

Situation Update

Maritime Crime & Piracy

NIGERIA

Community leaders in the Degema LGA of Rivers State have warned of incessant attacks by criminals along the waterways of Bille, just north of Bonny Island.

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SOMALIA

At Berbera Port, Somali nationals have attacked foreign workers, complaining that employment opportunities are being lost to overseas interests.

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STRAIT OF MALACCA

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson has refuted rumours that China is planning to send warships to the Malacca Strait in order to escort its own vessels.

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VENEZUELA

Power outages have halted operations at PDSVA refineries on the Paraguayan Peninsula; the shutdown is said to be the result of sabotage at Guri power plant.

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SOUTHERN RED SEA

The Saudi Navy has seized a remote-controlled explosive-laden boat in the Red Sea, after it reportedly failed to successfully target merchant shipping.

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MALAYSIA

Sabah's police commissioner has extended the curfew in place off Tawau, Semporna, Kunak, Lahad Datu, Kinabatangan, Sandakan and Beluran.

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INDIA

India's Ministry of Shipping has partnered with the Copenhagen-based Maritime Anti-Corruption Network; a pilot scheme will be run from Mumbai until October.

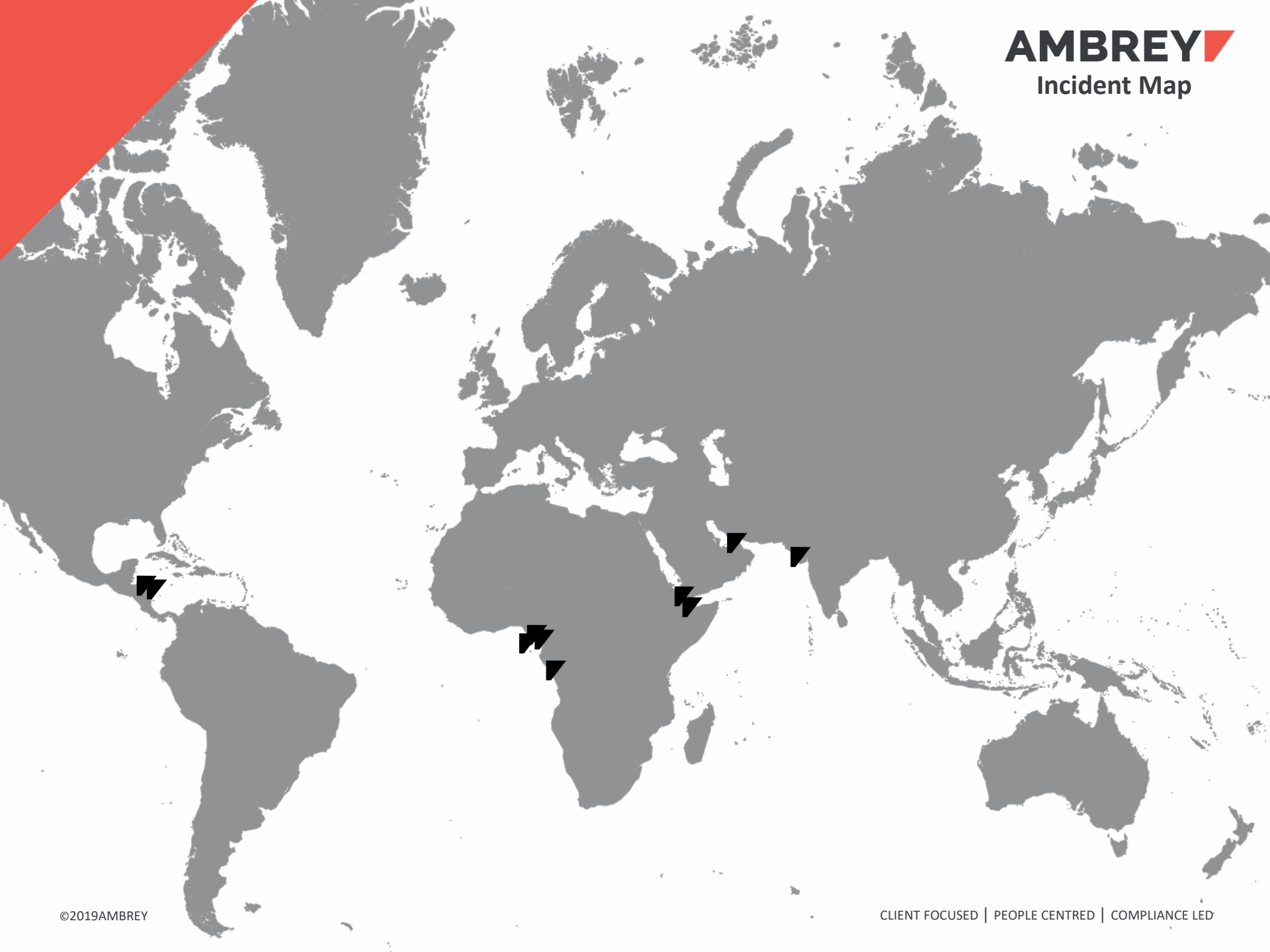
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SOUTHERN RED SEA

Riyadh has sent an unspecified number of troops to Perim Island, in the strategic Bab al-Mandeb, as well as to the ports of al-Mokha and al-Khokha.

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#	DATE	TIME	TARGET	INCIDENT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	SOURCE
1	07-July-19	09:00 UTC	Reefer	Robbery	-4.7183	11.7683	Withheld
2	08-July-19	Withheld	Passenger Vessel	Attack	4.6075	6.90294	Withheld
3	08-July-19	Withheld	Fishing Vessel	Attack	4.2000	8.88333	Withheld
4	13-July-19	22:50	Cargo Vessel	Attack	2.9666	4.66666	MDAT

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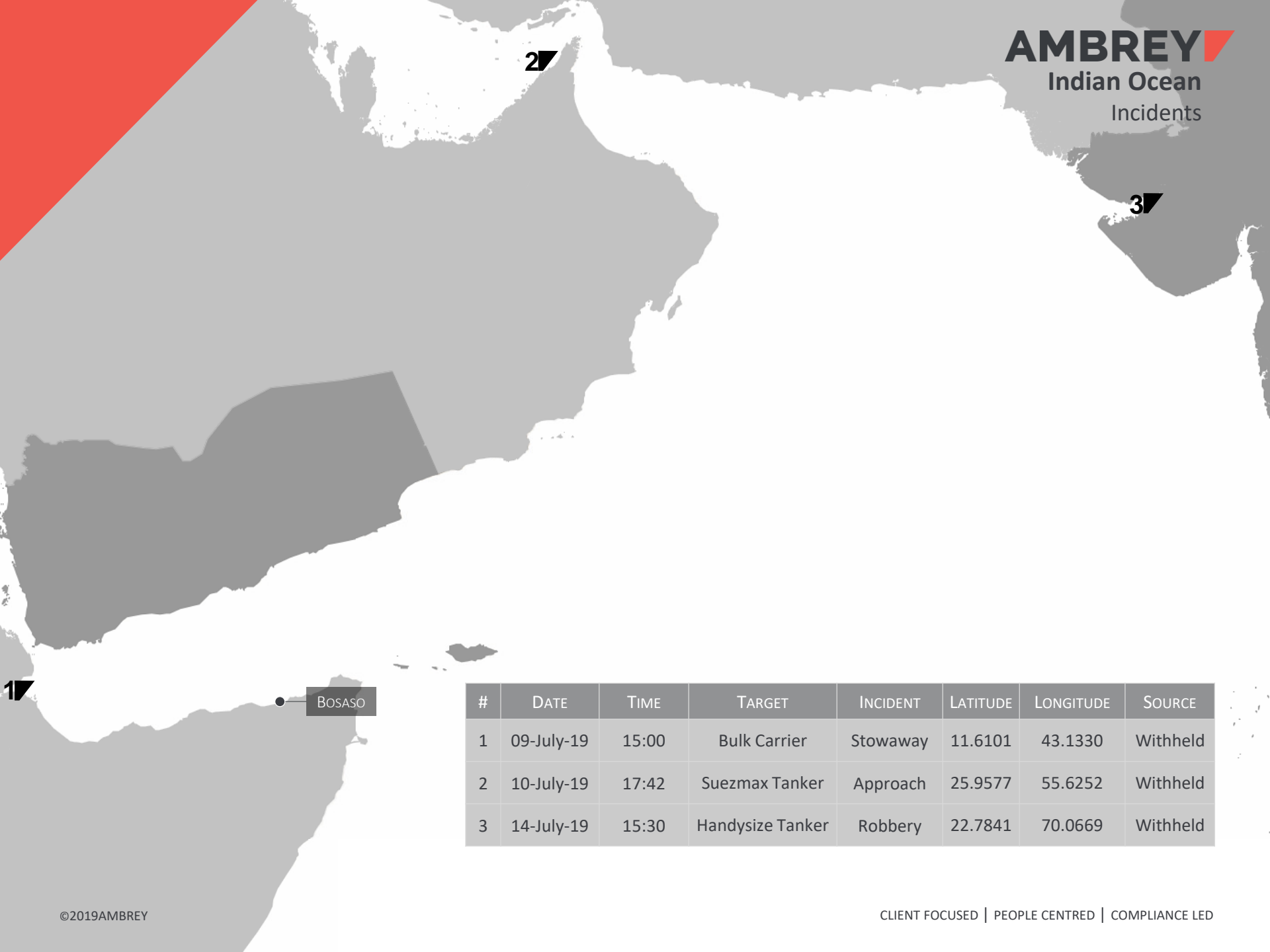
COMMENT | There have been four cases of maritime crime reported this week. The first took place at Pointe-Noire Anchorage and likely involved the Spanish-flagged reefer V CETENARIO, operated by Rodriguez Mariscos SA. Shortly after first light on 7th July, two people were observed by the crew fleeing in one white skiff carrying ship's property.

The second incident occurred in the waterways of the New Calabar River, in Degema LGA, Rivers State. Reports indicate that an armed syndicate targeted a passenger boat, robbing the occupants and shooting one man dead. Later the same day, the Cameroon-flagged fishing vessel AGIA ELENI was attacked by at least eight people and four crew were subsequently kidnapped. The incident took place in territorial waters, close to the town of Indenao, just north of Limbe. While this incident is likely the result of fisheries conflict, which has played out against a number of vessels in the area in recent months, this area is also known to be a staging post for fuel smuggling operations. The BIR, Cameroon's Rapid Intervention Battalion, was reportedly deployed in response to the attack, but no further updates have been published.

The final incident took place on the evening of 13th July and was staged outside the JWC Listed Area, 114nm offshore Nigeria. The Turkish-flagged PAKSOY 1, underway from Douala at 12.5 knots, was targeted by two skiffs, each carrying at least five people. Following the attack, the Kadioglu Denizcilik-owned cargo vessel drifted in situ for several hours; it is unclear if crew were kidnapped.

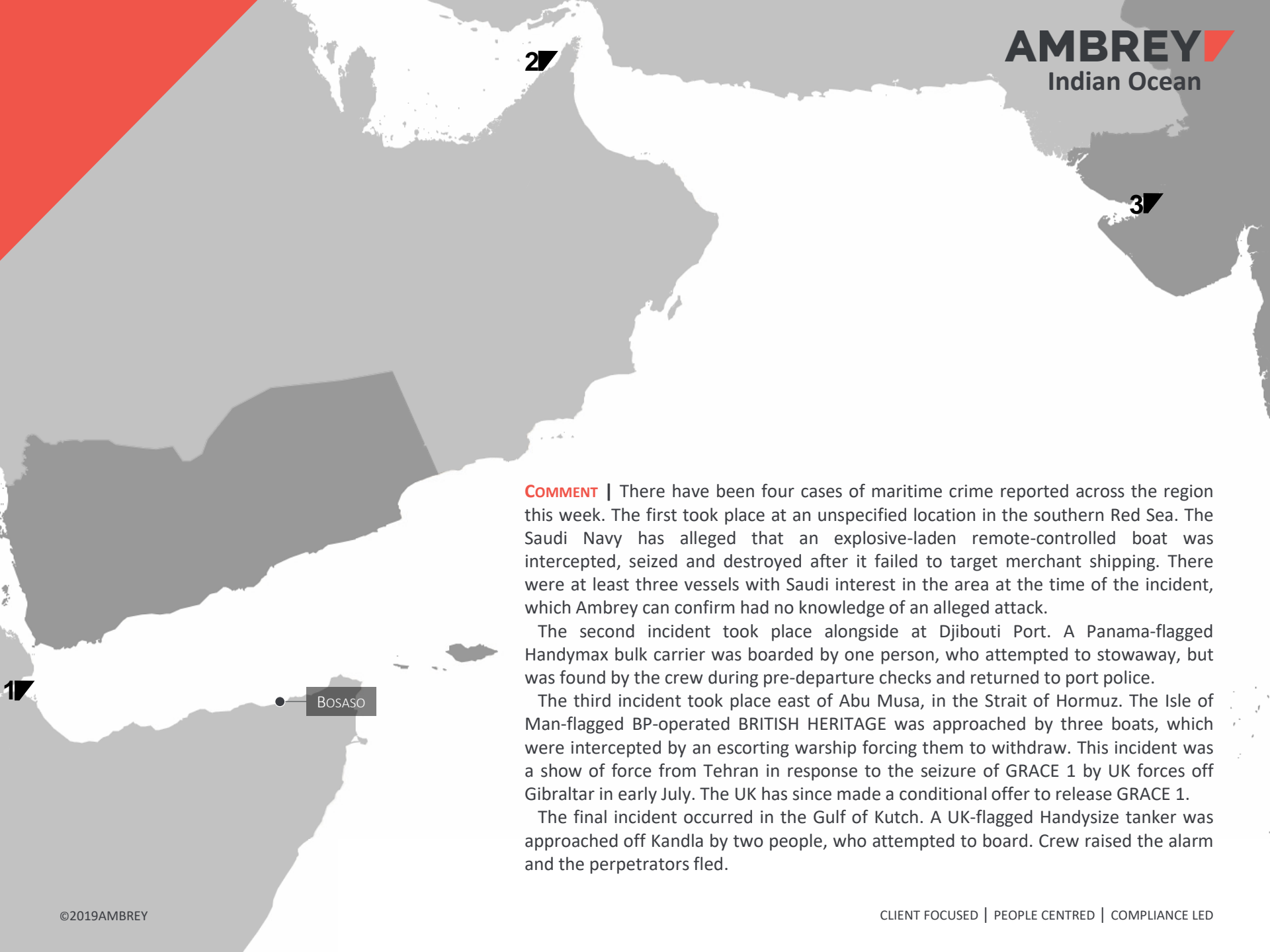
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BOSASO

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1	09-July-19	15:00	Bulk Carrier	Stowaway	11.6101	43.1330	Withheld
2	10-July-19	17:42	Suezmax Tanker	Approach	25.9577	55.6252	Withheld
3	14-July-19	15:30	Handysize Tanker	Robbery	22.7841	70.0669	Withheld

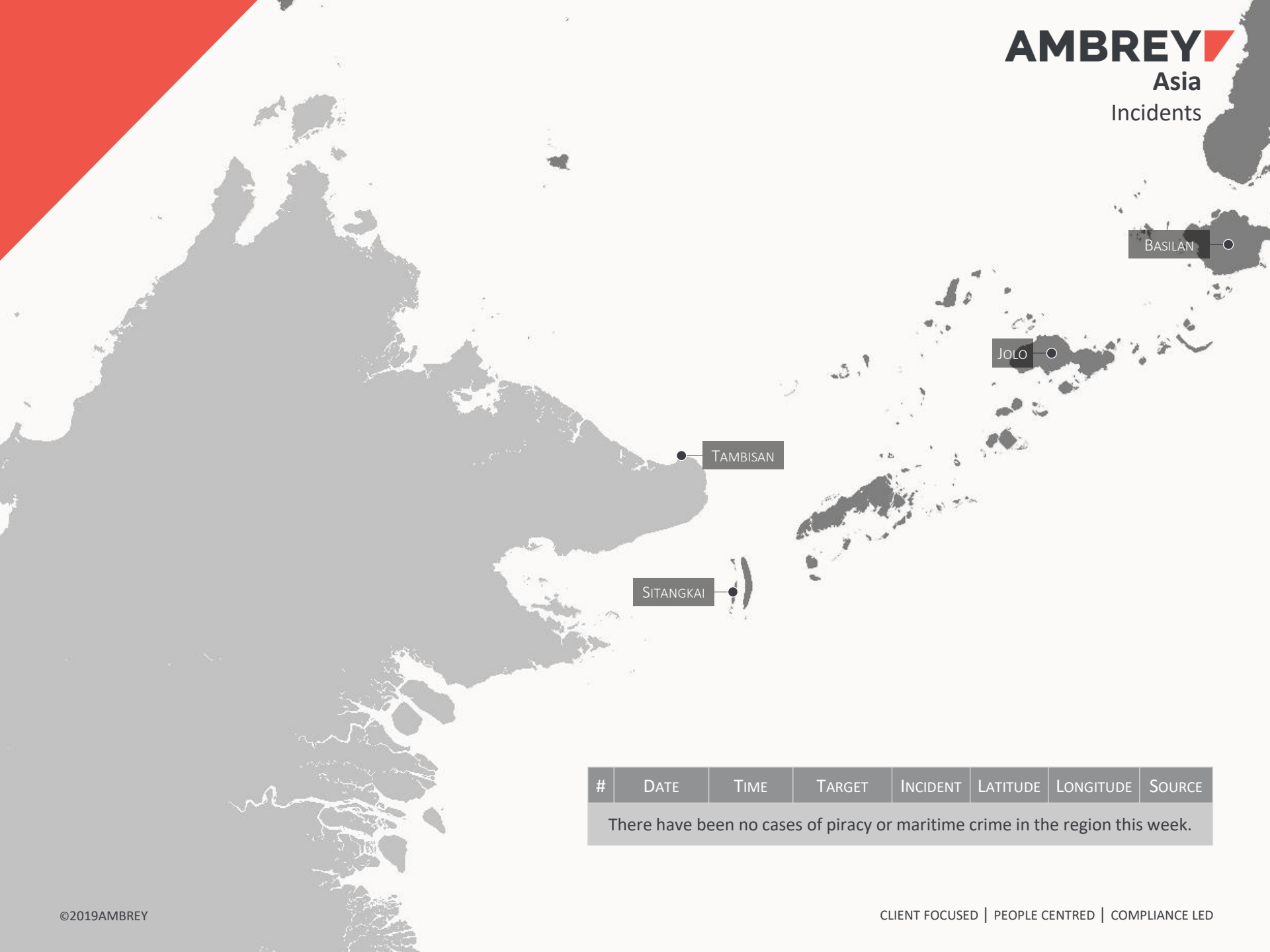


COMMENT | There have been four cases of maritime crime reported across the region this week. The first took place at an unspecified location in the southern Red Sea. The Saudi Navy has alleged that an explosive-laden remote-controlled boat was intercepted, seized and destroyed after it failed to target merchant shipping. There were at least three vessels with Saudi interest in the area at the time of the incident, which Ambrey can confirm had no knowledge of an alleged attack.

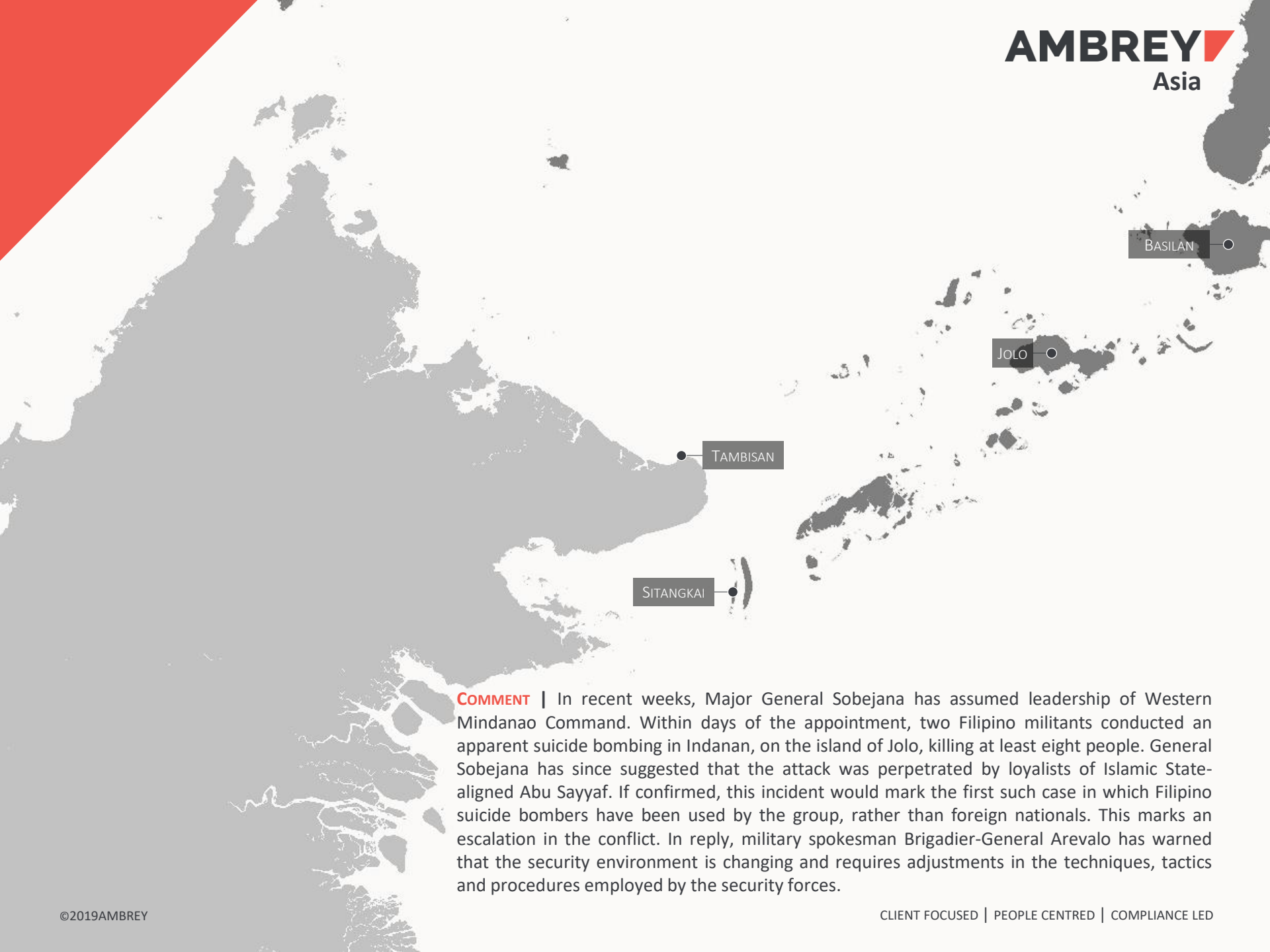
The second incident took place alongside at Djibouti Port. A Panama-flagged Handymax bulk carrier was boarded by one person, who attempted to stowaway, but was found by the crew during pre-departure checks and returned to port police.

The third incident took place east of Abu Musa, in the Strait of Hormuz. The Isle of Man-flagged BP-operated BRITISH HERITAGE was approached by three boats, which were intercepted by an escorting warship forcing them to withdraw. This incident was a show of force from Tehran in response to the seizure of GRACE 1 by UK forces off Gibraltar in early July. The UK has since made a conditional offer to release GRACE 1.

The final incident occurred in the Gulf of Kutch. A UK-flagged Handysize tanker was approached off Kandla by two people, who attempted to board. Crew raised the alarm and the perpetrators fled.



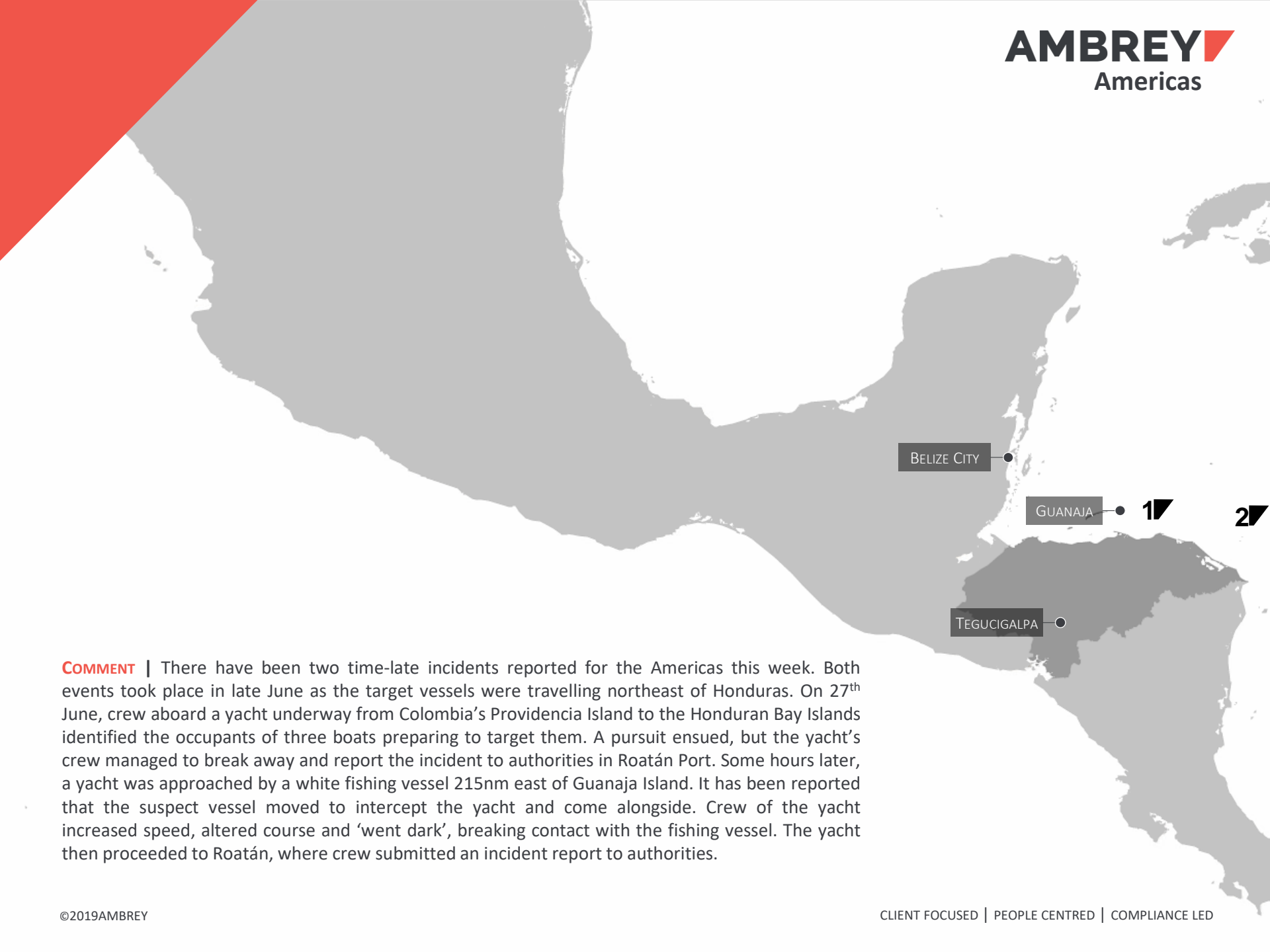
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There have been no cases of piracy or maritime crime in the region this week.							



COMMENT | In recent weeks, Major General Sobejana has assumed leadership of Western Mindanao Command. Within days of the appointment, two Filipino militants conducted an apparent suicide bombing in Indanan, on the island of Jolo, killing at least eight people. General Sobejana has since suggested that the attack was perpetrated by loyalists of Islamic State-aligned Abu Sayyaf. If confirmed, this incident would mark the first such case in which Filipino suicide bombers have been used by the group, rather than foreign nationals. This marks an escalation in the conflict. In reply, military spokesman Brigadier-General Arevalo has warned that the security environment is changing and requires adjustments in the techniques, tactics and procedures employed by the security forces.



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1	27-June-19	06:00	Yacht	Suspicious Approach	16.4914	-84.9723	Withheld
2	28-June-19	04:45	Yacht	Attempted Boarding	16.3438	-82.9508	Withheld



COMMENT | There have been two time-late incidents reported for the Americas this week. Both events took place in late June as the target vessels were travelling northeast of Honduras. On 27th June, crew aboard a yacht underway from Colombia’s Providencia Island to the Honduran Bay Islands identified the occupants of three boats preparing to target them. A pursuit ensued, but the yacht’s crew managed to break away and report the incident to authorities in Roatán Port. Some hours later, a yacht was approached by a white fishing vessel 215nm east of Guanaja Island. It has been reported that the suspect vessel moved to intercept the yacht and come alongside. Crew of the yacht increased speed, altered course and ‘went dark’, breaking contact with the fishing vessel. The yacht then proceeded to Roatán, where crew submitted an incident report to authorities.

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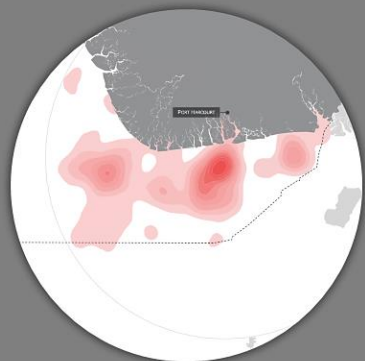
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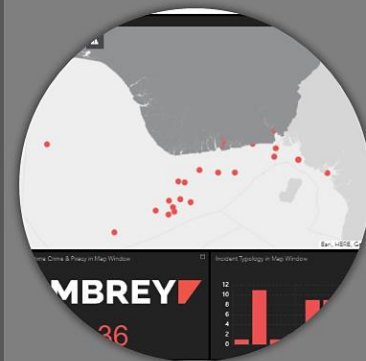
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