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**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY
AGAINST SHIPS**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1 January – 30 September 2009

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INTRODUCTION

The ICC International Maritime Bureau (IMB) is a specialised division of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). The IMB is a non-profit making organisation, established in 1981 to act as a focal point in the fight against all types of maritime crime and malpractice. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) in its resolution A 504 (XII) (5) and (9) adopted on 20 November 1981, has *inter alia*, urged governments, all interests and organization to co-operate and exchange information with each other and the IMB with a view to maintaining and developing a coordinated action in combating maritime fraud.

This report is an analysis of world-wide reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships from 1 January to 30 September 2009.

Outrage in the shipping industry at the alarming growth in piracy prompted the creation of the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) in October 1992 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The key services of the PRC are:

- Issuing daily status reports on piracy and armed robbery to ships via broadcasts on the Inmarsat-C SafetyNET service
- Reporting piracy and armed robbery at sea incidents to law enforcement and the IMO
- Helping local law enforcement apprehend pirates and assist in bringing them to justice
- Assisting shipowners whose vessels have been attacked or hijacked
- Assisting crewmembers whose vessels have been attacked
- Providing updates on pirate activity via the Internet
- Publishing comprehensive quarterly and annual reports detailing piracy statistics

The services of the PRC are provided free of charge to all ships irrespective of their ownership or flag.

The IMB also locates ships seized by pirates and recovers stolen cargos on a chargeable basis.

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Piracy report on the Internet: The IMB posts updates of attacks on the Internet at www.icc-ccs.org. By posting the information on the Internet, ship owners and authorities ashore as well as ships at sea can access these updates regularly and make informed decisions on the risks associated with certain sea areas.

Sometimes, incidents occurring in the previous quarter(s) are reported to the Centre after a time lag. This late reporting of incidents results in changes to the figures in the tables. The Centre has,

as at 30 September 2009, received reports of 306 incidents but may receive details of more in the coming months relating to the same period.

Because of the recent debate concerning Malacca Straits, narrations of incidents in this area are shown as separate categories. Similarly because of the increasing serious incidents off Somalia, incidents in this area are also shown as separate categories.

Attacks in the Gulf of Aden and off the east coast of Somalia have been grouped together in the narrations for easy reading.

COMMENTS OF DEFINITIONS AND FIGURES

For *statistical purposes*, the IMB defines Piracy and Armed Robbery as;

“An act of boarding or attempting to board any ship with the apparent intent to commit theft or any other crime and with the apparent intent or capability to use force in the furtherance of that act”.

This definition thus covers actual or attempted attacks whether the ship is berthed, at anchor or at sea. Petty thefts are excluded unless the thieves are armed.

The above definition has been adopted by the IMB as the majority of attacks against ships take place within the jurisdictions of States and piracy as defined under United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea (1982) does not address this aspect.

The IMB is pleased to record that the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 74th meeting of MSC addressed this matter in the draft Code of practice for the Investigation of Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships (MSC/Circ.984) article (2.2) (The Code of Practice).

The Code of Practice defines “Piracy “and “Armed Robbery against Ships” as follows;

- Piracy means unlawful acts as defined in article 101 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS):

ARTICLE 101

Definition of Piracy consists of any of the following acts:

- a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed-*
 - (i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft;*
 - (ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;*
- (b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft;*
- (c) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b).*

- *“Armed Robbery against Ships means any unlawful act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of “piracy”, directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such ship, within a State’s jurisdiction over such offences”*

The above definitions now cover actual or attempted attacks whether the ship is berthed, at anchor or at sea.

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**TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks,
January – September 2005 – 2009**

Locations		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
S E ASIA	Indonesia	61	40	37	23	7
	Malacca Straits	10	8	4	2	2
	Malaysia	3	9	7	7	14
	Myanmar (Burma)				1	1
	Philippines		3	2	6	1
	Singapore Straits	7	3	3	2	6
	Thailand	1	1	2		1
	FAR China / HK / Macau	2	1			
EAST	Papua New Guinea			1		
	South China Sea	4	1	3		10
	Vietnam	8	3	4	8	8
INDIAN SUB	Bangladesh	14	33	13	9	12
CONTINENT	India	12	4	7	10	10
	Sri Lanka			4	1	
AMERICAS	Brazil	2	6	3		4
	Colombia	1	2			5
	Costa Rica					3
	Dominican Republic	1				
	Ecuador		1		1	1
	Guyana	1	1	3		
	Haiti	2		1	2	3
	Jamaica	7	3	1		
	Peru	5	6	5	3	10
	Suriname			1		
	Venezuela	2	2	1	3	2
	AFRICA Angola		2	1	2	
	Cameroon	1	1			3
	Congo		3		1	
	Dem. Congo Republic			4	1	2
	Egypt			2		
	Equatorial Guinea				1	
	Eritrea			1		
	Ghana	3	1	1	4	2
	Guinea		3	1		
	Guinea Bissau					1
	Gulf of Aden*	8	9	10	51 *	100*
	Ivory Coast	3	1		3	2
	Kenya			4	1	1
	Liberia			1	1	

Madagascar	1				
Mauritania		1			
Morocco	1			1	
Mozambique				2	
Nigeria	14	9	26	24	20
Red Sea**					15*
Sierra Leone		2	1		
Somalia	19	8	26	12	47
Tanzania	4	2	9	14	5
Togo				1	2
REST OF Arabian Sea***	2	1	4		1
WORLD Indian Ocean****					1
Belgium		1			
France				1	
Iran		1	1		
Iraq	6	2	1		
Oman*****			2		4
Seychelles				1	
United Kingdom			1		
Sub total for nine months	205	174	198	199	306
Total at year end	276	239	263	293	

*Gulf of Aden

**Red Sea

***Arabian Sea

****Indian Ocean

*****Oman

All of the above attacks are attributed to Somali pirates

CHART A: The following locations shared approximately two third of the incidents i.e. 208 from a total of 306 attacks reported in the period January – September 2009.

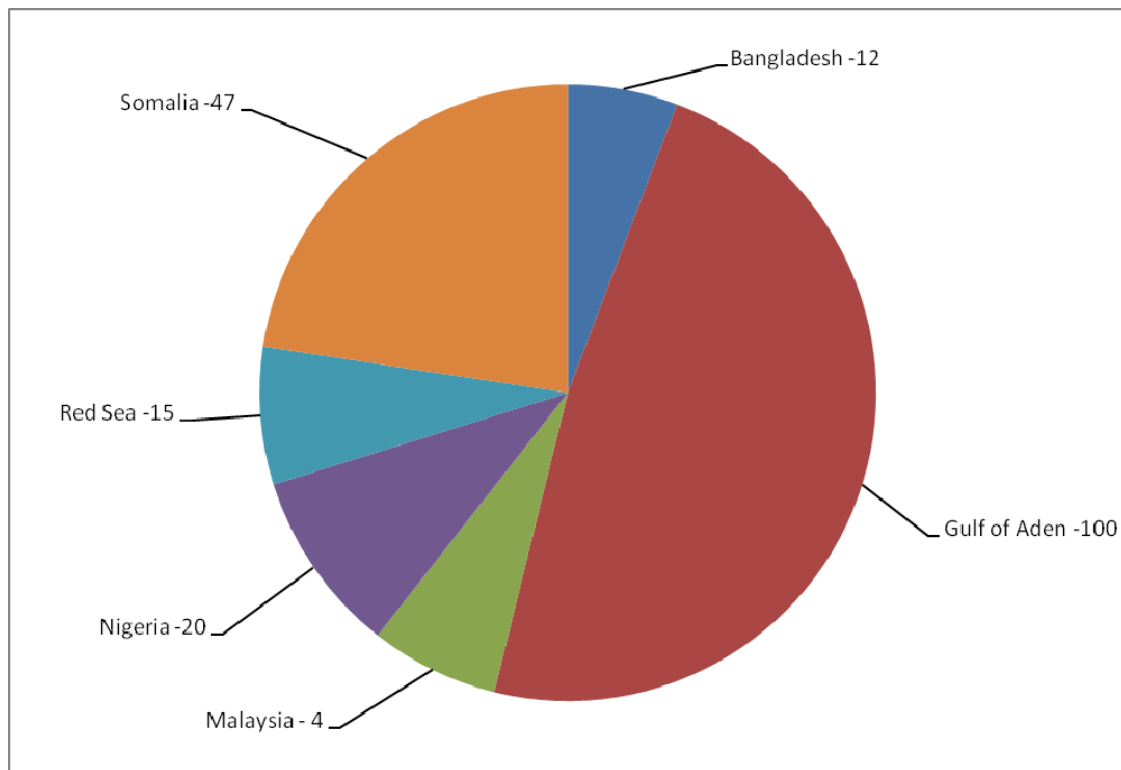


CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – September 2009

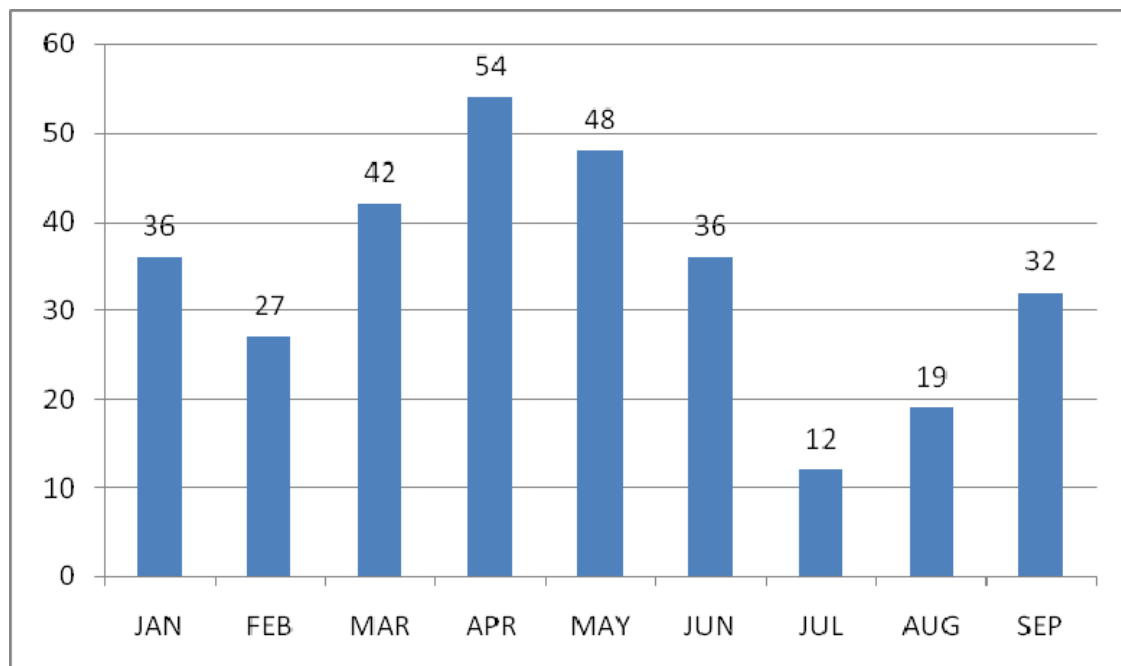


CHART C: Total incidents as per Regions of the world January – September 2009

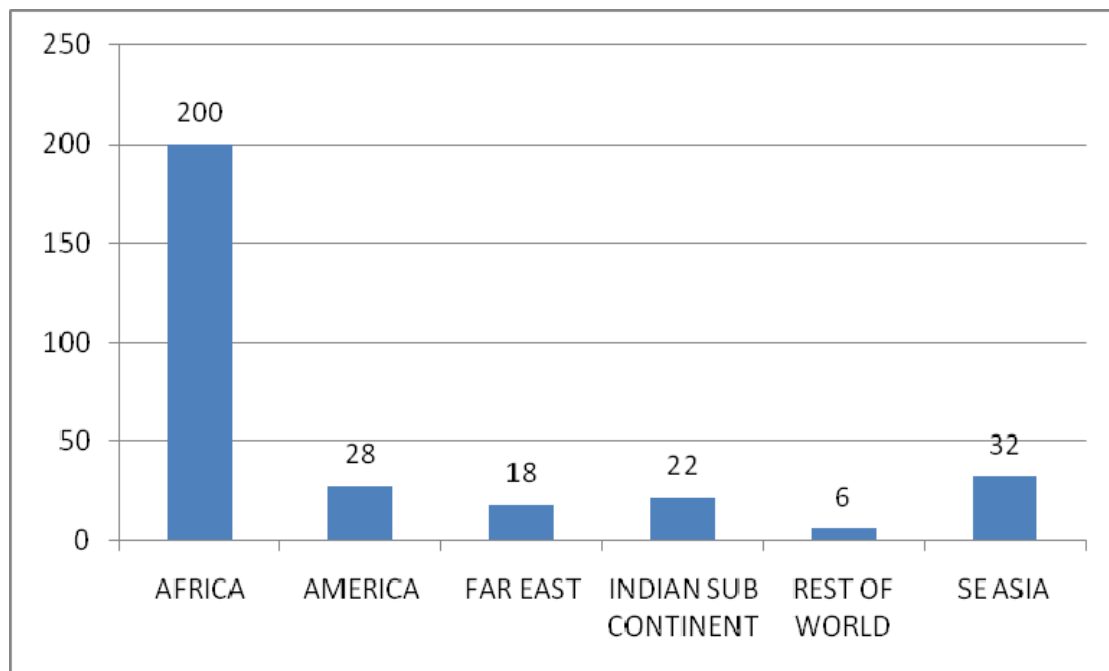


TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by location, January – September 2009

		ACTUAL ATTACKS		ATTEMPTED ATTACKS	
Location		Boarded	Hijacked	Fired Upon	Attempted
S E ASIA	Indonesia	5			2
	Malacca Straits	2			
	Malaysia	11			3
	Myanmar	1			
	Philippines	1			
	Singapore Straits	4			2
	Thailand/Gulf of Thailand	1			
FAR EAST	South China Sea	9	1		
	Vietnam	8			
INDIAN	Bangladesh	10			2
SUB CONT	India	9			1
AMERICAS	Brazil	4			
	Colombia	5			
	Costa Rica	3			
	Ecuador	1			
	Haiti	2			1
	Peru	9			1
	Venezuela	2			
AFRICA	Cameroon	2			1
	Dem. Republic Congo	2			
	Ghana	2			
	Guinea Bissau				1
	Gulf of Aden*		18	53	29
	Ivory Coast	2			
	Kenya	1			
	Nigeria	13	1	3	3
	Red Sea**			3	12
	Somalia	1	13	27	6
	Tanzania	4			1
	Togo				2
REST OF	Arabian Sea***				1
WORLD	Indian Ocean****				1
	Oman*****		1	2	1
Sub total		114	34	88	70
Total		306			

*Gulf of Aden

**Red Sea

*** Arabian Sea

****Indian Ocean

*****Oman

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TABLE 3: Ports and anchorages, with three or more reported incidents, January – September 2009

Country	Location	1.1.2008 to 30.09.2008	1.1.2009 to 30.9.2009
Bangladesh	Chittagong	8	12
Ghana	Tema	3	-
India	Cochin	-	3
India	Kakinada	3	3
Indonesia	Belawan	5	-
Indonesia	Tanjung Priok	4	-
Ivory Coast	Abidjan	3	-
Malaysia	Sandakan	-	4
Nigeria	Lagos	20	8
Peru	Callao	3	9
Philippines	Manila	3	-
Tanzania	Dar es Salaam	10	5
Vietnam	Vung Tau	4	3

TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL attacks, January - September 2009

LOCATION	BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING	NOT STATED
S E ASIA Indonesia	1	4		
Malacca Straits			2	
Malaysia	2	5	4	
Myanmar		1		
Philippines			1	
Singapore Straits		2	2	
Thailand				1
FAR EAST South China Sea			10	
Vietnam	1	6	1	
INDIAN Bangladesh		9	1	
SUB CONT India	2	7		
AMERICAS Brazil	1	3		
Colombia		5		
Costa Rica		3		
Ecuador			1	
Haiti		2		
Peru	2	7		
Venezuela	1	1		
AFRICA Cameroon		2		
Dem. Republic Congo		2		
Ghana		2		

	Gulf of Aden*			18	
	Ivory Coast		2		
	Kenya		1		
	Nigeria	4	6	4	
	Somalia			14	
	Tanzania		4		
REST OF WORLD	Oman**			1	
	Sub Total	14	74	59	1
	Total	148			

*Gulf of Aden

**Oman

All of the above attacks are attributed to Somali pirates

TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED attacks, January - September 2009

LOCATION		BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING	NOT STATED
S E ASIA	Indonesia		2		
	Malaysia		1	2	
	Singapore Straits		2		
INDIAN	Bangladesh		2		
SUB CONT	India		1		
AMERICAS	Haiti		1		
	Peru		1		
AFRICA	Cameroon			1	
	Guinea Bissau			1	
	Gulf of Aden*			82	
	Nigeria	1	2	3	
	Red Sea**			15	
	Somalia			33	
	Tanzania		1		
	Togo		2		
REST OF	Arabian Sea***			1	
WORLD	Indian Ocean****			1	
	Oman*****			3	
	Sub Total	1	15	142	-
	Total	158			

*Gulf of Aden

**Red Sea

***Arabian Sea

****Indian Ocean

*****Oman

All of the above attacks are attributed to Somali pirates

TABLE 6: Types of arms used during attacks, January – September 2005 – 2009

Types of Arms	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Guns	58	42	51	76	176
Knives	64	57	47	54	56
Not stated	71	67	91	65	71
Other weapons	12	8	9	4	3
Subtotal: Jan – Sept	205	174	198	199	306
Total at year end	276	239	263	293	

TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of attacks, January – September 2005 – 2009

Category	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Attempted	38	44	55	30	70
Boarded	141	113	117	115	114
Fired upon	15	6	11	23	88
Hijack	11	11	15	31	34
Subtotal: Jan – Sept	205	174	198	199	306
Total at year end	276	239	263	293	

TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – September 2005 – 2009

Types of Violence	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Assaulted	3	2	21	5	4
Hostage	259	163	172	581	661
Injured	19	13	21	22	23
Kidnap	12	20	63	9	12
Killed	-	6	3	9	6
Missing	12	-	2	7	8
Threatened	10	14	4	4	12
Total : Jan – Sept	315	218	286	637	726

TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January – September 2009

Location	Hostage	Threatened	Assault	Injured	Killed	Missing	Kidnap
S E ASIA Indonesia		1					
Malacca Straits							2
Malaysia	38	2					
Singapore Straits	12						
Thailand				1	1		
FAR South China Sea	28		2	1			
EAST Vietnam	4	1				7	
INDIAN Bangladesh	3	3					
SUB CONT India	1						
AMERICAS Brazil	1				1		
Colombia		1					
Peru	3	1	2	1			
AFRICA Cameroon				5			
Dem. Rep. Of Congo		1					
Gulf of Aden	310			4	3	1	
Kenya							3
Nigeria	36	2		7			7
Somalia	213			4	1		
Tanzania	2						
ROW: Oman	10						
Sub total	661	12	4	23	6	8	12
Total	726						

TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January – September 2009

LOCATIONS		Guns	Knives	Other Weapons	Not Stated
S E ASIA	Indonesia		3		4
	Malacca Straits	2			
	Malaysia	2	5		7
	Myanmar				1
	Philippines				1
	Singapore Straits	2	3		1
	Thailand		1		
FAR EAST	South China Sea	1	9		
	Vietnam	1	2	1	4
INDIAN	Bangladesh		9		3
SUB CONT	India		3		7
AMERICAS	Brazil	1	2		1
	Colombia		3		2
	Costa Rica				3
	Ecuador	1			
	Haiti		1		2
	Peru		4		6
	Venezuela		1		1
AFRICA	Cameroon	3			
	Dem. Republic Congo		1	1	
	Ghana		2		
	Guinea Bissau	1			
	Gulf of Aden*	90			10
	Ivory Coast		2		
	Kenya	1			
	Nigeria	16	1	1	2
	Red Sea**	8			7
	Somalia	44			3
	Tanzania		2		3
	Togo		2		
ROW:	Arabian Sea***				1
	Indian Ocean****				1
	Oman*****	3			1
Sub total		176	56	3	71
Total		306			

*Gulf of Aden

**Red Sea

***Arabian Sea
 ****Indian Ocean
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TABLE 11: Types of ships attacked, January – September 2005 – 2009

Type	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Barge / Barge carrier	2		1	1	
Bulk carrier	57	39	22	33	84
Cable Layer	1				
Catamaran	1				2
Cement Carrier				1	
Container	24	37	39	40	48
Dhow		2	3		2
General cargo	33	19	27	26	42
Hopper Dredger		1			
Landing Craft		2			
Livestock carrier				1	
Lift Barge				1	
OBO carrier					1
Offshore Processing Ship	1		1		
Offshore Barge		1			
Passenger		2		2	1
Pollution Control		1			
Refrigerated	3	2	5	5	4
Research ship			2	1	1
Rig / Platform / FPSO			3		
RORO	4	1	3	1	6
Service Boat					1
Supply Ship		1		3	1
Tanker Bitumen			1		2
Tanker Chem/ Product	36	25	35	37	51
Tanker Crude Oil	16	6	22	16	27
Tanker LNG			1		1
Tanker LPG	2	2	4	5	5
Trawler/Fishing	3	15	12	7	9
Tug / Tug & barge	12	9	6	9	12
Vehicle carrier	2	1	1	2	2
Yacht	5	8	7	7	4
Not stated	3		3	1	
Total : Jan-Sept	205	174	198	199	306
Total at year end	276	239	263	293	

CHART D: Types of ships attacked, January – September 2009

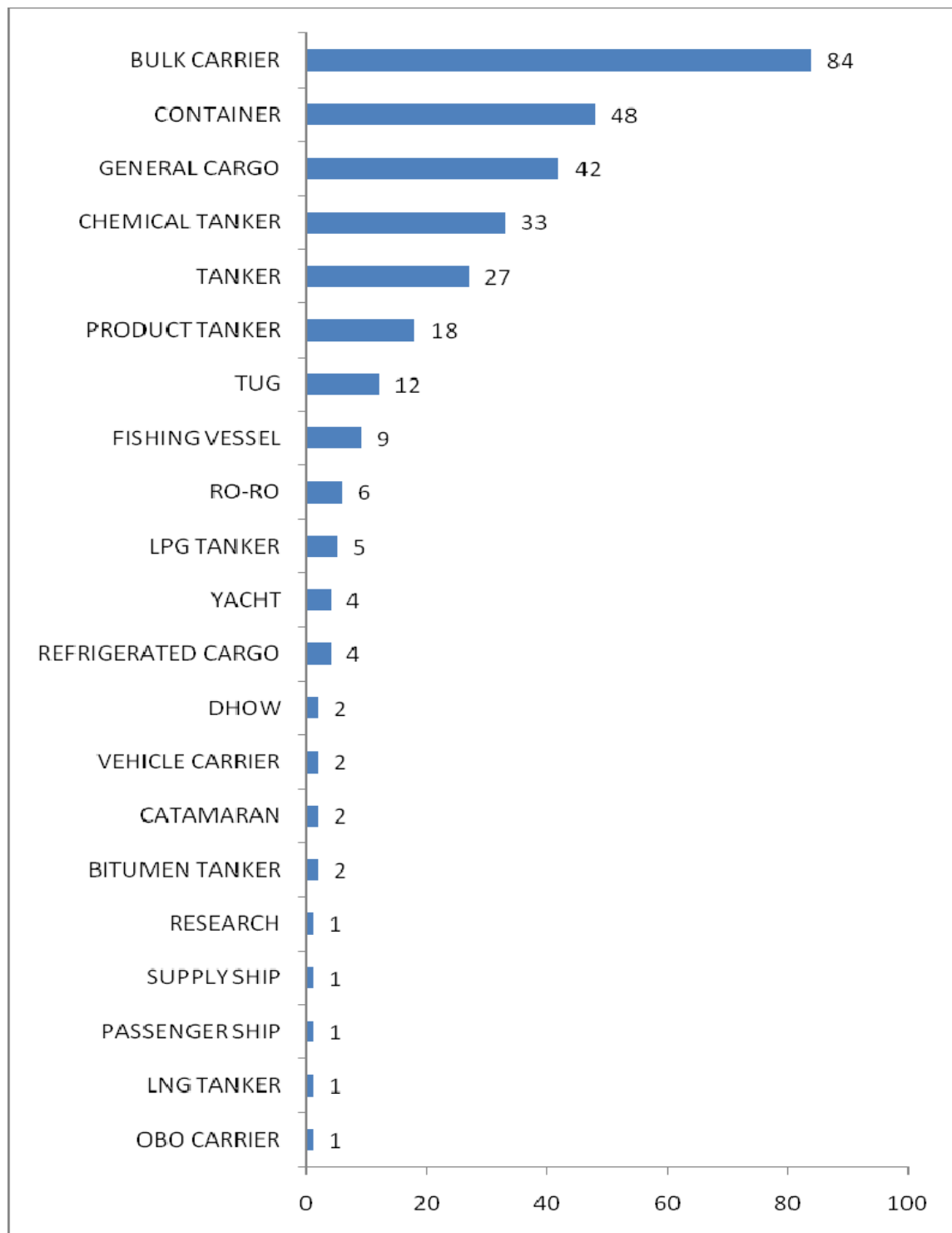
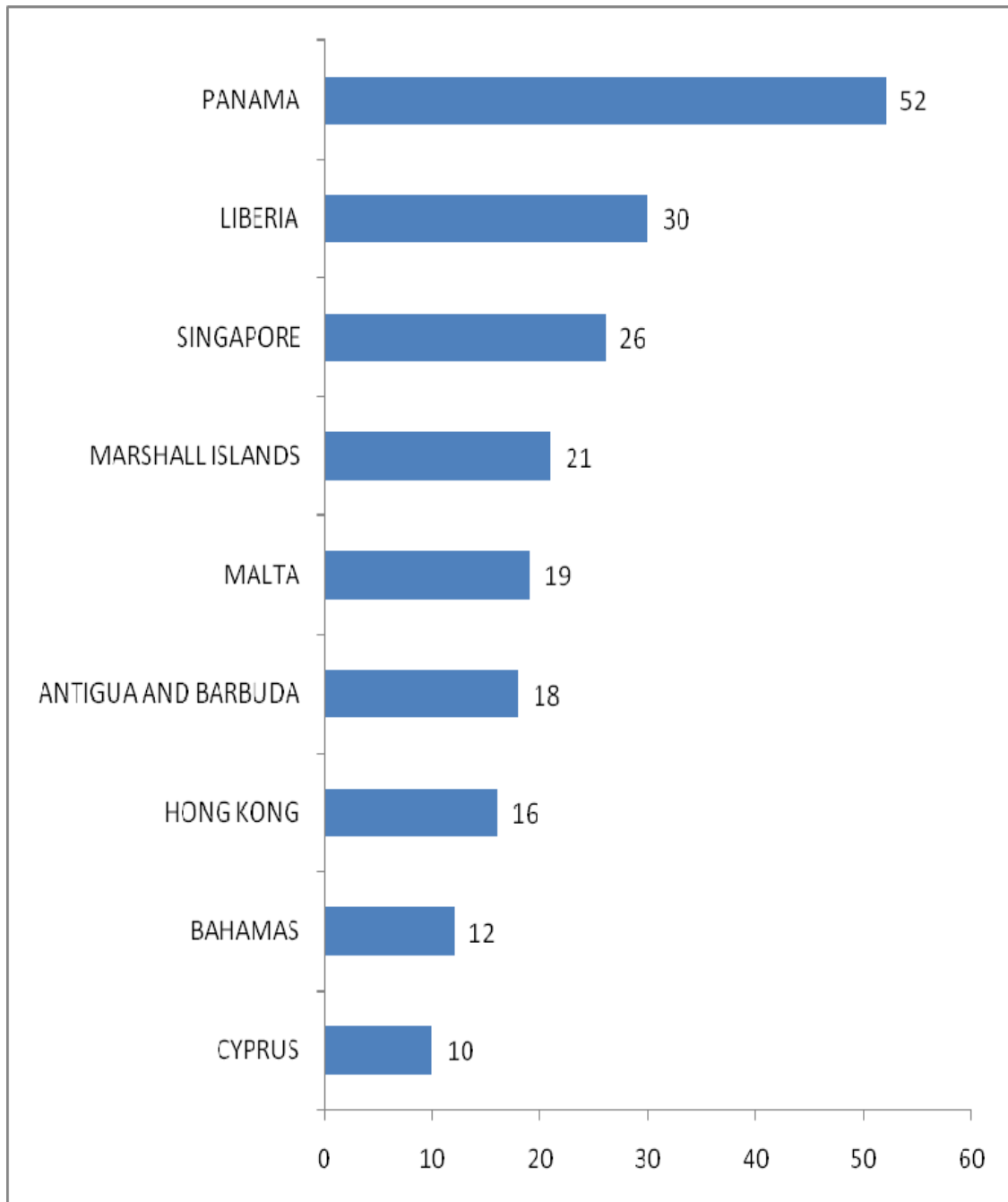


TABLE 12: Nationalities of ships attacked, January - September 2005 – 2009

Flag State	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Antigua Barbuda	8	8	7	12	18
Antilles Netherlands	2	2			
Australia		1			
Austria		1			
Bahamas	8	3	3	8	12
Barbados				2	
Bahrain				1	
Belgium					1
Belize	1			2	
Brazil			1		1
Cambodia	1		1		
Canada	2				
Canary Islands				1	
Cayman Island		1	1	1	1
China	1	1	2	2	1
Comoros			1		
Croatia					1
Cyprus	11	2	9	11	10
Denmark	1		3	2	2
Ecuador					1
Egypt	1		1		3
Ethiopia					1
France	1	1		5	1
Germany		1	1	3	5
Gibraltar	1		5	2	1
Greece	1		1	1	5
Guyana			3		
Honduras	1		1		1
Hong Kong (SAR)	8	5	5	9	16
India	7	6	3	2	5
Indonesia	4	6	3	1	1
Iran	6			1	
Isle Of Man		3	2	5	1
Italy	3			1	7
Japan	2		1	2	
Jordan		2	1	1	
Korea North		1			5
Korea South		3		3	1
Liberia	12	16	23	14	30
Libya					1
Lithuania			2		1

Luxemburg			1		
Malaysia	12	11	4	6	2
Maldives	2				
Malta	6	9	4	7	19
Marshall Islands	7	7	13	12	21
Mongolia			1		
Myanmar	2	1	1		
Netherlands	2	2	3	3	7
Nigeria			1	1	
Norway	2	2	6	7	2
Oman		1			
Pakistan	1				2
Panama	32	32	32	27	52
Philippines	2	2		4	1
Portugal			2		
Qatar			2		
Russia		1			1
Saudi Arabia					1
Seychelles				1	2
Singapore	21	18	19	18	26
Spain					1
St. Kitts & Nevis	1		2		2
St. Vincent Grenadines	5	5	3	4	6
Sri Lanka	2				
Suriname			1		
Switzerland		2			
Taiwan	1		1	1	1
Tanzania			2		1
Thailand	3	1	2	3	2
Togo					2
Trinidad & Tobago					
Turkey		2	2	1	8
Tuvalu		1			
UAE		1	3	1	
Ukraine				1	
United Kingdom	4	3	3	4	3
USA	5	3	1	4	2
Vanuatu	1	2	1		
Vietnam	3	1	1		3
Yemen				2	5
Not Stated	9	4	7		1
Total Jan to Sept	205	174	198	199	306
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CHART E: Flag States whose ships attacked nine or more times, January – September 2009

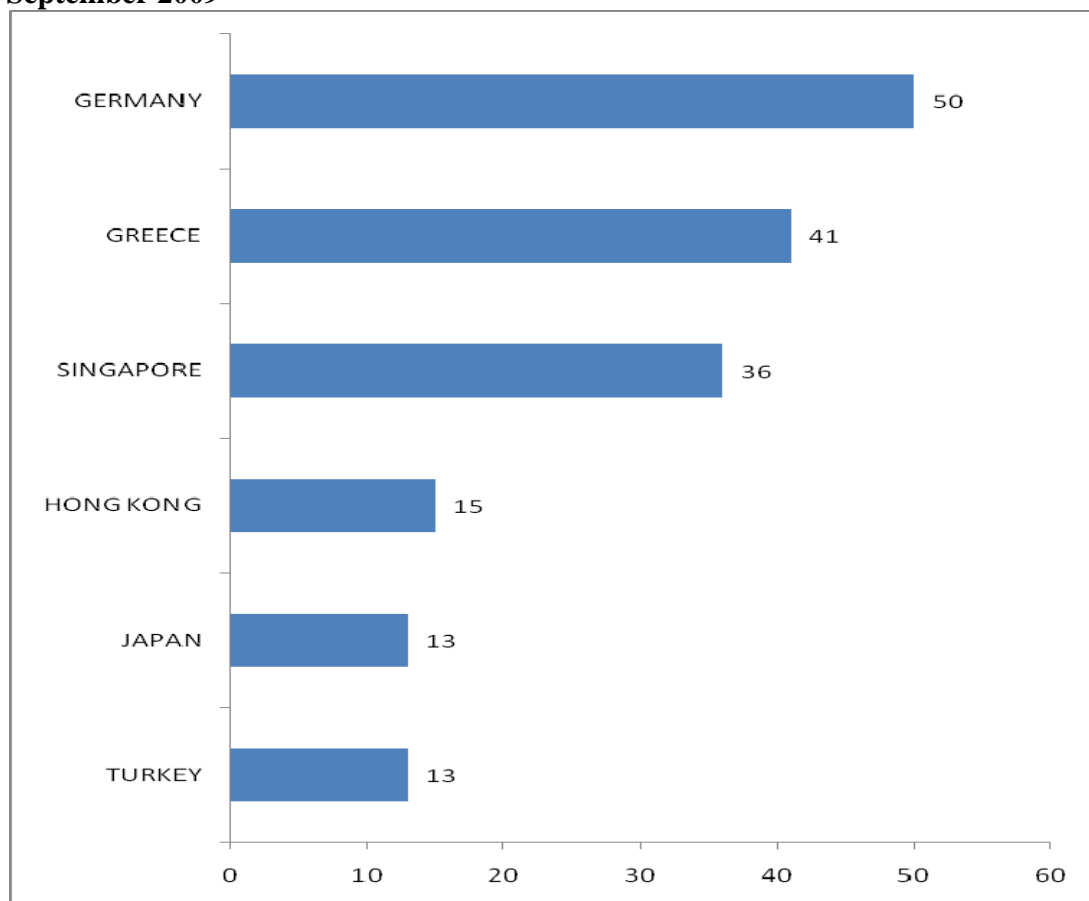


**TABLE 13: Countries where victim ships were controlled or managed
January – September 2009**

Country	No of Ships
Bahamas	1
Belgium	2
Brazil	1
Canada	1
China	6
Croatia	1
Cyprus	5
Denmark	8
Ecuador	1
Egypt	3
Estonia	1
Ethiopia	1
France	3
Germany	50
Greece	41
Hong Kong	15
India	7
Indonesia	1
Iran	5
Isle Of Man	1
Israel	1
Italy	6
Japan	13
Kenya	1
Korea North	5
Korea South	6
Latvia	1
Lebanon	2
Libya	1
Lithuania	2
Malaysia	1
Monaco	3
Netherlands	6
New Zealand	1
Nigeria	1
Norway	6
Oman	1
Pakistan	2
Philippines	3
Portugal	1
Romania	2

Russia	3
Seychelles	2
Singapore	36
Spain	2
Switzerland	1
Taiwan	2
Thailand	1
Turkey	13
UAE	5
Ukraine	1
United Kingdom	7
USA	5
Vietnam	3
Yemen	4
Not Stated	2
Total	306

CHART F: Managing countries whose ships attacked nine or more times, January – September 2009



SOMALIA/GULF OF ADEN ATTACK FIGURES UPDATE

Since January to September 2009, the IMB PRC received a total of 168 incidents carried out by suspected Somali pirates. The incidents varied in geographical location encompassing the waters off the east and south coast of Somalia including the Indian Ocean, Gulf of Aden, Southern Red Sea, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, off east coast Oman and the Arabian Sea.

A total of 32 vessels have been reported hijacked and 533 crewmembers have been taken hostage. A further eight have been injured, four killed and one missing. There have been 47 attacks off the east and south coast of Somalia, 100 attacks in the Gulf of Aden, 15 attacks in the southern Red Sea, four attacks off Oman and one each reported in the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean.

As of 30 September, the suspected Somali pirates are holding four vessels for ransom with 80 crewmembers as hostages.

Bulk carriers, containers, fishing vessels, RoRos, tankers, tugs and yachts have all been targeted by the Somali pirates.

It appears that with the increased number of warships patrolling the Gulf of Aden and with Ship's Masters adhering to the recommended advice and deploying effective anti piracy precautionary measures, the number of successful hijackings in the Gulf of Aden has dropped dramatically. However, the attacks are continuing with serious concerns as the Somali pirates are firing their RPG and automatic weapons indiscriminately to intimidate the Master of the vessel to stop. Pirates are now more desperate to hijack ships.

Past attack patterns indicate that the Somali pirates have attacked vessels further out at sea, off the east and south coast of Somalia including off Kenya / off Tanzania / off Seychelles and off Madagascar. Recent attacks have shown that pirates are capable of attacking vessels as far west as the southern Red Sea and in the Straits of Bab El Mandeb and as far north as off east coast Oman/Arabian Sea.

As the SW Monsoon recede in September 2009, pirates are expected to start attacking vessels once again at full force. With the end of the monsoon period, the wind and weather conditions are favourable to the pirates.

PIRACY PRONE AREAS AND WARNINGS

Mariners are warned to be extra cautious and to take necessary precautionary measures when transiting the following areas:

SOUTH EAST ASIA AND INDIAN SUB CONTINENT

Bangladesh : Although the number of attacks has dropped, the area is still listed as very high risk. Pirates are targeting ships preparing to anchor. Most attacks reported at Chittagong anchorages and approaches. Recent reports indicated that attacks are beginning to increase again.

Indonesia : Anambas / Natuna / Mangkai islands area, Belawan. Pirates normally armed with guns / knives / machetes. Generally be vigilant in other areas. Many attacks may have gone unreported.

Malacca Straits : Although the number of attacks has dropped due to the increased and aggressive patrols by the littoral states since July 2005, ships are advised to continue maintaining a strict anti piracy watch when transiting the Straits. Currently, there are no indications as to how long these patrols will continue.

Malaysia : off Tioman Island / Pulau Aur / South China Sea, Sandakan.

Singapore Straits : Vessels are advised to continue to be vigilant and maintain anti piracy watch. Pirates attacking ships while underway or while anchored at OPL.

South China Sea : There has been an increase in attacks in the triangle area formed by Tioman / Pulau Aur, Eastern Singapore Straits including OPL and Anambas / off Mangkai Islands. Armed pirates attacked vessel in the hour of darkness.

Vietnam : Vung Tau / Ho Chi Minh

AFRICA AND RED SEA.

Africa : - Tema (Ghana) : most attacks occurred while ship at anchor.

- Lagos & Bonny River (Nigeria) : Pirates are violent and have attacked and robbed vessels / kidnapped crews along the coast and rivers, anchorages, ports and surrounding waters. Vessels advised to be also vigilant in other parts in Nigeria.

- Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania) : Pirates continue to target ships in port, anchorages and surrounding waters.

Gulf of Aden / Red Sea : Somali pirates continue to attack vessels in the northern Somali coast in the Gulf of Aden and southern Red Sea in the Bab El Mandeb TSS despite presence of more warships. These pirates are firing automatic weapons and Rocket

Propelled Grenades (RPG) in an attempt to board and hijack vessels. Once the attack is successful and the vessel hijacked, they would sail the vessel towards the Somali coast and thereafter demand a ransom for the release of the vessel and crew. All vessels transiting the area are advised to take additional precautionary measures and maintain strict 24 hours visual and radar anti piracy watch using all available means. Watch keeping crews should lookout for small suspicious boats converging to own vessel. Early sightings/detection and accurate assessment will allow Masters to increase speed and take evasive manoeuvres to escape from pirates and at the same time request for assistance from various Authorities/Agencies including the IMB PRC.

Since 1 February 2009, MSCHOA (www.mschoa.org) has established the Internationally Recognised Transit Corridor (IRTC). Military assets (Naval and Air) will be strategically deployed within the area to best provide protection and support to merchant ships.

Masters using the IRTC are not relieved of their obligation and should continue to maintain a strict 24 Hour lookout using all available means to get an early warning of an approaching threat. Some vessels have been attacked/hijacked in the corridor.

Ships/Owners are advised to register their details on the MSCHOA website www.mschoa.org and obtain further information regarding the close support protection details for ships transiting the Gulf of Aden. Ships are encouraged to conduct their passage through the IRTC in groups based on their transit speed of 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 kts.

Master are also advise to maintain a listening watch on CH 16, CH 8 and CH 72 in order to hear the Maritime Advisory Calls from the warships in the area who will make general security broadcasts to announce their location and in turn will also listen to merchant ships calling them.

Somalia : Somali Pirates attack vessels in the northern, eastern and southern coast of Somalia. Some attacks have spread and taken place very far off Kenya, off Tanzania, off Seychelles and off Madagascar coast. Two other recent areas of attacks include the southern Red Sea in the Bab El Mandeb TSS and off Oman/Arabian Sea. The Somali pirates are dangerous and are prepared to fire their automatic weapons and RPGs at vessels in order to stop them. Pirates are believed to be using “mother vessels” to launch attacks at very far distance from coast. The “mother vessel” is able to proceed very far out to sea to launch smaller boats to attack and hijack passing vessels. Some of these attacks had taken place almost 600 nautical miles from the coast. The IMB in cooperation with the MSCHOA advises that vessels not making scheduled calls to ports in Somalia should keep as far away as possible from the Somali coast, preferably more than 600 nautical miles from the coastline. When routing north / south consider keeping east of 60 E longitude until east of Seychelles until a more permanent and encouraging sign is seen. Mariners are advised to report any suspicious boats to the Centre. A 24 hour visual and radar watch must be maintained as early sightings / detection and accurate assessment will allow Masters to take evasive actions and increase speed and at the same time request for assistance and escape. As the SW Monsoon ends in September 2009, pirates

may start attacking vessels once again at full force. With the end of the monsoon period, the wind and weather condition are favourable to the pirates.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS.

Brazil : Although the number of reported attacks has dropped in Santos, ships are advised to continue to be vigilant.

Peru : Callao : most attacks occurred at anchor despite vessel employing security watchmen.

REST OF THE WORLD

Arabian Sea / Off Oman : Sightings and calls from suspicious small boats. In some cases, boats chased the ships with unknown intent. Two attacks off Oman where one vessel was hijacked. Pirates believed to be Somali pirates extending their attack areas.

Reporting of incidents

Ships are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watches and report all piratical attacks (actual and attempted) and suspicious sightings to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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E-mail: imbkl@icc-ccs.org

The Centre's 24 Hours Anti Piracy HELPLINE is : + 60 3 2031 0014.

IMB Maritime Security Hotline

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has launched a dedicated hotline for seafarers, port workers, shipping agents, shipyard personnel, brokers, stevedores, and all concerned parties to report any information that they may have seen / heard / known etc relating to maritime Crime and Security including terrorism, piracy and other illegal activities.

All information received will be treated in strict confidence and will be passed on to relevant Authorities for further action. Maritime Crime and Security concerns us all and with your help, we can try to minimize the risks and help save lives and property.

The Maritime Security Hotline can be contacted 24 hours everyday at :

Tel: + 60 3 2031 0014

Fax: +60 3 2078 5769

E-mail : imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org

Telex: MA 34199

REMEMBER: Your information may save lives. All information will be treated in strict confidence.

TRENDS

A total of 306 incidents were reported to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) in the first nine months of 2009.

There has been a decrease in the number of incidents recorded in the third quarter (63) as compared to the first (103) and second quarters (140) of 2009. Somali pirates remain responsible for the majority of the incidents in the first and second quarters. The decrease in piratical activity in the Gulf of Aden and off the East coast of Somalia can be credited to the SW monsoons as well as the Holy month of Ramadan in the third quarter of 2009.

In the first nine months of 2009 - worldwide 114 vessels were boarded, 34 vessels hijacked and 88 vessels fired upon. A total of 661 crewmembers were taken hostage, 12 kidnapped, six killed and eight missing.

As compared to the corresponding period last year the total number of incidents in which guns have been used has increased by more than 200%. As compared to the same period in 2008 where one every 6.4 vessels was hijacked globally, 2009 has shown a marked improvement where one in nine vessels have been hijacked.

Somali pirates have extended their reach and threaten not only the Gulf of Aden and East coast of Somalia but also the southern part of the Red Sea, the Bab el Mandab Straits and the east coast of Oman. This area still ranks as the number one piracy hotspot with a total of 168 incidents reported, accounting more than half of the overall reported attacks.

A total of 32 vessels were hijacked by Somali pirates with 533 crew members taken hostage. A further 85 vessels were also fired upon by Somali pirates in the same period. As of 30 September 2009, there were still four vessels under negotiations with over 80 crew held as hostage.

Nigeria continues to remain an area of high concern. Only 20 attacks have been officially reported to the IMB. However information received from external sources including the Denmark based Risk Intelligence organisation indicates that at least 50% of attacks on vessels mostly related to the oil industry have gone unreported. Of the 20 incidents reported eight have been in the waters around Lagos.

Chittagong port in Bangladesh has also seen an increase in the number of incidents as compared to last year. There have been 12 reported incidents with ten being successful as compared to nine last year wherein all the vessels were boarded and looted. Most of the vessels were boarded while anchored between the hours of 2100 hours and 0400 hours LT.

The South China Sea has once again proven to be an area of concern and enhanced risk with 10 incidents being reported. This is the highest recorded number of incidents in the corresponding period over the last five years. Additionally all the attacks have been

successful. In some of the incidents the bridge of the vessel was left unmanned for some time.

The IMB congratulates Indonesia on bringing the overall number of attacks down once again. There has been a significant drop in the number of reported incidents in Indonesian waters. Seven in 2009 as compared to 23 in 2008 a drop of over 75%.

In the Malacca Straits, the littoral states should once again be complimented for their continued and enhanced co-operation which has directly helped in ensuring the overall number of incidents, in this important strategic chokepoint, is kept under control.

There are still a large number of attacks, which go unreported. The IMB urges all shipmasters, owners / managers and those involved in the industry to report piratical or armed robbery incidents to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. This first hand information from the masters will enable the IMB to identify the high-risk areas to the governments concerned. This ensures that adequate measures are deployed to address the issue.

OBSERVATIONS

Narrations of the 306 attacks from January to September are listed on pages 44 to 92. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.

Brazil:

On 08 February 2009, armed pirates attacked a Brazilian flagged Catamaran, Pico Alto, while anchored at position Latitude 12:53.18 South and Longitude 038:40.43 West, off Itaparica Marina, Brazil in the early hours. Two robbers armed with guns, in a small rowboat, attacked and boarded the sailing vessel at anchor. The Captain of the vessel confronted the robbers who shot and killed him. The robbers then jumped overboard leaving their rowboat behind. Nothing was stolen. Later, local police detained two suspects.

Gulf of Aden:

On 1 January 2009, a St Kitts & Nevis General cargo ship MV Blue Star was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:55 North and Longitude 047:58 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0747 LT. Pirates onboard high speed craft armed with automatic weapons and RPG attacked and hijacked the cargo ship. About 15-armed pirates came onboard, took hostage all 28 crewmembers and sailed the ship to Eyl, Somalia and a ransom was demanded from the Owners. On 04 March 2009, the ship and crew were released. It is believed that a ransom was paid for the safe release of the crew and ship.

On 3 January 2009, a Panamanian Product tanker MT Sea Princess II was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:55 North and Longitude 045:10 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0500 LT. Armed pirates in four boats attacked and hijacked the tanker. They took hostage all 15 crewmembers and sailed the tanker to Eyl, Somalia and a ransom was demanded from the Owners. The crew and vessel were released on 26 April 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid to secure the release.

On 29 January 2009, a Bahamas LPG Tanker MT Longchamp was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 14:10 North and Longitude 049:58 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0340 UTC. Heavily armed pirates in a speed boat chased and fired at the tanker. The pirates managed to board the tanker and took hostage all 13 crewmembers. They sailed the tanker to Eyl and demanded a ransom from the Owners. On 28 March 2009, the crew and vessel were released safely. It is believed that a ransom was paid to secure the release.

On 22 February 2009, a Malta flagged Bulk Carrier MV Saldanha was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:33 North and Longitude 047:01 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0400 UTC. Armed pirates attacked and hijacked the Bulk Carrier. They took hostage all 22 crewmembers and sailed the bulk carrier to Eyl, Somalia and a ransom was demanded from the Owners. The crew and vessel were released on 25 April 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid to secure the release. .

On 19 March 2009, a St Vincent and Grenadines Bulk Carrier MV Titan was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:35 North and Longitude 047:21 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1430 UTC. Six pirates armed with AK47 rifles and pistols attacked and hijacked the Bulk Carrier. They took hostage all 24 crewmembers and sailed the tanker to Eyl, Somalia and a ransom was demanded from the Owners. The crew and vessel were released on 15 April 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid to secure the release.

On 05 April 2009, a Yemeni flagged Fishing Vessel Al Shahir was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway in the Gulf of Aden. Pirates attacked and successfully hijacked the fishing vessel. All 14 crewmembers were taken hostage. Later, the Puntland Coast Guard have succeeded setting free the fishing dhow and rescued all the crewmembers. Two pirates were captured while twelve others managed to escape in the rescue operation.

On 06 April 2009, a Panamanian General cargo ship MV Malaspina Castle was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:33 North and Longitude 049:02 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0622 UTC. Pirates in two high-speed boats chased, attacked and fired upon the ship. They managed to successfully board the ship and took hostage all crewmembers. The hijacked ship proceeded towards Somali coast where she anchored at Eyl and a ransom was demanded from the Owners. The crewmembers and ship were released on 09 May 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 10 April 2009, an Egyptian flagged Fishing Vessel Samarah Ahmed was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway near Ras Kampomi, off Bossaso, in the Gulf of Aden. Pirates attacked and successfully hijacked the fishing vessel. All 18 crewmembers were taken hostage. It is suspected that the pirates may use the fishing vessel as a pirate mother vessel to launch attacks on passing ships.

On 10 April 2009, an Egyptian flagged Fishing Vessel Momtaz 1 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway in the vicinity of Ras Kampomi, off Bossaso in the Gulf of Aden. Pirates attacked and successfully hijacked the fishing vessel. All 18 crewmembers were taken hostage. It is suspected that the pirates may use the fishing vessel as a pirate mother vessel to launch attacks on passing ships.

On 11 April 2009, an Italian flagged tug Buccaneer was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:24 North and Longitude 046:19 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1104 UTC. Pirates chased, attacked and fired upon the tug towing two barges. They managed to successfully board the tug and took hostage all crewmembers. The hijacked tug proceeded towards Somali coast where she anchored at Eyl and a ransom was demanded from the Owners. Negotiations are still in progress.

On 13 April 2009, a St.Vincent and Grenadines flagged Bulk Carrier MV Irene E.M. was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:54 North

and Longitude 048:15 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 2220 UTC. Pirates in a skiff armed with automatic weapons chased, attacked and fired upon the ship. The pirates managed to successfully board the ship and took hostage all 21 crewmembers. The hijacked ship then proceeded towards Somali coast where she anchored at Eyl. Negotiations are still in progress.

On 18 April 2009, a Yemeni flagged Fishing Vessel Afraaf was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway in international waters in the Gulf of Aden. Pirates attacked and successfully hijacked the fishing vessel. All nine crewmembers were taken hostage. The pirates then used the fishing vessel as a pirate mother vessel to attack other passing vessels. A warship intercepted the hijacked fishing vessel and rescued all the crewmembers in the fishing vessel and detained the pirates.

On 18 April 2009, a Yemeni flagged Fishing Vessel Farei Ali was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway in international waters in the Gulf of Aden. Pirates attacked and successfully hijacked the fishing vessel. All nine crewmembers were taken hostage. The pirates then used the fishing vessel as a pirate mother vessel to attack other passing vessels. A warship intercepted the hijacked fishing vessel and rescued all the crewmembers in the fishing vessel and the pirates were taken to the Somali coast.

On 25 April 2009, a Malta flagged Bulk Carrier MV Patriot was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 14:01 North and Longitude 051:34 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0335 UTC. Pirates in skiffs armed with guns chased and attacked the ship. They managed to successfully board the ship and took hostage all crewmembers. The hijacked ship proceeded towards the Somali coast where a ransom was demanded. All the crewmembers and ship were released on 15 May 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 26 April 2009, a Yemeni product tanker MT GNA was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:25.5 North and Longitude 047:24.4 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1130 UTC. Pirates attacked and successfully managed to board the tanker and took hostage all crewmembers. On 27 April 2009, the Yemeni Navy intercepted to rescue the crewmembers and tanker. One crew was killed and another missing. Two pirates were killed.

On 05 May 2009, an Antigua and Barbuda flagged General cargo ship MV Victoria was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:22 North and Longitude 049:23 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1304 UTC. The pirates attacked the ship and managed to successfully board her and took hostage all 11 crewmembers. The hijacked ship then proceeded towards Somali coast where she anchored at Eyl. Negotiations are still in progress.

On 07 May 2009, an Antilles Netherlands flagged General Cargo ship MV Marathon was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:43 North and Longitude 050:35 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0605 UTC. Pirates in skiffs attacked the ship and managed to successfully board her. They took hostage all the

crewmembers. One crewmember was killed and another injured when the pirates attacked and boarded the ship. The hijacked ship proceeded towards Somali coast and a ransom was demanded from the Owners. The crewmembers and ship were released on 23 June 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their release.

On 08 July 2009, a Turkish flagged Bulk Carrier MV Horizon 1 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:44 North and Longitude 050:43 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0530 UTC. Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a skiff attacked and managed to successfully board the bulk carrier. They took hostage all the 23 crewmembers including the Master and sailed the ship to Eyl where she was anchored. Negotiations are still in progress.

On 03 August 2009, a Togo flagged Bulk Carrier MV Rimar was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:46.50 North and Longitude 050:42.30 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1500 UTC. Ten heavily armed pirates in two speed boats attacked and fired at the ship underway. The pirates failed to board the ship due to evasive action taken by the Master.

On 04 August 2009, a Bahamas flagged General Cargo ship MV Notos Scan was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:32 North and Longitude 048:50 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1310 UTC. Eight pirates armed with automatic weapons in a 7-8 meter long, blue coloured wooden boat attacked the ship at 15-17 knots. The pirates fired at the ship and attempted to board her several times. Master raised the alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, activated SSAS and contacted coalition warship. The pirates aborted the attempt due to the ship's effective anti-piracy measures. A coalition helicopter later arrived at the location.

On 14 August 2009, a Turkish flagged Bulk Carrier MV Elgiznur Cebi was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:35 North and Longitude 047:25 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0320 UTC. Five pirates armed with automatic guns and RPG in a speed boat attacked and fired their weapons at the Bulk Carrier. Master took evasive manoeuvres and prevented the pirates from boarding. A coalition helicopter arrived at the scene and chased the pirates. The Master of the Bulk Carrier was then instructed to rendezvous with a coalition warship. The warship had sent some military troops and also a doctor to treat the injured crew.

On 26 August 2009, an Italian flagged General Cargo ship MV Southern Cross was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:08 North and Longitude 048:45 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0829 UTC. About five pirates in a fast white craft with a blue stripe chased and fired at the ship. The pirates tried to board the ship by using an aluminium ladder with hooks. Master raised the alarm, crew mustered, evasive manoeuvres made and distress signal activated and sent via CH 16. A warship responded and a military helicopter arrived at the location to render assistance. The pirates aborted the attempted attack. The ship continued her passage to destination port.

On 26 September 2009, a Panamanian flagged Bulk Carrier MV Gem of Cochin was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:11.95 North and Longitude 049:19.14 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0115 UTC. About four armed pirates in a five meter speed boat chased and fired at the ship. Pirates opened fire several times at the ship to try to intimidate the Master to stop the ship. Master raised the alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and contacted warship for assistance. Master fired pyrotechnic flares as advised by the warship. The warship came to assist and the pirates aborted the attack on sighting the warship. The ship proceeded on her voyage.

Malacca Straits:

On 19 February 2009, a Singapore flagged tug MLC Nancy 5 and Barge Miclyn 3316 was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 05:10.5 North and Longitude 099:06.03 East at approximately 1430 Hrs LT. Twelve pirates armed with rifles attacked and boarded the tug towing a barge. They stole all the navigational and communication equipment and crew personal belongings. They then kidnapped the Master and the Chief Officer before leaving the tug. The Second Officer sailed the tug to the nearest port and the Authorities were informed. The two kidnapped crewmembers were released several days later. It is believed that a ransom was paid for the safe release of the two crewmembers.

Nigeria:

On 17 January 2009, a Bahamas Crude Oil Tanker MT Front Chief was attacked by armed robbers at position Latitude 04:10 North and Longitude 007:14 East, Bonny Offshore Terminal, SPM-1, Nigeria at approximately 2200 Hrs LT. Robbers armed with automatic weapons and explosives from motor boats attacked the tanker and the line tug that was being used by the tanker undergoing loading operations. The line tug Captain was killed in the attack. The robber later approached the tanker and threw grenades which luckily missed the tanker. The robbers gained entry into the accommodation by firing at one of the accommodation doors. The crew had locked themselves in the engine room for safety. The ship's SSAS was activated and the Terminal officials were notified but no action was taken. The ship's property and crew personal belongings were stolen during the one hour attack.

On 11 March 2009, a Singapore Chemical Tanker MT Emirates Swan was attacked by armed robbers while anchored in position 06:19.8 North and Longitude 003:25.75 East, Lagos anchorage, Nigeria at approximately 0252 UTC. Robbers armed with guns, knives and iron rods attacked and boarded the tanker. The pirates went to the bridge and disconnected the ship's telephone and public address system. They assaulted the crew and the Captain and an A/B were seriously injured. Later, the pirates left the tanker. The Captain received medical treatment onboard while the A/B was sent ashore for medical treatment. The tanker weighed anchor and proceeded away from the port.

On 20 April 2009, a Marshall Islands flagged Chemical Tanker MT Aleyna Mercan was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:00.00 North and Longitude 006:07.50 East, 30 NM off Onne, Nigeria at approximately 2030 LT. About eight pirates in a speed boat wearing masks and armed with guns fired upon the tanker.

They successfully managed to board the tanker, shut down the Inmarsat system and took hostage the Chief Officer. The tanker's main engine was stopped under armed threat by the pirates. Later another boat came alongside with two more additional pirates. The pirates told the crew that their intention was to get the ship's cash and not to harm the crew. Master then gave all the cash to the pirates. Pirates kidnapped the Master and the Second Engineer and escaped with the ship's cash and crew personal belongings. On 22 April 2009, both the kidnapped crewmembers were released by the pirates.

On 27 June 2009, a Turkish flagged Bulk Carrier MV Duden was attacked by armed pirates while at anchor at position Latitude 06:16 North and Longitude 003:23 East, Lagos Outer Anchorage, Nigeria at approximately 2200 UTC. About 11 robbers attempted to board the ship at anchor using hooks and ropes. Ship's crewmembers noticed the robbers and tried to prevent them from boarding the ship. One of the robbers managed to board but was forced back. In the attempt to board the ship, the robbers fired automatic weapons at the ship injuring three crewmembers. The injured crewmembers were later sent ashore for medical treatment.

On 03 August 2009, a Lithuanian flagged Refrigerated Cargo Ship MV Saturnas was attacked by armed pirates while at anchor at position Latitude 05:28.44 North and Longitude 005:04.41 East at Escravos Anchorage, Nigeria at approximately 2245 UTC. Five robbers wearing masks and in blue coloured clothes and armed with automatic guns in a speed boat attacked the ship and open fire. They successfully boarded the ship and kidnapped five crewmembers and escaped. The remaining nine crewmembers were not injured and quickly sailed the ship to open sea.

On 07 September 2009, a St Vincent and Grenadines tug boat Jascon 40 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 03:53.50 North and Longitude 006:47.50 East Bonny River, Nigeria at approximately 0600 UTC. About nine pirates heavily armed with automatic weapons in a speed boat that looked like a fishing boat, attacked and hijacked the off shore tugboat. The violent pirates fired at the tug boat and successfully boarded the tug and thereafter used the tug to attack another vessel in the vicinity. The pirates also robbed the crew of personal belongings. The pirates later left the tug boat and headed towards the Nigerian coast.

Oman:

On 12 June 2009, an Antigua and Barbuda flagged General Cargo ship MV Charelle was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 21:55 North and Longitude 059:51 East off Oman at approximately 1334 UTC. The pirates attacked, boarded and took control of the ship. They sailed the ship to the Somali coast and anchored at Garacad, Somalia. Negotiations are currently in progress for the release of the ship and her 10 crewmembers.

Somalia:

On 25 March 2009, a Panamanian Chemical Tanker MT Nipayia was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:42.53 North and Longitude 053:41.92 East, about 370 nm ESE of Hobyo, Somalia at approximately 1316

UTC. Pirates in a speed boat attacked and hijacked the tanker and took hostage all 19 crewmembers. Pirates then sailed the tanker towards eastern Somali coast. The crew and vessel were release on 9 May 2009. It is believed a ransom had been paid for their safe release.

On 26 March 2009, a Bahamas Chemical Tanker MT Bow Asir was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:26 South and Longitude 048:11 East, about 310 nm SE of Mogadishu, Somalia at approximately 0754 UTC. Pirates in two speed boats attacked and hijacked the tanker. About 16 to 18 pirates armed with automatic weapons boarded the vessel and sailed it towards the east coast of Somalia. The crew and vessel were release on 10 April 2009. It is believed a ransom had been paid for their safe release.

March 2009, a Seychelles Catamaran was also attacked and hijacked while enroute to Madagascar. The yacht with two crewmembers while underway and enroute to Madagascar failed to arrive at their destination. The Owners reported to the Authorities who initiated a search to locate the yacht but failed to find her. On 24 March 2009, the Owners received a phone call from Somalia that the two crewmembers are held hostage in Somalia.

On 04 April 2009, a German flagged container ship MV Hansa Stavanger was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:40 South and Longitude 048:03 East about 315 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia at approximately 0530 UTC. The pirates attacked, boarded and took control of the ship. They sailed the ship to the Somali coast near Eyl where she was anchored. Negotiations are currently in progress for the release of the ship and her 24 crewmembers.

On 04 April 2009, a French flagged yacht Tanit was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 09:36 North and Longitude 058:35 East off Somalia. Pirates armed with guns attacked and hijacked the yacht with her four crewmembers and one child. The pirates then sailed the yacht into an undisclosed location and demanded a ransom for the safe release of the crew and yacht. On 10 April 2009, fearing that the pirates may take the crewmembers and hold them hostage on land, the Authorities launched a rescue operation in which three crewmembers and the child was rescued. However, the skipper was killed in the incident. Two pirates were killed and three others were detained by the Authorities.

On 06 April 2009, a Taiwanese Fishing Vessel Win Far 161 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 01:51 South and Longitude 055:25 East, about 630NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia at approximately 0300 LT. Armed pirates chased, attacked and boarded the fishing trawler. Later, information received suggested that pirates had used the fishing boat to try to hijack other fishing boats in the vicinity. When this failed, the pirates then sailed the fishing boat to the Somali coast where she was anchored. Negotiations are currently in progress.

On 07 April 2009, a US flagged container ship MV Maersk Alabama was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 06:27 North and Longitude 054:31 East off Somalia at approximately 1140 UTC. Pirates in skiffs and armed with automatic weapons chased and fired upon the ship. The pirates eventually managed to board the ship and hijacked her. On 08 April 2008, the crew managed to release the ship but the pirates managed to take the Master hostage and escaped in the life boat. On the 12 April 2009, naval forces rescued the Master. One pirate was detained and the rest were killed.

On 14 April 2009, a Togo flagged General Cargo ship MV Sea Horse was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:16 North and Longitude 047:38 East about 100 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia at approximately 1117 UTC. Pirates in three skiffs chased, attacked, boarded and took control of the ship. They took hostage all 20 crewmembers and sailed the ship to the Somali coast and demanded a ransom. All the crewmembers and ship were released on 20 April 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 18 April 2009, a Belgium flagged General Cargo ship MV Pompei was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:45 South and Longitude 056:48 East off Southern Somalia at approximately 0327 UTC. Pirates in skiffs armed with RPG and automatic weapons chased, attacked, boarded and took control of the ship. They took hostage all 10 crewmembers and sailed the ship to the Somali coast and demanded a ransom. All the crewmembers and ship were released on the 28 June 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 02 May 2009, a Malta flagged Bulk Carrier MV Ariana was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 07:19 South and Longitude 052:11 East off Southern Somalia at approximately 0230 UTC. The pirates attacked, boarded and took control of the ship. They sailed the ship to the Somali coast near Eyl where she was anchored. Negotiations are currently in progress for the release of the ship and her 17 crewmembers.

On 02 May 2009, a Panamanian flagged General Cargo ship MV Almezaan was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04:12 North and Longitude 047:58 East off Mogadishu, Somalia at approximately 0600 UTC. The pirates attacked, boarded and took control of the ship. They sailed the ship to the Somali coast and a ransom was demanded. All the 17 crewmembers and ship were released on the 06 May 2009. It is believed that a ransom was paid for their safe release.

On 16 August 2009, a Panamanian flagged General Cargo ship MV Tian Wang Xing was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 06:17.3 North and Longitude 054:41.2 East off Somalia at approximately 1250 UTC. About 30 pirates in two skiffs launched from a pirate mother vessel chased and open fire with automatic weapons and RPG. The ship enforced anti-piracy measures and contacted the Authorities for assistance. After about one hour thirty minutes and due to the effective anti-piracy measures, the ship managed to escape from the pirates.

On 05 September 2009, a North Korean General Cargo ship MV An San was attacked by armed pirates while drifting at position Latitude 02:03.8 North and Longitude 045:30.05 East about 10 NM off Mogadishu anchorage, Somalia at approximately 1610 UTC. About 10 heavily armed pirates in two speedboats attacked and opened fire at the ship drifting carrying out repairs to her engine. The ship Master quickly raised the alarm, managed to start the ship's engine and increased speed. The crewmembers threw Molotov cocktails and fired rocket flares at the pirate speedboats. The pirates fired at the ship using their machine guns and RPG. The Master immediately sent a distress message to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre contacted the military for assistance and a warship was dispatched to the ship's location. The pirates later aborted their attempt and a US warship arrived at the location. One crew was wounded by machine gun fire. The ship also sustained damages due to RPG and gun fire.

South China Sea:

On 07 April 2009, a Singapore flagged tug Prospa T1 and barge Prospa B1 were attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway enroute from Singapore to Vietnam in the South China Sea at approximately 2035 LT. Twelve armed pirates managed to board and hijacked the tug. The pirates were armed with small firearms and long knives. The pirates took hostage all 10 crewmembers and blindfolded them. All the crewmembers were also tied with masking tape. After several days, on 13 April 2009, the pirates ordered the crewmembers to lower the liferaft and instructed them to board the raft. The pirates then sailed the tug and barge to an unknown location.

On 14 April 2009, a passing ship rescued the crewmembers and reported the matter to the Philippine Authorities. On 16 April 2009, the ship arrived at Manila port and the Philippine Authorities boarded and took the crewmembers ashore for medical examination and investigation.

Thailand:

On 24 March 2009, a United Kingdom Yacht Mr. Bean was attacked by armed robbers at position Latitude 06:40 North and Longitude 099:14 East, off Koh Tong (Tong Island), Satun Province, Thailand at approximately 1000 LT. Three robbers armed with knives and a hammer attacked and boarded the yacht. They assaulted and killed the skipper with the hammer, cut his throat and threw his body overboard. The skipper's wife was also injured. The Satun Marine Police was notified and sent patrol boats to search for the dead body. When the police arrived at the yacht area, they noticed and detained three Burmese men in a liferaft. The Police said that the three Burmese suspects had earlier escaped from a fishing boat by jumping off the boat and headed to the yacht. The body of the skipper was later recovered and sent to the Forensic department for further investigation.

Vietnam:

On 06 April 2009, a Malaysian flagged tug Astaka and barge Astaka 5 were attacked by armed pirates while underway off Can Tho, Vietnam before midnight. Three pirates

wearing hoods and armed with guns boarded the tug. The tug had eleven crewmembers onboard including the Master and the barge was loaded with sand. The pirates took hostage four crewmembers, tied their hands and locked them in the Master's cabin. They could hear the sound of the main engines and footsteps outside the cabin. After some time, they felt the tugboat jolt and could smell burning in the cabin. The main engine of the tug had stopped. The crew managed to free themselves and later launched and abandoned the tug boat in a liferaft. They did not see the rest of the crewmembers. Once the four crewmembers reached ashore they complained to the Vietnamese Authorities who investigated the matter. The tug was later found in the coastal waters of Can Tho and the barge was found with the cargo off Con Dao Island. The other seven crewmembers are still missing.

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PIRACY NEWS

ShipLoc

There are a number of reliable ship tracking devices available on the market today based upon Inmarsat and other satellite systems.

The IMB endorses ShipLoc, an inexpensive satellite tracking system, which allows shipping companies, with Internet access, to monitor the exact location of their vessels. In addition to its anti-hijacking role, ShipLoc facilitates independent and precise location of ships at regular intervals. ShipLoc is fully compliant with the IMO Regulation SOLAS XI-2/6 adopted during the diplomatic conference in December 2002, concerning a Ship Security Alert System. The ship security alert system regulation that came into force in July 2004 requires ships of over 500 GT to be equipped with an alarm system in order to reinforce ship security. The system allows the crew, in case of danger, to activate an alarm button that automatically sends a message to the ship owner and to competent authorities. The message is sent without being able to be detected by someone on-board or by other ships in the vicinity. ShipLoc is contained in a small, discrete waterproof unit, which includes: an Argos transmitter, a GPS receiver, a battery pack in case of main power failure, and a flat antenna. ShipLoc is one of the most reliable systems available today. For more information, please visit www.shiploc.com

Secure-Ship

Secure-Ship is an effective innovation in the fight against piracy. It is a non-lethal, electrifying fence surrounding the whole ship, which has been specially adapted for maritime use. The fence uses 9,000-volt pulse to deter boarding attempts. An intruder coming in contact with the fence will receive an unpleasant non-lethal shock that will result in the intruder abandoning the attempted boarding. At the same time an alarm will go off, activating floodlights and a very loud siren. The IMB strongly recommends ship owners to install this device on board their ships. For safety reasons it cannot be deployed on vessels carrying inflammable cargoes. Further details can be obtained at www.secure-ship.com

US moves to self-protect its ships and crews from piracy

Following the attacks on the Maersk Alabama and Liberty Sun earlier this year, the US is preparing the way to allow other mariners to defend their vessels and be protected by law when they do so.

The introduction of HR 2984 “US Mariner and Vessel Protection Act”, which if passed will provide US Mariners with immunity in US Courts if they wound or kill pirates whilst responding to a pirate attack.

Announcing the move Frank A LoBiondo, House of Representatives Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation Ranking Member and author of the proposed new Bill said “Our merchant marine fleet is increasingly under attack from unlawful individuals and rogue groups that seek to disrupt commerce, seize US and foreign crews and in still fear in

international waters. It is only appropriate that our fleets be legally allowed to defend themselves from these violent encounters. This commonsense legislation is a necessary step in empowering US flagged vessels to fully protect their crews and cargo.”

The Bill directs the US Coast Guard (USCG) to certify firearms training for merchant vessels and provides for any trained mariner using force plus Owner, Operator, or Master of the said vessels to be exempt from liability in US courts as a result of that use of force.

The Bill further directs the US to negotiate international agreements through the International Maritime Organization to provide similar exemptions from liability in other countries for the use of force by mariners and vessel Owners, Operators, and Masters as well as to ensure that armed US crews can enter foreign ports.

It also contains plans to authorize the deployment of Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Teams (MSST) to ride aboard and defend US flagged vessels transiting pirate infested waters.

This last point further consolidates a move already passed by the House of Representatives in June 2009 that requires the US Department of Defence to provide military personnel on US flagged ships carrying government cargoes through piracy prone waters. The initiative is carried in an amendment to the National Defence Authorization Act. The US Senate now needs to pass its own version of the Defence Authorization Act that retains the language regarding piracy and the two versions then need to be melded into a final Bill before it becomes law.

The House amendment requires the US Secretary of Defence to embark military personnel on board a US flagged vessel carrying government impelled cargoes if the vessel is operating in an area designated by the US Coast Guard or the International Maritime Bureau (IMB) of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) as an area of high risk of piracy. Such personnel will also mandatorily be embarked on ships that the USGC determines to be at risk of being boarded by pirates though the amendment does not mention specific regions.

In a given year, 54 American flagged ships travel the region, 40 of which carry humanitarian aid cargo from the federal government. But of those, fewer than 10 are small enough to be at risk of attack and require Marine embeds, according to the US Maritime Administration.

The ICC International Maritime Bureau does not favour private armed guards and is concerned that this may lead to arms race and escalation in violence at sea with the possibility of increased casualties. At the same time, it also comments “This proposed legislation applies to a specific situation involving a US flag vessel with US crews carrying US government impelled cargo passing through piracy waters and requires military personnel to be placed on board. This is a decision for the flag state and will be driven by a risk assessment of the voyage. However, laws of the coastal state through which the armed vessel needs to sail must be carefully considered. Prior notification and

permissions may need to be obtained to avoid complications for the Master and armed team on board.”

INTERTANKO not in favour of private armed guards

Intertanko had declared again that it does not favour arms on merchant vessels and arming merchant vessels is not the way to fight piracy. “The use of arms escalates the violence from piracy and increases the risks to crewmembers” Intertanko’s marine director Captain Howard Snaith told Fairplay. He was commenting on the recent US House proposal to arm crews and give immunity to seafarers who wound or kill pirates.

He said that the best approach would be for continued naval cooperation and for ships to continue to register and submit ship their movements to Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa (MSCHOA). Capt. Snaith said that this approach was working and successful hijackings have gone down.

MISC converts a container ship for anti piracy operations

It was reported recently that MISC has converted one of its ships for anti piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden. With the assistance and approval of Malaysia’s Navy and National Security Council, MISC converted MV Bunga Mas Lima into a naval auxiliary vessel. The vessel is manned by MISC personnel who at the same time are Navy reservists.

US plans to deploy unmanned drones

The US Navy said that they plan to deploy unmanned drones in the Seychelles to monitor piracy. The Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) will be stationed at the main airport at Seychelles soon and will be unarmed. The UAV have a range of 3,000 nm and will carry out reconnaissance missions around the western Indian Ocean where piracy attacks are rampant.

NATO launch new anti piracy operation

In a recent statement, NATO said it had launch Operation Ocean Shield to help fight piracy off Somalia. “No time frame has been set for this long term operation which will last as long as it is deemed necessary,” said Major Stefano Sbaccanti, a spokesman from the alliance’s Joint Command Lisbon.

The new anti piracy operation takes over from NATO’s sea based operation Allied Protector which was launched last year. The new operation with a new mandate that

includes “assist regional states upon their request in developing their own ability to combat piracy.”

UKRAINE ask UN General Assembly for separate meeting on piracy

Statement by HE Victor Yushchenko President of Ukraine at the General Debate of the 64th session of the UN General Assembly:

Mr. President,

I wish to dwell on the issue of the utmost importance for Ukraine. It is the global fight against the maritime piracy.

We value all efforts of the United Nations and the International Maritime Organization in this regard.

Still, the measures so far have not been sufficient.

Almost 70,000 Ukrainian citizens are employed on ships under foreign flags. Any developments on the high seas affect us directly.

In the last seven years only, pirates attacked 18 vessels with Ukrainian sailors on board. In the last nine months only, 35 Ukrainian sailors were taken hostages.

It is not a local problem anymore. It has become very dangerous and threatening all of us. We shall not turn a blind eye on it.

Ukraine was among the co-sponsors of the IMO Resolution "Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia", which laid the ground for further respective UN Security Council resolutions.

We strongly support elaboration of uniform and clear rules to fight pirates and to protect sailors.

We are convinced that the General Assembly has to become a coordinating body for the efforts of all specialized institutions in this field.

We call for more active stance of those UN members which are main countries of origin of employed marine workers and of those states and organizations capable of making an impact on the safety of international maritime navigation.

On behalf of Ukraine I propose to examine carefully an idea of establishing in one of the African countries a regional centre under the UN aegis which would bring under its umbrella specialized agencies programs and funds as well as political offices to counter piracy.

I want to be clear - Ukraine will be actively engaged in all international endeavours, and we intend to join the EU Atalanta anti-piracy naval operation.

As President of Ukraine, I urge the General Assembly to debate these very critical issues in a separate meeting.

Switzerland to send troops under EU to fight pirates

Switzerland plans to send up to 30 members of the Swiss armed forces, including special force, medical personnel and experts on international law to counter piracy in the Gulf of Aden. The troops will join EU to fight piracy. The operation will continue until the end of next year.

IMB Warning on South China Sea piracy attacks

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) had issued a warning broadcast to ships at sea regarding attacks in three areas namely off Pulau Tioman/Pulau Aur (Malaysia), off Eastern Singapore Straits including OPL and surrounding Pulau Anambas / off Mangkai (Indonesia) including waters in the South China Sea that forms the triangle of the three areas mentioned.

The IMB PRC had informed the regional Authorities concerned and urge for more action and patrols to stop the menace. Recently, the Malaysian Marine Police have arrested several pirates off Tanjong Stapa, Malaysia.

NARRATIONS OF ATTACKS

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ACTUAL ATTACKS

SOUTH EAST ASIA (MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	16.02.2009 - Steaming Boarded	Majullah Jasmine Tanker St. Kitts/Nevis 577 7331707	Malacca Straits	Pirates armed with guns and knives in a speed boat boarded the tanker underway. They stole ships and crew cash and escaped.
2.	19.02.2009 1430 LT Steaming Boarded	MLC Nancy 5 Tug Singapore 247 9257539 Miclyn 3316 Barge Singapore 4953 -	05:10.5N – 099:06.03E, Malacca Straits	12 pirates in a boat boarded the tug towing a barge underway. They stole ship's navigational, radio, personal belongings and kidnapped the master and the chief officer before leaving the vessel. The 2 nd officer is navigating the vessels to a nearest port. The two crew were released several days later. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.

SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	29.01.2009 0345 LT Anchored Boarded	Elka Athina Chemical Tanker Greece 59486 9249116	06:10.4S – 108:25.5E, Balongan Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers boarded the tanker at anchor. They tried to enter into the accommodation but were noticed by the duty crew who raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers climbed down into their boat and escaped. Master broadcast a security alert message to all ships in the vicinity and tried to call Balongan radio but received no response.
2.	12.02.2009 0448 LT Anchored Boarded	Arya Payam Bulk Carrier Cyprus 32474 9328522	01:18.86N – 104:14.42E, Off Tanjung Bulat, Malaysia	Five robbers in a wooden boat approached the ship at anchor. One of the robbers boarded the ship and attempted to steal ship's stores. Duty crew noticed the robber and informed bridge who raised the alarm.

				sounded ship's horn and informed ships in the vicinity via vhf ch.16. The robber jumped overboard and escaped empty handed with his accomplices.
3.	15.02.2009 0315 LT Anchored Boarded	Mandakini Bulk Carrier India 28739 8321058	01:17.7N – 104:10.1E, 3 NM Off Tanjung Penyusup, Malaysia	Duty 3rd engineer onboard the ship noticed robbers escaping from the engine room. He informed duty officer on bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. After a search, it was revealed that five robbers boarded the ship and entered the engine room. They threatened the engine room crew with knives, tied them up and took the store room keys from them. They then stole engine spares and escaped. Later authorities arrived and investigated the incident.
4.	24.03.2009 1000 LT Not Stated Boarded	Mr. Bean Yacht United Kingdom 22.83 -	06:40N – 099:14E, Off Koh Tong (Tong Island), Satun Province, Thailand	Three robbers armed with knives and a hammer attacked and boarded the yacht. They assaulted and killed the skipper and threw his body overboard. The skipper's wife was also injured. The Satun Marine Police was notified and sent patrol boats to search for the dead body. When the police arrived at the yacht area, three men were on the life raft. The police detained three Burmese men. The police said that the three suspects had earlier escaped from a fishing boat by jumping off the boat and headed to the yacht. The body of the skipper was later recovered and sent to the forensic department for further investigation.
5.	31.03.2009 2120 LT Steaming Boarded	PU 2414 Tug Singapore 248 9512800	02:17.72N – 104:49.22E, 13 NM South of Pulau Aur, Malaysia	Seven pirates in a speed boat, wearing masks and armed with long knives and guns approached the tug towing a barge underway. Six pirates boarded the tug while the other pirate remained on the boat. They took hostage nine crewmembers, threatened them and tied their hands. They stole the vessel's cash, crew personal belongings, damaged the communication equipment and escaped. MPA Singapore and coast guard informed.
6.	01.04.2009 0510 LT Steaming Boarded	Terus Daya 23 Tug Indonesia 259 -	02:30.10N – 104:24.20E, 6NM NW Off Pulau Aur, Malaysia	Five masked pirates armed with knives boarded the tug towing a barge underway. They stole crew cash and personal belongings and escaped.
7	12.04.2009 1625 UTC Steaming Boarded	Olympian Racer Container Cyprus 9910 9319557	14:36.2N – 120:53.1E, MICT Pilot Boarding Ground, Manila North Harbour,	While waiting for pilot, A/B on routine rounds noticed robbers on the forecastle of the ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered and proceeded to forecastle to prevent any theft. Noticing the alert crew the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's

			Philippines	properties.
8.	21.04.2009 0345 LT Berthed Boarded	MCP Rotterdam General Cargo Netherlands 5272 9372004	Sandakan Port, Malaysia	While at berth, two robbers boarded the ship from a small boat during heavy rain. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped into their boat. An inspection showed three container seals were tampered with but nothing stolen.
9.	03.05.2009 0001 – 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	Jbu Opal Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 11500 9400409	05:48.7N – 118:05.9E Sandakan Inner Anchorage, Malaysia	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker unnoticed. Robbers broke the lock of the paint store and stole ship's stores. The master and the crew only realized the theft in the morning. Local agent was informed.
10.	03.05.2009 0400 LT Berthed Boarded	Jbu Opal Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 11500 9400409	Karamunting Palm Oil Terminal, Sandakan Port, Malaysia	Four robbers in a fishing boat approached the tanker at berth. While crewmembers were busy at the manifold, the robbers boarded the tanker using hook attached to a rope. Several crewmembers saw unidentified persons on forecastle deck and approached them. The robbers escaped in their boat upon seeing the crew alertness. Nothing stolen.
11.	28.05.2009 0200 LT Steaming Boarded	Topniche 5 Tug Singapore 255 9256547	02:24N – 104:24E, Off Aur Island, Malaysia	Five pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the tug underway. They stole crew cash and personal belongings and escaped.
12.	28.05.2009 2340 LT Anchored Boarded	Sinar Bangka Container Panama 12563 9220304	16:38.88N – 096:15.53E, MITT Anchorage, Yangon, Myanmar	Two robbers boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a small wooden boat with two other accomplices. Nothing stolen.
13.	01.06.2009 0245 LT Anchored Boarded	Garnet Bulk Carrier Panama 15392 7702516	01:19.23N – 104:15.89E, East OPL Anchorage, Singapore Straits	About eight robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship at anchor from stern. They entered into the engine room and tied-up the oiler. Robbers stole engine spares and escaped. The oiler managed to escape and reported to captain. No injuries to crew.
13.	22.06.2009 1600 LT Steaming Boarded	Salvicero Tug Singapore 2658 9351830	01:08.0N – 103:35.8E, Off Nipa Shoal, Singapore Straits	Seven pirates in a small wooden boat armed with automatic weapons approached the tug underway. The crew immediately retreated into the accommodation, locked themselves and raised alarm. Three pirates boarded the tug and tried to enter the accommodation but gave up after 10 minutes. They left the tug and were reported to have headed south. Crew safe and nothing stolen.
14.	28.06.2009 0115 LT Steaming Boarded	White Tokio General Cargo Panama 7514	01:57.83N – 104:47.83E, 32 NM Off Pulau Aur,	Eight pirates armed with long knives and steel bars in a boat approached the ship underway. Six pirates boarded the ship and took hostage master, 2/O and 3/O and

		9445241	Malaysia	threatened them with knives on their necks. They stole ship's cash, properties and crew personal belongings and escaped at 0130 LT.
15.	06.07.2009 1110 UTC Anchored Boarded	Kamishima Bulk Carrier Panama 53935 9057018	00:00N – 117:36E, Bontang Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers gained access onto an anchored ship via the anchor chain and through the hawse pipe which had been secured by the crew. They stole ship's properties and escaped unnoticed.
16.	12.07.2009 0200 LT Steaming Boarded	Kenryo Tug Singapore 370 9511624	01:08.91N – 103:45.11E, Off Raffles Light House, Singapore Straits	Five pirates armed with long knives and swords in a five meter long wooden boat approached the tug towing a barge underway. Four pirates boarded the tug and tied up the crew. They stole ship's properties, crew personal belongings and cash and escaped. No injuries to crew. VTIS and coast guard Singapore informed.
17.	21.07.2009 0030 LT Anchored Boarded	PNG Express Product Tanker Honduras 1490 7724643	01:17.94N – 104:09.24E, Off Tanjong Stapa, Malaysia	Six robbers armed with long knives in a boat came alongside and boarded the tanker at anchor. The robbers tied-up master and crewmembers. They stole ship's and crew properties. During the incident the Malaysian Marine Police boarded the tanker and arrested five robbers. One of the robbers who jumped overboard and escaped, was "picked" up by a passing merchant vessel and handed over to the police.
19.	15.08.2009 0345 LT Anchored Boarded	Kirana Tritya Product Tanker Singapore 13203 9279678	01:18.9N – 104:16.18E, 2.6 NM Off Tanjung Ramunia, Malaysia	Three robbers in a small fast wooden boat boarded the tanker at anchor. Duty crew sighted the robbers and informed D/O who raised the alarm. The robbers escaped upon hearing the alarm. Nothing stolen. VTIS Singapore informed.
20.	28.08.2009 1950 UTC Berthed Boarded	Darling River Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 20418 9378008	Berth No.5, Ciwandan Port, Indonesia	While berthed, four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship from a motor boat. They attempted to open the door to the engine room. Duty watchman noticed them and raised alarm. On seeing the alert crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Authorities informed.
22.	13.09.2009 2150 LT Anchored Boarded	Maersk Aberdeen Container Hong Kong 14063 9175793	03:56.7N – 098:46.1E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship at anchor. Duty watch keeper sighted the robbers and informed the duty officer who raised ship's alarm and mustered crew. On investigating, the crew saw the forecastle door open and a rope ladder rigged. The robbers had broken into the forecastle store and stolen ship's stores. No injuries to crew. The robbers escaped. Master reported to port authority.
23.	14.09.2009 0445 LT Anchored	MMM Kingston Chemical Tanker Malaysia	01:18.30N – 104:12.56E, EOPL,	Six robbers in a small boat came alongside the tanker at anchor. Two robbers, armed with knives boarded the tanker, whilst the

	Boarded	4355 8919972	Singapore Straits	remaining stayed in the boat. Duty A/B noticed the robbers, rushed into the accommodation and informed the duty officer who raised alarm, sounded fog horn, alerted crewmembers and warned all vessels by VHF radio. Upon seeing the alert crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Singapore VTIS informed.
24.	19.09.2009 0220 LT Anchored Boarded	Atlantic Jupiter Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 23342 9383962	03:55.2N – 098:45.8E, Belawan Outer Anchorage, Indonesia	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored tanker via the forecastle by using a rope and hook. The robbers threatened the forward duty A/B who raised the alarm and retreated into the accommodation. Crew mustered and went forward to check. Upon seeing the crew the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's equipment. Attempt to contact authorities were futile.

FAR EAST

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.01.2009 0415 LT Anchored Boarded	Kakusho I Bitumen Tanker Singapore 3525 9279642	10:14.97N – 107:04.02E, Vungtau Outer Anchorage, Vietnam	Two robbers boarded the tanker at anchor. Duty A/B noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. The ship's whistle was sounded and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, robbers jumped into the water and escaped with ship's stores in a small boat.
2.	01.02.2009 0130 LT Anchored Boarded	Bossclip Trader Bulk Carrier Bahamas 19918 9320295	Ho Chi Minh City Mooring Buoys RQ2, Vietnam	Robbers boarded the ship moored to mooring buoys. They stole ship's stores, opened the hawse pipe cover and escaped through the hawse pipe. Incident reported to police.
3.	08.03.2009 1155 LT Anchored Boarded	Olympian Racer Container Cyprus 9910 9319557	10:15.9N – 107:07.7E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers boarded the ship unnoticed and gained access to the paint locker. The ship's crew returning to work on the forecastle noticed a boat leaving the ship's side. Upon checking, it was discovered the entrance to paint locker was broken, ship's stores stolen.
4.	30.03.2009 0045 LT Anchored Boarded	Bulk Voyager Bulk carrier Cyprus 32474 9328522	10:42.42N – 106:44.73E, Mooring Buoy No.41, Port of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	Six robbers in a wooden boat boarded the ship from the bow. They stole ship's properties and escaped. Incident was reported to local authorities and police boarded the ship for investigation.
5.	06.04.2009 Before Midnight Hrs	Astaka Tug Malaysia	Off Can Tho, Vietnam	Three pirates wearing hoods and armed with guns boarded the tug towing a barge. The pirates took hostage four

	Steaming Boarded	334 9443334 Astaka 5 Barge Malaysia 5248 -		crewmembers, tied their hands and locked them in master's cabin. The four crewmembers felt the vessel jolted and smelt burning in the cabin. They freed themselves and found that the other seven crewmembers were missing and later abandoned the vessel. The four crew reached ashore in a life raft after two hours and the Vietnam authorities took them in for investigation. The tug was later found at the coastal waters of Can Tho and the barge was found with the cargo off Con Dao island. The seven crew are still missing.
6.	07.04.2009 2035 LT Steaming Hijacked	Prospaq T1 Tug Singapore 197 8967797 Prospaq B1 Barge Singapore 2459 -	En Route Singapore to Vietnam, South China Sea	Twelve pirates armed with small firearms and long knives boarded the tug towing an empty barge. They took hostage 10 crewmembers, blindfolded and tied them up using masking tape and hijacked the tug and barge. On 13 April, the pirates instructed the crewmembers to lower and board their life raft. Then, they sailed the tug and barge to an unknown location. A passing ship rescued the crewmembers on 14 April and reported to the Philippines authorities. The ship arrived at Manila port on 16 April and the authorities boarded the ship and took the crewmembers ashore for medical examination.
7.	20.04.2009 1700 UTC Steaming Boarded	Quds Chemical Tanker Saudi Arabia 28981 9203928	03:05.0N – 105:17.2E, Off Pulau Mangkai, South China Sea	Eight pirates armed with knives boarded the tanker underway. They took hostage eight crewmembers, stole ship's cash and crew personal belongings and escaped.
8.	22.04.2009 2145 LT Steaming Boarded	Ellen S Container Antigua and Barbuda 9957 9374117	03:10.8N – 105:28.5E, Off Pulau Mangkai, South China Sea	Five pirates armed with long knives in a boat boarded the ship underway. They attacked the master and stole ship's cash and escaped. No injuries to crew.
9.	22.04.2009 2005 UTC Steaming Boarded	Sider Lion Bulk Carrier Malta 14770 9190004	03:13N – 105:29E, Off Pulau Mangkai, South China Sea	Six pirates armed with knives boarded the ship underway. They stole ship's cash and crew personal belongings and escaped. No injuries to crew.
10.	25.06.2009 2140 LT Steaming Boarded	Sao Bien 09 Alci General Cargo Vietnam 1998 9449364	02:58.3N – 105:14.2E, Off Pulau Mangkai, South China Sea	Five pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. They stole crew cash and personal belongings and escaped in a small boat.
11.	25.06.2009 1915 UTC Steaming Boarded	Galax General Cargo Malta 15670	02:58N – 105:11E, Off Pulau Mangkai,	Eight pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. They held hostage an A/B and 2/O on watch. Pirates stole cash and crew belongings and

		9165798	South China Sea	escaped in a small boat.
12.	27.06.2009 0040 LT Steaming Boarded	Sigloo Discovery LPG Tanker Singapore 7954 8511964	02:47.1N – 105:07.6E, Off Pulau Mangkai, South China Sea	Six pirates armed with knives, crowbars and batons boarded the tanker underway. Master, 2/O and duty A/B negotiated with the pirates not to harm anyone and gave everything as demanded by them. The pirates tied them up, stole their personal belongings and cash and escaped in a canoe craft. Alarm raised, SSAS activated and crew mustered. No injuries to crew.
13.	12.07.2009 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Dagmar Container Antigua and Barbuda 5684 9064695	10:16.2N – 107:04.6E, Vung Tau Outer Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They stole ship's stores and properties and escaped.
14.	02.08.2009 0130 LT Steaming Boarded	Tahir Tug Singapore 249 9463798	02:51.65N – 105:06.12E, Off Pulau Mangkai, South China Sea	Five pirates in a boat armed with knives boarded the tug underway. All the crew mustered and managed to chase the pirates back into their boat. One crew slightly injured.
15.	23.08.2009 2215 LT Anchored Boarded	Name Withheld Container Panama 12598 -	20:38.6N – 106:51.7E, Haiphong Anchorage, Vietnam	Eight robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. They broke open fore-castle store and stole ship's stores. Forward duty A/B was threatened with knives. Alarm raised and robbers jumped into the waters and escaped. Ship enforced tighter security onboard.
16.	26.08.2009 0015 LT Berthed Boarded	Beluga Federation General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 9611 9349289	Phu My Port, Vietnam	Whilst berthed, robbers boarded the ship unnoticed. Robbers broke open the fore-castle store and stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed. Additional security measures enforced to prevent future incidents.
17.	18.09.2009 1720 UTC Steaming Boarded	Prospect LPG Tanker Singapore 47266 9387762	03:23.7N – 105:22.1E, Off Anambas Island, South China Sea	Six pirates armed with knives and machetes boarded the tanker underway from astern using ropes. They entered the accommodation, went to the bridge and took hostage duty officer, hit him on his head and tied up his hands. They then took him to master's cabin, where the pirates stole cash money and personal belongings of master and duty officer. They then went to chief officer's cabin and stole personal belongings. The pirates then took the captain on deck and held him hostage until they disembarked into their boat and escaped. No injuries to crew.
18.	19.09.2009 2230 LT Steaming Boarded	Normannia Bulk Carrier Liberia 24987 9142980	03:04N – 105:16E, Off Pulau Mangkai, South China	Eight pirates armed with long knives and crowbars boarded the ship underway. They broke into 2/O cabin, tied up his hands and threatened him with a long knife at his throat. Pirates forced the 2/O to call the

			Sea	master. While the pirates were waiting next to the master's door, they seized C/E and tied up his hands. The pirates rushed inside the master's cabin once it was opened. They threatened the master with long knives and crowbars and demanded money. Master's hands were tied up and they forced him to the aft station. The pirates jumped into a long wooden skiff with ship's cash and crew personal belongings and escaped. C/E and 2/O managed to free themselves and raised the alarm. No injuries to crew.
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INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	09.02.2009 2330 LT Anchored Boarded	Port Shanghai Bulk Carrier Panama 32415 9423528	17:01N – 082:22E, Kakinada Lightering Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded the ship via the forecastle and stole ship's stores and escaped before being noticed by watch keepers.
2.	22.02.2009 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	Janesia Asphalt I Bitumen Tanker Panama 2873 9020443	17:01.64N – 082:23.26E, Kakinada Anchorage, India	Robbers in two small boats approached the tanker at anchor. They boarded the ship, stole ship's stores and escaped.
3.	27.02.2009 Night Hours Anchored Boarded	Ganda General Cargo Italy 1850 9298129	Cochin Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They broke forward lockers and stole ship's stores and escaped.
4.	07.03.2009 2230 LT Anchored Boarded	Magic Bulk Carrier Liberia 32379 9403073	16:59.5N – 082:21.5E, Kakinada Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded the ship by climbing thru the hawse pipe. When sighted by duty watchmen, robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's stores. Port control and agent informed.
5.	15.03.2009 0715 LT Anchored Boarded	OEL Singapore Container Singapore 9990 9345910	22:10.7N – 091:46.6E, Chittagong Anchorage 'C', Bangladesh	Robbers boarded the ship and broke open rope locker and stole ship's stores. They were not spotted by ship's crew.
6.	04.05.2009 2120 UTC Anchored Boarded	United Ambassador Greece Product Tanker 42010 9307085	09:54.93N – 076:06.47E, Cochin Anchorage, India	Three robbers boarded the tanker at anchor using a rope and hook. Robbers stole and lowered ship's stores into a waiting boat. The 2nd Officer noticed the robbers and approached the robbers with other crewmembers. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped with stolen stores.

7.	23.05.2009 2054 LT Anchored Boarded	Martha Russ Container Antigua and Barbuda 9956 9346562	Chittagong Anchorage 'C', Bangladesh	After dropping anchor, ship's crew spotted eight armed robbers on the poop deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. Port control and coast guard notified.
8.	12.06.2009 0300 LT Steaming Boarded	Hong Kong Sun Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 15165 8208206	22:14N – 091:42E, Chittagong Alpha Anchorage, Bangladesh	Four pirates boarded the ship underway using hook attached to a rope. They threatened the duty crew with knives and stole ship's stores. Alarm raised and the pirates escaped in a speed boat with four other accomplices.
9.	19.06.2009 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	Appen Anita Container Liberia 9610 9363962	22:10N – 091:46E, Chittagong Anchorage 'C', Bangladesh	Armed robbers boarded the ship using hooks and lines while another two remained in the boat. They threatened the OS with knives and tied him up with ropes. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped.
10.	29.06.2009 2330 LT Berthed Boarded	Atlantic Eagle Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 29266 9332183	Cochin Oil Terminal, India	While discharging alongside at the oil terminal, in heavy rain, D/O noticed some movements on the forecastle deck. He ordered the deck watchmen to check. Upon arrival they noticed three robbers stealing ship's stores. Realising they have been noticed, robbers jumped overboard into a waiting boat and escaped with ship's stores.
11.	06.07.2009 1840 UTC Anchored Boarded	OEL Freedom Container Singapore 10676 8510362	22:11N – 091:46E, Chittagong Anchorage 'C', Bangladesh	Duty officer detected some boats near the stern of the ship at anchor. Crew mustered and saw 15 robbers onboard. One duty watchman was tied up and was attacked with iron bars. Robbers had stolen ship's stores and properties and escaped. Master reported to port control.
12.	12.08.2009 During Midnight Hrs Berthed Boarded	Summer Fortune Bulk Carrier Panama 35885 9167368	Haldia Port, India	Whilst berthed, robbers boarded the ship unnoticed and stole ship's spares from the engine room spares locker and escaped. The robbery was discovered the next day when the 2nd engineer went to look for spares and discovered the scattered empty boxes.
13.	09.09.2009 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Sanne Container Antigua and Barbuda 12029 9126962	22:10.6N – 091:46.4E, Chittagong Anchorage 'C', Bangladesh	Duty watchmen on an anchored ship noticed a speed boat come alongside. Two robbers armed with long knives boarded. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. Authorities informed but no response.
14.	15.09.2009 2220 LT Anchored Boarded	Jin Hui Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 28707 9214082	22:09.4N – 091:47.2E, Chittagong Anchorage 'C', Bangladesh	Twelve robbers armed with long knives in two boats boarded the ship at anchor. They took hostage the stern duty crew, tied his hands and stole ship's stores. The other roving deck watchmen saw the robbers and raised alarm. All crew mustered with steel bars. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped with stolen stores upon seeing the crew running after them with iron bars.

				Port control informed and was told that a naval vessel will arrive in one hour. The naval vessel did not turn up until the ship sailed on 16 Sep at 1435 LT.
15.	18.09.2009 0440 LT Anchored Boarded	Kota Ratu Container Singapore 9422 9167435	21:41.80N – 088:00.90E, Sagar Anchorage, Kolkata, India	Whilst anchored, robbers armed with knives boarded the ship from the starboard side when the duty watchman was taking rounds on the port side. As the duty watchman came to the starboard side the robbers threatened him with knives. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped. Local authorities informed.
16.	22.09.2009 1555 UTC Anchored Boarded	Serasih Bulk Carrier Panama 25980 8324397	22:14.6N – 091:43.0E, Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	Five armed robbers boarded the ship at anchor via the stern. Duty seaman doing routine rounds sensed suspicious activities astern and went to investigate. He encountered robbers and was threatened with knives but managed to escape. Alarm was raised and crew mustered. Robbers escaped by jumping into the water. Upon investigation, it was discovered robbers managed to enter into the steering flat. Ship stores stolen.
17.	27.09.2009 0002 LT Anchored Boarded	Kirana Quartya Product Tanker Singapore 13203 9354545	22:11.22N – 091:43.24E, Chittagong Anchorage 'B', Bangladesh	Eight robbers armed with long knives in a small wooden fishing boat boarded the tanker at anchor. Duty bosun sighted them and informed OOW who raised the alarm. Robbers threatened one watchman with long knives, cut off some mooring ropes and jumped into the water and escaped with the stolen stores. Port control informed.
18.	27.09.2009 1500 UTC Anchored Boarded	Wehr Elbe Container Marshall Islands 25703 9236688	22:15.4N – 091:43.5E, Chittagong Anchorage 'A', Bangladesh	D/O onboard the ship arrived at poop deck and spotted one robber near entrance to rope store. When D/O approached the robber two other robbers armed with long knives began to chase him. He retreated to the main deck and alerted other crewmembers. Crew with crowbars arrived at poop deck but by then the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with stolen ropes.
19.	29.09.2009 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Yasa H. Mulla Bulk Carrier Turkey 30303 9238466	21:40N – 088:01E, Sagar Anchorage, India	Robbers boarded the ship unnoticed, and stole ship's stores and escaped. The robbery was discovered later by duty officer and watchmen during rounds.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.01.2009 0305 LT Anchored Boarded	Atlantic Dream Bulk Carrier Panama 16949 9364837	03:49.6N – 077:09.4W, Buenaventura Anchorage, Colombia	One robber was sighted near the forward cargo compartment on a bulk carrier at anchor. Master raised alarm and mustered ship's crew. Master reported to the coast guard. Later the man jumped overboard and escaped. Coast guard boarded for investigation.
2.	05.01.2009 1945 LT Anchored Boarded	Spar Topaz Bulk Carrier Norway 22155 8407280	12:01.5S – 077:13.1W, Callao Anchorage Area No.12, Peru	Five robbers boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew noticed the robbers trying to break the forepeak store hatch and raised the alarm. On hearing the alarm, robbers jumped into the water and escaped. Nothing stolen. Port control informed and a patrol boat came and searched the area.
3.	09.01.2009 0130 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maruba Africa Container Liberia 22801 9357092	12:01.81S – 077:12.15W, Callao Anchorage No.1, Peru	Duty A/B onboard the ship at anchor spotted armed robbers lowering ship's stores. Two of the robbers tried to attack the duty A/B but he managed to run and inform the bridge. Robbers escaped in a motor boat upon hearing the alarm. Ship's properties stolen.
4.	10.01.2009 2300 LT Berthed Boarded	Challenge Pacific Product Tanker Singapore 26911 9347310	03:44S – 038:31W, Mucuripe Terminal, Fortaleza Port, Brazil	Four robbers in a boat approached the tanker at berth. One of the robbers boarded the tanker using a hook attached to a rope. Duty A/B noticed the robber and raised alarm. The robber jumped overboard and escaped with his accomplices and ship's stores.
5.	11.01.2009 0255 LT Berthed Boarded	Ines Container Germany 9602 9122461	Guanta Port, Venezuela	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship during cargo operations. They broke open one reefer container and stole contents from it. Upon seeing the watchman, the robbers escaped. Port police informed.
6.	21.01.2009 2050 LT Berthed Boarded	Histria Coral Chemical Tanker Malta 25804 9301299	La Pampilla Port, Peru	The tanker at berth was boarded by six robbers while cargo operations were in progress. The deck security watchman was found to be beaten and tied up. Upon searching, no robbers were found onboard. Authorities were informed and a coast guard boat arrived and conducted an investigation. Ship's stores were stolen. Injured crew was sent ashore for medical treatment and later returned to the ship.
7.	21.01.2009 2303 LT Anchored	Avocet Arrow General Cargo Bahamas	10:23N – 075:33W, Cartagena	A robber boarded the ship at anchor. Master raised the alarm and crew mustered. The robber jumped overboard upon hearing

	Boarded	27470 8324359	Anchorage 'D', Colombia	the alarm and escaped in a motor boat.
8.	06.02.2009 2000 LT Anchored Boarded	CSAV Maresias Container Marshall Islands 16801 9105970	12:01.5S – 077:12.3W, Callao Anchorage No.1, Peru	Six masked robbers armed with long knives in black clothes boarded the ship at anchor. They attacked and seized two duty watchmen, broke into the bosun store and stole ship's stores. Other watchmen noticed the robbers and reported to bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers escaped upon hearing the alarm. Port control informed and a police patrol boat came but no investigation conducted.
9.	08.02.2009 Early Hours Anchored Boarded	Pico Alto Catamaran Brazil - -	12:53.18S – 038:40.43W, Off Itaparica Marina, Brazil	Two robbers armed with guns in a small row boat boarded a sailing vessel at anchor. The captain confronted the robbers and they shot and killed him. Robbers jumped overboard and swam off leaving their row boat. Nothing stolen.
10.	14.02.2009 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	CSAV Santos Container Liberia 25406 9311842	Callao Anchorage, Peru	Robbers boarded the ship at anchorage. They broke open the bosun store and stole ship's stores. Master informed local police but the authorities did not attend.
11.	18.02.2009 1955 LT Anchored Boarded	Norasia Polaris Container Liberia 35881 9237498	Callao Anchorage No.12, Peru	An anchored container ship, waiting for a bunker barge, was approached by two small boats. The two boats asked for heaving lines to assist securing the bunker barge. The OOW suspected them as robbers and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. While the attention of the ship's crew was diverted, robbers gained access onto the ship probably via the anchor chain and stole ship's stores, which was only realized when an inspection was carried out.
12.	24.02.2009 2157 LT Anchored Boarded	CSCL Sao Paulo Container Hong Kong 26404 9385996	12:01.2S – 077:11.8W, Callao Anchorage No.1, Peru	Eight armed robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They took hostage two shore employed security watchmen and tied them up. They broke into the forecastle store and stole ship's stores and escaped. One of the watchman managed to inform the duty A/B who raised the alarm. Crew mustered, searched the area and released the other watchman. Tramar port control and coast guard informed. Three coast guard personnel came onboard for investigation.
13.	25.03.2009 0020 LT Anchored Boarded	Iver Prosperity Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 23421 9351921	18:34N – 072:31.3W, Port Au Prince Outer Anchorage S1, Haiti	Watchman on board the tanker spotted two robbers armed with knives on forecastle deck. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon checking at forecastle, robbers had tried to steal ship's stores but failed due to vigilant anti piracy watch. Port control did not respond to calls.
14.	08.04.2009	Genco Charger	03:49.5N –	Seven robbers armed with long knives

	0200 LT Anchored Boarded	Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 16960 9324710	077:10.0W, Buenaventura No.5 Anchorage, Colombia	boarded the ship at anchor during heavy rain. Duty crew saw movements at bosun store and raised alarm. Crew mustered and rushed to the location. The robbers escaped with ship's properties.
15.	05.05.2009 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Wesertor General Cargo Germany 4180 9156395	Port Au Prince, Haiti	Three robbers boarded the ship at anchor via the forecastle. Alert crew noticed the robbers and raised alarm. Robbers escaped upon hearing the alarm.
16.	09.05.2009 0001 – 0600 LT Berthed Boarded	Cap Vilano Container Antigua and Barbuda 28372 9311787	Pier 5D, Callao Port, Peru	Robbers boarded the ship at berth during cargo operations. Despite having four shore watchmen and extra lighting, the robbers managed to steal ship's rescue boat's engine and escape. Local authorities informed.
17.	21.05.2009 2100 – 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	Pluto Container Marshall Islands 23722 9193680	10:02.0N – 083:05.8W, Puerto Moin Outer Roads, Costa Rica	Two robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They broke padlock of paint locker and stole ship's stores and escaped. Local authorities informed.
18.	23.05.2009 2045 LT Anchored Boarded	Jandavid S Container Antigua and Barbuda 27227 9259381	12:01.86S – 077:11.36W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Two boats with customs and health authorities were drifting on port and stbd side of the ship respectively. Duty crew reported sighting of robbers at forecastle. Alarm raised and crew mustered. A search was conducted and found ship's properties stolen. One deck watchman was tied up.
19.	03.06.2009 0245 UTC Anchored Boarded	BBC Alabama General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 9618 9384318	01:17.17S – 048:30.30W, Icoaraci Inner Anchorage, Brazil	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. They took hostage a duty watchman, tied up his hands and stole ship's stores. D/O did not get a response from the watchman and raised alarm. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped with stolen stores. Port control informed.
20.	04.06.2009 2240 LT Anchored Boarded	Corona General Cargo Cyprus 4150 9118290	10:18.7N – 075:31.0W, Mamonal Anchorage, Cartagena, Colombia	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. The robbers attacked a safety watch man who rushed into the accommodation and requested the duty officer for assistance. Master informed coast guard who came onboard for investigation. Robbers escaped. No injuries to crew. Ship's stores stolen.
21.	23.07.2009 2015 UTC Anchored Boarded	APL Bogota Container Antigua and Barbuda 6704 9298612	09:58.5N – 083:00.5W, Puerto Limon Anchorage, Costa Rica	Two robbers in a boat boarded the ship at anchor. Crew noticed one robber trying to transfer ship's stores into the boat. The robber escaped with the stores by jumping into the water. The ship and crew are safe.
22.	27.07.2009 2355 LT Anchored Boarded	Laura Bulk Carrier Bahamas 17040 9123960	01:05.41S – 048:29.08W, Mosqueiro Anchorage, Brazil	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. They tied up the watchmen's hands and stole ship's stores and escaped.
23.	09.08.2009 1340 LT	NA Crew Launch / Service	Punta Arena Anchorage,	Robbers approached and boarded a launch carrying six ship's (LPG tanker anchored)

	Steaming Boarded	Boat Ecuador - -	Guayaquil, Ecuador	crew ashore. The 10 robbers wearing masks and armed with guns fired warning shots and boarded the boat. They stole crew personal belongings, cash, seaman's book, extra gasoline, damaged communication equipment and escaped. Later, local fishermen assisted the crew and landed them ashore.
24.	26.08.2009 0130 LT Anchored Boarded	HS Liszt Container Liberia 16162 9368742	10:04.0N – 083:06.3W, Moin Anchorage, Costa Rica	Two robbers boarded the ship by using hooks. Duty watchman alerted the master and crew. On noticing the crew, robbers jumped overboard and escaped without stealing anything. Local authorities informed.
25.	04.09.2009 2100 LT Anchored Boarded	Omega Emmanuel Product Tanker Liberia 42531 9314167	10:19.53N – 075:31.03W, Mamonal Inner Anchorage, Colombia	Robbers boarded the tanker at anchor, unnoticed and stole ship's property and escaped. Duty crew observed the padlock of the forward store broken and raised the alarm. Crew mustered and searched the area and found wet footprints on deck. Coast guard informed and they came for investigation.
26.	28.09.2009 2350 LT Anchored Boarded	Baltic Soul Chemical Tanker Malta 23235 9228813	10:16.7N – 064:42.1W, Puerto La Cruz Anchorage, Venezuela	Three robbers in a boat boarded the tanker at anchor. Duty crew spotted them and raised alarm. On seeing alert crew the robbers jumped overboard and escaped.

AFRICA (SOMALIA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	16.03.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Serenity Catamaran Seychelles - -	Enroute from Seychelles to Madagascar, Off Southern Somalia	A yacht with two crew departed Seychelles on 28.02.2009 to be delivered in Madagascar. When the yacht failed to arrive at destination, the owners in Seychelles reported to local authorities. MRCC Seychelles initiated a search and rescue operation to locate the crewmembers and yacht. However, they failed to locate it. On 24.03.2009 the Seychelles authorities received a phone call from Somalia that the three crewmembers and yacht are held at Garassad. The crew were released on 06.09.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release. The authorities informed that the Catamaran sunk due to bad weather and damage.
2.	21.03.2009	Al Rafiquei	04:11N –	Pirates in speed boats / launched and

	0500 UTC Steaming Boarded	Dhow India 685 -	050:25E, 145 NM East of Somalia Coast	chased a dhow underway. They boarded the vessel and assaulted the crew. Pirates stole dhow's property, crew personal belongings and escaped. The crew and dhow are safe and proceeding to a port in Somalia.
3.	25.03.2009 1316 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Nipayia Chemical Tanker Panama 5357 9162069	01:42.53N – 053:41.92E, About 370 NM ESE of Hobyo, Somalia	Pirates in a speed boat attacked and hijacked the tanker underway. Pirates are in control of the tanker and have taken hostage 19 crew. The crew and ship was released on 09.05.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
4.	26.03.2009 0754 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Bow Asir Chemical Tanker Bahamas 14627 7926306	02:26S – 048:11E, About 310 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Armed pirates boarded and hijacked the tanker underway along with its 27 crew. The tanker was anchored at Eyl. The crew and ship was released on 10.04.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
5.	28.03.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Indian Ocean Explorer Yacht Seychelles 148 -	Approx. 09S – 047E, Off Seychelles / Off Southern Somalia	A yacht with seven crew departed from Seychelles. Pirates boarded and hijacked it. On 01.04.2009 the master contacted the owners to inform that the yacht had been hijacked. The pirates sailed the yacht and anchored at Garassad. The crew were released on 22.06.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release. It is believed the yacht was blown off by the pirates.
6.	04.04.2009 0530 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Hansa Stavanger Container Germany 15988 9128465	02:40S – 048:03E, About 315 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates attacked and hijacked the ship underway. The pirates sailed the ship to Eyl where it is anchored. Negotiations in progress.
7.	04.04.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Tanit Yacht France - -	09:36N – 058:35E, Off Somalia	Pirates armed with guns hijacked the yacht with it's four crewmembers and one child. They sailed the yacht to an undisclosed location and demanded a ransom for the safe release of the crew and yacht. Fearing pirates may take the crew and hold them hostage on land the authorities launched a rescue operation in which three crewmembers and a child were rescued on 10.04.2009. However, the skipper was killed in the incident. Two pirates were killed and three others detained by the authorities.
8.	06.04.2009 0300 LT Steaming Hijacked	Win Far 161 Fishing Vessel Taiwan 696 -	01:51S – 055:25E, About 630 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Armed pirates chased, boarded and hijacked the fishing trawler underway. Information available indicates that the fishing vessel was then used to try to hijack other fishing vessels in the vicinity. Pirates later directed the vessel towards the Somali coast where it is anchored.

				Negotiations in progress.
9.	07.04.2009 1140 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Maersk Alabama Container USA 14120 9164263	06:27N – 054:31E, Off Somalia	Pirates in skiffs, armed with automatic weapons chased and fired upon the ship underway. Pirates eventually managed to board and hijacked her. Later, crewmembers managed to release the ship 08.04.2009 but pirates managed to take hostage master and escaped in a lifeboat. On 12.04.2009, naval forces rescued the master. One pirate was detained and the rest were killed.
10.	14.04.2009 1117 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Sea Horse General Cargo Togo 4932 7315583	02:16N – 047:38E, About 100 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates in three skiffs chased the ship underway and successfully boarded it. They took hostage 20 crew and hijacked the ship to an undisclosed location in Somalia. The crew and ship was released on 20.04.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release
11.	18.04.2009 0327 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Pompei General Cargo Belgium 1482 8706583	02:45S – 056:48E, Off Southern Somalia	Pirates in skiffs armed with RPG and automatic weapons attacked and hijacked the ship underway. They took hostage ten crewmembers. The pirates sailed the ship to Eyl where it is anchored. The crew and ship was released on 28.06.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
12.	02.05.2009 0230 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Ariana Bulk Carrier Malta 37955 8014150	07:19S – 052:11E, Off Southern Somalia	Armed pirates attacked the ship underway. They took hostage 17 crewmembers and hijacked the ship. The ship is anchored at Eyl and negotiations in progress.
13.	02.05.2009 0600 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Almezaan General Cargo Panama 2086 7906710	04:12N – 047:58E, Off Mogadishu, Somalia	Armed pirates attacked the ship underway. They took hostage 17 crewmembers and hijacked the ship. The crew and ship was released on 06.05.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
14.	03.06.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Vishwa Kalyan Dhow India - -	(Enroute from Somali Port to Sharjah,UAE.) Somalia	Pirates hijacked the dhow carrying coal, while enroute from Brava to Sharjah UAE. They assaulted the crewmembers, stole crew properties, damaged communication equipment and abandoned the vessel one day after the hijack. The vessel was spotted by a coalition warship on 13 June which provided assistance to the crew and vessel.

AFRICA (GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	01.01.2009 0747 LT Steaming Hijacked	Blue Star General Cargo St. Kitts & Nevis 6168 7706770	13:55N – 047:58E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates attacked and hijacked the ship underway. 28 crewmembers taken hostage. The pirates sailed the vessel to Eyl where it was anchored. The crew and ship was released on 04.03.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release
2.	03.01.2009 0500 LT Steaming Hijacked	Sea Princess II Product Tanker Panama 1902 7718814	12:55N – 045:10E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates in four boats attacked and hijacked the tanker underway. Information indicates the tanker has been taken to Eyl. Fifteen crewmembers taken hostage. The crew and ship was released on 26.04.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release. One crew died during the captivity period.
3.	29.01.2009 0340 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Longchamp LPG Tanker Bahamas 3415 9005106	14:10N – 049:58E, Gulf of Aden	Heavily armed pirates in a speed boat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. They hijacked the tanker, took hostage 13 crewmembers and sailed to Eyl where it was anchored. The crew and tanker were released on 28.03.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
4.	22.02.2009 0400 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Saldanha Bulk Carrier Malta 38886 9268992	12:33.98N 047:01.32E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates attacked the ship underway. They boarded the ship, took hostage crewmembers and hijacked it. The pirates sailed the vessel to Eyl where it is anchored. The crew and ship was released on 25.04.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
5.	19.03.2009 1430 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Titan Bulk Carrier St. Vincent and Grenadines 24843 8117146	12:35N – 047:21E, Gulf of Aden	Six pirates, in a speed boat armed with AK47 rifles and pistols boarded and hijacked the ship underway. The pirates took control of the ship and sailed it to Eyl, Somalia. The crew and ship was released on 15.04.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
6.	05.04.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Al Shahir Fishing Vessel Yemen - -	Gulf of Aden	The Puntland coast guard have succeeded setting free the Yemeni fishing dhow and its 14 crew which had been hijacked on 05 April 2009. Two pirates were captured while twelve escaped in the rescue. Reports indicate that the fishing dhow has returned to Yemen.
7.	06.04.2009 0622 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Malaspina Castle General Cargo Panama 21173	12:33N – 049:02E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in two high speed boats chased the ship underway. They fired upon the ship, boarded, took hostage all crewmembers and hijacked her. The ship proceeded

		7915967		towards Somali coast where she anchored at Eyl. The crew and ship was released on 09.05.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
8.	10.04.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Samarah Ahmed Fishing Vessel Egypt - -	In the Vicinity of Ras Kampomi, Off Bossaso, Gulf of Aden	Pirates attacked and hijacked a blue and white hull, length 36 meters, fishing vessel with 18 crewmembers. It is suspected the pirates may be using the fishing vessel as a pirate mother vessel to attack and hijack other vessels. The crew and vessel was released on 14.08.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
9.	10.04.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Momtaz 1 Fishing Vessel Egypt - -	In the Vicinity of Ras Kampomi, Off Bossaso, Gulf of Aden	Pirates attacked and hijacked a blue and white hull, length 36 meters, fishing vessel with 18 crewmembers. It is suspected the pirates may be using the fishing vessel as a pirate mother vessel to attack and hijack other vessels. The crew and vessel was released on 14.08.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
10.	11.04.2009 1104 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Buccaneer Tug Italy 1672 8015831	12:24N – 046:19E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates fired upon and attacked an offshore tug towing two barges. They boarded, took hostage the crewmembers and hijacked it. The vessel was anchored at Eyl. The crew and vessel was released on 09.08.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
11.	13.04.2009 2220 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Irene E.M. Bulk Carrier St. Vincent and Grenadines 21947 7433593	12:54N – 048:15E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in a skiff armed with automatic weapons chased the ship and opened fire on it. Pirates boarded and hijacked it with the 21 crewmembers as hostage and proceeded to Eyl, where it is anchored. The crew and ship was released on 14.09.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
12.	18.04.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Afraaf Fishing Vessel Yemen - -	International Waters of Gulf of Aden	Pirates hijacked the fishing vessel with nine crewmembers and used it as a mother ship to attack vessels. A warship intercepted the fishing vessel, rescued the crew and vessel and detained the pirates.
13.	18.04.2009 - Steaming Hijacked	Farei Ali Fishing Vessel Yemen - -	International Waters of Gulf of Aden	Pirates hijacked the fishing vessel with nine crewmembers and used it as a mother ship to attack vessels. A warship intercepted the vessel, rescued the crew and vessel. The pirates were taken to Somali coast.
14.	25.04.2009 0335 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Patriot Bulk Carrier Malta 19795 9250567	14:01N – 051:34E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in skiffs armed with guns attacked and hijacked the ship underway. The hijacked ship proceeded towards the Somali coast where they demanded a ransom. The crew and ship was released on 15.05.2009. It is believed a ransom

				was paid for their safe release
15.	26.04.2009 1130 UTC Steaming Hijacked	GNA Product Tanker Yemen 1960 7722994	13:25.5N – 047:24.4E, Gulf of Aden	A tanker was attacked and hijacked whilst underway. Somali pirates boarded and have taken control of the ship. On 27.04.2009 the Yemeni Navy rescued the crewmembers. One crew died and another missing. Two pirates were killed and the rest detained.
16.	05.05.2009 1304 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Victoria General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 7767 9290074	13:22N – 049:23E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates attacked and hijacked the ship underway. The pirates took hostage 11 crewmembers and sailed the ship to Eyl where she was anchored. Negotiations in progress.
17.	07.05.2009 0605 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Marathon General Cargo Antilles Netherlands 1655 7529330	13:43N – 050:35E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates in skiffs attacked, boarded and hijacked the ship with eight crewmembers. One crew member was killed and another injured when the pirates boarded and hijacked the ship. The hijacked ship proceeded towards the Somali coast where a ransom was demanded. The crew and ship was released on 23.06.2009. It is believed a ransom was paid for their safe release.
18.	08.07.2009 0530 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Horizon 1 Bulk Carrier Turkey 21630 7625732	13:44N – 050:43E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a skiff boarded the ship, took hostage 23 crewmembers and hijacked her. They have sailed the ship to Eyl where she is anchored. Negotiations in progress.

AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA / GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	08.01.2009 0030 LT Anchored Boarded	Victoria Four Fishing Vessel Tanzania 41 -	01:44.58S – 041:29.7E, Off Kiunga, Kenya	Heavily armed pirates in a speedboat, presumed to be from Somalia, came alongside the fishing vessel at anchor. They boarded the vessel and tied up all crewmembers. They stole cash, some valuable equipment and forced three crewmembers into their speedboat and escaped. Some of the crew swam ashore and reported the incident to the local police. The fishing vessel was brought back to Mombasa. Kenyan police are investigating the incident.
2.	15.01.2009 1913 UTC Anchored Boarded	Samho Cordelia Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 8689 9411587	05:21N – 005:05E, Lagos Outer Anchorage, Nigeria	Ten robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the tanker at anchor. They attacked the captain, robbed cash, valuables and escaped. Authorities informed.

3.	17.01.2009 2200 LT Berthed Boarded	Front Chief Tanker Bahamas 157863 9169691	04:10N – 007:14E, Bonny Offshore Terminal, SPM- 1, Nigeria	Robbers armed with automatic weapons and explosives boarded and attacked a line tug being used by the tanker undergoing loading operations. The line tug captain was killed in the attack. The robbers later approached the tanker and threw grenades which luckily missed the tanker. Robbers gained entry into the accommodation by firing on one of the accommodation doors. The crew locked themselves in the engine room for safety. Crew and ship's property was stolen by the robbers during the hour long attack. All crew are safe.
4.	19.01.2009 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	MOL Splendor Container Germany 25713 9154206	Tema Roads, Ghana	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They broke into a container and escaped with its contents and other ship's stores.
5.	14.02.2009 0030 UTC Anchored Boarded	Safmarine Zambezi Container Liberia 27322 9239898	06:43S – 039:20E, Dar Es Salaam Roads, Tanzania	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. They tied up two duty crew, took their personnel belongings and then opened a container and stole the cargo. At 0200 UTC, the robbers left the ship in a small boat after releasing the duty crew. Port authorities informed but no action taken.
6.	14.02.2009 2120 UTC Anchored Boarded	Histria Tiger Chemical Tanker Liberia 25864 9396335	06:15N – 003:19E, 10 NM Off Lagos Entrance, Nigeria	Around 12 to 14 robbers wearing masks and armed with AK 47 automatic weapons boarded the tanker at anchor. They took the bosun as hostage and forced him to guide them to the bridge. They opened fire and destroyed ship's communication system and then robbed ship's stores and personal belongings and then departed after 30 to 40 minutes. No crew injured.
7.	11.03.2009 0252 UTC Anchored Boarded	Emirates Swan Chemical Tanker Singapore 5776 9333125	06:19.8N – 003:25.75E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Robbers armed with guns, knives and iron rods boarded the tanker at anchor. As a result of assaulting the crew, the captain and an A/B were seriously injured. The captain received medical treatment onboard while the A/B was sent ashore for medical treatment. Ship weighed anchor and proceeded away from the port.
8.	09.04.2009 0210 UTC Anchored Boarded	Ludwig Schulte Container Singapore 18321 9435686	06:44.85S – 039:20.06E, Dar Es Salaam Anchorage, Tanzania	While the crew kept a vigilant anti piracy watch onboard the ship, robbers boarded her and succeeded in throwing one life raft into the sea. The crew raised alarm, mustered and reported to the authorities. The ship did not attempt to recover the life raft due to the large number of robbers.
9.	19.04.2009 0245 LT Berthed Boarded	Aristeas P Bulk Carrier Liberia 23207	03:28.9N – 003:21.7E, Berth No.1, Tin Can Island	Two motor boats with 11 robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship at berth. Robbers climbed using hooks and ropes. Robbers broke into store room and stole

		8315918	Terminal, Lagos Port, Nigeria	ship's stores. Duty officer raised alarm, crew mustered and rushed to the location. On sighting the crew, robbers threatened with long knives and escaped in their boats.
10.	20.04.2009 2030 LT Steaming Boarded	Aleyna Mercan Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 2897 9296547	04:00.00N – 006:07.50E, 30 NM Off Onne, Nigeria	About eight pirates, in a speed boat, wearing masks and armed with guns fired upon the tanker underway. They boarded the tanker, shut down the Inmarsat system and took hostage the chief officer. Main engine was stopped under armed threat and another boat came alongside with two more pirates. The pirates told the crew their intention was to get the ship's cash and not to harm any crew. Master gave all cash to the pirates. Pirates kidnapped the master and 2/E and escaped with ship's cash and crew personal belongings. The kidnapped crew were released on 22 April 2009.
11.	21.04.2009 0510 LT Anchored Boarded	Gotland Carolina Chemical Tanker Denmark 29283 9328132	06:46S – 039:21E, Dar Es Salaam Anchorage, Tanzania	Alert duty crew onboard the tanker at anchor saw a boat near the port quarter. The duty watchman raised alarm. On hearing the alarm, ten robbers were sighted on the poop-deck. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped. On inspection the robbers had managed to gain access and steal ship stores by cutting the padlocks to the store. Port authority was informed.
12.	07.05.2009 0020 UTC Anchored Boarded	Mol Silver Fern Container Panama 13310 9136591	06:42.1S – 039:18.4E, Dar Es Salaam Anchorage, Tanzania	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor using hooks attached to a long pole. Alert crew saw the robbers and raised alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with eight accomplices waiting in their boat.
13.	21.05.2009 0320 UTC Steaming Boarded	Reval General Cargo St. Vincent and Grenadines 6395 8502066	06:05N – 003:44E, Lagos Roads, Nigeria	Six pirates armed with automatic weapons boarded the ship drifting. They broke down master and chief officer's cabin doors and stole ship's cash. Master raised a distress signal. Pirates left the ship 20 minutes later after stealing ship's and crew personal properties.
14.	29.05.2009 0340 LT Anchored Boarded	Nordertor General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 5025 9141675	Boma Roads, Democratic Republic of Congo	Two robbers armed with machetes boarded an anchored ship and threatened the duty A/B. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers escaped upon hearing the alarm.
15.	06.06.2009 0010 UTC Anchored Boarded	Nord Express Bulk Carrier Panama 32379 9403114	04:53.5N – 001:41.4W, 2.5 NM East of Takoradi Breakwater, Ghana	Three robbers armed with knives and bolos boarded the ship at anchor. They tried to open the fore-castle store. Duty A/B spotted the robbers and informed the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Seeing crew alertness robbers jumped overboard onto a waiting banca and escaped.
16.	09.06.2009	Anuket Ivory	03:53.3N –	Armed robbers boarded the tanker at

	0215 UTC Anchored Boarded	Product Tanker United Kingdom 6952 9395745	009:32.2E, Douala Anchorage. Cameroon	anchor. They disabled the communication equipments, stole money and escaped. The tanker and crew are safe.
17.	09.06.2009 0310 UTC Anchored Boarded	Sevastopolskaya Bukhta Refrigerated Cargo Panama 6989 8826759	03:53.79N – 009:32.35E, Douala Anchorage. Cameroon	16 robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the ship at anchor. Robbers attacked ship's crew, damaged communication equipment and stole ship's and crew cash and properties. Master, chief officer and two other crewmembers were injured. Master reported the incident to port authorities but no help was provided. The following morning at 0745 LT a military boat arrived for investigation.
18.	10.06.2009 0545 UTC Anchored Boarded	Tennei Maru Bulk Carrier Panama 32415 9440966	04:01N – 006:48.6E, 20 NM Off Nigeria Coast, Nigeria	Five heavily armed robbers in a boat attacked the ship at anchor. Robbers boarded the ship using rope attached to a hook. The robbers fired several warning shots and threatened to take the master hostage. 35 minutes later, the robbers left the vessel with the ship's and crew's cash and crew properties.
19.	27.06.2009 2200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Duden Bulk Carrier Turkey 16211 8005226	06:16N – 003:23E, Lagos Outer Anchorage, Nigeria	Armed robbers attempted to board an anchored ship using hooks and ropes. Noticing the robbers the ship's crew tried to drive away the attackers. One robber managed to board but was forced back. In the attempt to board the robbers fired automatic weapons on the ship injuring three crewmembers. The injured were later sent ashore for medical treatment.
20.	29.06.2009 0200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Pearl River Bulk Carrier Liberia 25791 9135901	05:12.98N – 004:02.98W, Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast	Four robbers armed with knives in a boat came close to the ship at anchor. Two robbers boarded and were cutting the ship's line when the alert duty watchman sighted and shouted at the men and also reported to the duty officer. One robber approached and threatened the duty watchman with a long knife. The duty watchman ran away and raised the alarm. Robbers escaped with ship's stores. No injuries to crew.
21.	12.07.2009 2336 UTC Anchored Boarded	Abram Schulte Product Tanker Liberia 41503 9280586	05:12.5N – 004:03.9W, Abidjan Roads, Ivory Coast	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker via forecastle. Ship's stores were stolen. When sighted, robbers escaped in a small boat. No injuries to crew. Master reported to port control.
22.	03.08.2009 2245 UTC Anchored Boarded	Saturnas Refrigerated Cargo Lithuania 3252 8210247	05:28.44N – 005:04.41E, Escravos Anchorage, Nigeria	Five robbers wearing masks armed with automatic guns in a speed boat boarded the ship at anchor. They opened fire and kidnapped five crewmembers and escaped. The remaining nine crew were not injured and they sailed the ship to open sea.
23.	15.08.2009 0230 LT	China Frost Refrigerated Cargo	Boma Roads, Democratic	Two robbers armed with sticks boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew spotted the

	Anchored Boarded	Panama 4999 8410914	Republic of Congo	robbers and raised alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers jumped into the water and escaped. Traffic control informed.
24.	27.08.2009 0500 LT Berthed Boarded	Venezia D Chemical Tanker Netherlands 6875 9150327	No.5 Berth, Apapa Port, Lagos, Nigeria	Four robbers boarded the tanker at berth and threatened the duty watchman with gun. The robbers stole ships properties and escaped by boat. Local authorities informed. No one injured.
25.	06.09.2009 2130 UTC Berthed Boarded	Erria Anne Chemical Tanker Malta 3269 9358498	Koko Port, Nigeria	Whilst berthed, after discharging operations, about fifty robbers boarded the tanker from the jetty. They tried to steal remaining palm oil from the tanks but crew prevented them. The robbers were very aggressive. Crew took shelter in the superstructure. All attempts to contact the authorities were in vain. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped.
26.	07.09.2009 0600 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Jascon 40 Tug St. Vincent and Grenadines 1373 9429950	03:53.50N – 006:47.50E, Bonny River, Nigeria	About nine pirates heavily armed with automatic weapons in a speed boat boarded and hijacked an offshore tug. The pirates used the tug to attack another vessel in the vicinity. The pirates robbed crew personal belongings. After around 40 minutes the pirates left both the vessels and headed off towards the coast.
27.	20.09.2009 0815 LT Steaming Boarded	Nova Galicia Refrigerated Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 6149 8210986	03:59N – 006:46E, 20 NM Off Bonny River Fairway Buoy, Nigeria	Six pirates armed with guns boarded the ship underway / drifting. Pirates stole ship's cash, properties, crew cash and personal belongings. The pirates ransacked the crew cabins, stole personal belongings and left the ship after around one hour. No crew injured. SSAS alarm was raised.

REST OF WORLD

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	12.06.2009 1334 UTC Steaming Hijacked	Charelle General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 2800 8506452	21:55N – 059:51E, Off Oman	Armed pirates attacked, boarded, took hostage ten crewmembers and hijacked the ship underway. The ship is presently anchored at Garacad, Somalia. Negotiations in progress.

ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

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SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	03.05.2009 0001 LT Anchored Attempted	MCP Rotterdam General Cargo Netherlands 5272 9372004	Sandakan Anchorage, Malaysia	A fisherman offering fresh fish approached on the stbd side of a container ship at anchor, while four robbers in a speedboat approached from the port side of the vessel and attempted to board. Alert crew saw the robbers and raised alarm. Robbers aborted the attempt due to crew alertness.
2.	23.05.2009 0400 LT Anchored Attempted	Challenge Paragon Product Tanker Singapore 28051 9403310	06:00.7S – 106:53.9E, Jakarta Tanker Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers using hook and rope from a small boat attempted to board the tanker at anchor. While climbing to the ship's rail the robbers saw alert ship's watch men. Robbers jumped back into the waiting boat and moved away. No crew injured and nothing stolen.
3.	24.06.2009 1930 UTC Anchored Attempted	Navios Aldebaran Bulk Carrier Panama 39737 9442859	01:20.2S – 117:02.8E, Balikpapan Outer Anchorage, Indonesia	Two robbers in a small boat attempted to board the ship at anchor. Alert crew raised alarm, whistle sounded and crew mustered. The robbers aborted the attempt and escaped. Pilot station informed.
4.	28.07.2009 2157 LT Steaming Attempted	Baltic Strait Container Liberia 18102 9363144	04:39.2N – 112:45.0E, 75 NM Off Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia	Twelve pirates, in a seven-meter long, unlit boat approached the ship underway. They chased the ship and tried to get alongside. 3/O raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres, alerted crewmembers and master fired three rocket flares. Pirates aborted the attempt.
5.	17.05.2009 0435 LT Steaming Attempted	Pacific Copper Tug Singapore 1595 9281114	04:46.6N – 103:44.2E, 3.8 NM East of Pulau Tenggol, Malaysia	About six pirates in a blue coloured wooden craft attempted to board the tug towing a barge underway. Duty officer raised alarm, activated fire-fighting equipments, crew mustered and switched on all deck lights. On seeing the crew alertness, the pirates aborted the attempted attack. MPA Singapore informed.
6.	30.08.2009 1055 UTC Anchored Attempted	Good Luck Bulk Carrier Cyprus 90831 8208000	01:09.175N – 103:36.927E, Nippa Anchorage, Singapore Straits	Five robbers armed with two machine guns in a boat attempted to board the ship at anchor. The robbers used hooks attached with ropes to board the ship but were noticed by duty crew who raised the alarm. Robbers aborted the attempt upon seeing the crew alertness and fled in a NE

				direction. VTIS Singapore and ships in the vicinity informed.
7.	14.09.2009 0240 LT Anchored Attempted	Pacific Harmony Tanker Panama 41825 9209300	01:18.5N – 104:13.8E, Singapore Straits	Five robbers in a small craft approached the tanker at anchor. They used hooks attached to a pole and attempted to board but alert crew sounded fog horn and vigilant anti piracy watch prevented them from boarding.

INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	05.05.2009 0830 UTC Anchored Attempted	Chitral General Cargo Pakistan 12395 7822110	Chittagong Outer Anchorage, Bangladesh	Robbers in a boat approached the ship and attempted to board via anchor cable. Crew alerted and robbers aborted the attempt and escaped.
2.	24.08.2009 0515 LT Anchored Attempted	Tigris Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 8247 9443841	17:02.5N – 082:23.6E, Kakinada Inner Roads, India	Six robbers In a fishing boat approached the tanker at anchor. Two of the robbers tried to board the tanker from starboard side midship using hooks. The duty officer raised alarm, sounded the fog horn and reported to the port control. All crew mustered and the robbers aborted their attempt.
3.	28.09.2009 2030 LT Anchored Attempted	DD Vigilant Bulk Carrier Panama 16993 9357432	22:14.2N – 091:44.2E, Chittagong Anchorage 'B', Bangladesh	Eight robbers in a fishing boat attempted to board the ship at anchor. Duty A/B spotted them and raised alarm. Seeing the alert crew the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Nothing stolen.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	12.01.2009 0340 LT Anchored Attempted	Crowley Shipper Ro-Ro United Kingdom 12337 7909621	S1 Anchorage, Port Au Prince, Haiti	Three robbers in a small boat approached the ship at anchor. One of the robbers attempted to board via side ramp. Duty A/B shouted at the robber and raised alarm. The robber jumped off the ramp and escaped with his accomplices.
2.	03.06.2009 2006 LT Anchored	Norasia Polaris Container Liberia	12:00.6S – 077:13.3W, Callao	Ten robbers in a boat attempted to board the ship at anchor. Duty crew spotted the robbers, raised alarm and crew mustered.

	Attempted	35881 9237498	Anchorage No.12, Peru	The robbers aborted the attempt upon hearing the alarm. Port control informed.
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AFRICA (SOMALIA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	11.02.2009 0630 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Ocean Diamond Bulk Carrier Panama 29964 9405461	10:39.0N – 054:50.8E, 108 NM SE of Socotra Island, Somalia	Five pirates armed with RPG and assault guns in a light blue coloured speed boat approached and attempted to board the ship underway. They fired towards the accommodation. The master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted the attempt. A Russian warship has been in contact with the ship.
2.	19.02.2009 1630 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Thai Union 1 Fishing Vessel Thailand 1948 8919427	04:33N – 052:55E, East Coast of Somalia	Five pirates in a small white colour boat fired upon the fishing trawler underway. Pirates attempted to board the vessel. Master carried out evasive manoeuvres, increased speed and moved away. The vessel sustained bullet hole damage. There was no leakage and no casualties.
3.	09.03.2009 1730 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Shanghai Venture Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 32505 9333929	08:05.1N – 058:43.1E, Off Somalia	Pirates armed with RPGs and rifles in a skiff chased the ship underway and opened fire at it. Ship took evasive manoeuvres and prevented pirates from boarding. Later, pirates aborted the attack. The ship and crew are safe.
4.	10.03.2009 0445 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Mar Reina Bulk Carrier Panama 37818 9168465	08:45.0N – 059:09.8E, 385 NM SE of Socotra Island, Somalia	Pirates chased the ship and opened fire with small arms. Ship made evasive manoeuvres and escaped the attack. Master sustained minor wound due to gun shot.
5.	11.03.2009 2220 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Chong Chon Gang General Cargo North Korea 9147 7937317	04:02S – 046:33E, About 360 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	While underway, the ship was chased by a speed boat launched from a mother vessel. Pirates fired RPG and automatic guns at the ship. Master made evasive manoeuvres and escaped the attack. One crew received minor injuries on his head from gun shots fired by the pirates. The ship sustained damages from bullets and RPG fire. Ship resumed voyage on intended route.
6.	13.03.2009 0713 UTC Steaming Attempted	Felipe Ruano Fishing Vessel Spain 2110 8806955	07:11N – 058:50E, Off Somalia	While underway the fishing vessel was chased by a skiff with six pirates armed with automatic weapons. Vessel increased speed and headed into the waves / swell and thus the skiff was prevented from advancing towards the fishing vessel.

				Later, the skiff aborted the attempt and retreated. Crew and vessel are safe and continuing passage.
7.	20.03.2009 1002 LT Steaming Attempted	Ryu Gyong General Cargo North Korea 9013 7433294	07:51.8S – 045:04.5E, Off Somalia	Five pirates armed with guns chased the ship underway. Master raised alarm, fired rocket flares and took evasive manoeuvres and moved away. Pirates gave up the attempt after chasing the ship for 30 minutes.
8.	22.03.2009 0840 UTC Steaming Fired upon	MSC Denisse Container Panama 28176 7435292	02:26.8S – 051:11.3E, About 433 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Two speed boats chased the ship underway. The pirates armed with AK47 and RPGs opened fire on the ship causing damage. Master took evasive manoeuvres and escaped from the pirates.
9.	22.03.2009 0940 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Pantanassa Bulk Carrier St. Vincent and Grenadines 18641 8216758	02:14.7S – 050:13.5E, About 380 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates in two boats armed with automatic weapons and RPGs chased the ship underway. They fired upon the ship. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Later, the boats aborted the attempt and moved away. The ship and crew are safe.
10.	22.03.2009 1307 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Jasmine Ace Ro-Ro Cayman Islands 13038 9104263	02:46.00S – 052:11.16E, About 490 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Two speed boats with pirates armed with guns and RPGs chased the ship underway and opened fire on it. The ship sustained some damages. Master increased speed and made evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
11.	23.03.2009 1740 LT Steaming Fired upon	Ryu Gyong General Cargo North Korea 9013 7433294	02:28N – 050:49E, 212 NM of Mogadishu, Somalia	While underway, the ship sighted a mother vessel ahead launching two skiffs with length about 6-7m. The pirates were armed with automatic weapons. The skiffs chased the ship and opened fire at it. Master increased speed, activated fire hoses, fired rocket flares and made evasive manoeuvres which prevented the pirates from boarding. The ship sustained some damages but continued her passage. The ship and crew are safe.
12.	25.03.2009 0505 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Preventer Bulk Carrier Panama 38891 8907321	07:54.4S – 046:52.2E, Off Southern Somalia	While underway, a bulk carrier was chased and fired upon by two speed boats from either side of the ship. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres to prevent boarding. Later pirates aborted due to effective anti piracy measures.
13.	25.03.2009 0730 UTC Steaming Attempted	Explorer III Research Netherlands Antilles 356 9171656	00:24.1N – 056:01.5E, About 600 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia	Two speed boats chased the vessel underway. Master increased speed and took anti-piracy measures. Later, the boats stopped and moved away.
14.	30.03.2009 1615 LT Steaming	Eastern Queen Bulk Carrier South Korea	09:45N – 058:50E, Off Somalia	Pirates with guns and RPG in a speed boat chased and opened fire on a bulk carrier. Ship adopted evasive manoeuvres which

	Fired upon	37550 9082922		prevented the pirate boat from closing in. Later, the boat retreated and proceeded towards a mother vessel.
15.	28.03.2009 1300 UTC Steaming Attempted	Maersk Neustadt Container Liberia 25674 9305879	07:21.7S - 046:44.4E, Off Tanzania/ Southern Somalia	A high speed boat launched from a mother vessel chased the ship. The ship increased speed and adopted evasive manoeuvres. The speed boat came as close as 3 cables to the ship but stopped, probably due to engine problem. Ship continued passage.
16.	02.04.2009 1400 UTC Steaming Fired upon	CMA CGM Azteca Container Marshall Islands 16801 9144146	05:31.0N – 056:32.5E, Off Somalia	While underway, a mother vessel launched two blue coloured skiffs, which chased and fired shots on the ship. Master made evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
17.	04.04.2009 0641 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Africa Star Container Malta 18037 8707434	09:24.52N – 058:15.42E, 287 NM Off Socotra Island, Somalia	Six pirates in a speed boat chased the ship underway. Master contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre who informed the coalition forces. Pirates armed with AK47 opened fire on the ship causing damages. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres which prevented the pirate boat from closing in.
18.	11.04.2009 1240 UTC Steaming Fired upon	DAL Madagascar Container Marshall Islands 17360 9344710	00:18.2N – 051:44.3E, 330 NM Off Somalia	Eight pirates armed with guns and RPG in two skiffs, launched by a pirate mother vessel, attacked the ship underway. Master increased speed to 22.8 knots and the skiffs followed at 23.5 knots. They approached very close and fired upon the ship. Master made evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
19.	14.04.2009 1300 LT Steaming Fired upon	Safmarine Asia Container Liberia 21887 8413887	03:45S – 048:20E, About 380 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Two speed boats approached the ship underway from the stbd bow at a distance of 4 NM. The pirates were armed with automatic weapons and RPG. One speed boat with six pirates attempted to board but the ship took evasive manoeuvres and the boat retreated. The speed boats attacked the ship again and fired RPG, which resulted in slight damage to the ship. Ship continued with the evasive manoeuvres and finally pirates aborted the attack and left straight astern of the ship. Master contacted coalition warships and a helicopter was sent to the location. The helicopter followed after the pirate boats and later the French navy captured the pirates and handed them over to the Kenyan authorities to stand trial.
20.	14.04.2009 1445 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Liberty Sun Bulk Carrier USA 35944 8500551	02:41S – 046:25E, Off Southern Somalia	Pirates in a skiff armed with automatic weapons and RPG approached the ship from the stbd bow. Ship noticed a pirate mother vessel nearby. When the skiff was abeam, the pirates fired RPG and automatic

				weapons. Ship increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted the attack and returned to the mother vessel. Ship sustained damages to superstructure.
21.	25.04.2009 1935 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Melody Passenger Ship Panama 35143 7902295	01:35S – 055:39E, About 645 NM ESE Of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates in a skiff attacked and fired upon the ship underway. The attempted boarding was unsuccessful due to ship's evasive manoeuvres and the security team onboard the ship. The ship sustained light damages.
22.	29.04.2009 1250 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Jolly Smeraldo Ro-Ro Italy 29119 7722231	01:40S – 047:12E, 250 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates armed with automatic weapons chased and fired upon the ship underway. Ship made evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
23.	30.04.2009 0224 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Jasper S Container Antigua and Barbuda 9957 9390472	07:46S – 051:32E, Alphouse Island, Off Southern Somalia	Two speed boats, the first, white hull and black stripes with 6-7 pirates and the second boat with white hull and 3-4 pirates chased the ship and fired automatic weapons and RPG. The ship sustained damages to it's stbd side accommodation. One RPG shell fell onboard but did not explode.
24.	30.04.2009 0350 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Jolly Smeraldo Ro-Ro Italy 29119 7722231	00:36N – 050:08E, 255 NM ESE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a skiff chased the ship and opened fire with automatic weapons. Ship made evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
25.	30.04.2009 1224 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Cristina A Container Turkey 17687 9337365	04:01.3S – 059:33.7E, About 900 NM ESE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Eight pirates in two speedboats armed with guns and RPG chased the ship underway. Ship raised alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. The pirates fired upon the ship with automatic guns and later aborted the attack. No injuries to crew. Ship sustained some damages. There was one pirate mother vessel, 10 - 15 meter length observed at 3 NM from the ship.
26.	01.05.2009 0500 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Mare Caribbean Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29327 9276004	03:05S – 053:19E, About 560 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia	A pirate mother vessel and two speedboats were observed by the tanker underway at a distance of 8 NM. The speedboats doing 22 knots came close to the ship and fired upon at the bridge with automatic guns and RPG. The pirates tried to board the ship five times using hand ladder. Due to the ship's freeboard and the evasive manoeuvres taken by the ship has prevented the boarding. No injuries to crew. Ship sustained some damages.
27.	01.05.2009 0530 UTC Steaming Fired upon	IVS Cabernet Bulk Carrier Singapore 89728 9336012	04:52S – 060:06E, About 960 NM ESE of Mogadishu, Somalia	Pirates in two small boats armed with automatic guns attacked the ship underway. D/O raised alarm and crew locked all access. 1st boat attempted to board the ship using ladder and the 2nd boat fired upon

				the ship at bridge and accommodation. Pirates aborted the attempt at 0620 UTC due to the evasive manoeuvres and the freeboard of the ship. No injuries to crew. Ship sustained some damages.
28.	02.05.2009 0530 LT Steaming Fired upon	Mare Caribbean Product Tanker Marshall Islands 29327 9276004	06:07S – 050:12E, Off Southern Somalia	A pirate mother vessel and two high speedboats were observed at a distance of 6 NM from a tanker underway. Master altered course and the boats started chasing the tanker. Master raised alarm, sent distress message, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. The boats came very close to the tanker and suddenly the 2nd boat stopped chasing the tanker, probably engine problem. The 1st boat fired upon the tanker with RPG and aborted the attack as the distance from the mother vessel increased to 20 NM. No damages and injuries to crew.
29.	05.05.2009 0530 UTC Steaming Attempted	Grand Victory Vehicle Carrier Panama 59217 9334234	02:38S – 053:49E, Off Southern Somalia	Eight pirates armed with automatic guns in two boats attempted to board the ship underway. Pirates closed in to 10 meters and attempted to board several times. Master increased speed and carried out evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
30.	12.05.2009 1215 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Safmarine Bandama Container Panama 17294 9412830	01:02.4S – 057:18.1E, About 740 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia	Nine pirates in two boats chased and fired upon the ship with guns and RPG. Master carried out evasive manoeuvres and the pirates aborted the attempt after 45 minutes. No casualty to crew.
31.	19.05.2009 0026 UTC Steaming Attempted	Vinalines Galaxy Chemical Tanker Vietnam 30042 9337339	09:55S – 054:00E, Off Southern Somalia	Pirates in skiffs, chased the tanker underway. Master made evasive manoeuvres and escaped from the pirates.
32.	16.08.2009 1250 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Tian Wang Xing General Cargo Panama 7460 9464223	06:17.3N – 054:41.2E, Somalia	Two skiffs launched from a mother vessel, chased the ship and opened fire with automatic weapons and RPG. Master enforced anti piracy measures and contacted the authorities for assistance. Due to the effective preventive anti piracy measures enforced, the ship escaped from the pirates.
33.	05.09.2009 1610 UTC Steaming Fired upon	An San General Cargo North Korea 5391 7618533	02:03.8N – 045:30.05E, 10 NM Off Mogadishu Anchorage, Somalia	Ten pirates heavily armed in two speedboats opened fire at the ship drifting, carrying out repairs to her engine. Master raised alarm, increased speed and crew threw molotov cocktails and fired rocket flares at the speedboats. Pirates aborted the attempt. One crew injured and ship

				sustained damages. At 1900 UTC, a US warship arrived at the location.
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AFRICA (GULF OF ADEN / RED SEA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	01.01.2009 0337 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Abul Kalam Azad Tanker India 51793 8600973	13:05N – 047:03E, Gulf of Aden	Two skiffs approached the tanker underway and opened fire with automatic weapons. Master increased speed and made evasive manoeuvres, and sent a distress message via vhf radio. A warship and a helicopter were sent to assist the tanker. Upon seeing the warship and helicopter the skiff moved away.
2.	01.01.2009 0730 LT Steaming Attempted	S. Venus Bulk Carrier Panama 22221 8323111	14:21N – 050:34E, Gulf of Aden	One skiff with six pirates approached the ship underway. Owners contacted IMB Piracy Reporting Centre for assistance. Duty officer immediately contacted the coalition naval forces to render assistance to crew and the ship. Meanwhile, ship's crew enforced preventive measures and master reported sighting automatic weapons and RPGs in the skiff. Attack was aborted.
3.	01.01.2009 1405 LT Steaming Fired upon	S. Venus Bulk Carrier Panama 22221 8323111	14:47N – 051:47E, Gulf of Aden	Two skiffs approached the ship from aft. Pirates in both skiffs were armed with automatic weapons and RPGs. Ship adopted evasive and preventive measures to deter boarding. Pirates opened fire with automatic weapons. One skiff came very close to ship's port side. Due to aggressive preventive measures, the pirates aborted the attempted boarding. A warship arrived at location. The pirates threw their weapons into the water. The pirates were detained and they claimed that they were fishermen. Warship contacted the ship to obtain concrete evidence against the pirates.
4.	01.01.2009 0755 LT Steaming Attempted	Cristina A Container Turkey 17687 9337365	14:23.5N – 051:14.6E, Gulf of Aden	Three speed boats approached the ship underway. Ship adopted evasive manoeuvres and prevented the pirates from boarding. Pirates aborted the attempt.
5.	01.01.2009 1730 LT Steaming Attempted	Super Star III Ro-Ro Panama 9874 7818107	14:36.2N – 051:07.0E, Gulf of Aden	One speed boat with eight pirates armed with guns and RPGs chased the ship underway. The speed boat came alongside the ship and pirates placed a ladder on ship's side to board her. The ship altered

				course preventing the pirates from boarding. Later the pirates aborted the attempt. The ship continued her passage.
6.	01.01.2009 1230 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Corina Bulk Carrier Panama 21107 7519024	13:53N – 049:29E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates in a speed boat attacked the ship underway. They fired upon the ship with automatic weapons and attempted to board. Master raised alarm, increased speed and adopted evasive manoeuvres. Pirates aborted the attempted attack.
7.	02.01.2009 0807 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Kriti Episkopi Tanker Greece 78710 8904472	13:42N – 050:39E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in three skiffs attacked the tanker underway. They fired upon the tanker and attempted to board. Master raised alarm, contacted coalition warships, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. A coalition helicopter arrived and the pirates aborted the attempt.
8.	02.01.2009 0427 UTC Steaming Fired upon	King Daniel Tanker Marshall Islands 42010 9407287	13:11.0N – 047:32.5E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in three speed boats approached the tanker underway. One speed boat was spotted four NM and the other two were drifting seven NM ahead of the tanker. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated anti-piracy measures. The first speed boat came within two meters of the stbd quarter and fired upon the tanker. Master saw five pirates armed with machine guns. Coalition warships contacted. Pirates aborted the attempt after five minutes.
9.	02.01.2009 0440 UTC Steaming Attempted	Chipolbrok Sun General Cargo Hong Kong 24167 9272230	13:13.0N – 047:32.6E, Gulf of Aden	Two speed boats with pirates armed with guns and RPG chased the ship underway. The ship immediately contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) for help. Duty officer at the 24 hour manned IMB PRC advised master to take evasive manoeuvres to delay and prevent boarding and then immediately contacted coalition naval forces for help. Two warships were dispatched. Meanwhile ship's crew used various anti piracy measures and prevented boarding. Later, pirates aborted attempt and moved away.
10.	02.01.2009 0820 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Samanyolu General Cargo Antilles Netherlands 2050 7928768	14:18.9N – 050:52.0E, Gulf of Aden	Five armed pirates in a boat approached the ship underway. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition warships. Pirates fired upon the ship with RPG and guns. Ship's crew fired rocket flares at the pirate boat which caught fire. The pirates were apprehended by a coalition helicopter which arrived and shot at the pirate boat.
11.	04.01.2009 0540 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Vulturinus General Cargo Panama 18374	13:34.0N – 048:42.5E, Gulf of Aden	Six pirates in one white coloured speed boat attempted to board the ship underway. Three of these pirates were armed with machine guns and opened fire on the ship.

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12.	04.01.2009 0800 UTC Steaming Attempted	Darin Naree Bulk Carrier Thailand 18639 8313386	14:18N – 050:32E, Gulf of Aden	Speed boats with four to five armed pirates in each boat approached the ship underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition warship. The master continued the evasive manoeuvres which prevented the pirates from boarding. A military helicopter arrived and informed the ship that no pirate boats were seen anymore.
13.	04.01.2009 0335 UTC Steaming Attempted	Donat Tanker Croatia 84315 9318539	13:24N – 048:15E, Gulf of Aden	Five pirates in a speed boat armed with machine guns attempted to board the tanker underway. Master raised alarm and contacted coalition warships. The crew activated anti-piracy measures. Pirates came close to the tanker but were unable to board her due to running waters from the fire hoses. Pirates aborted the attempt.
14.	13.01.2009 0810 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Nedlloyd Barentsz Container Netherlands 66526 9189366	12:24.5N – 044:57.7E, Gulf of Aden	One boat with six pirates armed with guns and RPG chased the ship underway. Pirates opened fire with RPG. Two warships in the vicinity provided assistance to the ship. After half an hour the attack was abandoned. The Russian warship chased the pirate boat but was instructed by Aden port control not to interfere.
15.	14.01.2009 1245 UTC Steaming Attempted	Daylam Tanker Malta 160576 9218466	13:02.18N – 046:41.06E, Gulf of Aden	Eight pirates armed with guns in two boats attempted to attack the tanker underway. Master raised alarm, sent distress message, contacted coalition warships and adopted evasive manoeuvres. A coalition warship responded and was ready to dispatch a helicopter. Pirate boats slowed down and aborted the attempt upon noticing the British security team at the bridge wings armed with axes.
16.	29.01.2009 0620 UTC Steaming Attempted	Eleni G Bulk Carrier Malta 18836 8412508	12:27.7N – 044:10.5E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates in six speed boats surrounded the ship underway. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses. One of the speedboats chased the ship for about one mile. Seeing the alert crew and the aggressive manoeuvres the pirates stopped chasing the ship. Later the master noticed another five boats waiting in the vicinity of the ship. Master immediately activated SSAS and contacted the coalition forces. A Chinese coalition helicopter arrived at 0710 UTC and chased the pirates away.

				Later, a German coalition navy arrived at the location. Ship continued her voyage.
17.	11.02.2009 1130 UTC Steaming Attempted	Polaris Tanker Marshall Islands 8562 9388235	12:59.5N – 048:16.9E, 58 NM South of Balhaf, Gulf of Aden	A skiff with seven persons armed with guns approached the tanker underway. The pirates attempted to board but due to evasive manoeuvres taken by the tanker, they failed to board. Warships and helicopters were contacted and investigated the incident.
18.	12.02.2009 1430 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Jolbos Bulk Carrier Cyprus 18813 9032056	13:09N – 049:09E, Gulf of Aden	Five pirates armed with RPGs in a black/white coloured speed boat approached and fired upon the ship underway. They attempted to board the ship from the port side using a steel ladder. Master raised alarm, sent distress messages and took evasive manoeuvres. The coalition forces sent a helicopter to the location. After 10 minutes, pirates aborted their attack.
19.	12.02.2009 0001 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Prem Divya Tanker India 57950 9138599	12:44.0N – 047:46.2E, Gulf of Aden	Five pirates in a boat fired upon and chased the tanker underway. The boat came as close as 10 meters from the ship. The master increased speed, raised alarm, carried out evasive manoeuvres and contacted the authorities for assistance. A coalition warship contacted the tanker and proceeded towards the ship. The pirates aborted the attempt after around 40 minutes.
20.	21.02.2009 1900 UTC Steaming Attempted	Bahia General Cargo Cyprus 9077 7705568	14:31.1N – 053:43.1E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in an unlit high-speed boat chased the ship underway. The boat came close to the ship and attempted to board. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, crew switched on additional lighting and activated fire hoses. The pirates aborted the attempt due to the evasive manoeuvres taken by the ship.
21.	24.02.2009 1235 UTC Steaming Attempted	Lia Product Tanker Liberia 42010 9417751	13:52N – 049:42E, Gulf of Aden	A tanker underway detected on radar, pirates in two high speed crafts approaching. Master raised alarm, crew mustered and activated fire hoses. Master requested for naval warship assistance and a Chinese warship acknowledged and dispatched a helicopter. The tanker increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. The naval helicopter positioned itself over the pirate craft resulting in the pirates aborting the attack.
22.	25.02.2009 1030 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Yan Dang Hai Bulk Carrier China 32474 9488229	13:08.4N – 049:09.5E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates in a speed boat armed with rocket launcher fired upon the ship underway. Master raised alarm, sent distress message and took evasive manoeuvres. Crew activated fire hoses and threw empty bottles. Pirates aborted the

				attempted attack.
23.	26.02.2009 0600 UTC Steaming Attempted	Diana C Bulk Carrier Panama 21968 8025317	12:11N – 043:31E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	A group of armed pirates in three high speed boats approached and attempted to attack the ship underway. Master raised alarm and took evasive manoeuvres. Pirates aborted the attempted attack due to the evasive manoeuvres taken by the ship.
24.	02.03.2009 0649 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Pro Alliance Tanker Panama 57773 9404936	12:09N – 045:33E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with guns fired upon the tanker underway. Master reported to coalition warship and increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and altered away from the pirate boats. Later, pirates aborted the attempted attack. All crew safe.
25.	03.03.2009 0612 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Courier Container Antigua and Barbuda 14860 9101481	13:02N – 048:43E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with RPG and rifles fired upon and attempted to board the ship underway. Master raised alarm, sent distress message and took evasive manoeuvres. A naval warship responded to the distress call and sent a helicopter. The helicopter fired warning shots and the pirates aborted the attempted attack.
26.	04.03.2009 0735 UTC Steaming Attempted	Consul Poppe Bulk Carrier Malta 36074 9110212	12:17.9N – 044:09.9E, Gulf of Aden	Five armed pirates in a boat approached the ship underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and fired rocket flares. Finally, the boat aborted the attempted attack and passed on the ship's port beam at a distance of 0.4 NM.
27.	11.03.2009 0520 UTC Steaming Attempted	Atalanta Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 19882 9228394	13:16.5N – 049:44.3E, 88 NM Off Al Mukalla, Gulf of Aden	While underway, the ship spotted a boat drifting about five miles on her stbd beam. When the ship was about 1.7 miles from the boat, the boat headed towards her. Master took evasive manoeuvres, contacted warship and informed company CSO. After a while the boat aborted the attempt. Two warships arrived at the location and a helicopter hovered above the ship and headed towards the boat. The ship continued her passage. Description of boat: white hull with one wooded mast in the centre. Boat had five/six people standing in the boat.
28.	14.03.2009 0615 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Diamond Falcon Bulk Carrier Vietnam 14851 9482811	13:40.5N – 049:17.5E, 47 NM Off Al Mukalla, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates in speed boats fired upon the ship underway. Master contacted IMB Piracy Reporting Centre who immediately notified the coalition forces. Two helicopters from the coalition warships arrived at the scene in next few minutes. Seeing the helicopters the pirates moved away. The ship increased speed and successfully avoided the boarding and moved away. No injuries to crew. Ship sustained many bullet holes.
29.	16.03.2009	Northern Star	12:33.4N –	Pirates in two speed boats armed with

	1505 UTC Steaming Attempted	Bulk Carrier Panama 18596 8208957	043:25.5E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	machine guns chased the ship underway. The speed boats crossed the ship's bow and came onto the port side. Master took evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
30.	20.03.2009 0600 UTC Steaming Attempted	Valle Di Aragona Chemical Tanker Italy 25063 9220914	13:42.6N – 042:27.8E, Southern Red Sea	Pirates armed with machine guns in two speed boats chased the tanker underway. Speed boats crossed the tankers bow and came onto the port side. Master took evasive manoeuvres and activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted the attempt.
31.	20.03.2009 0530 LT Steaming Attempted	Iasonas Product Tanker Liberia 62782 9419357	13:10N – 049:13E, Gulf of Aden	A speed boat with five pirates attempted to board the tanker underway using long poles and hooks. Alert crew raised alarm. Master increased speed and carried out evasive manoeuvres. Master informed coalition warships and a helicopter flew over the ship. The pirates aborted the attempt and moved away.
32.	25.03.2009 1210 UTC Steaming Attempted	Mount Adams Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 17431 9245067	13:31N – 042: 34E Southern Red Sea	A bulk carrier was attacked by pirates in speed boats. The ship adopted evasive manoeuvres and avoided the attempt by employing effective anti piracy measures.
33.	26.03.2009 1528 UTC Steaming Attempted	Hugli Spirit Chemical Tanker Bahamas 29242 9283784	12:38N – 043:18E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	While underway the tanker spotted two speed boats (white hull) with five persons in each boat. The tanker enforced anti piracy measures and made evasive manoeuvres. Later the speed boats aborted the attempt.
34.	28.03.2009 1150 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Grandezza Yacht - - -	12:26N – 046:53E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in skiffs armed with guns chased and fired upon the yacht underway. Master contacted coalition warships for help. Pirates attempted to board using a ladder but fell into the sea. A coalition helicopter arrived at location. Upon seeing the helicopter, the pirates aborted the attempt and escaped.
35.	29.03.2009 1500 LT Steaming Fired upon	FGS Spessart Supply Ship Germany - -	Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with guns opened fire on a naval supply ship underway. Security team onboard the supply ship returned fire on the suspected pirates. Warships and aircraft in the area were notified. A military helicopter with a boarding team pursued the pirate boat and detained the seven pirates and confiscated weapons. The pirates were later transferred to a warship for appropriate action.
36.	29.03.2009 2123 LT Steaming Attempted	Siteam Leader Chemical Tanker Singapore 26751 9343194	11:50.2N - 044:53.3E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in a speed boat approached and attempted to board the tanker underway by using metal hooks and ropes. Alert crew prevented the boarding and informed duty officer on bridge. The tanker made evasive manoeuvres and escaped from the pirate

				attack.
37.	02.04.2009 1300 UTC Steaming Attempted	Grain Express Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 39974 9284910	13:51.1N – 051:14.2E, 94 NM SSW of Ras Sharwayn, Gulf of Aden	Two speed boats, blue and white in colour, with 3 - 4 persons onboard approached the ship underway at over 20 knots. The speed boats came as close as 0.40 NM. Master sounded the general alarm and whistle. An Indian warship was informed. Two helicopters from Japan and India responded and the pirates aborted their attempt on sighting the helicopters.
38.	09.04.2009 0001 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Calm Seas Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 38468 9184835	13:07.7N – 049:09.3E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in a skiff chased and fired upon the ship underway. The ship commenced evasive manoeuvres and contacted the coalition naval forces for assistance. A military helicopter arrived and upon sighting the aircraft, the pirates aborted the attempt.
39.	09.04.2009 1807 LT Steaming Fired upon	Ryu Gyong General Cargo North Korea 9013 7433294	14:08N – 051:29E, Gulf of Aden	A general cargo ship underway sighted a suspicious mother vessel which later launched two skiffs. The boats chased the ship and opened fire with guns and RPG. Master raised alarm, carried out evasive maneuvers and succeeded in deterring the pirates.
40.	11.04.2009 0415 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Anatolia Bulk Carrier Panama 16250 7433103	12:16.0N – 046:23.6E, Gulf of Aden	Eight pirates armed with guns in a speed boat (blue colour, plastic hull, 12m length) attacked and fired upon the ship underway. Ship took evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition warship. A coalition warship acknowledged and came to the location. The pirates approached at a distance of 100m and aborted the attack.
41.	12.04.2009 0400 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Panamax Anna Bulk Carrier Malta 37519 8202678	13:03N – 048:49E Gulf of Aden	Six pirates armed with guns in a skiff fired upon the ship underway. Master sent distress messages and took evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding. The ship sustained slight damage to the bridge.
42.	17.04.2009 0500 UTC Steaming Attempted	Puma General Cargo Denmark 1398 9078048	12:51N – 047:49E, Gulf of Aden	A general cargo ship detected a speed boat approaching her at distance of 7NM. Warship contacted and informed of the speed boat and mother vessel nearby. The speed boat doing a speed of 15 knots approached the ship on the stbd side. When the speed boat was about two NM, three armed pirates were sighted. Ship raised alarm, activated fire hoses and fired rocket flares. The speed boat came as close as 40-50 meters from the ship. Master fired rocket flares towards the speed boat and the pirates aborted the attempt and returned to the mother vessel.
43.	18.04.2009 0745 UTC	Handytankers Magic Chemical Tanker	12:14N – 045:45E,	A tanker underway spotted a black hull vessel with length about 20M with black

	Steaming Fired upon	Marshall Islands 24066 9420253	Gulf of Aden	sail. Once the vessel was astern, it launched a white hull skiff which proceeded towards the tanker. Pirates in the skiff prepared a ladder to board the tanker. The tanker increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and enforced anti piracy preventive measures. Pirates fired RPG which fell on the deck of the tanker but did not explode. Then, the pirates aborted the attack and returned to their mother vessel.
44.	18.04.2009 1230 UTC Steaming Attempted	Front Ardenne Tanker Norway 79633 9150834	12:18.3N – 046:29.7E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a blue hulled skiff approached the tanker underway. Master increased speed, activated fire hoses, made evasive manoeuvres and contacted the coalition warships for help. The pirates aborted the attempt.
45.	20.04.2009 0520 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Atlantica Bulk Carrier Malta 28693 9216509	13:14.9N – 047:40.9E, Gulf of Aden	Twelve pirates, in two white coloured speedboats armed with automatic weapons, chased and fired upon the ship underway. Ship made evasive manoeuvres and enforced anti piracy measures and prevented the boarding.
46.	20.04.2009 1050 UTC Steaming Fired upon	New Legend Honor General Cargo Panama 14539 7713723	12:43.5N – 047.47.5E, Gulf of Aden	Two speed boats with five to six pirates in each boat armed with guns approached the ship on the stbd quarter at a distance of 100-150 meters and fired warning shots. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres, fired rocket flares at the pirate boats and contacted the coalition warship for assistance. The pirates aborted the attempt.
47.	25.04.2009 0300 UTC Steaming Fired upon	S. Bothnia General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 8407 9372925	14:00.9N – 051:31.7E, Gulf of Aden	Two small speed boats with five persons armed with guns approached the ship underway. When the speed boats were about three cables away from the ship they opened fire using automatic guns. Master enforced anti piracy measures and prevented the boarding.
48.	27.04.2009 1050 UTC Steaming Fired upon	NS Commander Tanker Liberia 57248 9306794	13:08.3N – 056:37.2E, Gulf of Aden	One speed boat with three pirates armed with guns and RPG approached the tanker and ordered it to stop. Master commenced evasive manoeuvres. Pirates opened fire with the guns and RPG. After 30 minutes, two speed boats with four to five pirates in each boat approached the tanker and opened fire with guns and RPG. The master continued to carry out the evasive manoeuvres and succeeded in preventing the pirates from boarding.
49.	28.04.2009 0704 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Boularibank General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 18663	13:49.00N – 056:30.26E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in two skiffs launched from a mother vessel approached the ship and opened fire at it with guns and RPG. Ship activated water hydrant and released timber

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50.	28.04.2009 0630 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Skaftafell General Cargo Gibraltar 4078 9137741	12:31N – 046:07E, Gulf of Aden	One blue coloured speed boat with six pirates armed with guns approached the ship underway and opened fire at it. Ship took evasive manoeuvres and contacted warships for assistance. Master fired rocket flares and operated smoke signal to prevent boarding. Later the speed boats aborted the attempt.
51.	05.05.2009 0430 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Neverland Tanker Italy 56346 9247390	13:08N – 049:09E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with automatic weapons chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master contacted coalition warship for assistance and made evasive manoeuvres to delay / prevent boarding. A helicopter arrived on scene and prevented the pirates from boarding the tanker.
52.	05.05.2009 0430 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Michael S Bulk Carrier Malta 27996 9230127	13:09.7N – 049:08.9E, Gulf of Aden	Six pirates in a boat chased the ship underway. They opened fire with guns and attempted to board the ship a few times but failed. Crew fired rocket flares towards the pirates and enforced anti piracy measures onboard. Coalition forces informed and a helicopter was dispatched. No casualties to crew. Bridge window broken due to firing.
53.	06.05.2009 0910 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Nepheli Product Tanker Panama 2512 9513361	13:35.6N – 048:59.5E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with guns in a black and white speed boat chased the tanker and opened fire with automatic weapons. The tanker made evasive manoeuvres and escaped from the pirates.
54.	07.05.2009 1220 LT Steaming Attempted	Sea Giant Tanker Liberia 51457 7924906	12:12.4N – 045:45.2E, Gulf of Aden	One blue coloured skiff with nine pirates armed with guns approached the tanker underway. They attempted to board the tanker. Master raised alarm and crew mustered. Alert crew fired four rocket flares and threw two hand flares on the pirate boat. Master took evasive manoeuvres and reported to coalition warship in the vicinity. Pirates aborted the attempt at 1245 LT due to ship's evasive manoeuvres and firing of rocket flares.
55.	07.05.2009 0639 UTC Steaming Attempted	Omo Wonz Ro-Ro Ethiopia 5535 7928160	14:44N – 051:15E, Gulf of Aden	Four speed boats chased the ship underway. The pirates wore masks and were armed with automatic weapons. They came as close as 500 meters from the ship. Master took evasive manoeuvres and fired two rocket flares at the pirate boats and contacted the coalition warships for assistance. 30 mins later, a helicopter flew over the location. The speed boats aborted the attempt and regrouped around a suspected mother vessel at 4 NM away. The mother vessel was towing a white colour skiff.

56.	07.05.2009 0930 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Anny Petrakis Bulk Carrier Malta 40170 9357767	13:04N – 049:00E, Gulf of Aden	Seven pirates in a boat came close to the ship underway. Pirates attempted to board by using an aluminium ladder and fired at the ship using guns and RPG. Master increased speed and carried out evasive manoeuvres and informed coalition forces. When the helicopter arrived the pirates aborted the attempt. Later a coalition warship approached the ship and advised the ship to follow her. The pirates were detained by the coalition warship.
57.	10.05.2009 0715 UTC Steaming Attempted	NS Spirit Chemical Tanker Liberia 27357 9318553	12:33N – 043:26E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	Around eight pirates in two boats approached the tanker underway. Master increased speed, carried out evasive manoeuvres, fired two signal rockets towards the pirate boats and contacted a Russian warship in the vicinity. A helicopter was dispatched to the location. The pirates aborted the attempt and moved away.
58.	13.05.2009 1205 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Amira Bulk Carrier Egypt 39818 9216248	13:18N – 049:18E, Gulf of Aden	More than six pirates in a skiff chased and fired upon the ship with automatic rifles and RPG. An orange and white coloured mother vessel was noticed around 3 NM astern of the ship. Master carried out evasive manoeuvres, increased speed and contacted coalition warship. A helicopter arrived at the location and the pirates aborted the attempt.
59.	17.05.2009 0750 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Dubai Princess Tanker Marshall Islands 63294 9402469	14:09N – 051:55E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates in a boat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised distress call, increased speed and carried out evasive manoeuvres. Seeing coalition warship, pirates aborted the attack and moved away.
60.	18.05.2009 2314 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Jurkalne Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 30641 9323326	12:56N – 048:30E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with automatic weapons chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres and contacted warship for assistance. Pirates later aborted the attack.
61.	18.05.2009 - Steaming Attempted	Noor Tanker Malta 156809 9079066	12:46.1N – 048:05.7E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in two skiffs attempted to board the tanker underway. The tanker took evasive manoeuvres, fired rocket flares and contacted coalition warship for assistance. Later, pirates aborted the attempt and returned to mother vessel.
62.	19.05.2009 0355 UTC Steaming Attempted	Sarv Tanker Malta 85462 9357377	13:16.8N – 048:59.8E, Gulf of Aden	A high speed boat chased the tanker underway. Master altered course to increase distance and contacted warship for assistance. The speed boat came very close but due to ship's evasive manoeuvres, aborted the attempt and moved away.
63.	22.05.2009 0600 UTC	Maria K Bulk Carrier	13:13.8N – 049:10.3E,	Nine pirates in a light blue coloured speed boat armed with automatic weapons and

	Steaming Fired upon	St. Vincent and Grenadines 21308 8029260	Gulf of Aden	RPG chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master contacted coalition warships and a helicopter came to the scene. Upon seeing the helicopter, the pirates aborted the attempt. The ship resumed her voyage with the warship in attendance.
64.	25.05.2009 0028 LT Steaming Fired upon	Costis Bulk Carrier Panama 17214 8316314	13:11.0N – 049:19.9E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates armed with automatic weapons chased the ship underway. Pirates opened fire on the ship. Ship made evasive manoeuvres and contacted the coalition warships for assistance. Later, pirates aborted the attempt.
65.	26.05.2009 0130 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Antonis Bulk Carrier Greece 25935 8126630	13:05N – 048:58E, Gulf of Aden	Two skiffs with four pirates in each armed with automatic weapons and RPG chased the ship underway and opened fire. Ship contacted IMB Piracy Reporting Centre for assistance. The report was promptly passed on to coalition forces to render assistance to ship. Meanwhile ship used fire hoses and rocket flares and manoeuvred to thwart the attack / delay boarding. A coalition warship in the area prevented the pirate attack. Crew and ship are safe and continued her passage.
66.	28.05.2009 0729 UTC Steaming Attempted	Maud OBO Carrier Liberia 45593 9036519	13:01.37N – 048:48.63E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in a skiff approached the ship on the port quarter. Master immediately contacted the coalition warship and a helicopter was dispatched. The helicopter fired shots on to the skiff and the attempted boarding was thwarted successfully.
67.	29.05.2009 1045 UTC Steaming Attempted	Lake Globe Bulk Carrier Bahamas 25498 9070785	12:20N – 046:26E, Gulf of Aden	Six pirates in a speed boat armed with guns chased the ship underway. Ship made zig-zag manoeuvres to prevent the pirates from boarding and contacted coalition warship for assistance. Pirates aborted the attempt.
68.	29.05.2009 1050 UTC Steaming Attempted	Sea Phantom Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 8503 9326653	12:11.9N – 046:22.0E, Gulf of Aden	Five pirates in a blue coloured speed boat chased the tanker underway and closed to less than 1NM. Tanker contacted and manoeuvred towards a warship. Warship intercepted the speed boat.
69.	31.05.2009 0020 UTC Steaming Fired upon	British Mallard Tanker Isle of Man 63661 9282479	12:59.7N – 048:42.3E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates in a boat attempted to board a tanker underway. Ship raised alarm, sounded whistle, switched lights on, activated fire hoses, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Pirate boat came about 2 - 3 meters off the ship's side, fired upon her and aborted the attempt. No injuries to crew. Coalition warship was informed.
70.	31.05.2009 1005 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Stolt Strength Chemical Tanker Philippines 20059	13:29N – 043:01E, Southern Red Sea	Seven armed pirates in a skiff chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master increased speed, carried out evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition forces.

		9311024		Yemeni coast guard despatched their military boats and later a coalition helicopter arrived at the location. Crew safe. Ship sustained holes from automatic guns and RPG fire.
71.	01.06.2009 0615 LT Steaming Fired upon	United Lady Tanker Liberia 77409 8910122	13:33.2N – 050:29.0E, Gulf of Aden	Five armed pirates in a white coloured skiff approached the tanker underway. Master increased speed, activated high pressure fire hoses, mustered crew, contacted coalition naval forces and commenced evasive manoeuvres. When skiff around ten meters away from the tanker, the pirates opened fire with automatic weapons. The robust anti piracy measures, resulted in the pirates aborting the attempt. Later a coalition warship arrived at location.
72.	07.06.2009 0035 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Aisha Tanker Libya 81732 9380893	13:05.0N – 048:53.7E, Gulf of Aden	Five pirates in a speedboat armed with guns approached the tanker underway and fired upon her. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, ship's whistle sounded continuously, contacted coalition warships and crew activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted the attempt due to the evasive action taken by the tanker.
73.	07.06.2009 0025 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Cemtex Venture Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 40166 9345324	13:03.2N – 048:54.0E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates armed with guns in a speed boat fired upon the ship underway. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, contacted coalition warships and crew activated fire hoses. Pirates made several attempts to board the ship and later aborted.
74.	13.06.2009 0110 LT Steaming Attempted	Gorgonilla Chemical Tanker Panama 4959 8800767	12:36N – 043:25E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	Two skiffs were detected on radar by the tanker underway. Tanker made evasive manoeuvres, increased speed warned other ships on vhf ch.16 and contacted coalition warships. Later, skiffs aborted the attempt.
75.	14.06.2009 1425 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Richmond Bridge LPG Tanker Bahamas 11361 9005508	12:33.5N – 043:29.5E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	Several speed boats were spotted in the vicinity of the tanker underway. The speed boats picked up speed and started to cross the tanker's bow. The boats came very close to the tanker and opened fire with automatic weapons. The tanker continued to make evasive manoeuvres and prevented the pirates from boarding.
76.	14.06.2009 1453 UTC Steaming Attempted	Milos Bulk Carrier Greece 37937 7356630	12:59N – 043:09E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	Speed boats approached the ship underway. Ship took evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
77.	14.06.2009 1440 UTC Steaming Attempted	Al Masilah Product Tanker Yemen 8750	12:57.9N – 043:09.3E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb,	Four speed boats approached the tanker underway. Tanker made evasive manoeuvres, increased speed and activated fire hoses. Later, the speed boats aborted

		8000109	Red Sea	the attempt.
78.	14.06.2009 1435 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Salalah LNG LNG Tanker Panama 96671 9300817	12:35N – 043:28E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	Several skiffs chased the tanker and fired upon her with intent to board. The tanker enforced anti-piracy measure, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding.
79.	15.06.2009 1305 LT Steaming Fired upon	Hadi Tanker Cyprus 163650 9362073	12:58N – 048:27E, Gulf of Aden	One skiff approached the tanker underway. The skiff increased speed, came close to 10 meters of the tanker and fired several shots with guns and RPG. Master mustered all crew, increased speed, carried out evasive manoeuvres, fired parachute flares and informed Iranian warship. After about 20 minutes the pirates aborted the attempt and moved away. The Iranian warship came and chased the pirates away. A coalition helicopter arrived at scene later. Ship moved away without any casualties and damage.
80.	18.06.2009 1500 UTC Steaming Attempted	Kang Long Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 29935 9240835	16:00.0N – 041:24.7E, Southern Red Sea	30 pirates in three speed boats armed with guns and rocket launchers attempted to attack the ship underway. Ship raised alarm, sounded whistle, took evasive manoeuvres, crew mustered and activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted the attempt due to evasive manoeuvres and the high voltage cables equipped at both sides of the ship.
81.	19.06.2009 1520 LT Steaming Attempted	Tenjun Tanker Panama 159927 9343390	12:38.1N – 043:21.7E, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea	Armed pirates in skiffs chased the tanker underway. Ship raised alarm, sounded whistle, took evasive manoeuvres, crew mustered and activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted the attempt due to evasive manoeuvres and the repeated call via VHF Ch. to the coalition warship in the vicinity.
82.	22.06.2009 0550 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Bolan General Cargo Pakistan 12395 7822108	13:33N – 050:19E, Gulf of Aden	Four skiffs with pirates armed with guns and RPG chased the ship and opened fire at it. Master increased speed, made evasive manoeuvres, contacted coalition warships in the vicinity and crew released dunnage bundles along with sharply cut empty drums. Crew also threw sawdust over side which resulted in the pirates' visibility being hampered. Meanwhile coalition warships were in attendance and the pirates aborted the attack. The coalition warships stopped the skiffs and confiscated their weapons.
83.	22.06.2009 0610 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Maersk Phoenix Tanker Singapore 61764 9283291	13:29.10N – 050:20.50E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in white hull skiffs armed with guns and RPG approached the tanker from the stbd side and fired RPG rounds towards the tanker. Master raised alarm, activated fire pumps and contacted warships. A coalition warship advised tanker that it was

				proceeding to assist. On seeing the warships the pirates aborted the attack.
84.	13.07.2009 0430 UTC Steaming Fired upon	A Elephant Tanker Liberia 145661 8608028	12:20.8N – 043:54.3E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates in a skiff armed with automatic weapons chased and fired upon the tanker underway. The skiff came closer and the pirates tried to hook a ladder onto the shipside. Master made evasive manoeuvres and contacted the warships for help. Due to preventive anti piracy actions, pirates aborted the attempt.
85.	03.08.2009 1500 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Rimar Bulk Carrier Togo 16021 8005549	13:46.50N – 050:42.30E, Gulf of Aden	Ten heavily armed pirates in two boats fired upon the ship underway. The pirates fail to board the ship due to evasive action taken by the master. All the crew and the ship's properties are safe.
86.	04.08.2009 1310 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Notos Scan General Cargo Bahamas 2854 8607658	13:32N – 048:50E, Gulf of Aden	Eight pirates armed with automatic guns in a 7-8 meter long, blue coloured wooden boat, approached the ship underway at 15-17 knots. They fired upon the ship and attempted to board her several times. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, activated SSAS and contacted coalition warships. Pirates aborted the attempted attack due to the ship's effective anti-piracy measures. A coalition helicopter arrived at the location at 1341 UTC.
87.	14.08.2009 0320 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Elgiznur Cebi Bulk Carrier Turkey 33218 9504293	12:35N – 047:25E, Gulf of Aden	Five pirates armed with automatic guns and RPG in a speed boat fired upon the ship underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres to deter the pirates from boarding the ship. A coalition helicopter arrived at the scene after 40 mins and the pirates moved away. One crew injured. The master was instructed to rendezvous with a coalition warship, which sent some troops and a doctor to treat the injured crew.
88.	26.08.2009 0829 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Southern Cross General Cargo Italy 4410 9197014	13:08N – 048:45E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates in a skiff chased and fired upon the ship underway. Alarm raised, crew mustered, evasive manoeuvres adopted and distress signal sent on VHF ch.16. A warship and a military helicopter arrived at the location to render assistance and the pirates aborted the attempted attack. The ship continued passage to destination port.
89.	16.09.2009 1020 UTC Steaming Attempted	North Sea Tanker Singapore 59177 9384564	15:29N – 041:34E, Red Sea	While underway two high speed boats chased the tanker. The tanker altered course to keep the boats in the wake. Later the boats aborted the attempt.
90.	18.09.2009 0120 LT	Harmony Container	14:20.2N – 049:47.1E,	While underway, pirates in a small boat approached the ship and came as close as

	Steaming Attempted	Liberia 10256 8513766	Gulf of Aden	five meters. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Pirates aborted the attempt to board due to crew alertness.
91.	19.09.2009 0605 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Harvest Moon Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 38567 9113410	13:52N – 051:07E, Gulf of Aden	About seven pirates armed with guns in a six metres long, white coloured speed boat, fired upon the ship underway. They attempted to board the ship but were unable to do so due to the evasive manoeuvres and anti-piracy measures taken by the crew. Master contacted coalition forces for assistance. Pirates aborted the attempt upon seeing a coalition helicopter arriving at the scene. No injuries to crew.
92.	19.09.2009 0550 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Prisco Alexandra Chemical Tanker Cyprus 29967 9397547	13:52.10N – 051:04.17E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates armed with machine guns in a six metres long, white coloured skiff, approached from a pirate mother vessel and fired upon the tanker underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, informed ships in vicinity and contacted warships for assistance. Crew mustered and activated all anti-piracy measures. A coalition helicopter arrived and pirates aborted the attack. No injuries to crew. Bridge window damaged.
93.	19.09.2009 0600 UTC Steaming Attempted	Danny Boy Bulk Carrier Bahamas 16960 9324722	13:54.2N – 051:09.8E, Gulf of Aden	About six pirates armed with guns in a small white coloured high-speed boat attempted to attack the ship underway in convoy with two other ships. Master altered course, contacted coalition warships for assistance and crew activated anti-piracy measures. Pirates chased the ship for 20 mins and aborted the attempt upon seeing the presence of a coalition helicopter.
94.	20.09.2009 1545 LT Steaming Attempted	BBC Portugal General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 2545 9195248	12:48.6N – 048:09.3E, Gulf of Aden	One speed boat with seven armed pirates approached the ship underway with intend to board. Ship activated anti piracy measures, armed guards onboard fired two warning shots at the pirates. The pirates aborted the attempt and were seen heading towards the Yemeni coast. All ships in the vicinity and coalition warship were informed via VHF radio.
95.	26.09.2009 0115 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Gem of Cochin Bulk Carrier Panama 37318 8015192	13:11.95N – 049:19.14E, Gulf of Aden	Four pirates armed with guns chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition warships for assistance. Pyrotechnic flares were fired by the master as advised by a coalition warship. The warship came to assist and the pirates aborted the attack on sighting the warship.

96.	26.09.2009 0120 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Handy V Bulk Carrier Panama 35760 8209030	13:11.57N – 049:25.11E, Gulf of Aden	Eight pirates armed with guns in two high powered speed boats attempted to board the ship underway. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres, fired parachute signals, activated SSAS and contacted coalition warships for assistance. Sea water kept running on deck constantly and crew locked themselves in bridge. Pirates started firing at the bridge and a coalition warship advised that they were getting closer to the ship. Pirates aborted the attempt upon seeing the warship. A coalition helicopter carried out inspection outside the ship's superstructure along every deck and confirmed no pirates onboard. Ship resumed course.
97.	26.09.2009 0800 UTC Steaming Attempted	Panamax Peppou Bulk Carrier Panama 34446 8024272	12:15N – 045:39E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in a skiff chased the ship underway. Master carried out evasive manoeuvres, increased speed and informed coalition warships. A coalition warship and a maritime patrol aircraft intervention prevented the pirates to continue the attempt. No injuries to crew and no damage to ship.

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Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.01.2009 0145 UTC Anchored Attempted	Lake Aru Bulk Carrier Panama 15932 9074705	06:05.4N – 001:15.8E, Lome Anchorage, Togo	Seven armed robbers in a motor boat attempted to board the ship at anchor. Duty officer raised alarm and crew prepared fire hoses. Upon seeing crew alertness the robbers aborted the attempted attack. Port control informed.
2.	15.01.2009 0235 UTC Anchored Attempted	Lake Aru Bulk Carrier Panama 15932 9074705	06:05.4N – 001:15.8E, Lome Anchorage, Togo	Four robbers in a motor boat attempted to board the ship at anchor. Duty officer raised alarm and crew activated fire hoses. Upon seeing crew alertness the robbers aborted the attempt. Master heaved up anchor and proceeded to open sea for drifting.
3.	28.01.2009 2340 UTC Anchored Attempted	Flora Delmas Container Bahamas 16916 9239862	06:43.7S – 039:18.5E, Dar Es Salaam Roads, Tanzania	Four robbers in a small wooden boat attempted to climb onboard an anchored ship. Alert duty watchmen informed the duty officer who raised the general alarm and directed the ship's search light towards the robbers. Seeing that they were noticed the robbers aborted and moved away. Port control was informed.

4.	10.02.2009 1905 LT Steaming Fired upon	Aramis Tanker Liberia 37895 8117081	05:59N – 005:47E, Off SE of Pennington Terminal, Nigeria	Ten heavily armed pirates in a speed boat approached and attempted to stop the tanker underway. The pirates opened fire at the tanker. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Master took evasive measures and prevented boarding. Pirates continued firing at the tanker and attempted to board but failed due to effective preventive measures. Later, pirates aborted the attempt.
5.	22.02.2009 2340 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Khatanga Product Tanker Russia 14937 8610887	03:59.61N – 006:46.25E, 20.5 NM Off Onne, Nigeria	Five pirates armed with automatic guns in a high speed boat and two pirates in a fishing boat approached the tanker underway. They opened fire at the bridge and attempted to board the tanker. Master raised alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Due to the evasive manoeuvres, pirates aborted the attempted attack.
6.	26.03.2009 2220 LT Anchored Attempted	MS Simon Chemical Tanker Liberia 25400 9247493	06:17.96N – 003:25.06E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Ship's crew onboard the tanker at anchor noticed a boat with several persons armed with machine guns, rocket propelled grenade launchers and machetes attempting to climb onboard with the use of a rope. All crew alerted and alarm raised. Upon seeing the alert crew, the robbers aborted the attempt and escaped.
7.	25.05.2009 2000 UTC Berthed Attempted	Marimba Chemical Tanker Liberia 22620 8301199	Folawiyo Terminal, Nispan Jetty, Apapa Port, Lagos, Nigeria	Seven robbers in a boat approached the tanker at berth. Two of the robbers attempted to board the tanker three times in less than 12 hours. Alert crew managed to chase the robbers away every time.
8.	30.06.2009 0500 UTC Steaming Attempted	Anna Stevns General Cargo Panama 1889 7429281	11:20N – 017:15W, 45 NM Off Guinea Bissau	Twelve armed pirates in a boat attempted to board the ship underway. Due to the quick action and anti-piracy measures taken by the master and ship's crew, the pirates were unable to board and aborted their attempt.
9.	02.08.2009 2317 UTC Anchored Fired upon	Duden Bulk Carrier Turkey 16211 8005226	03:55.46N – 006:37.32E, Bonny River, Port Harcourt Roads, Nigeria	Heavily armed robbers in two speed boats, seven in each boat approached and opened fire on the ship at anchor. The ship immediately heaved anchor and proceeded to open seas for safety reasons. One crew injured.
10.	04.09.2009 1902 UTC Steaming Attempted	Loex LPG Tanker Malta 5764 9238131	03:48.03N – 009:25.04E, Near Buoy No.B3, Douala Port, Cameroon	Armed pirates in two skiffs, approached the tanker restricted in her ability to manoeuvre. One skiff managed to throw a hook and line over the tanker. The alert crew raised the alarm, switched on the deck lights and crew mustered. Seeing alert crew the pirates aborted and moved away. Later the master heard over the VHF that armed pirates had assaulted the crew and looted

				another vessel. The pirates had jammed the VHF signal for the duration of the attack.
11.	21.09.2009 1048 LT Steaming Attempted	Morning Ninni Vehicle Carrier Singapore 51917 9367592	06:21.9N – 003:24.7E, Lagos Breakwater, Nigeria	Nine pirates in two boats came close to the astern of the ship underway. One of the pirates managed to get onto the stern ramp recess. The vigilant crew sighted the pirates and shouted at them. Upon seeing the crew alertness the pirates aborted their attempt and moved away.

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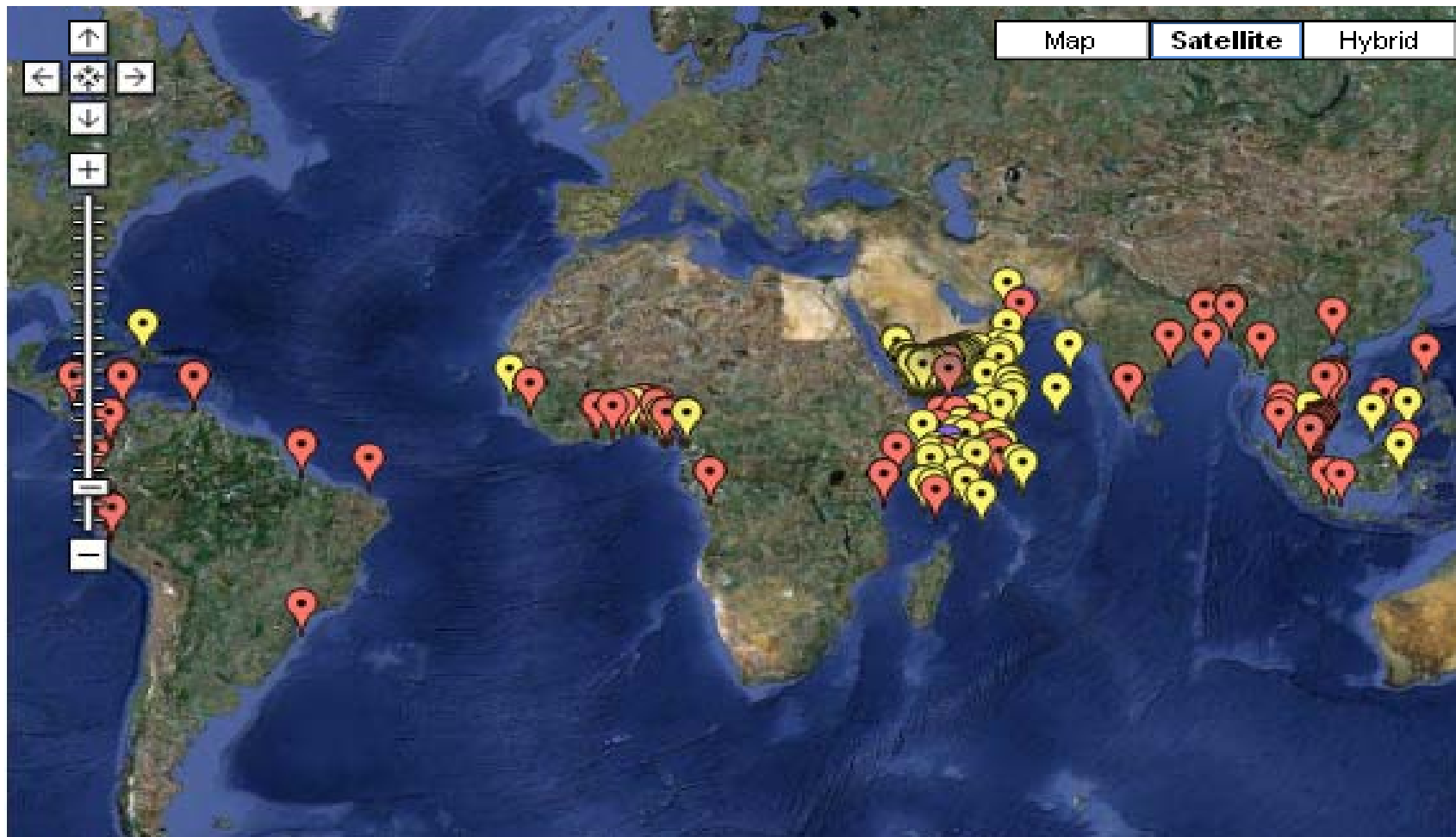
Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	05.03.2009 0345 LT Steaming Attempted	Prabhu Daya Bulk Carrier Singapore 29986 9231573	07:56N – 065:28E, 900 NM Off Somalia, Indian Ocean	While underway, OOW onboard the ship noticed an unidentified and unlit target on the radar about 9 NM on stbd bow. Target did not transmit AIS signal and did not respond to calls on vhf radio. About 45 minutes later, target increased speed and headed towards the ship. Ship took evasive manoeuvres and prevented target from getting closer. Later, target was noticed aborting the attempt and moving away. The ship resumed passage on intended route.
2.	06.04.2009 1900 UTC Steaming Attempted	Shanghai Venture Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 32505 9333929	15:13.47N – 067:15.01E, 350 NM West Coast of India, Arabian Sea	A bulk carrier underway detected on radar speed boats approaching from the stbd bow / port bow at a distance of 12 NM. The speed boats increased speed and approached with a CPA of 0.01 NM, master increased speed, all crew mustered, activated fire hoses, switched on all lights, sent distress signal, made evasive manoeuvres and succeeded in preventing the boarding.
3.	10.06.2009 1420 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Gokcan Bulk Carrier Turkey 21918 8124802	18:41.8N – 058:01.0E, Off Oman	A bulk carrier underway was chased by two speed boats. The master contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre for assistance. The message was immediately relayed to the authorities to render necessary assistance. The pirates made several attempts to board the ship using portable ladder. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew threw wooden and iron pieces at the ship's side to avoid the boarding. Then, the pirates fired upon the ship and again they tried to board the ship several times. Due to the evasive manoeuvres, the pirates aborted the attempt and returned to a

				mother vessel in the vicinity.
4.	04.07.2009 1800 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Svyatoy Ioan Bulk Carrier Panama 34987 7922104	14:51.3N – 058:29.8E, Off Oman	The master reported that one small boat attacked the ship from her stern and fired a RPG at her. Master took evasive action, increased speed and managed to escape. The sea condition at the time of the incident was beaufort scale force 07.
5.	16.09.2009 1400 UTC Steaming Attempted	CSAV Morumbi Container Liberia 32200 9316335	15:20.0N – 056:27.8E, Off Oman	A boat drifting on port beam of the ship underway, increased speed and approached the ship. Due to ship's higher speed, the boat was unable to get closer. The pirate boat aborted the attempt.



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Total Attacks Indian Sub Continent – 22

Total Attacks Far east & SE Asia - 50



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Total Attacks West Coast Africa– 32



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Attacks Gulf of Aden / Red Sea – 115

Attacks East Coast Somalia - 47