

Situation Update

Maritime Crime & Piracy

In The News

West Africa

- ▼ **NIGERIA:** The Nigerian Navy has said a patrol off Onne intercepted MV Xziber, which was laden with eight million litres of petroleum product suspected to be adulterated diesel.
> today.ng

- ▼ **GHANA:** The fisheries sector has warned that declining fish stocks and increasing reliance on imports presents an imminent threat to local artisanal communities.
> africanfarming.net

- ▼ **CAMEROON:** Sustained violent unrest between Anglophone separatists and the army in both Buea and Kumba, just inshore from the Rey Estuary, has resulted in several deaths.
> journalducameroun.com

Indian Ocean Region

- ▼ **SOMALIA:** Loyalists of Islamic State have reportedly claimed responsibility for a recent attack on local security personnel in Puntland's port city of Bosaso.
> mareg.com

- ▼ **MOZAMBIQUE:** Armed groups aligned to Islamic State continue to stage attacks near Palma, just as ENI submits development plans for the local Rovuma LNG project.
> upstreamonline.com

- ▼ **YEMEN:** Pro-government forces have said they have shot down an armed drone over the port city of Aden; in the first reported case of its kind, the Houthi have claimed responsibility for the attack.
> xinhuanet.com

South East Asia

- ▼ **INDONESIA:** The Indian Navy patrol vessel INS Sumitra has become the first warship to sail into the port of Sabang, strategically poised at the mouth of the Malacca Strait.
> business-standard.com

- ▼ **PHILIPPINES:** A loyalist of Abu Syyaf, said to be a skilled seafarer involved in kidnap for ransom, has reportedly been killed in a military operation on the island of Jolo.
> sunstar.com.ph

- ▼ **MALAYSIA:** The MMEA has said efforts to police the waters off Terengganu and Pahang have led to dozens of vessel seizures over the last six months; most of those detained originate from Vietnam.
> thesundaily.com



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Incident Map



PORT HARCOURT

#	DATE	TIME	TARGET	INCIDENT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	SOURCE
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There have been no incidents of piracy or maritime crime in West Africa this week.

○ PORT HARCOURT

COMMENT | Maritime crime and piracy off southern Nigeria remains predictably quiet. Ashore however, the federal government faces growing criticism over Abuja's insufficient response to an expanding conflict for resources in the country's central region. While the ruling party and President Buhari suffer fresh defections alongside a coalesced opposition, the potential loss of votes in the Middle Belt may in fact compel President Buhari to placate the oil-rich south. But twin challenges from secessionists here and across the border in Anglophone Cameroon add further complexity ahead of the ballot in February 2019. At the very least, the security services are overstretched; for the first time in years, criminal syndicates operating off southern Nigeria have doubled-down on known hotspots, rather than be displaced to new operational areas.



HODEIDAH

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There have been no incidents of piracy or maritime crime in the Indian Ocean region this week.							



HODEIDAH

COMMENT | The Emirati-led offensive on Hodeidah, backed by the wider Saudi coalition, has stalled as a result of diplomatic and humanitarian obstacles; militarily, this month-long phase of the three-year campaign has been decisive. In the coming weeks, it is unlikely UN-brokered negotiations will result in substantive change that sees the Houthi hand over Hodeidah port to a neutral technical administration. For their part, the Houthi insist on shared administration of the facility. But perhaps more problematic, the UN has faced criticism from Yemen's government, who suggest negotiations have been prejudiced by attempts to ensure port operations do not come to a halt and result in the suspension of already insufficient humanitarian relief efforts.

In the meantime, Houthi loyalists continue to capitalize on the impasse, this week firing a ballistic missile towards the port city of Jizan and successfully deploying an armed drone over the *de facto* capital, Aden.

#	DATE	TIME	TARGET	INCIDENT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	SOURCE
1	05 July	1640 UTC	LNG Carrier	Robbery	13.7371	120.9968	IMB-ICC
2	10 July	0600 UTC	Product Tanker	Robbery	5.80583	118.0764	IMB ICC



MANILA

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COMMENT | There have been two opportunist robberies reported by the IMB in recent days. The first took place at Batangas Anchorage against UK-flagged LNG carrier INNOVATOR. The second incident involved the Singapore-flagged product tanker MAERSK CUNCUN and took place at Sandakan Port, in Malaysia. In both cases, the perpetrators successfully stole ship stores before escaping.

Opportunist crime at Batangas Anchorage has reduced significantly on 2017, though last year was an exception to the norm. Typically, incidents are rare and crew vigilance together with proportionate application of BMP5 is sufficient to offset the likelihood of being boarded. By way of comparison, over the last three years the waters off Sandakan have witnessed 54% fewer incidents than Batangas.



MANILA

The image shows a map of Southeast Asia. A red triangle marker labeled '1' is located near Manila, Philippines. Another red triangle marker labeled '2' is located near Sandakan, Malaysia. A black box with the word 'MANILA' and a small circle is positioned to the left of the first marker.

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