

# Situation Update

Maritime Crime & Piracy

## In The News

### West Africa

▼ NIGERIA: A Niger Delta militant group, MDM, have warned that they will target Chevron installations in September if the agenda laid out by PANDEF is not met.

> [herald.ng](http://herald.ng)

▼ NIGERIA: A Niger Delta militant group, NDRC, has disassociated itself from other agitators who last week called off a PANDEF-brokered ceasefire with Abuja.

> [today.ng](http://today.ng)

▼ COTE D'IVOIRE: Special forces have claimed that they have stopped what appears to be an opportunist grenade attack in the Cocody commune of Abidjan.

> [koaci.com](http://koaci.com)

### Indian Ocean Region

▼ YEMEN: Saudi coalition warplanes have reportedly targeted fishermen on Katama Island, Hodeidah province; the injured were conveyed to the port of Kouba.

> [gulfnews.com](http://gulfnews.com)

▼ KENYA: In the coastal county of Lamu, five KDF soldiers have been killed and six wounded in an IED attack whilst on operations to engaged loyalists of al-Shabaab.

> [standardmedia.co.ke](http://standardmedia.co.ke)

▼ MOZAMBIQUE: President Nyusi has announced the signing of a MoU with the opposition party Renamo in a bid to secure disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration.

> [clubofmozambique.com](http://clubofmozambique.com)

### South East Asia

▼ PHILIPPINES: Government forces have occupied Panguan Island near the border with Malaysia to prevent it from being exploited by those seeking to stage kidnappings.

> [mb.com.ph](http://mb.com.ph)

▼ MALAYSIA: Opposition youth group leaders in Sabah have warned that illegal migration from the Philippines is undermining both sovereignty and security.

> [freemalysiatoday.com](http://freemalysiatoday.com)

▼ INDONESIA: South Jakarta District Court has banned the militant group Jemaah Ansharut Daulah following a series of attacks attributed to the organisation since 2014.

> [benarnews.org](http://benarnews.org)

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Incident Map



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## West Africa Incidents



#	DATE	TIME	TARGET	INCIDENT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	SOURCE
1	04 Aug 18	0335 UTC	Tanker	Illegal Boarding	6.36778	-10.8392	Withheld
2	06 Aug 18	PM	Bulk Carrier	Illegal Boarding	5.63333	0.01677	Withheld



**COMMENT** | Stowaway activity across much of the Gulf of Guinea continues; there have been at least two reported cases in the past week. The first took place alongside BMC Pier, in Monrovia. Crew aboard a Singapore-flagged tanker conducting pre-departure stowaway checks found a group of at least nine people in the rudder trunk space. The second incident this week took place at Tema. Crew of Cameroon-bound bulk carrier MV Yarris identified an unknown Ghanaian national aboard before handing him over to security officials. Tema Port Security Manager Joseph Punamane has since said this latest arrest brings the total number of stowaways detained this year at Tema to 18.



HODEIDAH

#	DATE	TIME	TARGET	INCIDENT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	SOURCE
There have been no incidents of piracy or maritime crime in the Indian Ocean region this week.							



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**COMMENT** | Riyadh's temporary suspension of some oil shipments through the southern Red Sea has been lifted following the Houthi's unilateral halt on attacks against Saudi-aligned shipping. But instability ashore has witnessed no such reprieve, despite some renewed signs of a readiness for peace talks on all sides. Wide-ranging missile attacks continue within the strategic port city of Hodeidah and across borders. The proliferation of weaponized aerial drones has been particularly notable of late and in part, is the result of the continued transfer of technology from Iran, but also of the Houthi's ability to innovate. Only last month, pro-government forces said they had shot down an armed drone over the port city of Aden; the Houthi later claimed responsibility for the attack - the first reported case of its kind. In the months ahead, others may also look to exploit developments on the battlefield. Not least Islamic State, adept at transferring adherents and tactics across borders, and known to use aerial drones with improvised munitions to attack vessels.

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#	DATE	TIME	TARGET	INCIDENT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	SOURCE
1	02 Aug 18	1730 UTC	Tanker	Robbery at Anchor	22.01667	91.76667	IMB
2	06 Aug 18	2000 UTC	Bulk Carrier	Robbery at Anchor	-6.03389	106.8844	ReCAAP



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**COMMENT** | There have been just two incidents across Southeast Asia in recent days. The first took place off Kutubdia Anchorage, in Bangladesh. The IMB has reported that six people from a single boat boarded an anchored tanker before stealing ship property and escaping. Maritime crime at Kutubdia is typically infrequent and certainly less common than to the north at Chittagong. The last recorded case took place in late January against Hong Kong-flagged bulk carrier Port Hainan. The second incident this week took place against another Hong Kong-flagged bulk carrier, SFL Tyne. The vessel, anchored 2.6nm north of Tanjung Priok Port, was boarded by an unknown number of perpetrators who stole ship property and escaped. In both cases, proportionate application of BMP5 would have been sufficient to address the known threat.

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