

Situation Update

Maritime Crime & Piracy

NIGERIA

Two Royal Dutch Shell oil workers who were kidnapped last week in the southern Niger Delta region have been rescued.

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BENIN

Following recent parliamentary polls, in which opposition candidates were effectively barred, rights groups have warned of a crackdown on basic freedoms.

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NIGERIA

Communities affected by oil field fires in coastal Ilaje LGA have called on the Federal Government and Chevron Nigeria to provide relief materials.

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PAKISTAN

Authorities have released sixty Indian fishermen from jail in Karachi, part of a proposed series of goodwill gestures aimed at easing tensions with New Delhi.

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KENYA

A regional security committee in Coast Province has said that militant loyalists of Al-Shabaab, returning from Somalia, have infiltrated criminal groups in Mombasa.

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JAMAICA

A State of Emergency has been declared in districts boarding Montego Bay, including St James and Hanover, due to rising levels of criminal activity.

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MALAYSIA

The Malaysian Navy has said it will form its first drone unit by year end; the unit will be based at Sepanggar in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

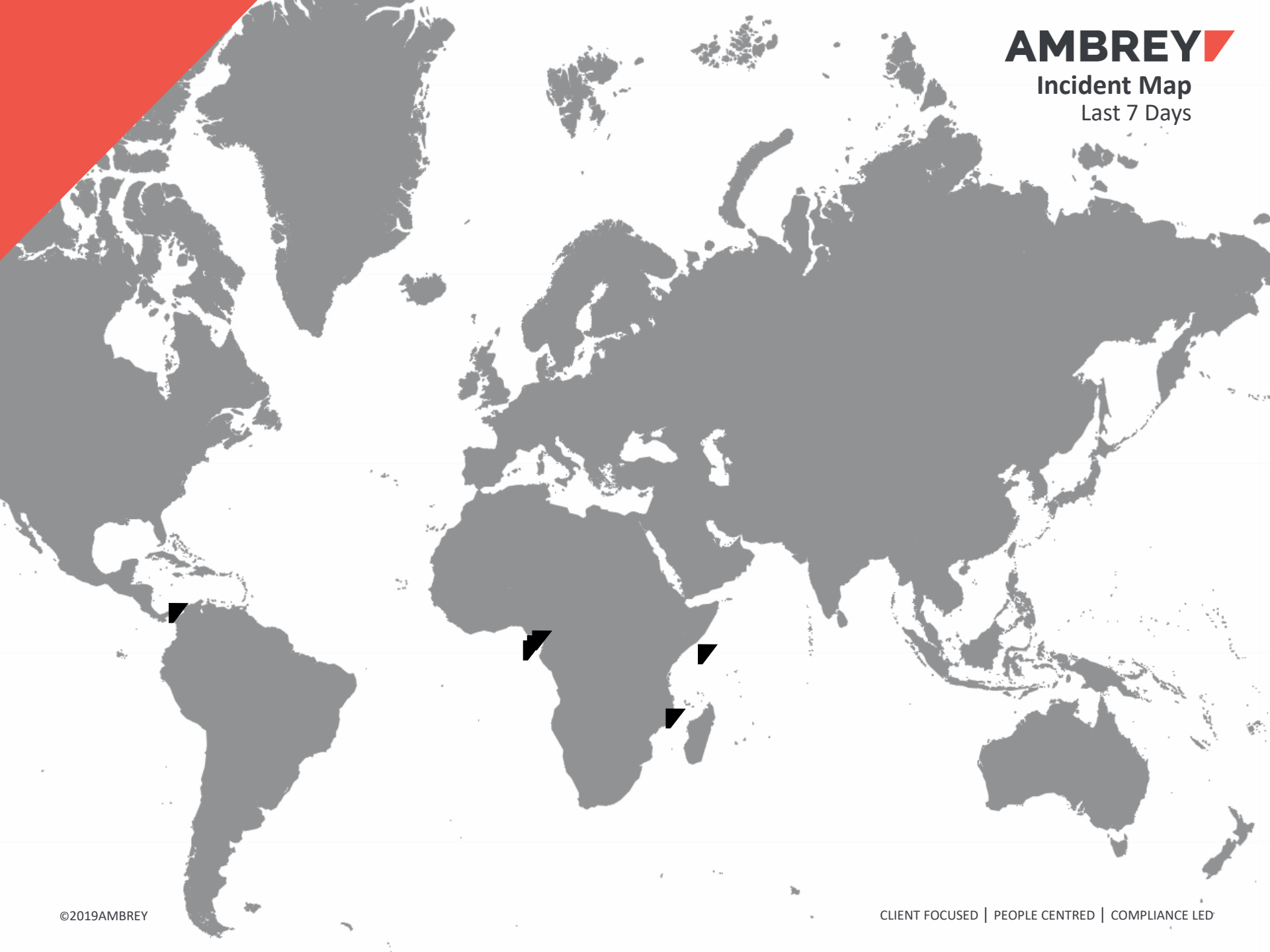
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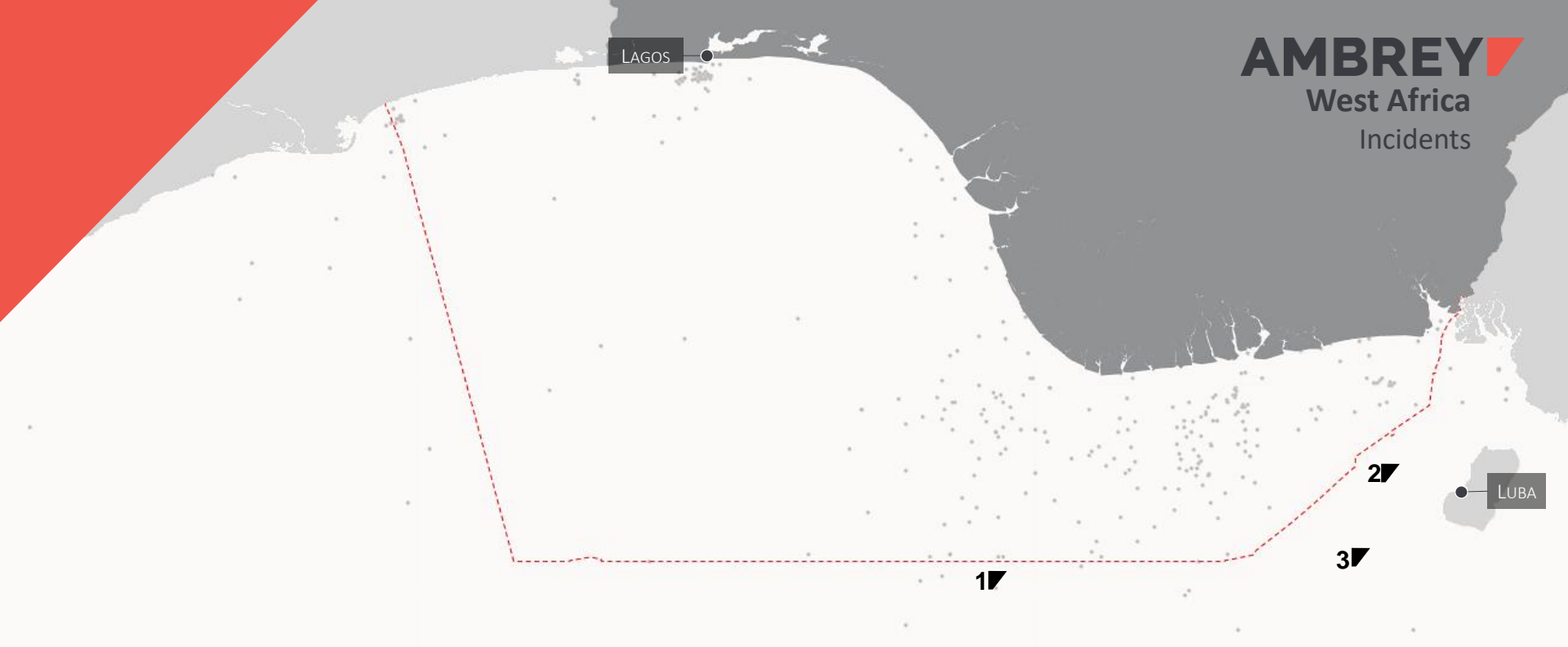


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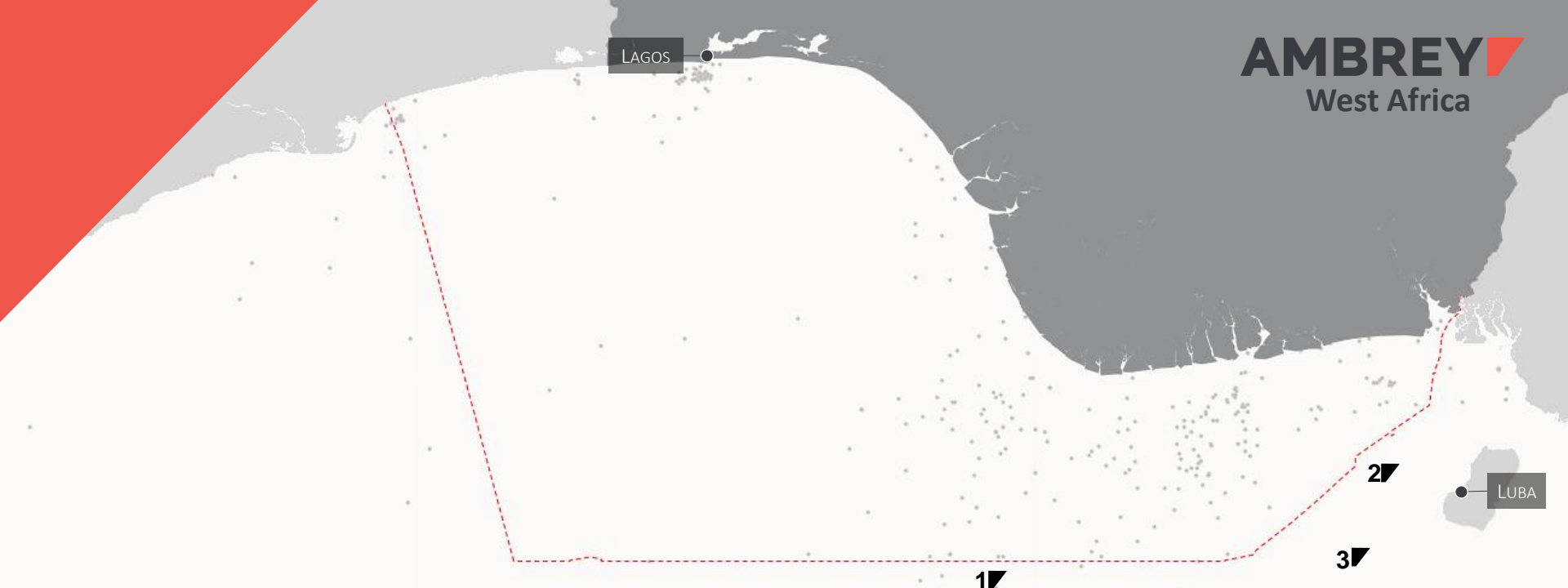
Thousands of people from a civil society group that supports the Haratine ethnic minority have staged a demonstration in the port city of Nouakchott.

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#	DATE	TIME	TARGET	INCIDENT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	SOURCE
1	03-May-19	2050 UTC	Tanker	Attacked	2.9083	5.4066	MDAT
2	05-May-19	First Light	AHTS	Hijacked	3.6666	8.0166	MDAT
3	05-May-19	1216 UTC	Heavy-lift/Semi-submersible	Hijacked	3.0500	7.8666	MDAT



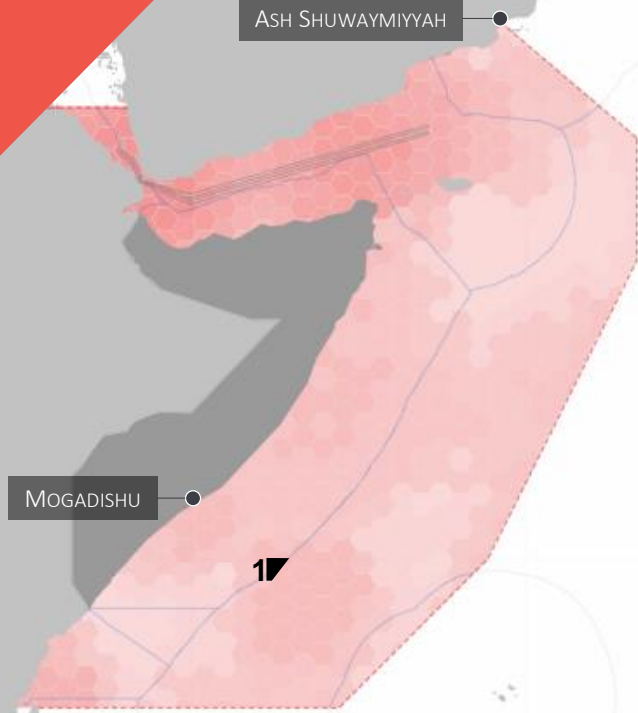
COMMENT | There have been three cases of piracy in the Bight of Bonny in the past week, all staged outside the JWC Listed Area. The first involved an attack on 19,117dwt tanker LEVANTO south of Agbami FPSO. It has been reported that the Liberia-flagged vessel was fired upon by occupants from one skiff, who then attempted to board. While the Greek-based Unibros Shipping-owned vessel does not appear to have a policy of switching off her AIS, it was not broadcasting in the fortnight prior to the attack, but was targeted in a location typically transited between Lagos and Port Harcourt. In response to the attack, the Master executed evasive manoeuvres, forcing the perpetrators to abandon their attempted boarding. This is the second attack against LEVANTO this year. The last one, which took place on 24th January, was staged 33nm off Brass while bound for Calabar at 10.9 knots.

The second incident occurred in the early hours of 5th May, up to 35nm from Luba, Equatorial Guinea. Nigeria-flagged AHTS CHARIS was attacked and boarded underway at approximately 7 knots. The pirate action group reportedly then used the tug to target and board the Malta-flagged 76,061dwt heavy-lift semi-submersible BLUE MARLIN, which was outbound from Luba at about 9 knots.

At the time of writing, a Spanish-flagged NATO warship has responded to these incidents with naval support from Equatorial Guinea and are now alongside the hijacked vessels in position 03°04.980'N 007°54.306'E.

AMBREY

Indian Ocean Incidents



#	DATE	TIME	TARGET	INCIDENT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	SOURCE
1	03-May-19	0640 UTC	FV	Approached	0.5333	47.900	Withheld
2	03-May-19	2300 UTC	Tanker	Boarded	-14.535	40.667	Withheld

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MOGADISHU

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COMMENT | Naval forces have issued a warning for suspicious activity 219nm offshore Mogadishu, Somalia. Crew of a fishing vessel reported that one white skiff with six occupants had closed with their position on the morning of 3rd May.

This approach took place in proximity to that of a recent series of incidents involving three other fishing vessels: SHIN SHUEN FAR NO.889, ADRIA and TXORI ARGI. There are currently two significant concentrations of fishing activity off central Somalia. The first is centred on 00.23.389 N 46.51.865 E. The second is centred on 02.11.293 N 48.33.119 E.

In recent weeks, EU NAVFOR's flagship ESPS Navarra has been fulfilling its counter-piracy mandate north of Mogadishu. It has recently called near the coastal towns of Cadale, Hobyo, Garacad, Dinowda and Bargaal.

The second incident this week took place at Nacala Port. A Marshall Islands-flagged tanker was boarded by two people, prompting the crew to respond and the perpetrators to flee. No one was wounded in the confrontation and no property was reported damaged or stolen.



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There has been no reported maritime crime or piracy across the region this week							

COMMENT | IMB has issued one time-late report for the region this week. At 21:05 UTC on 26th April, two individuals boarded the berthed Liberia-flagged box ship JACKSON BAY at Jakarta Container Terminal [1]. The robbers were identified in the engine room by a duty crewmember, who raised the alarm prompting the assailants to escape. Following a search of the vessel, which is managed by Eastern Pacific Shipping UK, nothing was found to have been stolen.

This is the first incident off Jakarta this year and one of only four in the past eighteen months. The last incident in the area involved the Marshall Islands-flagged container ship NAVIOS AMARILLO anchored at Tanjung Priok.

Crew vigilance and proportionate application of BMP5 is sufficient to treat the known threat.

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JAKARTA

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PANAMA CITY

#	DATE	TIME	TARGET	INCIDENT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	SOURCE
1	02-May-19	0700 UTC	Yacht	Attacked	9.5968	-78.762	Withheld



PANAMA CITY

COMMENT | There has been one case of maritime crime in the region this week. In the early hours of 2nd May, an armed group boarded a 65ft yacht off Morodub Island, in Panama's San Blas archipelago. In the ensuing incident, one of the four people aboard was shot dead and two suffered injuries from a machete. The robbers later reportedly fled with an outboard engine and other items.

The director of the Panama National Border Service, Eric Estrada, has confirmed that three suspects in this case have been arrested and are being held in Colón Province.

The targeting of yachts along Panama's northern coastline is commonplace, but rarely serious. This is now the second severe incident this year. A private yacht was targeted by an armed group off Portobelo in January and also resulted in crew injuries.

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