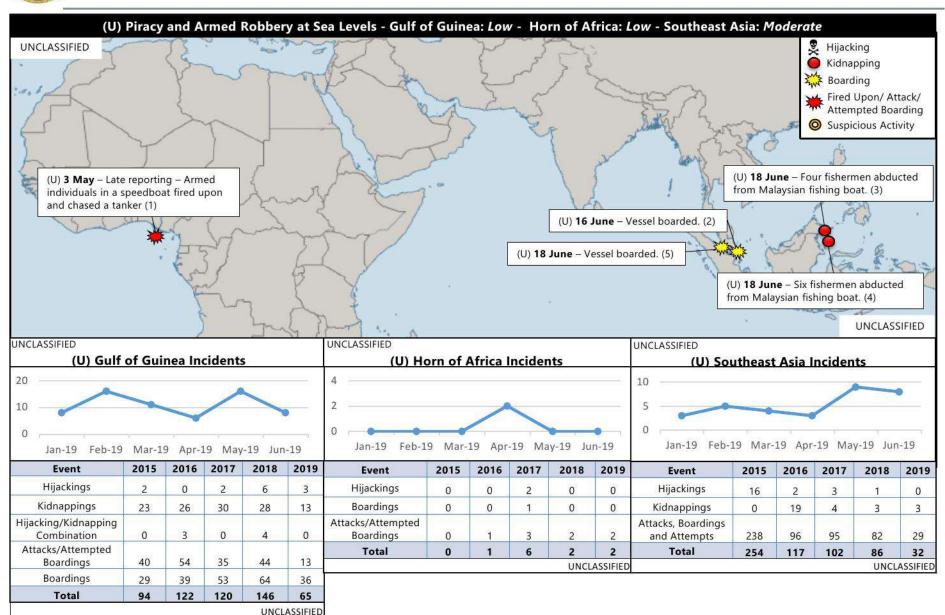


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Gulf of Guinea

1. (U) **BOARDING** – NIGERIA: Late reporting – On 3 May, armed individuals in a speedboat chased and fired upon a tanker underway near position 02:58N – 005:16E, 98 nm southwest of Brass. Crew raised the alarm, increased vessel speed, and commenced evasive maneuvering while non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The speedboat subsequently moved away. The crew notified the Nigerian Navy. (IMB)

Horn of Africa Incidents

(U) None reported.

Southeast Asia Incidents

- 2. (U) BOARDING- No further information to report.
- 3. (U) **KIDNAPPING** MALAYSIA: On 18 June, four fishermen were kidnapped from a Malaysian fishing vessel in Lahad Datu's Tambisan waters while enroute to Semporna, Sabah. The hijackers are believed to be linked to Abu-Sayyaf and may have fled with the hostages to Sitangkai Island. (www.straitstimes.com, www.globalnation.inquirer.net, ReCAAP)
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Terms of Reference

- (U) Attempted Boarding Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.
- (U) Boarding -Unauthorized embarkation of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.
- (U) Fired Upon -Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.
- (U) Hijacking Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.
- (U) Kidnapping Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.
- (U) Robbery Theft from a vessel or from persons a board the vessel.
- (U) Suspicious Approach All other unexplained activity in close proximity by an unknown vessel.

Piracy Levels

- (U) High: 5 or more piracy incidents in this one-week period.
- (U) Moderate: 2-4 piracy incidents in this one-week period.
- ullet (U) Low: 0–1 piracy incidents in this one-week period.