of the bullets hit the bridge window. Master raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, and mustered the crew. After 15 minutes, the pirates aborted the attempt and moved away.

In another related incident, on 21 October 2007, a Comoros General Cargo ship MV Jaikur II was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 00:26.0 North and Longitude 044:38.0 East, 60 NM off Somalia at approximately 0050 Hrs LT.

A UN WFP chartered ship was fired upon and chased by armed pirates while enroute to Mombassa after discharging cargo at Mogadishu. The ship increased speed, switched off her lights and headed towards the open sea. The pirates continued chasing and firing at the ship. The ship managed to escape as the distance between the ship and pirate boat slowly increased. The ship continued her passage.

Madagascar:

On 19 October 2007, a Canadian flagged Yacht Ciel & Mer was attacked by armed robbers while at anchor at Majunga Harbour, Madagascar at approximately 0200 Hrs LT.

Four robbers armed with knives boarded the sailboat via a hatch that was open for ventilation. The skipper was awoken by the noise but was assaulted and sustained deep cut on his right thumb and cuts on his left leg. The robbers also tried to strangle the skipper's wife.

They stole cash and properties and escaped. The skipper and his wife received serious knife injuries. The assault had resulted in fractured ribs as well.

Gulf of Aden:

On 28 October 2007, a Panamanian Chemical Tanker MT Golden Nori was attacked and hijacked by Somali armed pirates while underway in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0216 Hrs UTC.

A distress alert from the hijacked tanker was relayed to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. The incident was then relayed immediately to the coalition naval forces for assistance. Attempts by the IMB PRC to contact the vessel were unsuccessful.

The coalition naval forces later informed that the tanker had been taken into Somalian territorial waters. There were 23 crew members onboard the tanker.

On 12 December 2007, the tanker and crew were released after lengthy negotiations. It appears that a ransom was paid to secure the release of the ship and crew.

Somalia:

On 29 October 2007, a North Korean flagged General Cargo ship MV Dai Hong Dan was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while anchored at position Latitude 02:11.57 North and Longitude 045:47.95 East at Mogadishu Inner Anchorage, Somalia at approximately 2130 Hrs LT.

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre received a distress call that the ship was boarded and hijacked by seven armed pirates while at anchor after discharging cargo at Mogadishu. The pirates had taken control of the bridge and engine room.

Later, there was a fight between the pirates and crewmembers. The crew then managed to regain control of the engine room and subsequently regain control of the bridge. During the fight, six crew members were injured.

A US warship rendered assistance in rescuing the crew and ship. The injured crewmembers were given medical aid. Six pirates were captured and one pirate killed.

Nigeria :

On 31 October 2007, a Hong Kong flagged Chemical Tanker was attacked by armed pirates while drifting at position Latitude 06:15 North and Longitude 003:15 East, Lagos, Nigeria at approximately 0330 Hrs LT.

Three pirates armed with knives boarded the tanker and took hostage the Duty AB and OS and tied them up. The pirates threatened the OS with knives to his throat and ordered him to open the accommodation doors but the OS did not have the keys. Two of the pirates then went to the bridge and assaulted the 2nd Officer. The next watch keeper woke up and saw the movements on the poop deck and raised the alarm. All crew were then mustered.

Pirates escaped with ship's stores, property, crew personal belongings and cash. First aid was administered to the OS who had received knife injuries. Port control was also informed.

Nigeria :

On 04 November 2007, a St Vincent and Grenadines support vessel Seamark was attacked by armed pirates while underway at Bonny River, Niger Delta, Nigeria in the early hours.

Eight pirates in a speedboat armed with guns boarded the support vessel. They shot one crew member dead and wounded another. Pirates ransacked the vessel and stole vessel's property and escaped.

Nigeria :

On 28 November 2007, a Marshall Islands flagged Product Tanker MT Athlos was attacked by armed pirates while at anchor at Lagos Roads, Nigeria at approximately 1630 Hrs LT.

In what appeared to be a military launch with 12 armed robbers dressed in military fatigues approached the tanker. Nine of them boarded the tanker and ordered the Master to disembark into their launch. The Master refused and escaped towards the accommodation. The robbers opened fire at the Master. Fortunately, the Master escaped unhurt. While searching and looting the accommodation, the robbers took the 2nd Officer, one AB and the cook hostage. The three hostages were only released after 90 minutes in exchange for cash and cigarettes. The robbers left thereafter.

The next day, the Master received a phone call from the robbers, threatening him that they would attack again at the tanker next port of call at Port Harcourt.

Sierra Leone :

On 16 December 2007, a Gambia flagged Product Tanker MT Jamal Massry was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 08:48.5 North and Longitude 013:57.0 West, off Sierra Leone at approximately 2115 Hrs UTC.

Eight pirates armed with AK47 guns in military like fatigues boarded the tanker. The fired warning shots in the air/random fire onboard and took Master and crew hostage. They stole cash, crew personal belongings and ship's property and escaped at 0001 Hrs UTC.

Nigeria :

On 28 December 2007, an Indian flagged Chemical Tanker MT Jag Payal was attacked by armed robbers while an anchor at position Latitude 06:20 North and Longitude 003:20 East, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria at approximately 0100 Hrs LT.

The armed robbers boarded the tanker during the STS operations. Because the crew was involved in the cargo operations, anti piracy watch was maintained with one crew forward and one crew aft. The robbers held the aft anti piracy watch keeper at knife point with the knife on his throat and severely beat him. His hands and legs were tied up. They threatened to kill him if he made any noise. The crew was beaten semi unconscious.

Robbers stole ship's stores and equipment and escaped in a waiting boat. The injured crew received medical treatment onboard. Attempts to contact the port control and local agents for help were futile.

PIRACY NEWS

ShipLoc

There are a number of reliable ship tracking devices available on the market today based upon Inmarsat and other satellite systems.

The IMB endorses ShipLoc, an inexpensive satellite tracking system, which allows shipping companies, with Internet access, to monitor the exact location of their vessels. In addition to its anti-hijacking role, ShipLoc facilitates independent and precise location of ships at regular intervals. ShipLoc is fully compliant with the IMO Regulation SOLAS XI-2/6 adopted during the diplomatic conference in December 2002, concerning a Ship Security Alert System. The ship security alert system regulation that came into force in July 2004 requires ships of over 500 GT to be equipped with an alarm system in order to reinforce ship security. The system allows the crew, in case of danger, to activate an alarm button that automatically sends a message to the ship owner and to competent authorities. The message is sent without being able to be detected by someone on-board or by other ships in the vicinity. ShipLoc is contained in a small, discrete waterproof unit, which includes: an Argos transmitter, a GPS receiver, a battery pack in case of main power failure, and a flat antenna. ShipLoc is one of the most reliable systems available today. For more information, please visit www.shiploc.com.

Secure-Ship

Secure-Ship is an effective innovation in the fight against piracy. It is a non-lethal, electrifying fence surrounding the whole ship, which has been specially adapted for maritime use. The fence uses 9,000-volt pulse to deter boarding attempts. An intruder coming in contact with the fence will receive an unpleasant non-lethal shock that will result in the intruder abandoning the attempted boarding. At the same time an alarm will go off, activating floodlights and a very loud siren. The IMB strongly recommends ship owners to install this device on board their ships. For safety reasons it cannot be deployed on vessels carrying inflammable cargoes. Further details can be obtained at www.secure-ship.com.

IMB Maritime Security Hotline

The IMB Maritime Security Hotline is a confidential communication procedure that will enable seafarers and others in the shipping industry to report any suspicious information regarding maritime crime, including terrorism to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. This service will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will be accessible from any location worldwide.

The number for the IMB Maritime Security Hotline can be contacted via telephone on +603 2031 0014 or e-mail on imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org.uk.

IMB Director Captain Pottengal Mukundan stated, “The crew of vessels and others in the shipping industry may have critical information related to terrorism, smuggling or other serious maritime crimes. In the past, those on the front lines off the shipping and port industries have been hesitant to provide this information, fearful of the consequences to themselves or their families. This new service will allow security intelligence to be reported anonymously and without delay.”

The Maritime Security Hotline consists of a constantly monitored communications command centre capable of receiving secure telephone and e-mail reports. This service will be manned from the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre in Kuala Lumpur. Those at the forefront of the maritime world will be able to provide secure, private

first person accounts to IMB, an independent agency not directly affiliated with any traditional intelligence institution. IMB will interpret and categorize all reports and forward all necessary information to the relevant authorities.

This service has the potential to improve anti-piracy efforts in those areas identified as the world's worst locations for maritime security. As outlined at the 6th Tri-annual IMB Conference on Piracy and Maritime Security, both East Africa and the Malacca Straits remain piracy hotspots. The Maritime Security Hotline will allow mariners working on a day-to-day basis in dangerous locations like these to file confidential reports of any suspicious or illegal activities.

IMB : Somalia Piracy & Hijacking – What next?

On 12 December 2007, pirates released the Japanese controlled chemical tanker after a six-week detention. Somali pirates hijacked the tanker on 28 October 2007 and had threatened to kill her 23-crew members if their ransom demands were not met. The US and Royal Navy played a key role in ensuring the tanker's safe return after the negotiations were concluded. Overall, Somali hijackings for 2007 have been lucrative for the "gangs" involved – many millions of dollars have been paid in ransom to these "gangs".

For the first time in over a year there are no vessels detained in Somali waters. Coalition naval vessels have shown increasing willingness to get actively involved in resolving these incidents. It appears to have had the desired effect.

Efforts from many sources that include the Coalition Naval forces, reports from shipmasters and the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre have contributed to this result.

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) passed a resolution on Piracy and Armed Robbery against ships in and off the coast of Somalia in the recently concluded 25th Session.

The resolution urges Somalia's Transitional Federal Government (TFG) to act on and suppress acts of piracy and hijacking of ships originating from or in Somali waters. It advocates actions to ensure that all ships seized by pirates and armed robbers brought into its waters are released promptly.

The IMO has requested that the TFG consent to foreign vessels entering its territorial waters whilst engaging in operations against pirates and armed robbers. This is a key development.

Respecting the international conventions for territorial waters the naval units, whilst willing to assist vessels hijacked by pirates had initially hesitated to venture inside Somali territorial waters. Knowing this, the pirates would anchor hijacked vessels well inside the 12 mile limit, secure in the knowledge that no one would intervene to assist the crew. The intervention of the Coalition Navies, in the recent hijackings of two vessels, by entering the 12 mile limit could prove to act as a deterrent to the Somali pirates.

In order to engage naval units fully, the next big hurdle is for the industry and the IMO to establish a mechanism whereby pirates who are caught by the naval vessels

can be handed quickly to shore based authorities for prosecution. Kenya agreed to exercise jurisdiction in the case of a gang of pirates landed by the USS Winston Churchill in January 2006.

In an ideal world the flag state should take on this role. In practice, with most Flags Of Convenience (FOC) and in some cases with non FOC registries this rarely happens

Devising such a mechanism is a major challenge. It is not so much a legal problem. It requires the will of the government concerned to take on this task. It requires resources to mount a meaningful prosecution and then the costs of incarcerating the pirates for the duration of their sentence.

Regardless of the immediate problems of Somalia, this may be a challenge worth taking on. It will add immeasurably to the control of piracy and other maritime crime, which range beyond and across national boundaries.

French warship escorts WFP food aid ships

Recently, the French Navy had provided escorts to United Nations (UN) World Food Programme (WFP) food aid ships to Somalia in order to deter pirates from attacking and threatening food shipments to Somalis suffering from conflict and drought.

“This operation comes at a critical time for the Somali people who have been devastated by some of the worst conflict and drought seen in years,” WFP Executive Director Josette Sheeran said in a statement. “Piracy has damaged our ability to reach Somalia’s most vulnerable people. We, like France, hope other nations will urgently step up and follow the French example.”

The French operation is expected to last for only two months. UN officials say an estimated 1.2 million Somalis are affected by food shortages.

Somali pirates captured

Police in the semi-autonomous Somali region of Puntland have arrested two of the pirates thought responsible for the recent hijacking of a Japanese chemical tanker.

The two suspects, believed to be associated with the gang that hijacked the MT Golden Nori were captured in Bosasso port town. The tanker has since been released, after a ransom was reportedly paid for the release of the tanker, crew and cargo. Local police confirmed that the pirates escaped after the tanker was released.

IMB – Nigeria ship attack alert

As attention switches from Somalia, where pirates released the last hijacked ship in December, a recent violent attack in Nigeria has been reported to the IMB that it hopes will not be the portent of things to come.

The product tanker in question was conducting ship-to-ship operations in the Lagos area when 12 pirates wearing military uniforms in a boat carrying military livery approached it. The ship was asked to let nine soldiers come onboard to conduct a search. The ship did so believing the “soldiers’ were part of an official operation.

Once onboard, the men tried to hold the Captain on deck and ordered him to disembark into their boat. The Captain escaped and ran for the accommodation. The ‘soldiers’ fired shots at the master but which luckily missed. He ordered the accommodation block to be secured and made his way to the bridge to raise the alarm. Three other crewmembers were not so fortunate. They were taken hostage. They were only released after the Captain provided the pirates with money and a number of valuable personal possessions collected from the rest of the crew.

The event lasted about 90 minutes, when the pirates left with their booty. But they called the ship up the following day to tell the Captain they were watching and to threaten its safety.

Given that Nigeria has one of the best armed forces in this part of Africa, the IMB believes it is vital that Nigeria stamps out this kind of criminal activity. It is calling on the government to deal with the matter swiftly to avoid the risk of further erosion of trust between visiting ships and the official military, whose anti-piracy efforts in the past are readily acknowledged. The investigation should be transparent and public and those responsible held to account.

Piracy and armed robbery against ships including kidnapping of crews are on the rise in Nigeria. For the year 2007, the IMB PRC has received 42 incidents. Many more attacks may have gone unreported. There were 25 attacks alone for Lagos.

The IMB has issued a warning to mariners and ships bound for or transiting Nigeria to take additional precautionary measures.

The IMB has also written officially to the Nigerian government and Authorities in hope that appropriate action be taken to address this criminal activity.

Malacca Strait piracy – Greece donates funds

It was reported recently that the Greek government will donate USD 1 million to help secure the Straits of Malacca. The Greek Merchant Marine Minister Georges Voulgarakis made the announcement during a meeting at the IMO.

Greece, which maintains the world’s largest shipping fleet, hoped other countries would follow its lead. The money will be deposited into a fund created by the IMO to improve the security of the straits.

Malaysia – no to foreign forces patrolling the Malacca Straits

Malaysia’s Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said that Malaysia is against foreign forces patrolling the Malacca Straits. However, he said that Malaysia welcomes foreign monetary and technical aid to enhance security in the straits.

The United States had proposed an international force namely the US led Regional Maritime Security Initiative (RMSI) force to patrol the straits. “We are strongly against any involvement of foreign assets to ensure security of the strait”, said Abdullah in his keynote address read out by Malaysia’s Defence Ministry secretary-

general Datuk Abu Baikar Abdullah at the opening ceremony of the LIMA 2007 International Maritime Conference in Langkawi.

Abdullah noted the importance of the strait, a key strategic waterway, where more than 600,000 vessels transit annually carrying 30 per cent of the world's trade and 80 per cent of Japan's oil. He said "Malaysia is serious in its actions to ensure safety and security in the Straits of Malacca."

Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) northern region head First Admiral Zammani Mod Amin said that Indonesia and Malaysia were against foreign forces patrolling the Strait. "Singapore which is the participant of the US led RMSI had been the leading voice advocating an external presence in the Strait," he said.

Warning to private security firms operating in Straits of Malacca

A stern warning has been issued by Malaysia to the international shipping communities that hire private security firms in its territorial waters. The Royal Malaysia Navy Chief Admiral Tan Sri Ramlan Mohamed Ali warned that the Malaysia armed forces would take stern action to deter such firms from operating in Malaysian waters. He said this during a welcoming reception at the LIMA 2007 International Maritime Conference in Langkawi in December.

"No permission has been given for any private security firms to operate, provide services or protect ships in the Straits of Malacca specifically and Malaysian waters generally," he said. The activities of such firms posed a threat to Malaysian security and undermined the country's maritime sovereignty and integrity.

It was also reported recently that Indonesia would not allow Singapore or any other countries to act as security guards for international ships passing through the Straits of Malacca on its side of the waterway. Ibnu Hadi, the Director for Asia Pacific and Africa Inter-Regional Cooperation at the Indonesian Foreign Ministry said, "Indonesia will object strongly to any security guard escorting ships in its waters. Indonesia cannot accept foreign ships escorted by foreign security guards."

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We also thank the coalition naval forces who have provided humanitarian assistance and supplies to the released vessels including escorting them to safe ports/waters.

The IMB appreciate the action and vital cooperation from the coalition naval forces particularly the US Navy.

NARRATIONS OF ATTACKS

1 January – 31 December 2007

ACTUAL ATTACKS

SOUTH EAST ASIA (MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	21.01.2007 2025 UTC Steaming Boarded	Sinar Merak Container Panama 8689 8511433	03:38.7N – 099:30.0E, Malacca Straits	Several unlit fishing boats approached the ship underway. Master, suspecting piracy increased speed and started taking evasive action. One of the boats was hit on the stbd bow. Emergency alarm was raised and a search carried out. Two persons were found onboard. No one was injured. No arms were found on them however they were carrying mobile phones. Fearing further attacks and repercussions, the master continued his passage towards Singapore. The owners/agents are making arrangements to handover the two persons to authorities for investigations.
2.	13.08. 2007 1915 LT Steaming Boarded	Brantas 25 Tug Malaysia 144 9176955 Singa Besar 3 Barge Malaysia 1168 -	04:14.3N – 099:04.7E, Malacca Straits	Ten pirates armed with fire arms boarded the tug towing the barge laden with steel billets. The pirates damaged all communication equipments and stole crew personal belongings and ship's documents. The master and chief engineer were kidnapped and taken ashore. The tug and barge anchored at the destination port for investigations. The whereabouts of the master and chief engineer still unknown. Pirates have contacted owners to demand a ransom. On 24.08.2007 the two crew members were released after a ransom was paid.
3.	19.10.2007 0600 LT Steaming Boarded	Kota Teraju Container Singapore 7683 9247297	04:07.4N – 099:52.0E, NW of Pulau Perak, Malacca Straits	D/O on a container ship underway saw the beams of flashlights on deck. As no crew were on deck at that time the D/O suspected piracy and raised the alarm, the deck lights were switched on. As the crew were mustered, they saw a small boat on the port quarter moving away from

				the ship.
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SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2007 2145 LT Berthed Boarded	Gas Fortune LPG Tanker Marshall Islands 3529 9137595	02:59.1S – 104:05.28E, Pertamina Jetty No.4, Plaju, Indonesia	Three robbers in a motorboat boarded the tanker, which was berthed. They were noticed by the duty A/B and the general alarm was raised. They entered the engine room and held 3rd Engr as hostage and stole ship's properties and escaped. No injuries to crew. Incident reported to the agent.
2.	18.01.2007 1815 UTC Anchored Boarded	Kourion Tanker Singapore 50049 8413514	06:15.07S – 108:26.78E, Balongan Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers armed with steel bars boarded the ship and entered into engine room. They stole generator spares and escaped through engine room door leading to poop deck. Master raised alarm and crew mustered. Local police informed.
3.	19.01.2007 0001-0400 LT Anchored Boarded	Power Steel Bulk Carrier Panama 38881 9195327	03:13.6S – 116:25.0E, Pulau Laut (NPLCT) Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded the ship via anchor chain. They broke forward store and stole ship's stores. Port control informed.
4.	22.01.2007 1800 UTC Anchored Boarded	Arendal Tanker Norway 60339 8419740	01:42N – 101:29E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	D/O on an oil tanker at anchorage raised the alarm and alerted the crew when he noticed one robber on board and another attempting to board. The robbers jumped over board and escaped.
5.	26.01.2007 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Zeal Product Tanker Cyprus 16757 8028589	06:12.64S – 108:26.01E, Balongan Anchorage, Indonesia	A tanker had one of its life rafts stolen while she was at anchor. The robbers boarded via a small boat. Local police and port security were informed via the local agent.
6.	27.01.2007 2310 UTC Anchored Boarded	ACX Hibiscus Container Panama 18502 9159141	06:02.3S – 106:54.0E, Tg. Priok Anchorage, Indonesia	Armed robbers boarded the ship at anchor from the stern. They broke open locked steering room door and entered the engine room via watertight manhole. They stole engine spares and escaped.

7.	18.02.2007 0100 LT Berthed Boarded	Agate Tanker Singapore 50063 8413461	06:16.2S – 108:27.7E, SBM Balongan, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker discharging at a SBM, and entered the engine room. They were noticed by the duty oiler who informed the duty officer. Alarm was raised and crew alerted. The robbers escaped empty handed. Crew mustered and a search was carried out but found nothing stolen.
8.	14.03.2007 1626 LT Steaming Boarded	Ai Maru Product Tanker Honduras 1007 7727504	01:07.29N 105:03.66E, 30NM East of Bintan Island Indonesia	Ten heavily armed pirates intercepted and boarded the product tanker in two, grey coloured, fiberglass speed crafts with outboard engines. The crew activated the AIS alert system and broadcast a distress message. The pirates, at gunpoint, demanded the crew comply with their orders. The crew was tied up and blind folded. The pirates took control of the ship and the master was ordered to turn the ship Northeast towards the Malapas island. Crew personal effects and ship's property were stolen. After steaming for 45 minutes the pirates smashed all communication equipment. The ship's engines stalled 40NM from Horsburgh lighthouse. When the pirates could not restart the engines they abandoned the ship and escaped in the speed boats. The crew managed to free themselves. VTIS was informed and the ship made its way to Singapore. No injuries to crew. All cargo intact.
9.	21.03.2007 1855 UTC Berthed Boarded	Kourion Tanker Singapore 50049 8413514	01:41.20N – 101:27.90E, Dumai Port, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker from port quarter. They entered accommodation. Master raised alarm, crew alerted and informed authorities. Search party conducted a thorough search onboard and nothing missing / stolen.
10.	29.03.2007 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	Grace Casablanca General Cargo Hong Kong 5702 9353462	03:14N – 112:58E, Bintulu G.Cargo Anchorage, Malaysia	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship. 2/O spotted them and raised alarm and crew alerted. Crew proceeded to forecastle. Robbers threw shackles at crew but no one was injured. The robbers stole ship's stores and escaped in their boat. Port control was informed and a patrol boat arrived two hours later and conducted an investigation.
11.	06.04.2007 0345 LT	Shimakaze Chemical Tanker	01:42.45N – 101:27.60E,	A tanker at anchor was boarded by two robbers who entered the engine

	Anchored Boarded	Panama 10734 8217207	Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	room via the open sky light. Crew in the engine room noticed the intruders and when they tried to apprehend them, the robbers threatened them with long knives. Engine room crew informed the bridge and the alarm was raised and crew mustered. The robbers threatened the deck watch with long knives as they escaped from the funnel deck. The robbers escaped with some engine spares by jumping into the river. Upon investigation, it was revealed that the robbers may have boarded the ship when one crew had gone into the accommodation to wake up the next watch and the other crew went for a security round on deck. No injuries to crew.
12.	18.04.2007 1100 LT Steaming Hijacked	PSF 1737 Fishing Trawler Malaysia - -	Chebilang Bay, Satun Province, Thailand	About six pirates in a small boat attacked the fishing boat and hijacked it. All eight crew were taken hostage and landed at Le-La Island. Pirates stole ship's equipment, properties and abandoned the boat at Yanud port, Tha - Phae District, Satun Province. Police located the fishing boat and returned it to the owners in Malaysia. No one was injured.
13.	21.04.2007 1930 LT Steaming Boarded	Majullah Jasmine Tanker St.Kitts /Nevis 577 7331707	01:25N – 104:20E, 2.5 NM East of Tanjung Punggai, Malaysia	10 masked pirates armed with pistols and long knives boarded the tanker underway from a speedboat. They stole cash and crew personal belongings and escaped. No injury to crew.
14.	24.04.2007 1930 LT Anchored Boarded	London Tower Container Liberia 17651 9056519	03:56.60N – 098:45.70E, Belawan Roads, Indonesia	Duty watch onboard the ship detected three robbers on the forecandle deck and warned the OOW. The master raised the general alarm and the 2 nd officer started the fire pump. The master tried to contact the local port control and pilot station VHF Ch. 16/12 but without success. Sound signal by whistle was given. Search by crew team indicated that the robbers had escaped.
15.	25.04.2007 1830 UTC Anchored Boarded	Echigo Maru LNG Tanker Japan 102390 8110203	01:04N – 103:31E, Off Karimun, Island, Singapore Straits	An oiler noticed four armed robbers in the steering room of the tanker during anchoring operations. Alarm was raised and crew mustered. Local authorities were informed. Coast guard boarded the ship and a thorough search was conducted. No intruders were found. No one was injured. No loss of cargo.
16.	27.04.2007	Bunga Kelana 5	01:18N-	Four robbers armed with long knives

	0230 LT Anchored Boarded	Tanker Malaysia 57017 9169706	104:14E, Off Singapore Eastern OPL, Malaysia	boarded the tanker at anchor. They entered the engine room via unlocked main deck door. They threatened the duty engineer with a long knife. They assaulted him, blindfolded him, tied him up, and made him lie down. They stole engine spares and escaped. Duty engineer managed to release himself and raised the alarm. The crew mustered and found that the robbers stole engine spares and escaped via the steering gear room door.
17.	29.04.2007 0435 LT Anchored Boarded	Shoko Maru Chemical Tanker Panama 20573 9154000	01:05.60N – 103:28.20E, Off Karimun Island, Singapore Straits	Four robbers boarded the tanker at anchor via poop deck by using hooks attached to a rope. Ship's crew tried to prevent them from boarding but failed. The robbers entered the engine room by breaking the engine room door lock. The duty wiper was caught. They stole engine spares and escaped. Authorities informed. Indonesian coast guard advised their officers who were on their way. However the coast guard boarded the ship on 29 April at 1115 LT and left at 1145 LT after conducting an investigation.
18.	03.05.2007 0315 LT Berthed Boarded	Greta R Bulk Carrier Myanmar 37519 8800303	01:11.7S – 116:46.8E, Balikpapan Port, Indonesia	Robbers boarded the ship while at berth. The vessel was in her final stages of cargo operations and all crew and officers were busy. The robbers stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed.
19.	07.05.2007 0200 LT Berthed Boarded	Temasek Product Tanker Indonesia 11755 8108901	01:16.081S – 116:48.560E, Balikpapan Pertamina Jetty No.2, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker at berth via the forecandle while waiting for pilot to board. D/O noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, sounded the ship's whistle and alerted the crew. The robbers jumped into the sea and escaped in a speed boat. No injuries to crew. Nothing was stolen.
20.	09.05.2007 Night hours Berthed Boarded	Nin Bulk Carrier Malta 17928 9211547	05:01.03N – 118:21.13E, Berth No. 4, Lahad Datu Port, Sabah, Malaysia	Several stevedores stole ship's property at night during discharging operations. Master reported to agents. Police boarded the ship and arrested two stevedores and investigation in progress.
21.	10.05.2007 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	Alam Cepat Product Tanker Singapore 22184 9339636	03:55.35N – 098:46.79E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Five robbers armed with knives and crowbars boarded the tanker using hooks and via the anchor chain. They broke the padlock to the paint store locker and stole six drums of paint. The duty A/B noticed the robbers and informed the OOW who raised the

				alarm and sounded the ship's whistle. All crew mustered. The robbers jumped into the sea and escaped in a speedboat. The timely action of the crew prevented the robbers from stealing a mooring rope. No injuries to crew.
22.	22.05.2007 0200 LT Steaming Hijacked	Thanadol 4 Tanker Thailand 191 -	07:00N – 102:00E, Gulf of Siam, Thailand	The master of a tanker carrying 400,000 litres of fuel oil, to supply fishing vessels at sea, was ordered by a pirate, who used to be a crewmember to come alongside his fishing vessel. He boarded the tanker and after two days, he tried to convince the captain to rob the tanker but the captain refused to do so. He then shot the captain and threw him into the sea. Three crewmembers heard the shot and they jumped into the sea and were later picked up by a passing fishing boat. The fishing boat contacted the Thai Navy and police. The police dispatched two marine police boats and navy aircraft to locate / detain the vessel. The police caught the pirate, who tried to escape in a fishing boat. The police located the tanker with the remaining three crew members and took it to the marine base for investigation.
23.	30.05.2007 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	Kota Azam Container Singapore 17652 9182033	01:18.90N – 104:07.70E, Johor Anchorage, Malaysia	Six robbers armed with knives boarded the ship and forced their way into the engine room by breaking the padlocks on the doors. They tied up two-duty crew. They stole spare parts and escaped when the alarm was raised.
24.	07.06.2007 2240 UTC Anchored Boarded	Guru Gobind Singh Tanker India 80130 9070151	01:28S – 116:49E, Lawi Lawi Anchorage, Balikpapan, Indonesia	Duty crew, on an anchored tanker, noticed two robbers on the forecandle deck. The D/O on bridge was alerted and the alarm raised. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a speedboat when they saw the crew approaching. Upon inspection, it was found that the forward life raft was stolen. Authorities and agents were informed.
25.	10.06.2007 0522 LT Anchored Boarded	Panagia Lady Chemical Tanker Liberia 27505 9241085	06:00.6S – 106:53.2E, Jakarta Tanker Anchorage, Indonesia	A few fishing boats diverted the attention of the watch keepers while two robbers boarded the tanker at anchor using grappling hooks. The robbers stole two life rafts and escaped. Port authorities informed however no action taken.
26.	23.06.2007 2145 LT	Mujur Samudra Product Tanker	Pulau Lima, Kota Tinggi,	Six robbers armed with long knives and pistols boarded the tanker while

	Berthed Boarded	Mongolia 444 7714832	Malaysia	she was alongside. One of the crew was hit on the head with a machete. Another crewmember stood up to the robbers. In the struggle, he fell overboard but managed to swim to the shore and contacted the police with assistance from the local fishermen. The robbers spent around 30 minutes ransacking and robbing the crew's personal effects, before escaping. Two injured crew were sent to the hospital.
27.	25.06.2007 1820 LT Steaming Boarded	Siam Bhavas Chemical Tanker Thailand 3374 8300494	01:51.5S – 105:02.8E, Dep. Tanjung Ular Port, Palembang, Indonesia	Around 11 pirates, armed with long knives and shotguns boarded the tanker underway. On sighting the pirates, crew ran inside the accommodation and closed all doors. On taking head count master realised one oiler was being held hostage. Master contacted the shore authorities. The pirates opened fire but there were no injuries to crew. The pirates escaped in a small speedboat. Coast guard arrived to investigate. No stores missing.
28.	26.06.2007 0055 LT Anchored Boarded	Chem Jasmin Chemical Tanker Malta 17612 8323393	3:55.0N – 098:46.0E, Belawan Anchorage Indonesia	Three robbers boarded a chemical tanker and tried to open forward locker. Duty watch keeper informed OOW and ran forward, however one of the robber chased him with a knife back to the accommodation. Alarm was raised and crew mustered. Pirates stole ship's property and escaped in a small boat. Port control informed. No injuries to crew.
29.	30.06.2007 0635 LT Anchored Boarded	Name withheld Container Liberia 16731 9003196	06:02.8S – 106:53.9E, Jakarta Anchorage Indonesia	Around six armed robbers, from two boats, boarded an anchored container ship, from the port and stbd quarters. The duty AB was attacked and hit on the head with an axe, causing sever bleeding. Ships alarm was raised and crew mustered, however robbers stole ships stores and escaped. Pilot and local agents informed. The injured crew was taken ashore for medical treatment, by pilot boat, and then repatriated.
30.	02.07.2007 0215 LT Anchored Boarded	Sigloo Discovery LPG Tanker Singapore 7954 8511964	05:59S – 105:56E, Merak Anchorage, Indonesia	Third engineer on the tanker noticed four armed robbers in the steering flat. The bridge was informed, alarm raised and crew alerted and head count taken. Port control and local agents informed of the incident. A search carried out by ship's crew revealed nothing stolen.
31.	11.07.2007	Maersk Barry	03:55N –	Duty crew, on an anchored tanker,

	0500 LT Anchored Boarded	Chemical Tanker United Kingdom 19758 9299458	098:44E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	spotted a robber on the forecastle deck. The OOW was informed and the alarm raised. The robber jumped overboard and escaped in an unlit boat. Later ships stores were found missing.
32.	23.07.2007 1030 LT Berthed Boarded	Eastern Mermaid Chemical Tanker Panama 5448 9296573	05:57.5S – 105:59.7E, Prontal, Merak, Indonesia	Robbers boarded a berthed, tanker unnoticed. The 3rd engineer noticed the boat store was not locked moreover, some electrical spares were missing. The crew was alerted and a thorough inspection was carried out. All doors / stores were found to be secured. It was suspected that the robbers could have boarded via the stern mooring rope. One shore security guard was constantly on duty.
33.	02.08.2007 0100 LT Berthed Boarded	Semua Bersatu Product Tanker Malaysia 3878 9188520	Shell Jetty, Sandakan, Sabah, Malaysia	An unknown person boarded the tanker via the gangway. The crew spotted him and gave chase. The robber ran towards the forecastle, jumped overboard and escaped.
34.	05.08.2007 0255 LT Anchored Boarded	Alam Penting Bulk Carrier Singapore 46982 9290842	00:01.3N – 117:35.1E, Bontang Anchorage, Indonesia	Seven robbers armed with guns, knives, crowbars and steel pipes boarded the ship at anchor. They held the duty AB at gun point and tied him up. They tried to break open the bosun store door but were unsuccessful. The robbers stole the duty AB's walkie-talkie and other ship's stores and escaped.
35.	13.08.2007 0355 LT Anchored Boarded	Sichem Melbourne Chemical Tanker Singapore 8455 9376921	03:55.5N – 098:46.5E, Belawan Outer Roads, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with wooden sticks boarded the tanker at anchor. They broke into the forward locker and tried to steal ship's stores. Duty crew raised the alarm and sounded ship's whistle. Crew mustered and activated fire hoses. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped, in a waiting boat, with a life raft.
36.	18.08.2007 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	Megah Satu General Cargo Indonesia 2426 8304139	03:54.47N – 098:46.68E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded the ship, at anchor, and held one AB as hostage. They stole ship's stores and escaped. The AB was released unharmed. Local authorities informed.
37.	21.08.2007 2200 LT Anchored Boarded	Cape Falcon Container Marshall Islands 14308 9248928	14:35N – 120:57E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship via the anchor chain. The hawse pipe cover, which was installed and secured by three wing nuts, was removed, as there was a gap large enough for the intruder's hand to reach through and remove the nuts. The intruders very quickly lifted the forward six-person liferaft, threw it over the side, jumped into the

				water, and escaped using a small motorboat. No injury to crewmembers.
38.	22.08.2007 1605 UTC Anchored Boarded	Petrolimex 04 Product Tanker Vietnam 18023 8716148	01:04.1N – 103:30.4E, Karimun STS Anchorage, Indonesia	Eight robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker. They held three-duty crew and tied them up. The robbers broke open the engine store and stole spares. D/O raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in an unlit boat.
39.	24.08.2007 0055 LT Anchored Boarded	Sichem Eva Tanker Singapore 11003 8517073	03:55.3N – 098:46.56E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	The tanker at anchor, waiting to berth, maintained an anti piracy watch on the forecastle, main deck and poop deck. The ABs on the main deck and poop heard the AB on the forecastle shouting. They alerted the bridge on radio. The D/O tried to contact him but there was no response. The alarm was raised and the crew alerted. A thorough search was carried out for the AB but he was missing. Local authorities informed.
40.	08.09.2007 2100 LT Steaming Boarded	Qasidah Chemical Tanker Tuvalu 457 8221612	01:26.8N – 104:21.4E, 3.5 NM Off Tg. Punggai, Kota Tinggi, Malaysia	Seven pirates, in a wooden boat, armed with guns and knives approached the tanker underway. They boarded the tanker and tied up the master and seven crewmembers with nylon ropes. One crew jumped overboard. Pirates stole cash and personal belongings of master and crew. They left the ship and headed into Indonesian waters. No injuries to crewmembers. The crew who jumped overboard is missing.
41.	09.09.2007 0030 LT Anchored Boarded	Kourion Tanker Singapore 50049 8413514	06:15.43S – 108:27.23E, Balongan Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers boarded an anchored tanker. They broke the store lock and stole ship's property. They tried to lower the stolen items into a waiting boat but could not do so as the boat had drifted away due to engine failure and the current. Alert crew raised alarm and two crew confronted the robbers who jumped overboard. However, they could not board their boat, which was adrift. One robber hung to the ballast overboard discharge on the stbd side and the other robber had drifted away due to current and swells. All crew gathered on deck and rescued one robber. Indonesian navy and police were informed and were told about the adrift boat and the missing robber. The authorities managed to tow the boat but could not find the missing

				robber. The authorities boarded the ship for investigation and master handed over the robber. No injuries to crew and nothing stolen.
42.	11.09.2007 0030 LT Steaming Boarded	Qasidah Chemical Tanker Tuvalu 457 8221612	Off Tioman Islands, Malaysia	Six pirates, in a small high-speed boat, armed with knives boarded the tanker underway. They assaulted all six crewmembers and the captain. The Captain-received head injures. The crewmembers were robbed off their documents and clothing's.
43.	22.09.2007 1950 LT Steaming Hijacked	Kraton Product Tanker Indonesia 1178 7629518	Off Palembang, Indonesia	Pirates hijacked the tanker after departing Palembang enroute to Cilacap. The tanker was laden with a cargo of Palm Olein. The vessel was diverted away from her original route. Owners contacted the IMB who relayed the message to all authorities in the vicinity of the region. The Indonesian navy located the tanker on 24.09.2007, south of Tanjung Ayam. They boarded and detained all 14 pirates for investigation. All crew were found safe onboard.
44.	26.09.2007 0500 – 0830 LT Anchored Boarded	Bay Bridge Container Liberia 34467 8413203	14:36.4N – 120:52.05E, Vic North Harbour Anchorage, Manila, Philippines	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor from stbd side using grappling hook. They broke forecastle store lock and stole ship's property and a life raft. Master reported to coast guard and they conducted an investigation and advised the master to take precautionary measures.
45.	01.10.2007 0100 LT Anchored Boarded	Ratstor General Cargo Gibraltar 5025 9141704	14:36.65N – 120:53.25E, Manila International Container Terminal, Manila, Philippines	During heavy rain and poor visibility, robbers boarded the ship unnoticed via the anchor chain. They broke into the CO2 room and stole eight pieces of extension cable for the refrigerator containers and a liferaft. Upon discovery of the robbery, master reported to the Port State Control centre and the Philippines coast guard. Coast guard conducted investigation and advised to take precautionary measures.
46.	17.10.2007 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	CNC Bangkok Container Panama 13235 9202900	14:33.2N – 120:55.2E, Manila Anchorage, Philippines	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They stole forward liferaft and escaped.
47.	19.10.2007 0100 LT Steaming Boarded	Anchor 2 Tug Singapore 49 -	06:03.1S – 115:32.84E, Approximately 120 NM North of Bali, Indonesia	The master onboard Tug SM V discovered that the workboat, Anchor 2, was missing. It was subsequently located at 2150 LT on 20.10.2007. On investigation, it was found that the towing rope was missing. The

				right side glass window, the doors leading to the steering console and the navigational control were broken. The CSO suspected that some pirates had boarded the unmanned Anchor 2 and cut off the towing rope and set the workboat adrift. Incident reported to coastal state and flag state.
48.	23.10.2007 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	Merkur Lake Container Liberia 9600 9111450	03:56.0N – 098:47.7E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	A seaman spotted several robbers on the forecastle when he was sent forward to look for the duty O/S who was not responding to calls on the radio. The robbers had caught and tied up the duty O/S. Alarm raised and crew alerted. On hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped. A search revealed that the robbers had attempted to enter the forecastle store.
49.	19.11.2007 0100 LT Steaming Boarded	Selendang Sari Chemical Tanker Malaysia 29956 9143685	03:13N – 105:23E, Off Mangkai Island, Indonesia	The duty oiler onboard the tanker underway, noticed one pirate with gun in hand on the poop deck. Duty officer informed. Alarm raised, all crew mustered and all lights switched on. A search of the vessel revealed no one onboard. Duty officer noticed an unlit craft moving away from the vessel.
50.	29.11.2007 0530 LT Anchored Boarded	Gandari Product Tanker Singapore 23328 9180102	03:51N – 098:48E, SBM Belawan, Indonesia	Duty QM onboard the tanker at anchor noticed two robbers hiding under windlass. D/O informed and crew mustered. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a boat waiting below. Nothing stolen but it appeared that the robbers tried to lower the fire wire.
51.	17.12.2007 0430 LT Anchored Boarded	Hyundai Concord Container Panama 13267 9278985	14:35.2N – 120:52.5E, Manila North Anchorage, Philippines	Eight armed robbers boarded the ship, at anchor, awaiting berthing instructions. They were spotted by the anti piracy watch and reported to the D/O. Alarm raised and crew alerted. The pirates jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting boat. Nothing was stolen.
52.	25.12.2007 0715 UTC Anchored Boarded	Constantinoupolis Bulk Carrier Philippines 68418 7930656	01:09.1S – 117:13.7E, Samarinda Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty crew, onboard the ship at anchor, noticed robbers on the poop deck. As he shouted to alert the other crew, robbers who had hidden behind the winches attacked him with iron pipes. Realising that all crew had been alerted, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Nothing stolen.

FAR EAST

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.03.2007 1640 UTC Anchored Boarded	MSC Denisse Container Panama 28176 7435292	10:14.4N – 107:04.8E, 5NM South of Vung Tau, Vietnam	A container ship at anchor was boarded by robbers at forecandle deck. Ship stores were stolen.
2.	26.04.2007 - Steaming Boarded	Qionghai 08099 Fishing Vessel China - -	Spratly Islands, South China Sea	Armed pirates boarded the fishing vessel and robbed it of its catch while it was taking shelter due to engine trouble. The master informed his family about the robbery and that another vessel was approaching it. All contact with the fishing vessel was lost since the master's last call. The fate of vessel and crewmembers is unknown.
3.	08.05.2007 1343 LT Anchored Boarded	Cape Forby Container Marshall Islands 15995 9356842	10:15.6N – 107:04.9E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	Five robbers boarded the ship via the anchor chain and broke open the forecandle store. Crew spotted them and the alarm was raised. Robbers managed to steal ship's stores and escaped via anchor chain in a waiting boat. Port informed. No response.
4.	23.05.2007 0310 LT Anchored Boarded	Beckman Sea Tanker Marshall Islands 4535 9387152	10:15.30N – 107:05.6E, 4 NM South of Vung Tau Cape, Vietnam	Robbers, from a speedboat, boarded the tanker at anchor. Duty crew spotted them and informed the D/O who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped in the waiting boat. Port control and ship's agents informed.
5.	21.07.2007 0115 LT Anchored Boarded	Bahamian Express Container Marshall Islands 16850 9216729	10:12.6N – 107:07.1E, Ho Chi Minh City Outer Anchorage, Vietnam	Five robbers armed with knives, boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew raised alarm and crew mustered. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped.
6.	11.09.2007 2300 LT Steaming Boarded	Nosy - - - -	Vicinity of Fergusson Island, Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea	The Captain of a workboat, transporting workers and cargo, jumped overboard when pirates boarded his vessel. The pirates robbed the crew and injured them with sharp objects. Later the crew received medical treatment at a shore hospital. A search party was sent to locate the captain but he could not be found.
7.	06.11.2007 Evening Hrs Anchored	Quan Yong 168 Fishing Vessel Taiwan	Off Point Cruz, Solomon	Armed robbers boarded the fishing vessel at anchor. They stole crew personal belongings, cash money and

	Boarded	- -	Islands	ship's properties.
8.	11.11.2007 0305 LT Berthed Boarded	Marinus Green General Cargo Netherlands 11894 9208198	10:35N – 107:01E, Berth 'A', Phu My Port, Vietnam	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at berth. Vessel informed port security who came onboard for assistance. While proceeding towards the forecandle, two robbers were seen jumping overboard. Inspection showed ship's stores were stolen.

INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	14.02.2007 0415 LT Anchored Boarded	Palau Bulk Carrier Malta 19795 9261035	22:16.2N – 091:43.7E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Robbers boarded the ship and attempted to steal ship's stores and ropes. As the ropes were secured on winches with wires, the attempt failed and they escaped empty handed. Two padlocks damaged.
2.	15.02.2007 0815 LT Steaming Boarded	DCI Tug VII Tug India 710 9238715	12:05N – 080:10.7E, India	Pirates in a fishing boat approached the tug towing a floating crane underway. Tug tried to take evasive manoeuvres but the pirates managed to board the unmanned floating crane from behind. Tug now proceeding to Chennai.
3.	08.03.2007 0345 LT Anchored Boarded	Shimakaze Chemical Tanker Panama 10734 8217207	21:39.95N – 088:01.05E, Sagar Anchorage, India	One robber boarded the tanker at poop deck. 2/O noticed the robber and raised alarm and crew mustered. Robber jumped overboard and escaped with ship's stores in a small wooden boat. Port control informed.
4.	22.03.2007 0705 UTC Steaming Boarded	Aban VII Jackup Rig Panama 5250 8754683	08:43.0N – 076:14.0E, SW Coast, India	Three pirates in two speedboats boarded the rig under tow by two tug boats. Pirates were noticed preparing to transfer equipment from the rig to their speedboats. Master raised alarm and pirates jumped overboard and escaped in their boats.
5.	29.03.2007 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	Rhoneborg Container Netherlands 19573 9031064	Chittagong Roads, Bangladesh	Two robbers using grappling hooks with ropes boarded the ship at anchor from a small boat near the stern. The alarm was raised by the deck watch keepers who were attacked by the robbers armed with knives. The crew sustained serious cuts to their hands. The robbers jumped into the water and the small

				boat moved away. Port control was informed. The small boat was still near the ship but moved away when the coast guard came on board to investigate.
6.	13.04.2007 0900 LT Steaming Boarded	Marina Stellar 2 Tug Singapore 282 9419486 CPC 3007 Barge Singapore 3386 -	08:20N – 076:32E, Off Trivandrum, India	About 100 pirates including fishermen armed with long knives boarded the barge under tow. They stole cargo and escaped.
7.	03.05.2007 0430 LT Anchored Boarded	Cape Bonavista Container Cyprus 8939 9000704	Chittagong ‘B’ Anchorage, Bangladesh	Five robbers boarded the ship and stole ship's stores. When spotted by crew, they jumped overboard and escaped. Master reported the incident to the coast guard who promptly responded and recovered the stolen items and returned it to the vessel. The robbers were prosecuted.
8.	08.05.2007 1015 LT Anchored Boarded	Onozo Tanker Liberia 57450 8818910	17:38.3N – 083:22E, Visakhapatnam Anchorage, India	Seven robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker at anchor via the poop deck. Duty A/B contacted the bridge and all crew went into the accommodation and closed all doors. Master raised the alarm. The robbers jumped into the sea and escaped with one mooring rope. Ship activated SSAS, informed port control and local agent. No one was injured.
9.	17.05.2007 0345 LT Anchored Boarded	Mugat Bulk Carrier Brazil - -	Chittagong ‘A’ Anchorage, Bangladesh	Three robbers boarded the ship during lightering operations. They opened the aft rope locker and stole ship's stores and escaped. Coast guard informed.
10.	27.06.2007 0700 LT Anchored Boarded	Eagle Prestige Container Panama 13995 7724954	Chittagong ‘A’ Anchorage, Bangladesh	A container ship at anchor discovered that her aft rope locker was opened and ship stores missing. The master informed the coast guard who arrested the pirate boat and returned the stolen items to the ship.
11.	01.07.2007 1942 LT Anchored Boarded	BBC Finlandia RoRo Isle of Man 8831 9220641	Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	About 40 robbers armed with long knives and steel bars boarded the ship at anchor. Alarm was raised, crew mustered and all access doors closed. Master fired rocket flares, picked up anchor and proceeded at full speed to the open sea. Crew

				caught two robbers and the others jumped overboard and escaped in their speedboats with ship's stores. Port control and coast guard informed. A coast guard patrol boat arrived for investigation and took the two robbers for interrogation.
12.	05.07.2007 2215 LT Anchored Boarded	X-Press Manaslu Container Singapore 9392 8410342	22:11.00N – 091:43.50E, Chittagong Anchorage 'B', Bangladesh	Several low wooden boats were roaming near the ship at anchor. One boat stopped the engine and drifted towards the ship from port bow pretending her engine had broken down. All crew concentrated their attention on this boat. Meanwhile another boat approached the ship unnoticed from the stbd quarter. Robbers boarded the ship using grappling hooks and stole ship's stores. Later the robbers tried to board again but alert crew raised the alarm and directed the search light towards the boats. The boats moved away. Port control informed.
13.	12.07.2007 1555 UTC Anchored Boarded	OEL Freedom Container Singapore 10676 8510362	Chittagong Anchorage 'B', Bangladesh	Six robbers armed with knives, boarded an anchored ship. Duty officer raised the alarm; all crew mustered and chased the robbers. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped.
14.	17.07.2007 2300 UTC Anchored Boarded	Excellent Pescadores Bulk Carrier Panama 11228 9260653	Chittagong Anchorage 'B', Bangladesh	Six robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. Duty officer raised the alarm. All crew mustered. The robbers escaped without stealing anything.
15.	26.07.2007 2350 LT Berthed Boarded	Pancaldo General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 6272 9226695	22:16.2N – 091:49.1E, Dry Dock Berth No. 2, Chittagong, Bangladesh	Robbers from two boats boarded the ship from the stbd side and stole ship's stores. When spotted by crew, robbers escaped. Port control and coast guard informed.
16.	13.08.2007 - Anchored Boarded	Jo Lind Chemical Tanker Norway 19597 8101305	River Mooring No.3, Chittagong, Bangladesh	Robbers, in country boats, approached the tanker during cargo operations. The boats were noticed to go under the hull near the stern and cutting off the zinc anodes. The incident was reported to the coast guard who sent a patrol boat. On seeing the patrol boat, the robbers left their boats and escaped. The coast guard seized the boats and boarded the ship for investigations.
17.	18.08.2007 0135 LT Anchored	Name Withheld General Cargo Panama	Tuticorin Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They stole ship's stores and escaped in a boat. Duty AB raised alarm and

	Boarded	5907 -		crew mustered. Coast guard informed.
18.	23.08.2007 0245 LT Anchored Boarded	Aviona Bulk Carrier Liberia 27039 8322935	22:46.75N – 070:01.9E, Kandla Outer Anchorage, India	Six robbers armed with wooden sticks boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew raised the alarm and sounded the ship's whistle. All crew mustered. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting boat.
19.	23.09.2007 0800 LT Anchored Boarded	Dubai Crown Bulk Carrier Panama 30738 9326378	21:48.7N – 091:47.4E, Kutubdia Anchorage, Chittagong, Bangladesh	Whilst carrying out anti piracy rounds, on a bulk carrier at anchor, ship's crew found forecastle store door lock broken and ship's stores missing. Even though there were a number of shore personal working onboard the robbers went unnoticed.
20.	08.10.2007 - Steaming Boarded	NA - India - -	Panaji Off the Yermal Coast, Udupi, Karnataka, India	Pirates in canoes boarded the vessel carrying scientists on a marine research project. After a brief struggle with the scientists, the pirates took the scientific instruments. It is unclear if the instruments were thrown into the water or stolen. The scientists are reported to be safe.
21.	10.10.2007 0130 LT Anchored Boarded	Gundulic Bulk Carrier Croatia 27552 9137430	17:03.5N – 082:27.7E, Kakinada Anchorage, India	Three robbers boarded the ship via the stern using, grappling hooks. Duty AB spotted them and informed the OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. Port authorities informed. No damage to ship and no injuries to crew.
22.	12.10.2007 - Berthed Boarded	Banglar Mookh General Cargo Bangladesh 13125 8710039	TSP Jetty, Chittagong Port, Bangladesh	Five robbers boarded the ship from the stern. They stabbed the duty watchman and stole ship's stores. Duty officer raised alarm and robbers escaped. Port control and coast guard informed. Coast guard managed to recover the stolen items and return it to the ship on 14.10.2007.
23.	18.10.2007 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	Pegasus 7 Chemical Tanker Panama 11598 8502482	22:49.0N – 070:04.5E, 3NM Off Outer Tuna Buoy, Kandla Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded the tanker, unnoticed and stole ship's properties from the crew smoking room. Incident reported to port control to notify all ships in the area.
24.	28.10.2007 2015 LT Anchored Boarded	Onozo Tanker Liberia 57450 8818910	21:40N – 091:40E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Duty A/B on a tanker noticed three robbers armed with knives on poop deck. He informed D/O on bridge who raised alarm and flashed the aldis lamp towards the robbers. Robbers jumped overboard and

				escaped. Some ship's stores found to be stolen. Coast guard informed.
25.	04.11.2007 0130 LT Anchored Boarded	Southern Zebra Chemical Tanker Panama 5551 9312406	21:40N – 088:01E, Hoogli River, Sagar Roads Anchorage, India	Six robbers armed with knives boarded a chemical tanker at anchor via the poop deck. Crew raised alarm and activated anti-piracy measures. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's stores in their waiting boat. No injuries to crew. Reported to harbour pilots but no action taken.

SOUTH AMERICA

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	29.01.2007 1945 LT Anchored Boarded	Maersk Roubaix Container Liberia 9957 9332688	10:15.4N – 064:42.5W, Bahia De Pozuelos, Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela	Two robbers boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew spotted them and informed duty officer on bridge. Alarm raised and a search was carried out. All doors and access into the ship were closed down and locked. Due to stringent security measures onboard, the attack was unsuccessful.
2.	22.03.2007 2330 LT Not Stated Boarded	NA Fishing Boat Guyana - -	Pomeroon River Mouth Guyana	Five robbers armed with guns in a speedboat boarded a fishing boat and opened fire. They then ordered the fishermen to lie down on deck and stole ship's properties and escaped. No injuries to crew.
3.	08.05.2007 1800 LT Not Stated Boarded	NA Fishing Vessels Suriname - -	Corentyne River, Suriname	Four pirates armed with guns boarded four fishing vessels. They assaulted all the crew and kidnapped a crewmember. Pirates stole fishing vessels property, cargo, crew personnel belongings and escaped. The rest of the crew were rescued on 10.05.2007 at 1500 LT.
4.	23.06.2007 0440 LT Berthed Boarded	Marfret Normandie Container Luxemburg 10778 9063976	Berth 11, Belem Port, Brazil	Duty watch keeper, on board the ship, was attacked and tied up by three men. Later, port security officials and ship's crew searched the vessel, but found only wet footprints. Nothing was missing.
5.	03.07.2007 1920 LT Berthed Boarded	Madeleine Container Antigua and Barbuda 4454 9196943	12:02.37S – 077:08.39W, Pier 5D, Callao Port, Peru	Three masked robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at berth. One robber with knife held a duty cadet on watch whilst the other two lowered lashing chains to their waiting boat. After 10 minutes the robbers sighted the coast guard patrol boat and

				immediately jumped into the water and escaped. Alert coast guard pursued the boat. The boat was finally recovered near the fishing berths with the knives on board, but the stolen stores and the robbers were missing.
6.	13.07.2007 0320 LT Anchored Boarded	HS Discoverer Container Liberia 30024 9243590	Santos, Brazil	Four robbers armed with guns and knives and wearing black masks boarded the ship and threatened the forward security watch keeper. One boat with two or three more persons onboard was sighted near the ship. Ship's property and walkie-talkie stolen. Once the ship had anchored, security patrols and duties, as per company procedures and ISPS plan, were carried out. During the incident, crewmembers were ordered inside accommodation while waiting for the arrival of the police. The federal police boat arrived and circled the ship. Due to the sea state, the police could not board the ship. They were subsequently able to come on board and investigate the incident after the robbers escaped.
7.	16.07.2007 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	Cap Blanche Container Cyprus 28372 9311775	12:01.59S – 077:11.73W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Robbers managed to board the ship at anchor. They stole ship's stores within a period of ten minutes despite four ship's crew who were on roving watch. Port control was informed but no response.
8.	21.07.2007 0245 LT Anchored Boarded	HS Berlioz Container Liberia 38320 9315343	Approx. 11 NM Offshore, Santos, Brazil	Two crew on deck patrol onboard the ship, at anchor, reported to the bridge, via radio, that they had sighted two robbers wearing ski masks and armed with automatic pistols. The deck patrol radios were stolen but the crew were unharmed. Security message was broadcast and security procedures were followed. Because of the safety measures being properly followed, both robbers fled in a small aluminium boat with an outboard engine, which had been seen earlier on the starboard side. At least three other robbers were believed to be in the boat. All crew mustered and then half of the crew, led by the SSO and the chief officer went forward to search for the deck patrol. Six broken container seal were found on deck, one container had been unlatched and two containers appeared to have been opened. The incident was reported to the Santos pilot station, CSO,

				superintendent, local agents and charterer.
9.	27.07.2007 - Steaming Boarded	Molissa Fishing Vessel Guyana - -	Waini River, Guyana	Five pirates armed with guns boarded the fishing boat and robbed the crew of their catch of fish and ship's stores. They took the crew, as hostage, to another fishing boat nearby and robbed the other boat's crew of their catch, stores and cash. The pirates left both the fishing boats crew in this boat and escaped in the other fishing boat.
10.	27.07.2007 - Steaming Boarded	Ballie Fishing Vessel Guyana - -	Waini River, Guyana	Five pirates armed with guns together with the five crew taken as hostages from another boat boarded the fishing boat. The pirates robbed the crew of their catch of fish, stores and cash. Then, the pirates left the five hostages behind and escaped in the fishing boat they boarded first.
11.	27.08.2007 Night Hrs Anchored Boarded	Hafentor General Cargo Portugal 5025 9141663	Kingston Outer Anchorage, Jamaica	Robbers boarded the ship unnoticed. They broke into containers, storerooms and stole ship's cargo and stores. They also entered the superstructure, mess rooms, galley, and stole ship's property. Police came on board for investigations when the ship berthed.
12.	02.09.2007 0001 LT Anchored Boarded	CCNI Arica Container Liberia 35881 9298648	Callao Anchorage, Peru	Robbers boarded the ship, tied up the watch keeper and stole ship's stores and crews' personal effects. Local authorities and agents informed but did not get any assistance.
13.	13.09.2007 0550 UTC Anchored Boarded	MCP Nicosia General Cargo Cyprus 5315 9371933	18:33.9N – 072:23.0W, Anchorage 'D', Port Au Prince, Haiti	Robbers armed with knives, boarded an anchored ship unnoticed. Ship's general alarm sounded and crew mustered. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's stores. Attempt to contact local authorities were futile.
14.	01.10.2007 2230 LT Anchored Boarded	Auk Arrow General Cargo Bahamas 27962 8309397	12:02S – 077:12W, Callao Anchorage No.1, Peru	Duty crew spotted three robbers near the forecastle, on the ship at anchor. OOW raised the alarm. Ship's whistle sounded and crew rushed to forward. On seeing the crew, robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting boat. Crew searched the area and found some ship stores missing.
15.	10.10.2007 2200 LT Anchored Boarded	Hybur Star Refrigerated Cargo Panama 1126 5022302	18:33.4N – 072:23.1W, Port Au Prince Anchorage, Haiti	Three robbers boarded the ship at anchor using hook attached to a long pole. They stole ship's stores and escaped. Local authorities informed.
16.	27.10.2007	Conrad S	24:08.9S –	Robbers armed with guns boarded the

	0142 LT Anchored Boarded	Container Antigua and Barbuda 9957 9327592	046:19.8W, Santos Outer Roads Anchorage No.4, Brazil	ship and fired at the approaching crew members. For safety, the crewmembers locked themselves in a safer place. Robbers opened eight reefer containers, stole cargo contents, and escaped. No one was injured.
17.	01.11.2007 0830 LT Steaming Boarded	NA Fishing Boat Guyana - -	Off Corentyne Coast, Guyana	Masked pirates armed with guns attacked the Guyanese fishing boat. The pirates stole the boat's engines and equipment and then ordered the fishermen to board their craft and navigate their craft while they raided other boats. Later, the fishermen were taken to neighbouring Suriname where they were left with the boat. The fishermen managed to return home after two days and report to the coast guard and police.
18.	11.11.2007 0500 LT Steaming Boarded	NA Fishing Boat Guyana - -	Corentyne River, Guyana	The Captain and crew of 22 fishing vessels of the number 66 fish complex were left stranded after armed pirates robbed them of their gasoline, engine coils and a quantity of fish glue. Three of the boats returned to the fish complex while many other fishermen and boats were forced to swim to shore. Rescue teams have gone out to search for the other boats.
19.	09.12.2007 1800 LT Steaming Boarded	NA Fishing Boat Guyana - -	16 NM Off Shore, Suriname	Five masked pirates armed with guns approached the fishing vessel underway. They fired several shots and ordered the crew to lie on the icebox. They then locked the crew in the fish pen. The pirates took hostage two crewmembers at gunpoint and ordered them to discharge the fish into their boat. Before leaving the vessel the pirates stole a drum of gasoline, one propeller, vessel's property and two cell phones. They destroyed the fishing vessel's engine coil and escaped. The fishing vessel was drifting until the next day afternoon, when another fishing boat towed them to Mahaica bridge area. Incident reported to Mahaica police station.

AFRICA (SOMALIA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	25.02.2007 0603 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Rozen General Cargo St. Vincent and Grenadines 2250 7510688	11:50N – 051:35E, Somalia	The ship departed Berbera port after discharging a cargo of UN food aid. The ship was hijacked by Somali pirates armed with automatic weapons. “Somali Coast Guard / Puntland Authorities” was informed who intercepted the ship. Gunfire was exchanged between the hijackers and the “Coast Guard ship”. Twelve crewmembers were on board the hijacked vessel. No injuries reported to the crew. The “Coast Guard” was not able to board the ship due to strong resistance from the heavily armed hijackers. The pirates had taken the ship to Ehinowea Dhiedhiglay in the Southern Region and the ship is anchored about 1.24 NM from shore. Vessel was subsequently released on 5 April 2007. All 12 crew reported to be well.
2.	01.04.2007 Evening Hours Anchored Hijacked	Nimatullah General Cargo - - -	Off Mogadishu Port, Somalia	Pirates hijacked an anchored dhow outside the deep waters of Mogadishu port. Pirates demanded a ransom for the release of the ship and the crew. Latest information received indicates the vessel was released on 06.04.2007 after the ransom was paid and the vessel is proceeding to Mogadishu port to discharge the cargo. All crew are safe.
3.	03.05.2007 0700 LT Not Stated Hijacked	Mariam Queen General Cargo St. Kitts & Nevis 3742 7352141	12 Miles Off Mogadishu, Somalia	A group of Somalian pirates armed with guns boarded the ship underway. They hijacked the ship and took it to Hobio anchorage. On 27.5.2007, the vessel and crew were released after lengthy negotiations. It appears that a ransom was paid to secure the release of the ship and crew.
4.	- - Not Stated Hijacked	Ching Fong Hwa 168 Fishing Vessel Taiwan -	Somalia	We have received verbal confirmation from the Taiwanese Fisheries Dept., that the fishing vessel was hijacked and held at Harardheere. On 05.11.2007 the vessel and crew were released after lengthy negotiations. It appears that a ransom was paid to secure the release of the ship and crew.
5.	15.05.2007	Mavuno No.1	01:10N –	While underway, five pirates armed

	0840 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Fishing Vessel Tanzania - -	049:00E, 210 NM Off Somalia	with guns boarded and hijacked the fishing vessel. They sailed the vessel to a new location and moored in posn 04:30N – 048:10E. The 13 crew members are held hostage onboard. On 04.11.2007 the vessel and crew were released after lengthy negotiations. It appears that a ransom was paid to secure the release of the ship and crew.
6.	15.05.2007 0840 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Mavuno No.2 Fishing Vessel Tanzania - -	01:10N – 049:00E, 210 NM Off Somalia	While underway, five pirates armed with guns boarded and hijacked the fishing vessel. They sailed the vessel to a new location and moored in posn 04:30N – 048:10E. The 11 crew members are held hostage onboard. On 04.11.2007 the vessel and crew were released after lengthy negotiations. It appears that a ransom was paid to secure the release of the ship and crew.
7.	24.05.2007 - Steaming Hijacked	Al-Caqiq Dhow UAE - -	Off Mogadishu, Somalia	It has been reported by a third party that the dhow with a crew of 14 was hijacked by pirates off Mogadishu. They held the dhow and 14 crew members at Harardheere for a ransom. On 21.06.2007 the vessel and crew were released after lengthy negotiations. It appears that a ransom was paid to secure the release of the ship and crew.
8.	02.06.2007 - Steaming Hijacked	Danica White General Cargo Denmark 997 8401157	Enroute from Sharjah to Mombasa, Off Somalia	Armed pirates in three boats hijacked the ship and sailed her to coastal waters and anchored in Hobiyo, although there are reports that the vessel may have been shifted to Harardheere. Pirates are holding her five crew members as hostage. On 22.08.2007 the vessel and crew were released after lengthy negotiations. It appears that a ransom was paid to secure the release of the ship and crew.
9.	20.09.2007 1715 LT Steaming Hijacked	Greko 2 Fishing Vessel Greece 58 -	110 NM West of Berbera, Somalia	Pirates hijacked the fishing vessel and anchored it near the village of Raas Shula. All crew including the four Somali security personnel onboard were taken out of the ship. The pirates destroyed all the equipment onboard and stole everything, including some diesel oil that they could remove. The crew were intimidated but not harmed and later returned to the vessel. The vessel was released on 23.09.2007 and arrived at Aden port, Yemen. No ransom was

				paid.
10.	17.10.2007 1830 LT Steaming Hijacked	Almarjan General Cargo Comoros 2664 6717344	10 – 20NM Off Mogadishu Port, Somalia	A general cargo ship was proceeding to Mombassa, Kenya after discharging cargo at Mogadishu when pirates in a boat chased her and opened fire with automatic weapons. The pirates successfully boarded the ship and hijacked her. They sailed the ship into coastal waters and anchored close to shore. On 02.12.2007 the vessel and crew were released after lengthy negotiations. It appears that a ransom was paid to secure the release of the ship and crew.
11.	29.10.2007 2130 LT Anchored Hijacked	Dai Hong Dan General Cargo North Korea 6390 7944695	02:11.57N – 045:47.95E, Mogadishu Inner Anchorage, Somalia	The IMB PRC received a distress call that a general cargo ship was boarded and hijacked by seven armed pirates while at anchor after discharging cargo at Mogadishu. Pirates took control of the bridge, engine room and steering room. There was a fight between the crewmembers and pirates. Crew regained control the engine room and later managed to regain control of the bridge. Six crewmembers were injured. A U.S. warship rendered assistance in rescuing the crew and ship. The injured crewmembers were given medical aid. Six pirates were captured and one pirate killed.

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Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	06.01.2007 0107 LT Anchored Boarded	CEC Accord Container Bahamas 3838 9148805	Boma Anchorage, Congo River, Democratic Republic of Congo	Robbers boarded the ship waiting for berth at Matadi. Alert crew noticed the robbers, raised alarm and tried to obstruct them but failed. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's properties in a canoe. Master sent distress alarm by vhf but no response from port authorities.
2.	08.01.2007 2335 LT Anchored Boarded	Trom Estrid Product Tanker Denmark 42432 9277723	06:19N – 003:23E, Lagos Roads, Nigeria	Robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the ship during STS cargo operations. They attacked duty crew, tied him up and asked for key and security lock code for the cargo control room. D/O noticed the robbers and raised alarm. Robbers stole

				personal belongings from the duty crew, ship's stores and escaped. Duty crew sustained injuries on his left hand. Port control informed.
3.	10.01.2007 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	Niledutch Nordica Ro-Ro Antigua and Barbuda 4999 8320638	05:52S – 013:03.3E, Boma Anchorage, Congo River, Democratic Republic of Congo	A large group of robbers in several boats armed with long knives and wooden sticks boarded the ship. Robbers tried to attack the duty crew on deck. Crew retreated to the bridge and raised alarm. Robbers broke two containers, stole cargo and escaped. D/O tried to call port control but no response.
4.	16.01.2007 0430 LT Steaming Boarded	CMA CGM Simba Container Panama 11062 9072111	06:34.8S – 039:32.0E, 18NM Off Dar Es Salaam Roads, Tanzania	While the ship was drifting, A/B noticed some suspicious movements on forecastle deck. Raised alarm and crew alerted. Pirates jumped overboard and escaped. Three containers were found open with seals broken.
5.	20.01.2007 0930 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Baco-Liner 2 Barge Container Carrier Liberia 22345 7904621	05:33.5N – 005:24.5E, Chanomi Creek, Nigeria	Armed militants blocked the channel with their boats that were equipped with sophisticated heavy weapons. They forced the master to stop the vessel, drop anchor and to lower the gangway. 17 crew members were abducted by the militants who boarded the vessel. The remaining militants took seven crew members as hostage and hijacked the vessel. The pilot, on board at the time, was later released. Crew and vessel were subsequently released following successful negotiations between Nigerian authorities and militants.
6.	29.01.2007 0030 LT Berthed Boarded	Francisca Schulte Container Cyprus 15929 9162370	Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania	Despite tight anti piracy measures, a container ship berthed alongside was boarded by robbers armed with knives. They took hostage one of the watchmen and placed a knife at his throat. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped by jumping overboard. The port authorities were informed and a patrol boat arrived 30 minutes later - a search was carried out but no one was caught.
7.	03.02.2007 0245 LT Steaming Boarded	Watford Product Tanker Singapore 8482 9351749	06:03.0N – 003:25.5E, Lagos Roads, Nigeria	Five pirates armed with guns boarded the tanker drifting 20 miles off the breakwaters. Pirates threatened the duty A/B at forward station by pointing a gun at him. They entered the bosun store. Other duty crew informed OOW who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Port control informed but call ignored. Pirates stole ship's stores and escaped in a

				motor canoe. No one was injured.
8.	08.02.2007 1950 LT Steaming Boarded	Ocean Satin Tug Panama 1154 7325526	05:23.4N – 005:11.7E, Vicinity of Forcados River, Nigeria	Five heavily armed pirates in a speed boat boarded the vessel underway. They ordered the Master to drop anchor and forced all crew and supernumeraries to the bridge. Pirates smashed master's head with a bottle. Then, they ransacked crew members cabin and took all personal belongings of crew, vessel's property and escaped at 0130 LT. The vessel's calls for assistance from shore were ignored by authorities.
9.	09.02.2007 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	Bow Bahia Tanker Liberia 3726 9114763	06:15.00N – 003:15.00E, Lagos Roads, Nigeria	The bridge security guard on the tanker observed three robbers boarding on port side aft during bunkering operations. They informed the officer on watch via a handheld radio and general alarm was raised. Upon seeing the crew approach, two of the robbers jumped overboard and the third one hit the master on the face with a knife before jumping.
10.	26.02.2007 0315 LT Steaming Boarded	Diler 4 Bulk Carrier Turkey 22531 8308903	06:37.4S – 039:32.0E, Drifting Off Dar Es Salaam Port, Tanzania	Ten pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship from the fore part. Pirates tied up the duty A/B and asked for ship's store keys. D/O spotted pirates and raised alarm and crew mustered. Pirates escaped with ship's stores. No crew were injured. Port control informed however no action taken.
11.	27.02.2007 0415 LT Anchored Boarded	Moselle Tanker Marshall Islands 28567 9254240	06:19.04N – 003:21.06E, 5 NM Off Lagos, Nigeria	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor via the stern. They threatened the watch keepers with knives and stole two mooring ropes. Alarm was raised. Robbers left without taking anything else. Inspection showed one fire hose was cut in two but robbers left it behind. No one was hurt. Port control informed.
12.	09.03.2007 0355 LT Anchored Boarded	NDS Princess General Cargo Panama 16564 7826893	08:45.97S – 013:16.39E, Luanda Inner Anchorage, Angola	Two robbers boarded the ship at forward. They tied up duty A/B and snatched his walkie-talkie and tried to open the hawse pipe cover plate nuts. Duty A/B managed to untie himself and informed D/O on bridge. D/O raised alarm and sounded ship's whistle. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's property.
13.	12.03.2007 0200 LT Steaming Boarded	Atropos Product Tanker Liberia 2966 8700175	08:44.60N – 013:51.20W, 40 NM Off Freetown, Sierra Leone	Pirates armed with machine guns and knives boarded the tanker underway. They stole cash and valuables and escaped in their speedboat. The master and officer on the bridge were

				unable to activate the SSAS as they were under close observation of the pirates. No crew members were injured. This incident was reported to the coastal state authorities.
14.	31.03.2007 0100 LT Anchored Boarded	Severn Fisher Product Tanker Gibraltar 6892 8116611	06:14.4N – 003:14.4E, 12NM Off SW of Lagos, Nigeria	Robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker at anchor at forecandle using grappling hooks. They successfully cut mooring ropes and threw them overboard into waiting boat. Watchmen informed D/O who raised alarm and alerted crew members. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped when crew members went forward to apprehend them. The ship then weighed anchor and drifted 35 NM off port limit.
15.	01.04.2007 Early Morning Anchored Boarded	Bueford Dolphin Platform Rig Singapore 9292 8756344	64 KM off the Coast of Nigeria	An expatriate worker was abducted by pirates and taken ashore from a platform rig. The pirates boarded the rig via the support vessel which was secured alongside the rig at the time of the incident. The owners are in contact with the Nigerian authorities to get the worker released. The worker was released on 04 Apr 2007.
16.	05.04.2007 2310 LT Steaming Boarded	MOL Rise Container Antigua and Barbuda 12997 9007506	06:36S – 039:36E, 23 NM East of Dar Es Salaam Entrance Channel, Tanzania	Pirates, reportedly armed with crowbars, boarded the ship underway. They broke into six containers and stole cargo. Ship's stores broken into and equipment stolen.
17.	06.04.2007 0200 LT Berthed Boarded	Rio Bravo Tanker Marshall Islands 4230 7306166	Lagos, Nigeria	Robbers boarded the tanker at berth and broke open paint store and stole ship's stores. Alarm raised and authorities informed. Master suspected robbers may have boarded with the assistance of the port watchman.
18.	11.04.2007 0530 UTC Steaming Boarded	MSC Emilia S Container Panama 10932 7026522	06:32S – 039:35E, 28 Miles NE of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania	Pirates boarded the ship drifting. They broke open two containers and stole some cargo before leaving the ship.
19.	11.04.2007 - Anchored Boarded	Rickmers Hamburg General Cargo Marshall Islands 23119 9238818	Egypt Mooring Buoy, Port Said, Suez Canal, Egypt	Robbers boarded the ship, using a hook ladder from a mooring boat, while the crew was busy in mooring operations at the mooring buoy. The robbers lowered the gangway for their colleagues to board the ship easily. Two robbers entered the accommodation while the others looked for stores to rob on deck. Due

				to the crew vigilance the robbers were spotted and chased away. Nothing was stolen. Agents were informed but no action taken.
20.	19.04.2007 Evening Hrs Not Stated Boarded	Mike One - - - -	Delta Region, Nigeria	Pirates armed with guns attacked the security vessel. They kidnapped three Nigerian crewmembers and stole weapons and equipment form the vessel. Six crew members were injured.
21.	24.04.2007 0245 LT Anchored Boarded	Pioneer Sea General Cargo Malta 12215 8501737	2.2 Miles from Tema Port Breakwater, Tema Outer Anchorage, Ghana	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. They caught and tied up the duty A/B and took his walkie-talkie. The robbers stole ship's stores from the forecastle store. The robbers escaped in a waiting boat. Duty A/B released himself and raised alarm.
22.	27.04.2007 0240 LT Anchored Boarded	EW Hastings Product Tanker Liberia 17018 8701519	06:17.0N 003:21.7E, Lagos Outer Anchorage, Nigeria.	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker at anchor. Alarm raised and crew alerted. The robbers threatened crew with knives and jumped into water with ship's stores. They escaped in a boat with four accomplices.
23.	01.05.2007 - Anchored Boarded	Oloibiri Tanker Nigeria 132029 7517882	Pennington River, Bayelsa State, Nigeria	Pirates armed with weapons / explosives attacked the tanker and kidnapped six crew members. After successful negotiations, the crew were released on 30.05.2007.
24.	03.05.2007 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	FPSO Mystras Offshore Processing Ship Portugal 70633 7374280	03:59N – 007:17E, Port Harcourt, Nigeria	Armed pirates in four boats attacked the FPSO and tried to board it via the anchor chain. There were eight security personnel on the FPSO. The pirates were successful in their attempt. Eight crew from the FPSO and Supply ship were kidnapped. Owners informed that all eight crew were released later in the evening.
25.	05.05.2007 Early Morning Hrs Not Stated Boarded	Trident VIII Platform Rig Liberia 7292 8756409	Off Nigeria Coast, Nigeria	Pirates armed with guns boarded the platform rig at dawn. They kidnapped one crewmember and escaped. The pirates have made no demands.
26.	08.05.2007 2300 LT Not Stated Boarded	DLB Cheyenne - - - -	10 KM Off Escravos, Delta State, Nigeria	40 pirates armed with guns in six boats attacked the vessel. Nigerian military personnel engaged the pirates in a gun battle, but the pirates managed to kidnap four crew. One crew and three naval personnel sustained injuries.
27.	12.05.2007 - Anchored Hijacked	Tahoma Reefer Refrigerated Cargo St. Vincent and Grenadines	Monrovia, Liberia	About 25 pirates armed with machetes in two fishing boats, boarded the ship at anchor, which was, awaiting repairs due to a fire

		3684 7812086		onboard several days earlier. They assaulted the crew members, who received serious injuries and forced them to disembark. The pirates hijacked the ship and towed it to neighbouring Ivory Coast.
28.	17.05.2007 0530 LT Anchored Boarded	MSC Emilia S General Cargo Panama 10932 7026522	'B'Inner Anchorage, Mombasa, Kenya	Ship's crew onboard the ship spotted a robber on the ship's stern. Alarm raised and crew proceeded aft to investigate. On seeing the crew, robber jumped overboard and escaped in a small boat waiting with two more persons. Robbers stole ship's stores.
29.	17.05.2007 0036 LT Anchored Boarded	Lissy Schulte Container Liberia 16800 9102497	Mombasa Port Inner Anchorage, Kenya	The deck watchman noticed two containers open with broken seals on the forecastle, which he had not noticed during his first round. Both containers were re-sealed and additional watchmen were posted. The security level was increased to level 2. Incident reported to port state control.
30.	19.05.2007 2120 LT Berthed Boarded	Name Withheld Refrigerated Cargo Norway 6421 -	Berth No.4, Port Harcourt, Nigeria	Four armed pirates in military fatigue boarded the ship via the quay side accommodation ladder. Duty A/B tried to inform the D/O. The pirates assaulted the duty A/B with the butt of their guns and then shot his legs. Hearing the shots the alarm was raised and the pirates ran back onto the quay. While escaping more shots were fired at the ship's superstructure. They escaped in a boat waiting at the stern. The ambulance and police refused to come to the port and the injured A/B had to be sent to the hospital via the port security car. After four hours, the pirates attempted to gain access to the vessel via the stern but were deterred by the sounding of the ships alarm and the armed watchmen on the nearby vessel.
31.	07.06.2007 - Steaming Hijacked	NA Fishing Vessel Egypt - -	Off Eritrean Waters, Eritrea	Pirates attacked and fired upon an Egyptian fishing vessel underway and forced the vessel to stop. They hijacked the vessel to Eritrean Regional waters and held 23 fishermen and sailors as hostages.
32.	09.06.2007 0400 LT Berthed Boarded	Silvia Chemical Tanker Liberia 23842 9208485	3 NM Away From Jetty At Outer Roads of Lagos, Nigeria	While at berth, robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the tanker. The ship repeatedly tried to call Lagos pilot but did not receive any response. One crew member was injured and ship's stores stolen.
33.	16.06.2007	Baltic Force	Lagos	Robbers boarded the tanker,

	0140 LT Anchored Boarded	Chemical Tanker Cyprus 23337 9327384	Anchorage, Nigeria	undergoing STS operation preparations. Robbers armed with knives tied up the aft station watchman. D/O noticed a small wooden boat with ship's mooring ropes and raised the general alarm. On hearing the alarm and seeing the forward mooring station crew coming aft the robbers cut the mooring ropes and escaped with stolen stores. No injuries to crew. Port control was informed.
34.	05.08.2007 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Gas Amazon LPG Tanker Marshall Islands 6322 9038763	06:19.29N – 003:23.62E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker at anchor. Duty crew raised alarm and robbers escaped with ship's stores. Port control informed. Ship advised to drift 15 NM away from pilot station.
35.	05.08.2007 0119 LT Anchored Boarded	Vega Refrigerated Cargo Lithuania 3172 8204078	Ango-Ango, Matadi Port, Democratic Republic of Congo	Armed robbers, in two canoes, boarded the ship at anchor. They threatened the deck watchman with a knife and chased him; luckily, the watchman managed to escape and raised the alarm. Meanwhile other robbers stole ship's stores. On seeing the alerted crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped.
36.	15.08.2007 0130 UTC Anchored Boarded	Saturnas Refrigerated Cargo Lithuania 3252 8210247	05:51S - 013:24E, Matadi Roads, Democratic Republic of Congo	Eight robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. They stole cargo and ship's stores and escaped. No injuries to crew. Attempt to contact local agents via VHF were futile.
37.	23.08.2007 2210 LT Steaming Boarded	CEC Svendborg General Cargo Gibraltar 2462 9048263	31:16.1N – 032:19.5E, Port Said Inner Harbour, Egypt	Pirates from five boats boarded the ship during mooring manoeuvres, despite attempts of the master and crew to prevent them. The pirates tried to force open and gain access into storerooms, cargo holds and the superstructure but failed as the doors were padlocked and secured. The three pilots on board, at the time, asked the master not to interrupt the mooring manoeuvres for safety reasons. Once the ship was safely moored, the crew started chasing the pirates out. The watchmen and police on board started to help only when the master told them they would not get any cigarettes unless they made sure that there were no pirates onboard. The pilots later apologised for the "business people".
38.	25.08.2007 0300 UTC	Wappen Von Leipzig	Conakry Anchorage,	About 30 robbers armed with guns boarded the tanker. Crew locked all

	Anchored Boarded	Product Tanker United Kingdom 5145 9260847	Guinea	access to ship and attempted to contact local authorities for help but failed to get any response. Robbers later left the ship. Nothing stolen and no harm to crew / ship. Ship weighed anchor and proceeded to high seas for safety.
39.	12.09.2007 0350 LT Anchored Boarded	Ravnanger Chemical Tanker Norway 28246 9212371	Bonny River Anchorage, Nigeria	Five robbers, in two motor boats, armed with guns and knives boarded an anchored tanker from the bow using ropes and hooks. Duty crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. The robbers broke the padlock on the forward store and stole ship's stores and escaped. Bonny signal station was called many times but did not respond. Master requested for additional guards from agents.
40.	24.09.2007 0145 LT Steaming Boarded	Maersk Alabama Container USA 14120 9164263	06:36S – 039:35E, 10.5NM Pt Ros Ndge, Dar Es Salam, Tanzania	While adrift, awaiting berth, a crewmember onboard the ship noticed three pirates on the port side deck. The alarm was sounded and the pirates disembarked into a small boat alongside the ship. The bridge directed a search light towards the small boat and observed a 25 ft wooden boat with a blue strip, center console and outboard engine slowly moving away. The boat had around 15 – 20 pirates onboard and a ladder. The pirates were dressed only in shorts. A search of the vessel found no other pirates onboard. However, a container seal was broken and some of the cargo removed and left on deck. In addition, a forward storeroom lock was found damaged. The port authorities were notified.
41.	30.09.2007 0530 LT Anchored Boarded	Emirates Meru Container Cyprus 9940 9330850	06:46.4S – 039:20.9E, Anchorage No.6, Port Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania	During routine anti piracy rounds, the aft duty AB discovered the forward AB tied up near the bunker station. He informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and mustered the crew. The crew noticed that two containers had been broken into and some ships stores missing. The released AB said that during his rounds on the main deck, two robbers armed with knives attacked him tied him up. He said that he had noticed six robbers all wearing only shorts. Port authorities informed.
42.	03.10.2007 0300 UTC Anchored Boarded	Thamisa Naree Bulk Carrier Thailand 20232	Conakry Anchorage, Guinea	Duty crew on an anchored ship, noticed two robbers stealing ship stores on the forecastle. Alarm raised and ships whistle sounded. The crew

		8029076		mustered and directed the ships search lights towards the robbers. The robbers escaped. Ships in the vicinity were informed. All calls to port authorities were futile.
43.	10.10.2007 0020 LT Anchored Boarded	Marilee Product Tanker Norway 42835 9326861	Bonny Inland Anchorage, Nigeria	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker at anchor. They seized AB on routine anti-piracy rounds and tied him up. However, before the robbers tied up the bosun, he managed to alert the others on the walkie talkie. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Port authorities contacted but no response. Robbers escaped.
44.	18.10.2007 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	Allstar Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 16725 8919104	04:29.2N – 007:10.7E, Bonny Inland Anchorage, Nigeria	During heavy rain, robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship at anchor. They tied-up the duty A/B and took the O/S as hostage to open the forecandle and paint stores. Another duty A/B spotted the robbers and informed D/O on bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's stores. Attempts made to contact Bonny signal station were futile.
45.	19.10.2007 0230 LT Berthed Boarded	Domenico Ievoli Chemical Tanker Italy 9383 9125231	Safi Port, Morocco	30 robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker at berth. Alarm raised. The crew confronted the robbers at the gangway. The robbers threatened the crew with knives but later got off without injuring the crew. At the time of the incident the terminal watchman had left his post. Port authority informed but no action taken.
46.	19.10.2007 2315 LT Anchored Boarded	Zygi Product Tanker Bahamas 24731 8814433	Offshore Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria	Robbers armed with knives boarded a tanker at anchor. They took as hostage one A/B. They tied him up and warned him not to make any attempt to escape. They stole some ship's store. Robbers then took the A/B into the accommodation and searched for money. They then returned to the stern, lowered ship's store into the waiting boat and escaped.
47.	19.10.2007 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	Ciel & Mer Yacht Canada - -	Majunga Harbour, Madagascar	Four robbers boarded the sailboat. They cut the skipper's thumb and assaulted him. They tried to strangle the skipper's wife. They stole cash, properties and escaped. The skipper and his wife received serious knife injuries. The assault had resulted in fractured ribs as well.
48.	24.10.2007	BW Danube	Off Lagos	Two robbers boarded the tanker

	0010 LT Anchored Boarded	Product Tanker Panama 43797 9365001	Apapa Lightering Area, Nigeria	during STS operation at anchor. They tied up two crewmembers and stole cash and valuables from one crew. During the encounter with the robbers, one seaman received minor injury. Master activated SSAS alert. Local police and port authority informed.
49.	26.10.2007 0130 LT Anchored Boarded	Border Container Antigua and Barbuda 10736 9063988	14:31.73S – 040:39.85E, Nacala Anchorage, Mozambique	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor and stole ship's stores. Ship contacted port control but no response.
50.	28.10.2007 0216 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Golden Nori Chemical Tanker Panama 6253 9151137	13:05N – 050:24E, Gulf of Aden	A distress alert from a hijacked tanker was relayed to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. The distress message was then relayed immediately to coalition naval forces for assistance. Attempts to communicate with the vessel were unsuccessful. The coalition forces informed that the vessel had been taken into Somalian territorial waters. There were 23 crewmembers onboard. On 12 December 2007, the tanker and crew were released after lengthy negotiations. It appears that a ransom was paid to secure the release of the ship and crew.
51.	30.10.2007 2120 LT Steaming Boarded	Orca Reefer Refrigerated Cargo St. Kitts & Nevis 4401 8223323	03:59.6N – 006:50.3E, 15NM Off Fareway Buoy, Bonny Town, Nigeria	Ten pirates armed with guns boarded a reefer vessel. Alarm was raised and crew mustered. Pirates managed to escape. Attempt to contact Bonny signal station were futile.
52.	31.10.2007 0330 LT Steaming Boarded	Unique Sunshine Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 28553 9222649	06:15N – 003:15E, Lagos, Nigeria	Three pirates armed with knives boarded a tanker drifting. They took hostage the duty A/B and O/S and tied them up. They threatened the O/S with knives on his throat and asked him to open the accommodation doors but the O/S did not have the key. Two of the pirates then went to the bridge and assaulted the 2/O. The next watch keeper woke up and saw the movements on poop deck and raised the alarm. All crew mustered. Pirates escaped with ship's stores, property, crew personal belongings and cash. First aid administered to the O/S who received knife injuries. Port control informed.
53.	31.10.2007 0410 LT	Emirates Gondwana	06:44.84S – 039:35.02E,	Ten pirates in a 10M long wooden boat boarded a container ship drifting.

	Steaming Boarded	Container Antigua and Barbuda 9957 9374117	Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania	They broke into three containers, stole ship's stores, property and escaped as soon as the crew were alerted. Port control informed.
54.	03.10.2007 0700 LT Steaming Boarded	NA Passenger Vessel Nigeria - -	Bonny Channel, Bonny River, Nigeria	Pirates armed with guns and hiding in a mangrove swamp ambushed the passenger vessel during passage to Bonny Town. It is suspected some of the pirates could have mingled among the passengers and boarded the vessel at the jetty at Port Harcourt. The pirates waited at the midway point and attacked the vessel when signalled. The pirates stole passenger valuable. Some passengers were believed to be injured. Pirates fired a volley of shots into the air before escaping. Injured passengers received medical treatment ashore.
55.	04.11.2007 Early Hours Steaming Boarded	Seamark Support Vessel St. Vincent and Grenadines 320 9199921	Bonny River, Niger Delta, Nigeria	Eight pirates, in a speedboat, armed with guns boarded the vessel underway. They shot one crewmember dead and wounded the other. Pirates ransacked the vessel and stole vessel's property and escaped.
56.	05.11.2007 0001-0400 LT Berthed Boarded	Border Container Antigua and Barbuda 10736 9063988	19:49.24S – 034:50.0E, Beira Container Terminal, Mozambique	Robbers boarded the ship at berth and stole ship's stores amid tight anti piracy watches. The ship had shore security personal deployed by the port security. In addition they were armed security guards on the shore side.
57.	21.11.2007 0212 LT Steaming Boarded	Champion Polar Tanker Norway 28292 8414570	06:12N – 003:18E, Lagos, Nigeria	Five pirates armed with knives boarded the tanker drifting around 15 NM from shore. Duty crew spotted the pirates and informed the duty officer. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Pirates escaped with ship's stores.
58.	24.11.2007 0345 LT Anchored Boarded	Paris Container Liberia 18000 8902137	06:17.8N – 003:21.2E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Four armed robbers in a small wooden boat boarded the ship from aft. They stole ship's stores and escaped. No injuries to crew.
59.	28.11.2007 1630 LT Anchored Boarded	Athlos Product Tanker Marshall Islands 17277 8007248	Lagos Roads, Nigeria	In what appeared to be a military launch with 12 armed robbers dressed in military fatigues approached the tanker at anchor. Nine persons boarded the vessel and ordered the master to disembark into their launch. The master refused and escaped towards the accommodation. The robbers opened fire on the master. Luckily, the master escaped unhurt. While searching and looting the

				accommodation, the robbers took as hostage, the 2nd officer, one A/B and the cook. The three hostages were released after 90 minutes in exchange for cash and cigarettes. On 29.11.2007, the master received a phone call, threatening him that the robbers would attack again in the next port.
60.	07.12.2007 0206 UTC Steaming Boarded	Frederike Oldendorff Bulk Carrier Liberia 26586 9146003	06:14N – 003:22E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Two pirates, armed with guns and knives, boarded the ship drifting. The pirates tied up the aft watch keeper. The forward watch keeper sighted the pirates, ran into the accommodation and locked all entrance doors. Duty officer informed, alarm raised and crew mustered. Pirates immediately jumped overboard and fled in the waiting wooden motor boat. The two watchmen had light injuries. Port control informed.
61.	09.12.2007 0430 LT Steaming Boarded	Jasper S Container Antigua and Barbuda 9957 9390472	06:44S – 039:32E, Port of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania	While drifting, the ship was boarded by pirates unnoticed. They broke padlocks, removed container lashings bars and stole ship's stores and cargo. On carrying out a search only footprints were noticed. Port control was informed.
62.	16.12.2007 2115 UTC Steaming Boarded	Jamal Massry Product Tanker Gambia 3976 7361465	08:48.5N – 013:57.0W, Off Sierra Leone	Eight pirates armed with AK47 guns in military like fatigues boarded the tanker underway. They fired warning shots into the air and took master and crew as hostages. Pirates stole cash, crew personal belongings and ship's property. They escaped at 0001 UTC. No injuries to crew.
63.	24.12.2007 0310 UTC Berthed Boarded	Althea Bulk Carrier Malta 17697 9224855	Apapa Berth No. 20, Lagos Port, Nigeria	Four robbers boarded the ship at berth from a boat. They held one crew at knife point while they tried to open the bosun store. The duty 2nd officer on routine security rounds noticed the robbers. On seeing the alert crew, the robbers escaped. It was noticed that there were 20 robbers in two boats. Nothing was stolen.
64.	28.12.2007 0100 LT Anchored Boarded	Jag Payal Chemical Tanker India 23304 9352195	06:20N – 003:20E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Armed robbers boarded the tanker during STS operations. Due to crew involved in cargo operations, anti piracy watches maintained with one crew forward and one aft. The robbers held the aft anti piracy watch keeper at knife point and severely beat him. His hands and legs were tied up. Robbers stole ship's stores and equipment and escaped in a waiting boat. Injured crew received

				first aid treatment onboard. Attempts to contact port control and local agents for help were futile.
65.	31.12.2007 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Kriton Product Tanker Bahamas 28933 8904264	06:16.1N – 003:18.3E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Two robbers armed with knives boarded a product tanker from the port quarter, while the duty watch keeper was on the stbd side. The robbers held the watch keeper at knifepoint and threatened him. The robbers stole his personal belongings. The second watch keeper noticed the robbers and informed the duty officer. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a small wooden boat.
66	31.12.2007 0430 LT Berthed Boarded	Althea Bulk Carrier Malta 17697 9224855	Berth No. 20 Apapa Lagos, Nigeria	Four armed robbers in a small rubber boat attempted to board a bulk carrier at anchor using grappling hook. Duty crew raised alarm and crew mustered. Robbers escaped. Nothing stolen. Master tried to report to port control but no response

REST OF WORLD

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	02.08.2007 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	Sima Touba Container Cyprus 16135 7920572	29:43.6N – 048:40.1E, Umm Qasr Anchorage, Iraq	Robbers armed with guns boarded the ship and opened fire with automatic weapons which damaged master's cabin porthole and 2 nd officer received injuries on his fingers. Robbers stole ship's cash, master and crew's personal belongings and cash.
2.	12.10.2007 0225 LT Anchored Boarded	Bagdad Container Bahamas 3147 8516275	29:52.0N – 048:41.4E, Off Al Faw, Iraq	Four robbers in a seven mtr long craft came alongside the ship at anchor. Two robbers armed with guns boarded the ship. Duty AB noticed them and informed the 2/O who raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and switched off lights for a moment. This action distracted the robbers and they escaped in their boat in ESE direction. Coalition war ship informed via vhf.
3.	16.10.2007 0145 LT Steaming Boarded	Navid Container Panama 1911 8923454	30:06.0N – 048:24.4E, Shatt Al Arab River, Iran	Five pirates in a speed boat, armed with AK-47 automatic rifles, boarded the ship underway. They took the master, C/E, 2/O and pilot as hostage. The C/O discovered the incident and raised the alarm. The pirates fired at the C/O. Luckily the

				C/O escaped. The pirates robbed the crew of cash and property before escaping in their speed boat. Port control and coast guard informed.
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ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

1 January – 31 December 2007

SOUTH EAST ASIA (MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	28.03.2007 0707 UTC Steaming Attempted	Heinrich Oldendorff Bulk Carrier Liberia 39893 9216406	04:40.0N – 099:15.5E, Malacca Straits	Four pirates in a 15 metres length grey hull wooden speedboat was observed drifting across the ship's course line. The boat suddenly approached the ship underway. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres, crew mustered and activated fire hoses. Pirates attempted to board the ship with ropes and long stick with steps. After 20 minutes the pirates moved away.
2.	28.08.2007 1010 LT Steaming Attempted	Martha Russ Container Antigua and Barbuda 9956 9346562	06:06.9N – 098:30.7E, Malacca Straits	Ten armed pirates, in a speedboat, attempted to board the ship underway. Due to the ship's higher speed, the pirates could not board and give up the chase.
3.	01.11.2007 1320 LT Steaming Attempted	Islamabad General Cargo Pakistan 12395 7822706	01:52.5N – 102:09.5E, Malacca Straits	A small-unlit high-speed craft came close to the ship underway. Master switched on all deck lights, assembled all crew, and closed all entrances to the accommodation. Fire hoses standby and search lights were directed towards the boat. Ships speed increased and evasive manoeuvres carried out. VTIS Port Klang notified. After about one and a half hours of trailing the speedboat aborted the attempt. MRCC Putra Jaya informed.
4.	06.11.2007 2130 LT Steaming Attempted	Bow Fertility Chemical Tanker Singapore 27963 8420529	03:55.2N – 099:46.2E, Malacca Straits	An unidentified small watercraft approached the tanker underway. Duty Officer of Watch raised alarm, sounded ship's whistle, crew mustered and directed searchlight at the craft. The craft came within 150 metres and aborted the attempt.

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	13.03.2007 0410 LT Anchored Attempted	Zeal Product Tanker Cyprus 16757 8028589	06:14.2S – 108:26.5E, Balongan Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers armed with knives in an unlit boat approached the anchored tanker and threw a line onboard the ship at the port quarter. Duty watchmen standing by with pipes in hand. Robbers aborted the attempt and fled.
2.	08.04.2007 2300 LT Anchored Attempted	Braveheart Product Tanker Liberia 52531 9009140	Lawi-Lawi, Anchorage, Balikpapan, Indonesia	Robbers attempted to board the tanker through hawse pipe which was secured. Anti-piracy watches were being maintained by crew forward and aft and on bridge. On hearing voices from the hawse pipe alert crew informed the bridge and alarm was raised. Crew went forward to investigate. Hawse pipe and forward stores were found intact and nothing stolen. Robbers escaped. Agents informed.
3.	16.04.2007 1520 LT Anchored Fired upon	Pacific Discoverer General Cargo Hong Kong 18391 9007374	08:48.4S – 116:32.99E, 1.5 NM East of P.Kera Island, Selat Alas, SE of Lombok, Indonesia	Robbers armed with guns in 10 speed boats fired shots and attempted to board the ship at anchor. Ship owners contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) and requested assistance. PRC contacted the Indonesian SAR and Navy HQ who acknowledged and informed the PRC that they have relayed the message to the local authorities to render necessary assistance. Meanwhile, Master took evasive maneuvers by heaving anchor and proceeding to sea. Later the master informed that three police personnel had boarded the ship. No one was injured.
4.	23.04.2007 2100 UTC Anchored Attempted	Arendal Tanker Norway 60339 8419740	06:14S – 108:26E, Balongan Anchorage, Indonesia	Five robbers in a boat attempted to board the tanker from the starboard quarter by using a grappling hook. The duty A/B spotted them and informed OOW who raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and alerted crew members. Robbers aborted and moved away. Nothing was stolen.
5.	09.05.2007 1800 LT	Surya Putra 5 Tug	07:47N – 120:21E,	15 armed masked pirates in a speed boat approached the tug towing a

	Steaming Attempted	Singapore 264 9376581 Surya Cakra 5 Barge Singapore - -	Sulu Sea, Philippines	barge underway. The speed boat closed to a distance of 150 meters from the tug but stopped when it encountered engine problems. The tug used this opportunity to escape from the attempted pirate attack / hijacking. The master reported that the area was active for Abu Sayyaf rebels activities.
6.	10.05.2007 1830 LT Steaming Attempted	Thetis Bulk Carrier Singapore 38891 9045584	03:18.0N – 123:33.0E, Indonesia	A small unidentified craft followed the ship underway at a distance of 2.5 miles. The small craft had its search light on and aimed at the stern and bridge preventing the crew from identifying the craft. The craft closed to eight cables and contacted the ship via ch 16 informing they were an Indonesian Navy patrol boat. They asked the ship to slow down and asked what type of cargo was onboard. The master asked the craft to illuminate herself for identification. The craft replied that they only wanted to know what type of cargo was onboard. The master refused to slow down as he suspected a piracy attack. The master raised the alarm. The crew mustered and took anti-piracy measures. The craft closed to about six cables, then slowed down, and moved away.
7.	24.05.2007 0315 LT Anchored Attempted	Kudam Tanker Liberia 62682 8021854	01:19.3N – 104:16.3E, Singapore Straits	Robbers in a speed boat tried to board the tanker at anchor from the stern. On seeing the robbers the anti piracy watch keeper, informed the OOW who raised the alarm. The robbers aborted the attempt and escaped in their speed boat. Crew conducted an investigation and found nothing missing / no damage to ship. VTIS informed.
8.	02.06.2007 1545 LT Steaming Attempted	Freiheit Yacht Germany 13 -	02:18.34N – 107:04.48E, Anambas Islands, Indonesia	Four pirates in a speedboat approached a sailing yacht underway. When the pirate boat was nearly alongside, a pirate standing on the bow of the boat, attempted to throw a small warp-anchor with a thin rope attached to enable to board the yacht. The master of the yacht increased speed and manoeuvred the yacht in zigzag manner. Luckily, the pirate boats' engine failed enabling the yacht to escape.
9.	23.06.2007 0240 LT	Darya Shakti Bulk Carrier	03:41S – 114:26.E,	Duty watch keeper, on the ship, sighted two robbers climbing up the

	Anchored Attempted	Hong Kong 31260 9291078	Banjarmasin Coal Loading Anchorage, Kalimantan, Indonesia	anchor chain and three other persons in a boat close to the anchor cable. Watch keeper notified D/O who raised the alarm. The robbers abandoned their attempt to board and escaped in the waiting small boat.
10.	30.08.2007 0530 LT Steaming Attempted	Jasmine Ace Bulk Carrier Vanuatu 19883 9310721	02:30S – 118:30E, Makassar Straits, Indonesia	Three, white coloured, speedboats doing 17 kts, approached the ship underway, from the port and stbd side. The D/O raised the alarm, sounded the ship's whistle and crew mustered. Seeing the crew, the pirates aborted the attempt.
11.	07.10.2007 0210 LT Steaming Attempted	Naxos Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 15164 9117387	01:14.2N – 104:59.3E, Off Bintan Islands, Indonesia	Pirates in a small speedboat approached the ship underway. The master altered course to avoid the boat however, it continued to approach the ship. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded and crew mustered. Seeing the alert crew the boat aborted the attempt and moved away. Singapore port control informed.

FAR EAST

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	26.07.2007 0730 LT Steaming Fired upon	Huyu 908 Fishing Vessel China - -	40NM West of Anambas Islands, South China Sea	A Chinese fishing vessel while underway was approached by a small rubber boat. Five pirates armed with guns opened fire at the fishing vessel and attempted to board. The fishing vessel increased speed and managed to escape. Bullets penetrated the bridge hull and damaged glass. No one was injured. The fishermen reported to authorities in China, Singapore and Malaysia.
2.	09.09.2007 1145 LT Steaming Attempted	Dilan Yacht - - -	01:54.1N – 106:31:49E 48NM SE of Pulau Repong, South China Sea	Two speedboats, with an unknown number of men and believed to be armed, were trailing the yacht underway. Suspicious of their intention, the yacht broadcast the incident via VHF radio. A passing by container ship relayed the message to Singapore port authorities. The Singapore port authorities relayed the message to MRCC Jakarta and broadcast a navigational warning via the Navtex and Safety Net System. The attempted attack was aborted.

INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	21.01.2007 1530 LT Steaming Attempted	City of Liverpool General Cargo Cambodia 1595 6708795	Kanka santhurai Harbour Jaffna Peninsula, Sri Lanka	Pirates in an explosive-laden boat rammed the ship after leaving the harbour. The hull of the ship was damaged and it was towed back to the harbour.
2.	27.01.2007 0530 LT Steaming Attempted	Peloponesian Pride Container Panama 46410 8320896	06:59.9N – 079:44.5E, Colombo Roads, Sri Lanka	A container ship was waiting for pilot. Port control then instructed master to proceed to open sea at full speed. Whilst underway, small boats followed the ship and one of the boats with two persons on board hit ship's hull at STBD quarter and exploded. Another boat continued to chase the ship. Master immediately called port control for assistance. Two Naval boats arrived and finally destroyed the boat. Five doors to accommodation and six empty containers were damaged.
3.	18.07.2007 2100 UTC Anchored Attempted	Excellent Pescadores Bulk Carrier Panama 11228 9260653	Chittagong Anchorage 'B', Bangladesh	Twelve robbers, in two small boats, armed with knives, attempted to board the ship at anchor during lightering operations. D/O raised the alarm and crew mustered. The robbers aborted their boarding attempt.
4.	22.07.2007 0300 UTC Steaming Attempted	BBC Sweden General Cargo Gibraltar 3198 9278600	06:01.4N – 080:00.5E, 12 NM Off SW Sri Lanka	Nine persons in a small boat with white and light-blue hull attempted to board the ship underway. Since ship's speed is 10.8 knots and suspect boat speed was only 7.8 knots. When abeam at 0.1 NM of the ship, the suspect boat reduced speed and aborted the attempt probably due to ship's higher speed.
5.	18.08.2007 0750 LT Steaming Attempted	Flying Germania II Yacht - - -	05:22.58N – 078:09.75E, 78 NM from Coast, Sri Lanka	Several fishing vessels chased and attempted to board the yacht while enroute from Maldives to Malaysia. The yacht managed to evade the attempted attack.

SOUTH AMERICA

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	16.01.2007 2240 LT Anchored Attempted	Maersk Rotterdam Container Antigua and Barbuda 14062 9242314	12:01.75S – 077:11.77W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Five persons, armed with knives, were seen climbing the stbd side of the ship at anchorage. Master raised alarm and robbers escaped in a wooden boat. Attempt was aborted.
2.	28.02.2007 1500 UTC Steaming Attempted	Cabo Negro II Product Tanker Panama 30954 9317248	06:53.06S – 081:43.08W, 50 NM Off Islas Lobos De Afuera, West Coast of Peru	A tanker underway detected a small craft at 3NM range on radar on port bow. Craft was stationary but started crossing to stbd bow. Ship took evasive manoeuvres to prevent craft from getting closer. The craft altered course to close in on the ship. Master informed and raised alarm. When craft was in close vicinity, crew mustered on deck with long pipes and sticks. Craft changed course and fled.

AFRICA (SOMALIA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	08.02.2007 2130 LT Anchored Fired upon	Sea Energy Product Tanker Panama 10937 8206997	02:00.44N – 045:20.7E, 1.5NM Off Mogadishu, Somalia	Five pirates armed with guns attempted to board the ship at anchor. Master raised alarm, crew mustered and activated fire hoses. Pirates fired at the ship and escaped. Master contacted port control and agent for assistance. Four port security gun men with tug came and searched the area at 2245 LT and then boarded the ship. One bullet hit near stbd navigation light. No injuries to crew.
2.	03.04.2007 Evening Anchored Fired upon	Nishan Dhow UAE - -	02:03.00N – 045:20.00E, Off Mogadishu Port, Somalia	Robbers in two speedboats approached the dhow at anchor and opened fire. The Master contacted authorities for assistance who sent speed boat and thwarted the attack.
3.	05.04.2007	Sahiba	00:25.00S –	Pirates in a speedboat opened fire on

	Afternoon Steaming Fired upon	Dhow India - -	042:34.00E, Off Kismayo Port, Somalia	the dhow. Luckily the speedboat experienced engine trouble, giving the dhow time to escape.
4.	14.05.2007 1530 LT Steaming Fired upon	IBN Younus General Cargo Qatar 15455 7500542	01:19.62N – 048:51.92E, 180 NM Off Somalia	Pirates armed with machine guns and rocket launchers, approached the ship underway from her port quarter. The pirates ordered the ship to stop and started firing towards the bridge. D/O raised alarm, SSAS alarm activated, master took evasive manoeuvres and fired rocket parachute signals on the boat when he saw the pirates preparing to fire rocket propelled grenades. The ship was hit and the accommodation caught fire and was extensively damaged. The crew extinguished the fire and took preventive measures to stop the fire from spreading. The master continuously maneuvered the ship to prevent the pirates from boarding. The attack lasted for one hour before the pirates aborted the attack. No injuries to crew. PRC relayed message to coalition navy for assistance.
5.	19.05.2007 1405 LT Steaming Fired upon	Victoria General Cargo Jordan 3440 7906203	01:34N – 044:45E, 9NM Off the coast, Somalia.	Heavily armed pirates with machine guns opened fire on an UN – World Food Program (WFP) chartered general cargo ship. Ship sent a distress message which was received by a passing ship and Merka port authority. The authorities sent two armed boats which rescued the ship. One WFP contractor was killed.
6.	20.05.2007 2300 LT Steaming Attempted	Bitumen Ride Tanker Panama 1009 8312526	07:08N – 054:36E, Somalia	An unidentified small craft followed the tanker at a distance of seven miles. As the ship altered course and speed to increase distance between them, the small craft adjusted her course. The small craft followed the vessel for several hours before moving away. PRC forwarded message to coalition forces to render necessary assistance.
7.	06.06.2007 0300 UTC Steaming Attempted	Ken Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 26778 9166871	01:20.28S – 049:30.61E, 315 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	A bulk carrier, underway, spotted a fishing vessel at about 12 miles. The fishing vessel was on a converging course with the ship. The master of the bulk carrier altered course away from the fishing vessel. He noticed that the fishing vessel also altered to maintain the converging course. When the fishing vessel was about five NM astern of the ship she

				suddenly altered course and headed off towards Mogadishu.
8.	13.06.2007 0108 UTC Steaming Attempted	Bitumen Ride Tanker Panama 1009 8312526	03:05N – 054:50E, Somalia	Three boats approached the tanker on converging courses. As the ship altered her course the boats adjusted their course and continued to approach the ship. As the ship increased speed the distance between the boats and ship increased and prevented the boarding of the ship.
9.	20.06.2007 1930 LT Steaming Attempted	CSK Beilun Bulk carrier Singapore 87522 9165528	13:21N – 052:21.2E Somalia	An unlit craft approached a bulk carrier, underway from the starboard bow. The master continuously altered course; the craft also adjust her course and speed. Later the ship spotted another unlit craft, which also started adjusting course and speed towards the ship. The master notified all crew and took maximum precautions. This continued for about two and a half hours before the small crafts aborted their attempt.
10.	08.07.2007 1842 LT Steaming Attempted	Trave Trader Container Antigua and Barbuda 15922 9080534	00:19.0N – 050:45.0E, Somalia	OOW on a container ship, underway, spotted a small craft at distance of 13NM on the starboard bow. The craft increased speed and headed directly for the ship. The master was notified and the ship carried out evasive manoeuvres. The craft adjusted its course and speed to close onto the ship. The master ordered all lights to be switched off and increased speed. The distance between the craft and ship slowly decreased and later the craft moved away.
11.	20.07.2007 1200 LT Steaming Attempted	MSC Natalia Container Panama 40177 8410940	11:09.0N – 052:46.8E, South of Socotra Island, Somalia	A small, white hulled, boat about 30-50 mtrs long followed the ship underway. At a distance of about 5 NM, the boat increased speed and approached the ship. The master altered course and the boat adjusted her course to follow the ship. At a distance of 3 NM, the boat stopped following the ship. Master altered course and moved away from the boat.
12.	29.07.2007 1020 UTC Steaming Attempted	Great Jade Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 39005 9129938	00:27.5S – 049:36.4E, 270 NM Off Somali Coast, Somalia	A craft followed the ship underway for four hours. The craft failed to reply on vhf and did not transmit any AIS data. Master took evasive action and moved away. Seeing this, the craft aborted the chase and proceeded towards the Somali coast.
13.	29.07.2007 1637 UTC	Great Jade Bulk Carrier	00:19S – 050:13.7E,	A craft followed the ship underway for three hours. The craft failed to

	Steaming Attempted	Hong Kong 39005 9129938	Off Somali Coast, Somalia	reply on vhf and did not transmit any AIS data. Master took evasive action and the craft aborted the attempt and altered towards the Somali coast.
14.	03.08.2007 0620 UTC Steaming Attempted	Maersk Nolanville Container Liberia 26833 9286774	02:54N – 051:42E, 240 NM Off Somali Coast, Somalia	Suspected pirates in a medium-sized craft altered towards the ship, underway. As the master altered course, the craft altered her course and continued to remain on collision course with the ship. Due to the large difference in speeds between the two ships, the suspected pirate craft aborted her attempt.
15.	07.08.2007 1910 LT Steaming Attempted	Med Carrara Bulk Carrier Cayman Islands 26847 7930369	01:24S – 050:45E, Somalia	A suspicious boat crossed the bow of the ship underway from stbd to port. There was no data found in the AIS. The boat altered course and headed directly for the ship. The ship increased speed. Another suspicious boat approached on the port bow. The boat was chasing the ship. After more than 1 hour, the suspicious boat reduced speed and stopped the chase.
16.	11.08.2007 1200 UTC Steaming Attempted	Parana Refrigerated Cargo United Kingdom 12348 8706777	01:46N – 052:59E, Somalia	Suspected pirates, in a boat, attempted to attack the ship underway. The ship altered course and the boat altered onto a collision course. The ship took evasive manoeuvres, increased speed and attempted to contact the boat on vhf, but without any response. After following for one hour, the suspected pirates aborted the attempt and moved away.
17.	23.08.2007 0555 UTC Steaming Attempted	Safmarine Cotonou Container Netherlands 21054 8417223	00:58N – 050:48E, Somalia	The ship, underway, spotted a suspected pirate boat at a range of 10 NM. The boat suddenly increased speed and headed for the ship. The ship increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres to maintain a CPA of not less than 5 NM with the boat. The suspected boat pursued the ship for around two and a half hours before giving up the pursuit.
18.	18.10.2007 0805 LT Steaming Fired upon	Rabbana General Cargo Panama 5907 7362706	03:54.34N – 050:37.09E, 155NM Off Mogadishu, Somalia	A white coloured speed boat approached the ship underway at stern. Alarm raised, crew mustered and evasive manoeuvres taken. Two Somali gunmen onboard the ship fired warning shots at the boat and the pirates returned fire. The speed boat pursued the ship for about 15 mins and later altered course and disappeared.
19.	18.10.2007 1000 UTC	Maria Bulk Carrier	03:45N – 051:30E, Off	2/O of a bulk carrier underway sighted two small crafts on the port

	Steaming Fired upon	Cyprus 40002 9252424	Somalia	side disguising as fishing boat. At 3NM the crafts increased speed and proceed towards the ship. One craft approached from the bow and the other from astern. 2/O alerted the master and the crew working on deck. One boat, with four pirates, near the bow fired warning shots, in the air, signalling the ship to stop. The other boat came near the port quarter of the ship and started firing at the accommodation. The first craft also started firing at the accommodation and bridge. One bullet hit the bridge window. Master raised alarm, sounded ship's whistle, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and mustered the crew. After 15 minutes the pirates aborted the attempt and moved away. No injuries to crew.
20.	21.10.2007 0050 LT Steaming Fired upon	Jaikur II General Cargo Comoros 5438 7420235	00:26.0N – 044:38.0E, 60NM Offshore Brava, Somalia	A UN WFP chartered ship was fired upon and chased by pirates while enroute to Mombassa after discharging cargo at Mogadishu. The vessel increased speed, switched off her lights and headed towards the open sea. The pirates continued chasing the vessel. The vessel managed to escape as the distance between the vessel and the pirate's boats slowly increased. The vessel continued her passage to the port of arrival. The UN WFP informed NATO shipping and MARLO who in turn advised CTF150.

AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	12.02.2007 0920 LT Steaming Attempted	Gipsy Moth IV Yacht - - -	Gulf of Aden	While underway, crew onboard one of the blue water rally group of yachts spotted a small boat approaching. Skipper tightened the formation of his yachts and took precautionary measures. The small boat moved to the stern of the formation and was later joined by another larger boat and they followed the formation at a range of one mile. Yacht sent a distress message via VHF radio. One of the coalition warships appeared in the vicinity. Then the trailing boats

				abandoned the chase.
2.	15.02.2007 0935 LT Steaming Attempted	NA Yacht - - -	13:27N – 043:02E, 15 Miles NW of Al Mukha, Southern Red Sea	A 40 metre yacht sighted two small fishing craft carrying five personnel each underway. One craft moved to a position 200M ahead of the yacht while the other swung around and approached from the stbd quarter. Anti piracy measures activated by yacht. Suspicious craft moved away upon seeing crew alertness. The craft could have been operating from a mother vessel.
3.	11.03.2007 1812 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Northern Explorer Research Vessel Panama 3072 8606460	18:32.56N – 038:12.25E, Red Sea	15 pirates in a 12-metre long wooden boat armed with AK-47 rifle approached the ship underway conducting surveying operations and fired upon the bridge of the ship. The ship activated SSAS and contacted Sudanese authorities and managed to clear from that area.
4.	12.03.2007 0910 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Northern Explorer Research Vessel Panama 3072 8606460	18:29.02N – 038:19.26E, Red Sea	Three pirates in a speed boat opened fire upon the ship. A Sudanese Navy vessel came to its assistance and detained the pirates. It appears that after 20 mins the pirates were released. No injuries to crew.
5.	21.03.2007 0950 LT Steaming Attempted	NA Yacht - - -	14:03.6N- 049:07.0E, Gulf of Aden.	Two vessels approached the yacht underway at high speed. Alarm raised, crew mustered and activated fire hoses. The yacht increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Vessels aborted the attempt and moved away.
6.	11.04.2007 1100 LT Steaming Attempted	Belfin Product Tanker Turkey 2919 9264166	15:12N – 052:24E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in two speed boats chased the tanker underway with intent to board. The C/O contacted the Piracy Reporting Centre for assistance. The centre contacted Coalition Naval Forces at Bahrain and a warship and a helicopter were despatched to render assistance to ship. Meanwhile ship took extra measures to prevent boarding by pirates. When a helicopter arrived the two speed boats aborted the attempt and moved away. Ship continued her voyage to destination port. All crew are safe.
7.	12.04.2007 0600 UTC Steaming Attempted	Tor Anglia Ro-Ro Denmark 17492 7707736	15:13N – 052:57E, Gulf of Aden	A fast boat, doing about 20 knots and steering various courses, approached the ship underway several times. At one stage, it came on a collision course with the ship. Later, it proceeded in southerly direction and disappeared. The boat was light coloured, about six meters in length and had 2 - 3 men in it.

8.	23.04.2007 0115 LT Anchored Attempted	EW Hastings Product Tanker Liberia 17018 8701519	06:16.67N – 003:15.47E, Lagos Outer Port Limit, Nigeria	Duty officer onboard a tanker at anchor noticed a tug named “Captain Kola” approaching the ship without reason. The tug came within a range of 30 metres on the port quarter. Crew alerted who kept a continuous watch on the tug. Four persons were reported on the tug looking at the ship. The tug moved slowly to the STBD bow and then moved away.
9.	30.04.2007 2345 UTC Steaming Attempted	MSC Emilia S General Cargo Panama 10932 7026522	06:40S – 039:44E, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania	A black hull boat with five pirates attempted to board the ship drifting 27 miles ENE of the port. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Pirates aborted attempt and moved in SW direction towards another vessel drifting 7.5 NM away. All vessels in the area warned via vhf radio.
10.	16.05.2007 0125 LT Steaming Attempted	EW Hastings Product Tanker Liberia 17018 8701519	04:04N – 006:53E, 11 NM Off Bonny River Outer Fairway Buoy Racon 'B', Nigeria	OOW onboard the tanker drifting off River Bonny noticed three boats on radar at a range of one mile. When the boats came within two cables from ship OOW informed master and alerted crew. When search lights were directed at the boat, the boat moved away.
11.	20.05.2007 0330 LT Steaming Attempted	Reef Azania General Cargo St. Vincent & Grenadines 2173 8413318	02:55S – 046:04E, 300 NM from Coast of Kenya	A general cargo ship underway observed an unlit vessel at a distance of three miles. When called on VHF, they replied that they could not speak English and they were only fishing. They asked the vessel's course and kept following the vessel. Master suspected piracy and took anti piracy measures and altered course to keep away from vessel. When suspicious vessel's distance increased, vessel resumed course / journey.
12.	31.05.2007 2243 UTC Steaming Attempted	MSC Aurora Container Panama 13276 7116810	06:50.2S – 039:37.3E, 22 NM Off Dar Es Salaam Pilot Stn, Tanzania	Pirates in two boats with ten persons in each boat attempted to board the ship, drifting, while waiting for pilot to board. Alert crew raised alarm and the attempt was aborted.
13.	06.06.2007 0150 UTC Anchored Attempted	MSC Aurora Container Panama 13276 7116810	04:03.3S – 039:38.63E, Mombasa Inner Anchorage, Kenya	One robber attempted to board the ship via the anchor chain. The duty A/B noticed someone trying to push open the hawse pipe cover and he raised the alarm. On hearing the alarm the robber aborted the attempt.
14.	21.06.2007 2302 LT Anchored Fired upon	Cape Brindisi Tanker Marshall Islands 81076 9293143	04:15N – 005:35E, Pennington, Nigeria	A tanker undergoing cargo operations at an SBM was attacked by armed pirates. The pirates boarded the standby tug at the stern of the vessel and contacted the ship via vhf demanding to be let on board or they

				would sink the ship. The crew mustered, cargo operations were stopped and the vessel disconnected from the SBM. The tug was cast off and the ship proceeded at full speed to sea. All attempts to contact the authorities and the Nigerian navy were futile.
15.	10.07.2007 0245 UTC Steaming Attempted	Stadt Master Tug Norway 318 9381469	12:59N – 049:17E, 90NM North of Somalian Northern Coast, Gulf of Aden	A tug, underway, observed a dhow type-fishing vessel on her port side proceeding on a reciprocal course. The fishing vessel altered and started coming closer to the tug. As the tug altered course, the fishing vessel altered her course and increased speed as well. Once the tug increased speed, the fishing vessel aborted the attempt.
16.	20.07.2007 2020 UTC Steaming Attempted	CEC Svendborg General Cargo Gibraltar 2462 9048263	12:31N – 044:12E, Gulf of Aden	Two unlit boats doing about 11.5 knots, attempted to make collision courses at the ship underway. Ship took evasive manoeuvres, increased speed and crew directed search lights at the boats. After a distance of about two cables, boats aborted the attempt.
17.	20.07.2007 2115 UTC Steaming Attempted	CEC Svendborg General Cargo Gibraltar 2462 9048263	12:32N – 044:03E, Gulf of Aden	An unlit boat doing about 8 knots, attempted to make collision courses at the ship underway. Alert crew directed search light at the boat and the attempt was aborted.
18.	05.08.2007 0225 UTC Anchored Attempted	SPT Champion Tanker Bahamas 57657 9336397	06:18.6N – 003:23.9E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	A boat with six robbers approached the tanker at anchor from the stern. The watchman on duty spotted the robbers trying to board the ship by hooking a bamboo pole onto the ship's rail. He informed the bridge. The alarm was raised and the whistle sounded. The robbers aborted the attempt and escaped. An investigation carried out later found nothing stolen.
19.	14.09.2007 0230 UTC Anchored Attempted	Overseas Allenmar Product Tanker Marshall Islands 25740 8805004	06:18N – 003:22E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Deck crew onboard the tanker carrying out STS operations noticed two small boats in the vicinity. Suddenly one of the boats with three persons on board approached the ship. The OOW was informed, alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers noticed, the alert crew and aborted the attempt. A thorough search was carried out onboard.
20.	14.09.2007 0115 UTC Anchored Attempted	Overseas Capemar Product Tanker Marshall Islands 23127	06:16.5N – 003:21.3E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	The deck watchman on an anchored tanker noticed a fast boat, with 3 – 4 robbers, approaching from astern. One robber was seen holding a pole with a hook attached to it. The OOW

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21.	21.10.2007 2255 LT Steaming Attempted	Oriental Queen LPG Tanker Hong Kong 47279 9282106	13:14N – 048:13E, Gulf of Aden	While underway, the tanker was warned by vessels ahead of her about unlit boats that had failed in approaching them. The master on the tanker raised the alarm, mustered the crew on the bridge and briefed them. The target boats were picked up on radar and seen to approach the vessel from ahead. The master carried out evasive manoeuvres and the boats tried to pursue the ship but could not keep up. The entire incident lasted almost one and a half hours.
22.	22.10.2007 0700 LT Steaming Attempted	Jag Pavitra Tanker India 28010 8321400	12:29.5N – 045:15.0E, Gulf of Aden	While underway, a tanker was pursued by seven boats. The vessel managed to out manoeuvre five boats but the other two boats continued to follow the vessel. The master increased ship's speed and managed to clear the boats. The chase lasted for 45 minutes.
23.	26.10.2007 0410 LT Anchored Attempted	Border Container Antigua and Barbuda 10736 9063988	14:31.73S – 040:39.85E, Nacala Anchorage, Mozambique	Robbers in two boats attempted to board the ship at anchor. Anti-piracy crew activated fire hoses at the boat and the robbers aborted the attempt.

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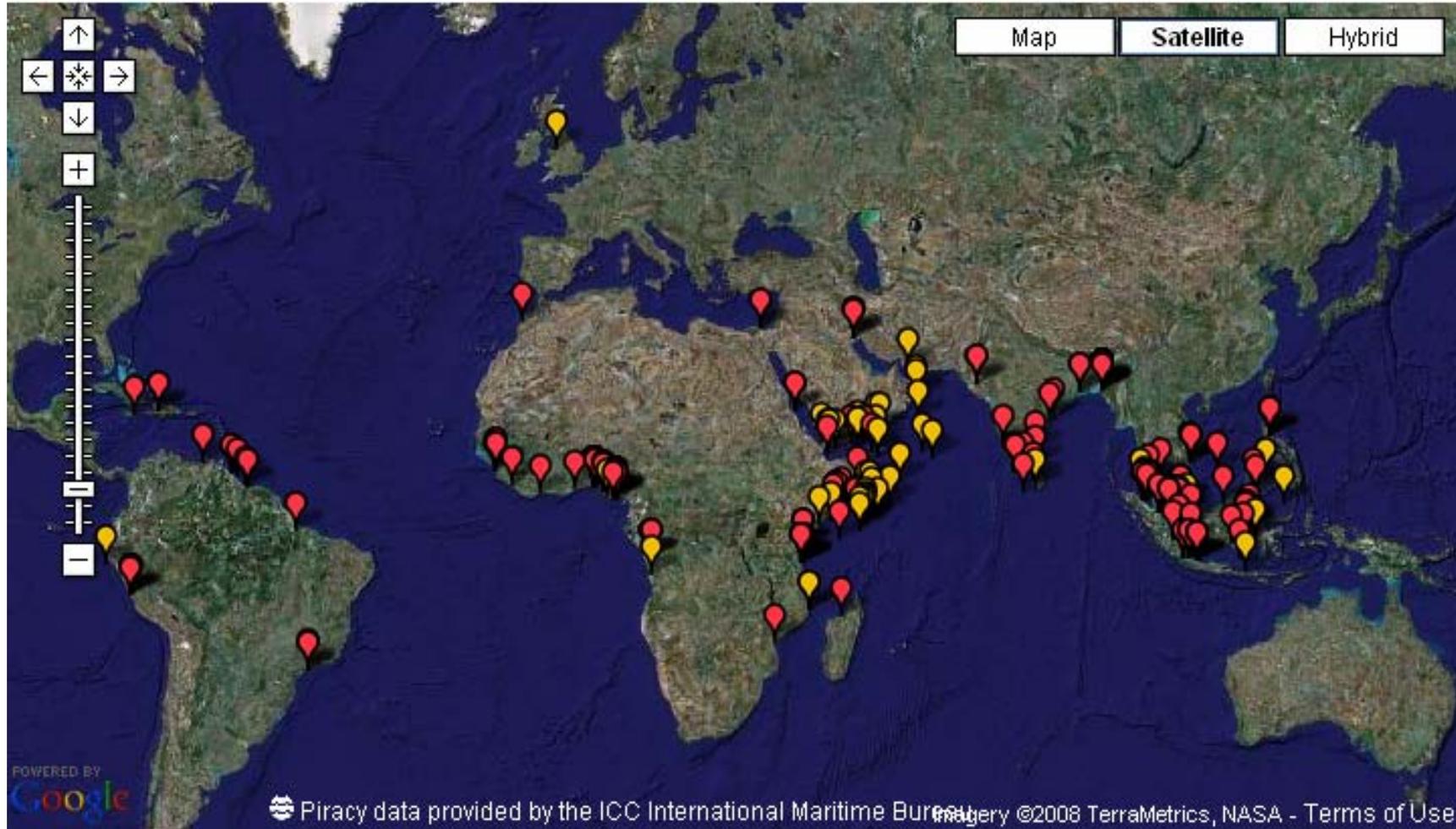
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1.	28.01.2007 0610 UTC Steaming Attempted	Ganta Vehicle Carrier Panama 25431 7814981	11:20.0N – 065:09.9E, Arabian Sea	A vehicle carrier underway received a call on vhf ch.16 from a small craft asking for fresh water. The craft closed in to two NM from the starboard quarter. Two other craft approached the ship on the port and stbd bow. Ship increased speed, raised alarm and sounded whistle. Later, the craft reduced speed and moved away.
2.	02.02.2007 1100 LT Steaming Attempted	Achilles General Cargo Singapore 3949 8322105	10:40N – 062:07E, Arabian Sea	The ship received a vhf call from a craft advising that she is a Korean fishing vessel asking for fresh water. Master suspected piracy, raised alarm and steered away from the craft. Suspicious craft keep on

				following the ship. Master increased speed and at 1210 LT craft stopped following. Soon after, another four small high speed crafts approached the suspicious craft whilst talking/laughing on vhf ch 14. The suspect craft was wooden, painted white and green with a speed of 15-20 knots with no fishing equipment on deck.
3.	27.02.2007 0945 UTC Steaming Attempted	Rainbow Warrior Yacht Netherlands 555 5300481	21:11.47N – 059:33.70E, Oman	The yacht was contacted by a passing vessel asking for a weather report and number of crew onboard on vhf. Suddenly four suspicious speedboats with three persons on each boat emerged from the vessel and sped towards the yacht. One boat had a tripod mounted in the bow. Skipper raised alarm, crew mustered and activated fire hoses. A distress message was sent by vhf. A coalition warship responded to the distress call. Skipper doubled anti piracy watch. Suspicious boats moved away.
4.	13.04.2007 1500 UTC Steaming Attempted	Atlantic Breeze Bulk Carrier Isle of Man 39802 9278428	11:57N – 060:23E, 350 NM East of Socotra, Arabian Sea	A speed boat doing 20 kts was sighted on radar at distance of 8 NM of the ship underway. Ship raised alarm, crew mustered and activated fire hoses and switched on deck lights. Boat approached up to 2.0 NM and aborted the chase. Suspected boat was seen heading towards the African coast.
5.	14.04.2007 0700 LT Steaming Attempted	Alexi I General Cargo Comoros 13135 7525566	17:25N – 059:56E, Arabian Sea	While underway, the ship received a call on vhf ch. 16, from a fishing boat, that they had no fresh water. The ship threw some mineral water bottles into the sea to be picked up by the fishing boat in order to prevent any close contact with the fishing boat and to prevent any boarding.
6.	22.04.2007 0750 UTC Steaming Attempted	Gas Beauty LPG Panama 42904 7359864	20:38.7N – 059:17.0E, Coast of Oman, 20 NM NE Masirah Island, Oman	Three pirates, wearing face masks, in a white coloured speedboat approached the tanker underway. They attempted to board from the STBD quarter using grappling hooks attached to ropes. While the pirates were attempting to board there were three other speed boats at a distance of 1 NM following the ship. Ship raised alarm, crew mustered and took evasive action. Pirates aborted their attempt and moved away.
7.	11.07.2007 1650 LT	Broadgate Bulk Carrier	Liverpool, United Kingdom	The 2 nd officer onboard the ship saw two men coming up the gangway,

	Berthed Attempted	Liberia 20986 8213847		dressed as stevedores. When the duty officer asked to see their ID, they replied that they did not have the ID but would go back and return with it. Due to prior police warning about thieves operating in the area and being suspicious, the local police were informed. The police caught one of the thieves who turned out to be on the wanted list of the police.
8.	20.07.2007 0635 LT Steaming Fired upon	Bagdad Container Bahamas 3147 8516275	Shatt al Arab River, Khorramshahr, Iran	While underway to the pilot station, with pilot onboard the ship had to pass over fishing nets. The fishermen opened fire on the ship. Bullets hit the accommodation. Pilot notified the incident to the Iranian coast guard and port security officer. No casualties.
9.	04.10.2007 0640 UTC Steaming Attempted	Lovestar Bulk Carrier Panama 23325 7375600	25:22N – 058:05E, Off Iran Coast, Gulf of Oman	Nine pirates armed with guns, wearing masks in three high speed crafts approached the ship underway. Master raised alarm and crew mustered on fore and aft stations. Anti piracy measures implemented. After around two hours of chasing the ship the pirates aborted the attempt.



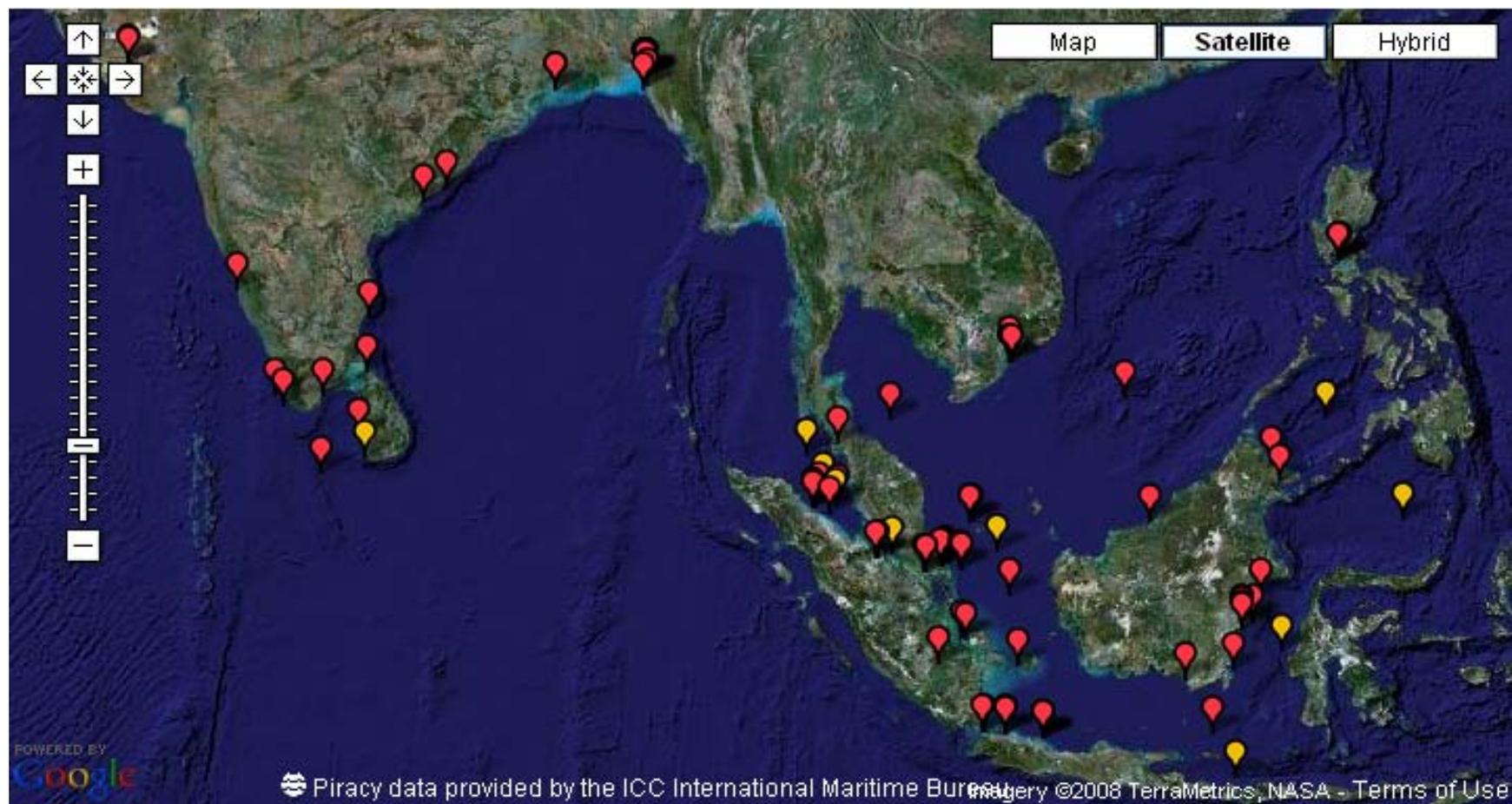
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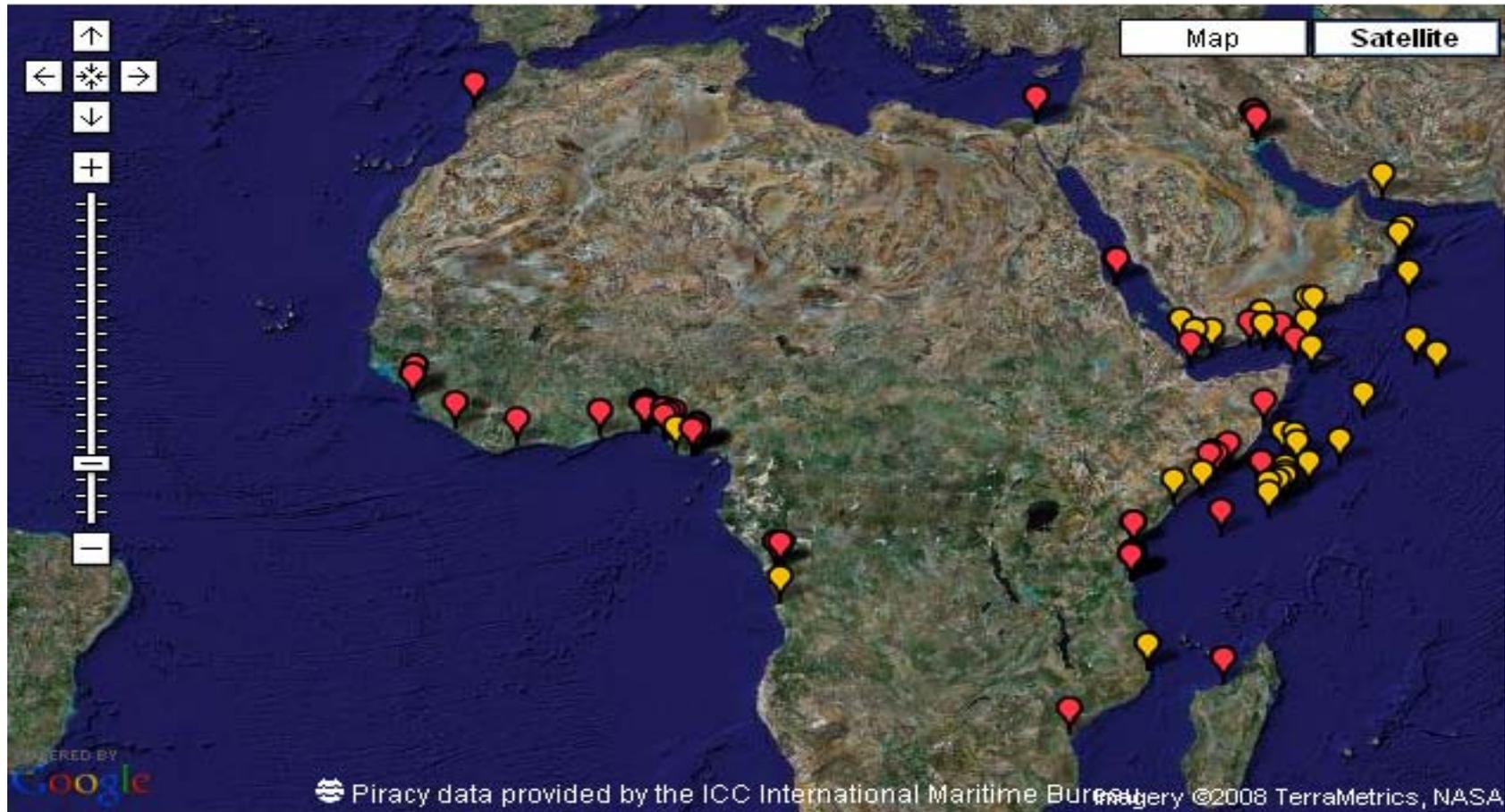


TOTAL ATTACKS INDIAN SUB CONTINENT - 30

TOTAL ATTACKS FAR EAST AND S E ASIA - 80



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TOTAL ATTACKS WEST AFRICA - 54

TOTAL ATTACKS EAST AFRICA - 50

TOTAL ATTACKS ARABIAN SEA, GULF OF ADEN PERSIAN GULF & RED SEA - 25