

Situation Update

Maritime Crime & Piracy

In The News

West Africa

- ▼ **NIGERIA:** The secessionist IPOB have directed loyalists to stage industrial action on 14th September – the first anniversary of an alleged crackdown by the military in Port Harcourt.
> vanguardngr.com

Indian Ocean Region

- ▼ **YEMEN:** The US Navy has seized an unflagged boat as it transited the Gulf of Aden; it was later found to be smuggling a large weapons cache made up of over a thousand rifles.
> thenational.ae

South East Asia

- ▼ **PHILIPPINES:** The Philippine Coast Guard has strengthened security at Zamboanga port, which services trade in neighbouring Visayas and Luzon, as well as Sandakan.
> pna.gov.ph

- ▼ **GHANA:** The United States Coast Guard has conducted an ISPS Code audit of the Port of Tema, later commending officials on efforts to strengthen security arrangements.
> ghanaweb.com

- ▼ **MOZAMBIQUE:** Security forces have targeted Islamist militants near Pundanhar, Cabo Delgado, capturing a suspected rebel leader, Abdul Raim, and killing four fighters.
> bloomberg.com

- ▼ **SINGAPORE:** Crew of a foreign-operated vessel have been detained off Tuas by the Maritime and Port Authority, following the alleged illegal sale of MGO in Singapore.
> shipandbunker.com

- ▼ **TOGO:** Panama-flagged tanker PANTELENA, managed by Lotus Shipping, has docked in Lomé a week after going missing off Libreville, Gabon.
> gcaptain.com

- ▼ **KENYA:** Outside the border town of Kiunga, near the island of Kiungamwina, suspected loyalists of al-Shabaab targeted KDF forces killing at least five and injuring ten.
> aljazeera.com

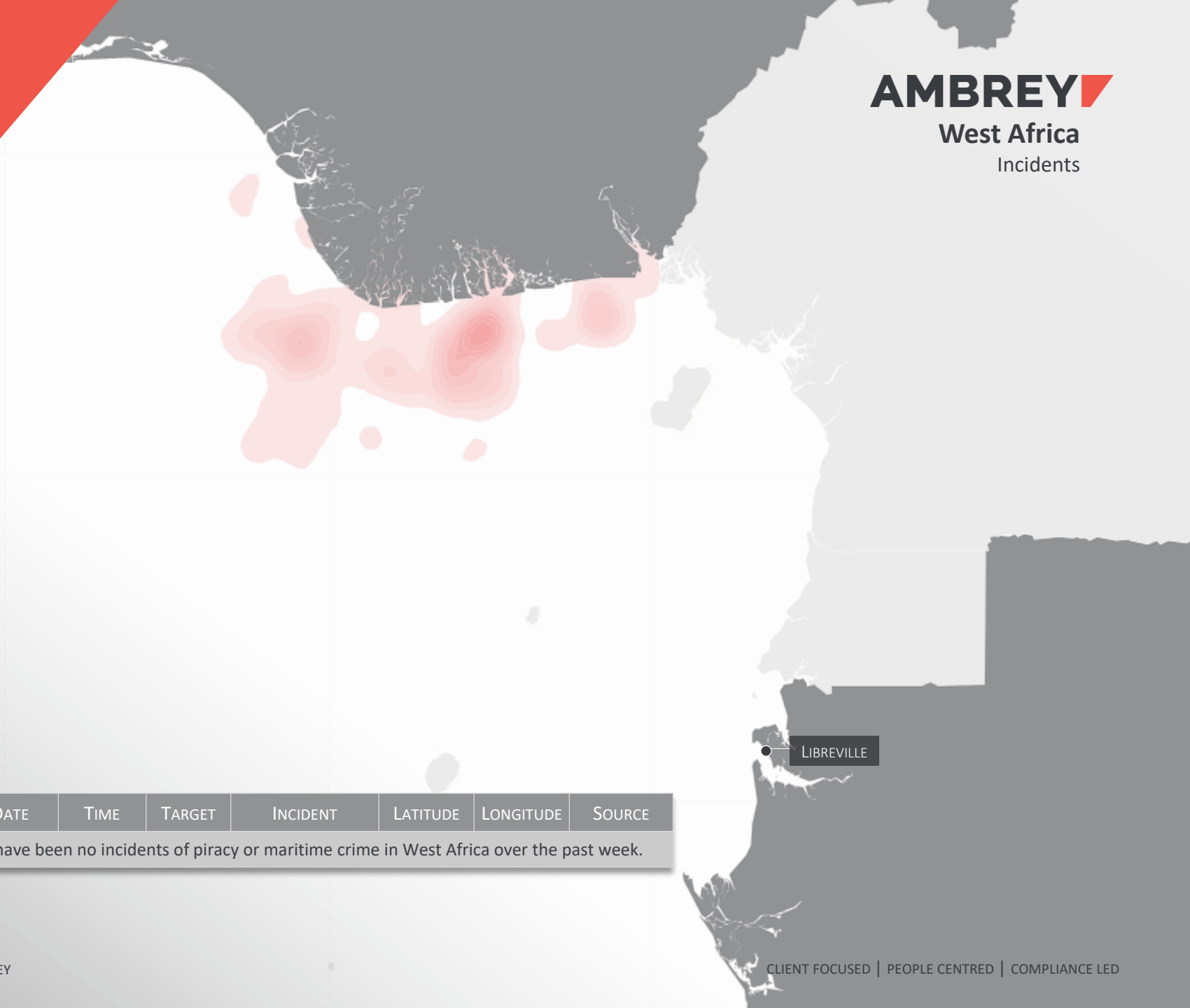
- ▼ **MALAYSIA:** The MMEA has detained five Indonesian nationals in connection with a robbery aboard a Miri-bound tanker targeted off Tanjung Kidurong earlier this month.
> theborneopost.com



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Incident Map





LIBREVILLE

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

COMMENT | Panama-flagged tanker PANTELENA has been recovered to Lomé a week after going missing whilst in transit between the Togolese capital and Libreville, Gabon. The probable hijacking of the Lotus Shipping-managed vessel contributes to a 61.36% uptick in piracy and maritime crime across the Gulf of Guinea in the year to date, when compared to the same period in 2017. But while the rate of attacks is up, the proportion of incidents classified by Ambrey as severe in nature is down 18.89% on the same period.

The incident involving PANTELENA may well contribute to indications that petro-piracy is returning as oil markets strengthen, but the broad trend suggests exposure is increasingly localised, often opportunist in nature and routinely unsuccessful.

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COMMENT | In recent days, the Houthi opposition in Yemen claim to have targeted Saudi forces in Jizan, as well as military assets inside neighbouring territorial waters. Coalition forces have since refuted accounts of the latter, stating that an attempted attack by an explosive-laden vessel on an Aramco facility in Jizan was repelled.

Saudi forces have foiled several similar attacks over the past year. In the intervening months, Riyadh has continued to take a tougher stance on protecting its national interests in the Red Sea. During a recent incident involving a Saudi-flagged tanker off Hodeidah the escorting naval units engaged in direct fire with an unidentified manned skiff as it approached, causing it to catch fire. Elsewhere, the recent sighting of unidentified drones over Saudi ports has led to precautionary 'cast off' orders being issued to vessels alongside.

Against the backdrop of these broader border developments, the Saudi-led coalition have reportedly targeted weapon smuggling operations off Uqban Island. Houthi-controlled media have since claimed twelve fishermen died in the latest such airstrike.



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#	DATE	TIME	TARGET	INCIDENT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	SOURCE
1	27 Aug 18	1254 UTC	Bulk Carrier	Attempted Robbery	-0.2644	117.7100	IMB
2	27 Aug 18	2015 UTC	Tanker	Attempted Robbery	7.10250	125.6514	IMB

COMMENT | There have been two incidents in Southeast Asia this week. The first took place off Muara Berau Anchorage, Samarinda. Crew aboard an anchored bulk carrier identified two unknown individuals boarding via the anchor chain and alerted the Master. The attempted robbery was aborted and the perpetrators escaped. The second incident this week took place alongside Insular Oil Terminal, Davao. Four people in a single boat came alongside a berthed product tanker and attempted to board. Crew initiated an alert and informed local security, prompting the perpetrators to abandon their attempted robbery. These incidents are typically opportunistic. Crew vigilance and proportionate application of BMP5 are sufficient to treat the known threat.



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