

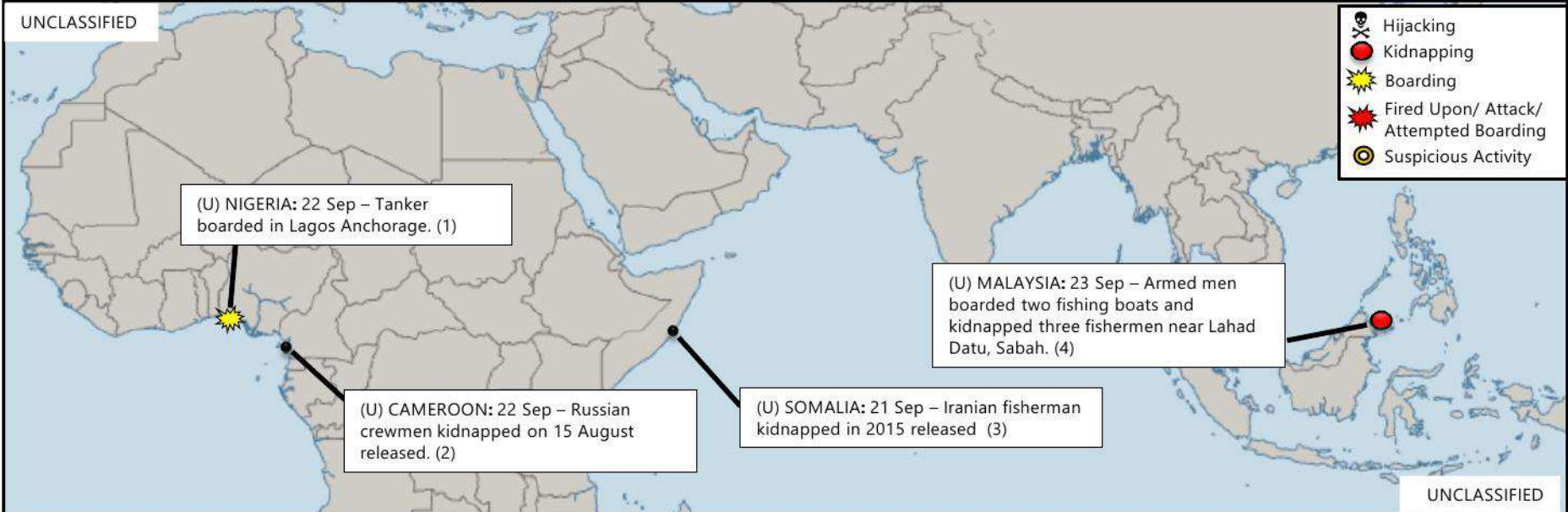


# (U) GULF OF GUINEA/HORN OF AFRICA/SOUTHEAST ASIA: Weekly Piracy Update for 19 – 25 September 2019

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## (U) Piracy and Armed Robbery Activity Levels: Gulf of Guinea: Low / Horn of Africa: Low / Southeast Asia: Low

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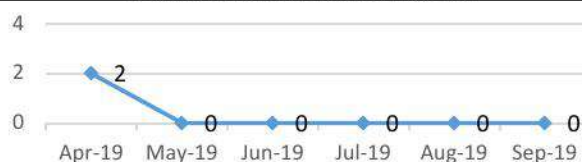


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(U) Gulf of Guinea Incidents



(U) Horn of Africa Incidents



(U) Southeast Asia Incidents



Event	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Hijackings	2	0	2	6	4
Kidnappings	23	26	30	28	21
Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination	0	3	0	4	0
Attacks/Attempted Boardings	40	54	35	44	16
Boardings	29	39	53	64	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>89</b>

Event	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Hijackings	0	0	2	0	0
Boardings	0	0	1	0	0
Attacks/Attempted Boardings	0	1	3	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

Event	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Hijackings	16	2	3	1	0
Kidnappings	0	19	4	3	4
Attacks, Boardings and Attempts	238	96	95	82	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>58</b>

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#### Gulf of Guinea

1. (U) **BOARDING** – NIGERIA: On 23 September, a duty watchmen onboard a tanker anchored near position 06:17N - 003:14E, 16 NM southeast of Lagos, saw two robbers near the forward cargo tanks and raised the alarm. One robber shouted at the duty crewman and made a threatening gesture. Alarm raised and Nigerian Navy patrol boat responded and searched the waters around the tanker. Investigation showed a section of the razor wire was broken and the vapor locks of the forward cargo tanks were opened. (IMB)
2. (U) **KIDNAPPING UPDATE** – CAMEROON: On 22 September, Russia's embassy in Cameroon confirmed that the Russian sailors captured by pirates off Cameroon's Douala Port have been released. The Russian Foreign Ministry said that the Antigua and Barbuda-flagged cargo ship MARMALAITA had been attacked and seized by unidentified pirates on 15 August. The ship belongs to the Danish company Ultrabulk. (Interfax)

#### Horn of Africa

3. (U) **KIDNAPPING UPDATE** – SOMALIA: On 21 September, an Iranian sailor held hostage by Somali pirates for more than four years was released with the help of the United Nations and a humanitarian group, Iran's Foreign Ministry said. A ministry spokesman thanked the Hostage Support Partnership group, U.N. officials in Somalia, and authorities in Somalia's semi-autonomous Puntland and in Ethiopia for their help in winning the release of Mohammad Sharif Panahandeh, the state news agency IRNA said. Three Iranians sailors are still being held, the spokesman further said. (www.marinelink.com)

#### Southeast Asia

4. (U) **KIDNAPPING** – MALAYSIA: On 23 September, the Indonesian Consulate in Tawau announced that a group of armed men boarded two small fishing boats and kidnapped three Indonesian fishermen near position 05:34N - 119:07E, 6.3 NM north of Pulau Tambisan, in the Tambisan waters of Lahad Datu, Sabah. The armed persons then departed in the direction of Tawi-Tawi Island, Philippines. (IMB; www.antara.co.id/en)

#### 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.
- (U) Low: 0-1 piracy incidents in this one-week period.