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**PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY  
AGAINST SHIPS**

**REPORT FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 January – 30 September 2008**

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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 2008.

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 weekly 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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**Weekly piracy report on the Internet:** The IMB posts the weekly updates of attacks on the Internet at [www.icc-ccs.org](http://www.icc-ccs.org). The report is compiled from the Piracy Reporting Centre's daily status bulletins. By posting the information on the Internet, ship owners and authorities ashore as well as ships at sea can access the weekly updates.

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 2008, received reports of 199 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.

## **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 74<sup>th</sup> 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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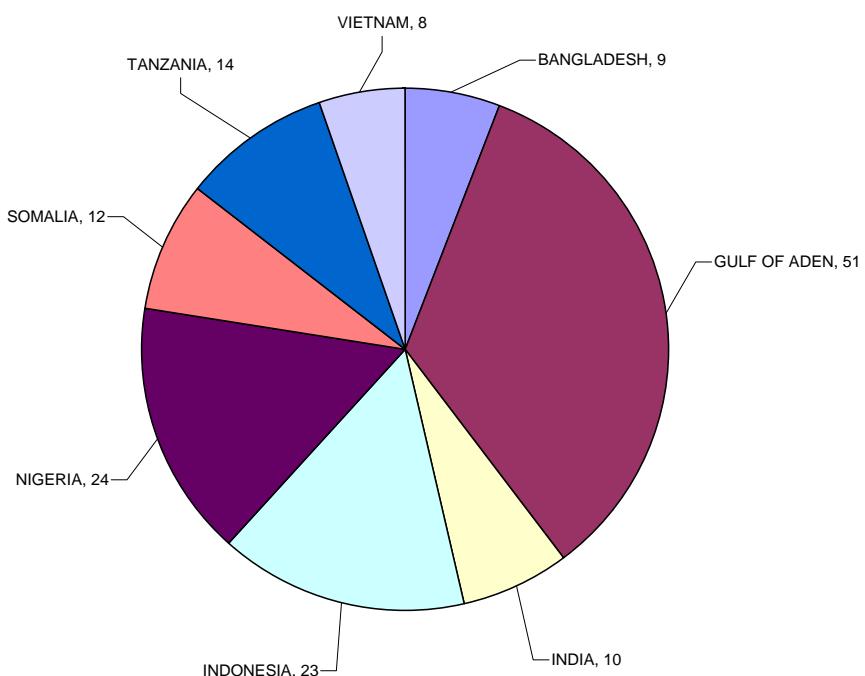
**TABLE 1: Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks,  
January - September 2004 – 2008**

Locations	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>S E ASIA</b>					
Indonesia	70	61	40	37	23
Malacca Straits	25	10	8	4	2
Malaysia	8	3	9	7	7
Myanmar (Burma)	1				1
Philippines	3		3	2	6
Singapore Straits	8	7	3	3	2
Thailand /Gulf of Thailand	4	1	1	2	
<b>FAR</b>	China / HK / Macau	3	2	1	
<b>EAST</b>	Papua New Guinea			1	
South China Sea	8	4	1	3	
Vietnam	3	8	3	4	8
<b>INDIAN SUB</b>	Bangladesh	15	14	33	13
<b>CONTINENT</b>	India	10	12	4	7
Sri Lanka				4	1
<b>AMERICAS</b>	Brazil	6	2	6	3
Colombia	3	1	2		
Dominican Republic	1	1			
Ecuador	1		1		1
Guyana		1	1	3	
Haiti	5	2		1	2
Honduras	1				
Jamaica	4	7	3	1	
Peru	4	5	6	5	3
Suriname				1	
Trinidad & Tobago	1				
Venezuela	6	2	2	1	3
<b>AFRICA</b>	Angola		2	1	2
Cameroon	3	1	1		
Congo			3		1
Dem. Congo Republic				4	1
Egypt				2	
Equatorial Guinea					1
Eritrea	1			1	
Ghana	5	3	1	1	4
Guinea	4		3	1	
Gulf of Aden	5	8	9	10	51 *
Ivory Coast	4	3	1		3
Kenya	1			4	1
Liberia	2			1	1
Madagascar	1	1			
Mauritania	2		1		
Morocco		1			1
Mozambique					2
Nigeria	18	14	9	26	24
Senegal	5				

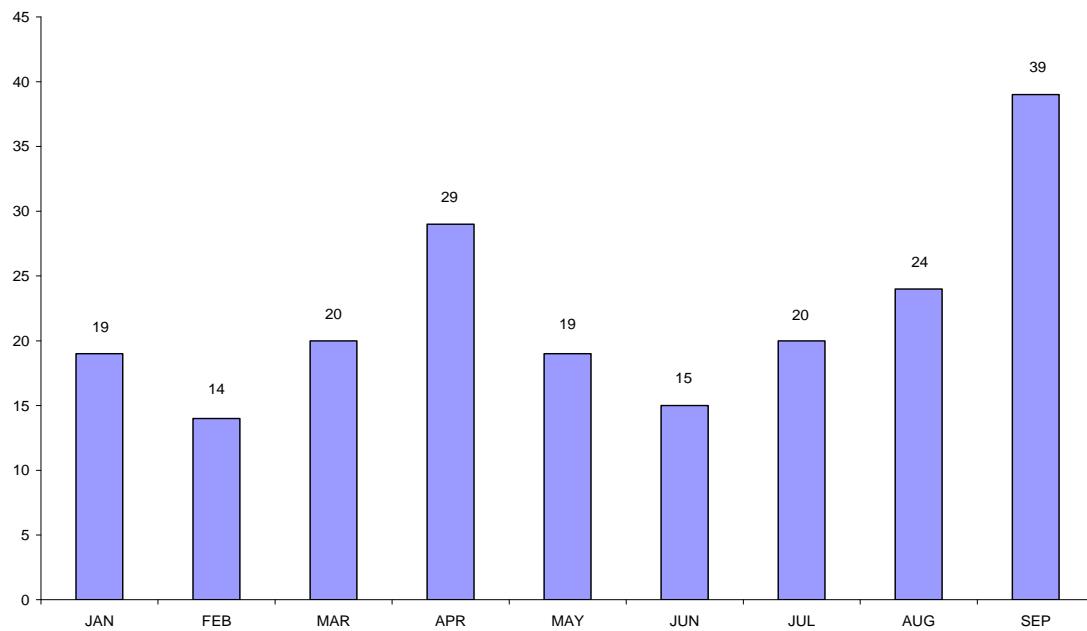
Sierra Leone	3		2	1	
Somalia	1	19	8	26	12
Tanzania		4	2	9	14
Togo					1
<b>REST OF WORLD</b>	<b>Arabian Sea</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>Belgium</b>			<b>1</b>	
	<b>France</b>				<b>1</b>
	<b>Iran</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>Iraq</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>Oman</b>				<b>2</b>
	<b>Pacific Ocean</b>	<b>1</b>			
	<b>Seychelles</b>				<b>1</b>
	<b>UAE</b>	<b>2</b>			
	<b>United Kingdom</b>				<b>1</b>
<b>Sub total for nine months</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>263</b>	

\* NO ATTACKS REPORTED IN THE RED SEA. SOMALI PIRATES RESPONSIBLE FOR GULF OF ADEN INCIDENTS.

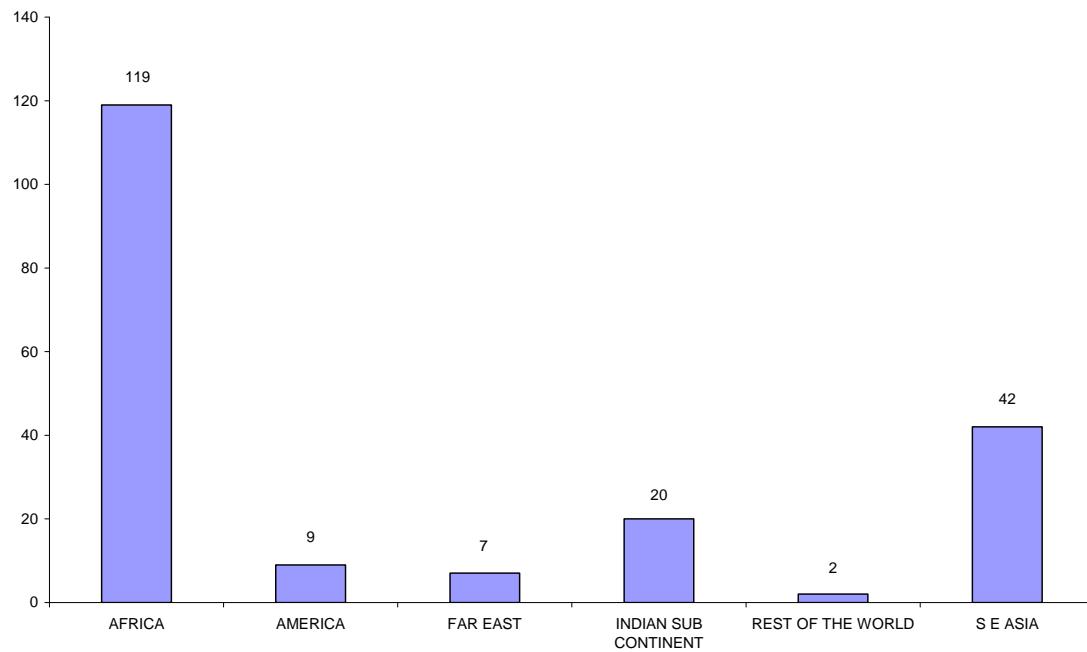
**CHART A:** The following locations shared approximately three fourths of the incidents i.e. 151 from a total of 199 attacks reported in the period January – September 2008



**CHART B: Monthly comparison of incidents during January – September 2008**



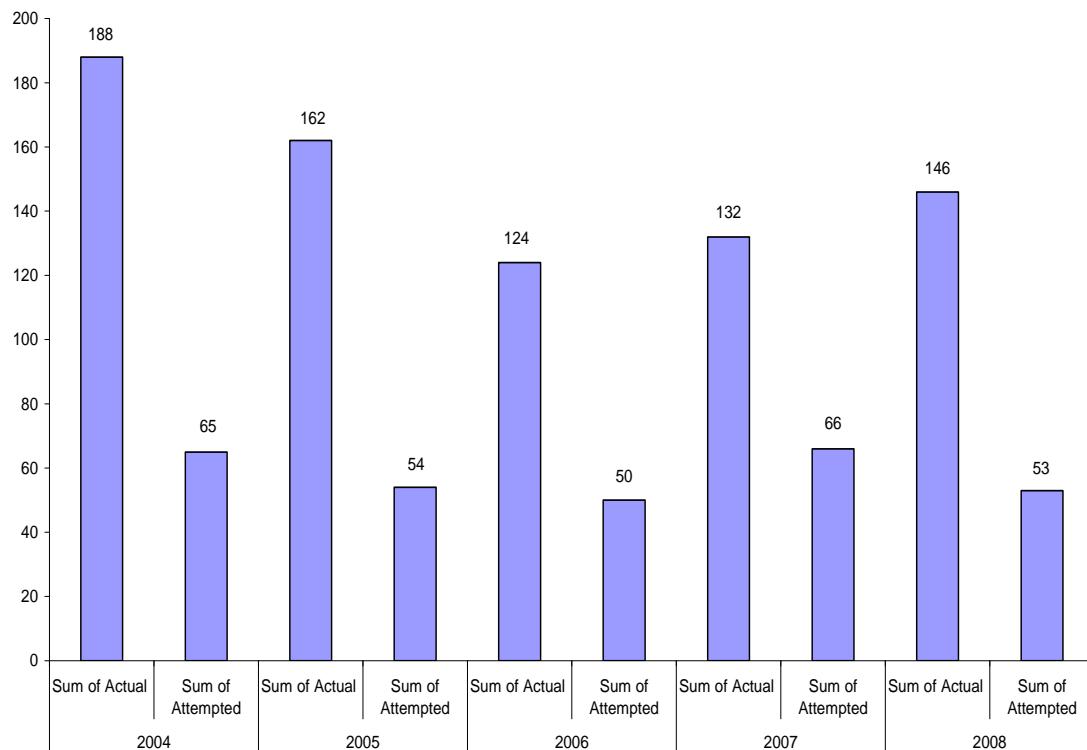
**CHART C: Total incidents as per Regions of the world January – September 2008**



**TABLE 2: ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by location, January – September 2008**

Location	ACTUAL ATTACKS				ATTEMPTED ATTACKS	
	Boarded	Hijacked	Detained	Missing	Fired Upon	Attempted Boarding
<b>S E ASIA</b>						
Indonesia	20	1			1	1
Malacca Straits						2
Malaysia	4	3				
Myanmar						1
Philippines	5					1
Singapore Straits	1					1
<b>FAR EAST</b>	Vietnam	7				1
<b>INDIAN</b>	Bangladesh	9				
<b>SUB CONT</b>	India	9				1
	Sri Lanka					1
<b>AMERICAS</b>	Ecuador	1				
	Haiti	2				
	Peru	3				
	Venezuela	3				
<b>AFRICA</b>	Angola	2				
	Congo	1				
	Dem. Republic Congo	1				
	Equatorial Guinea	1				
	Ghana	3				1
	Gulf of Aden	1	18		18	14
	Ivory Coast	3				
	Kenya					1
	Liberia	1				
	Nigeria	19	1		1	3
	Morocco					1
	Mozambique	2				
	Somalia		8		3	1
	Tanzania	14				
	Togo	1				
<b>REST OF</b>	France	1				
<b>WORLD</b>	Seychelles	1				
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>31</b>	-	-	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total</b>				<b>199</b>		

**CHART D: Comparison Actual and Attempted attacks January – September 2004 - 2008**



**TABLE 3: Ports and anchorages, with three or more reported incidents, January – September 2008**

Country	Location	1.1.2007 to 30.9.2007	1.1.2008 to 30.09.2008
Ivory Coast	Abidjan		3
India	Kakinada		3
Bangladesh	Chittagong	13	8
Ghana	Tema		3
Indonesia	Tanjung Priok	3	4
Indonesia	Belawan	7	5
Nigeria	Lagos	14	20
Peru	Callao	4	3
Philippines	Manila		3
Tanzania	Dar es Salaam	9	10
Vietnam	Vung Tau	3	4

**TABLE 4: Status of ships during ACTUAL attacks, January - September 2008**

LOCATION	BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING	NOT STATED
<b>S E ASIA</b>				
Indonesia	2	11	8	
Malaysia	1	2	4	
Philippines		3	2	
Singapore Straits			1	
<b>FAR EAST</b>				
Vietnam	1	5	1	
<b>INDIAN</b>				
Bangladesh	2	6	1	
<b>SUB CONT</b>				
India		8	1	
<b>AMERICAS</b>				
Ecuador		1		
Haiti		2		
Peru		3		
Venezuela		1	1	1
<b>AFRICA</b>				
Angola		2		
Congo		1		
Dem. Republic Congo		1		
Equatorial Guinea			1	
Ghana		3		
Gulf of Aden			19	
Ivory Coast		3		
Liberia	1			
Mozambique	1	1		
Nigeria	6	10	4	
Somalia			8	
Tanzania		7	7	
Togo		1		
<b>REST OF WORLD</b>				
France		1		
Seychelles		1		
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>146</b>	

**TABLE 5: Status of ships during ATTEMPTED attacks, January - September 2008**

LOCATION	BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING	NOT STATED
S E ASIA Indonesia			2	
Malacca Straits			2	
Myanmar	1			
Philippines			1	
Singapore Straits			1	
FAR EAST Vietnam	1			
INDIAN India	1			
SUB CONT Sri Lanka			1	
AFRICA Ghana	1			
Gulf of Aden			32	
Kenya	1			
Morocco	1			
Nigeria		2	2	
Somalia			4	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>53</b>	

**TABLE 6: Types of arms used during attacks, January - September 2004 - 2008**

Types of Arms	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Guns	69	58	42	51	76
Knives	74	64	57	47	54
Other weapons	11	12	8	9	4
Not stated	97	71	67	91	65
<b>Sub total: Jan - Sept</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>263</b>	

**TABLE 7: Comparison of the type of attacks, January - September 2004 – 2008**

Category	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Attempted	56	38	44	55	30
Fired upon	9	15	6	11	23
Hijack	9	11	11	15	31
Boarded	177	141	113	117	115
<b>Sub total: Jan - Sept</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>263</b>	

**TABLE 8: Types of violence to crew, January – September 2004 – 2008**

Types of Violence	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Hostage	186	259	163	172	581
Kidnap	N/A	12	20	63	9
Threatened	29	10	14	4	4
Assaulted	10	3	2	21	5
Injured	51	19	13	21	22
Killed	30	-	6	3	9
Missing	21	12	-	2	7
<b>Total Jan - Sept</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>637</b>

**TABLE 9: Type of violence to crew by location, January - September 2008**

Location	Taken Hostage	Crew Threatened	Crew Assault	Crew Injured	Crew Killed	Missing	Kidnap
S E ASIA	Indonesia	10		2		6	
	Malaysia	15	1				
	Philippines			9	7	1	
FAR EAST	Vietnam	3					
INDIAN SUB CONT	Bangladesh	1		1			
AMERICAS	Peru	2					
	Venezuela	2	4	1			
AFRICA	Ghana	1					
	Gulf of Aden	395		1	1		
	Mozambique	1					
	Nigeria	12		7		6	
	Somalia	137			1		3
	Tanzania	6		1			
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>637</b>			

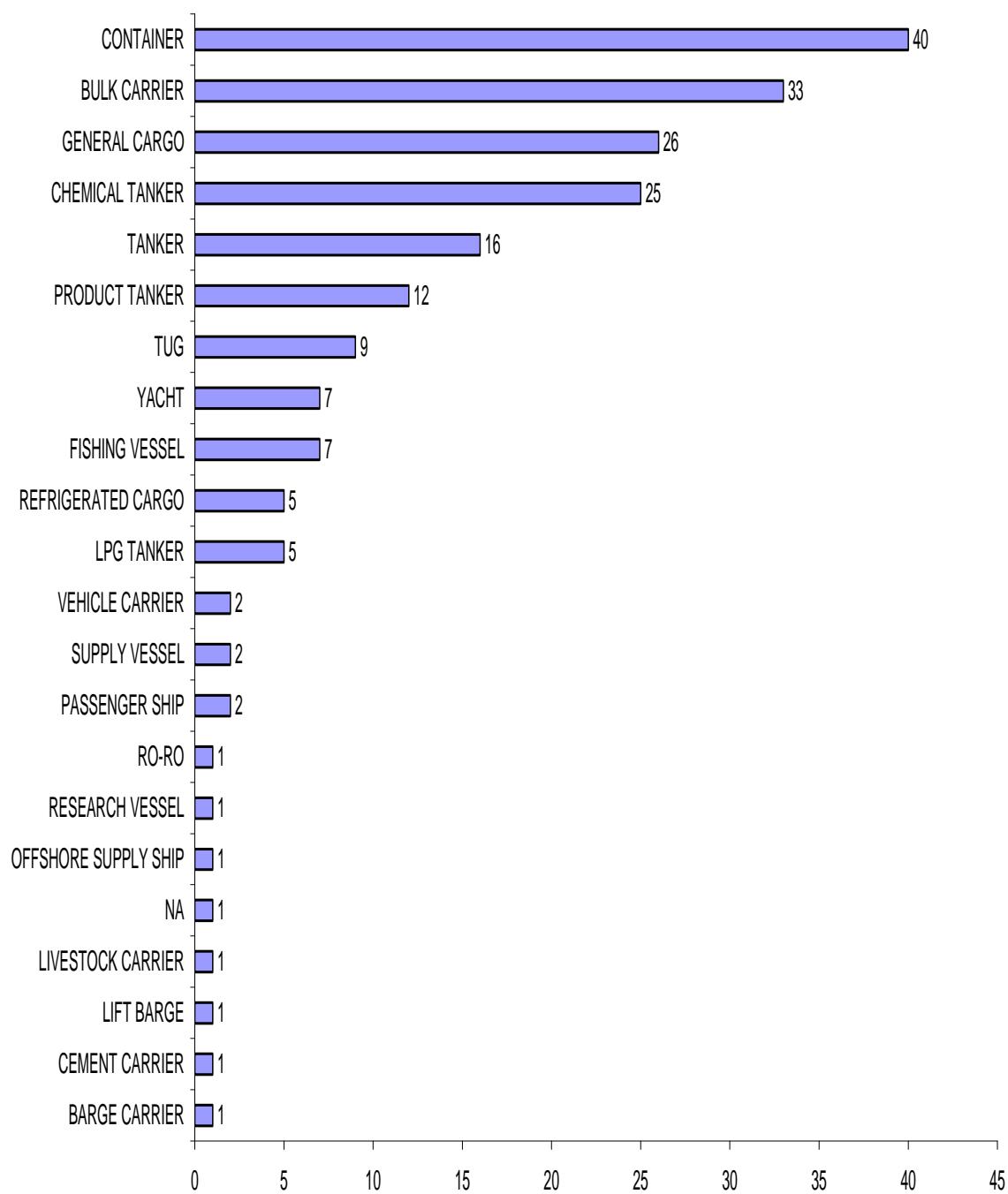
**TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical location, January - September 2008**

LOCATIONS	Armed with Guns	Armed with Knives	Other Weapons	Not Stated
<b>S E ASIA</b>				
Indonesia	3	10	1	9
Malacca Straits				2
Malaysia	4	2		1
Myanmar				1
Philippines	2	3		1
Singapore Straits		1		1
<b>FAR EAST</b>	Vietnam		4	
<b>INDIAN</b>	Bangladesh	1	3	1
<b>SUB CONT</b>	India		3	7
	Sri Lanka			1
<b>AMERICAS</b>	Ecuador			1
	Haiti		1	1
	Peru		2	1
	Venezuela	2		1
<b>AFRICA</b>	Angola			2
	Congo			1
	Dem. Republic Congo			1
	Equatorial Guinea	1		
	Ghana		3	1
	Gulf of Aden	44		7
	Ivory Coast		2	1
	Kenya			1
	Liberia		1	
	Morocco			1
	Mozambique		2	
	Nigeria	8	8	2
	Somalia	10		2
	Tanzania		8	6
	Togo		1	
<b>REST OF</b>	France	1		
<b>WORLD</b>	Seychelles			1
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>199</b>	

**TABLE 11: Types of ships attacked, January – September 2004 – 2008**

Type	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Barge / Barge carrier	1	2		1	1
Bulk carrier	52	57	39	22	33
Cable Layer		1			
Catamaran	1	1			
Cement Carrier	1				1
Container	37	24	37	39	40
Diving Support Vessel	1				
Dhow			2	3	
General cargo	31	33	19	27	26
Hopper Dredger			1		
Landing Craft	2		2		
Livestock carrier	2				1
Lift Barge					1
Offshore Processing Ship		1		1	
Offshore Barge			1		
Passenger			2		2
Pollution Control			1		
Refrigerated	5	3	2	5	5
Research ship				2	1
Rig / Platform / FPSO				3	
RORO	2	4	1	3	1
Supply Ship	7		1		3
Tanker Bitumen				1	
Tanker Chem/ Product	44	36	25	35	37
Tanker Crude Oil	15	16	6	22	16
Tanker LNG				1	
Tanker LPG	8	2	2	4	5
Trawler/Fishing	18	3	15	12	7
Tug / Tug & barge	13	12	9	6	9
Vehicle carrier	1	2	1	1	2
Yacht	9	5	8	7	7
Not stated	1	3		3	1
<b>Total : Jan-Sept</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>Total at year end</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>263</b>	

**CHART E: Type of vessels attacked January – September 2008**

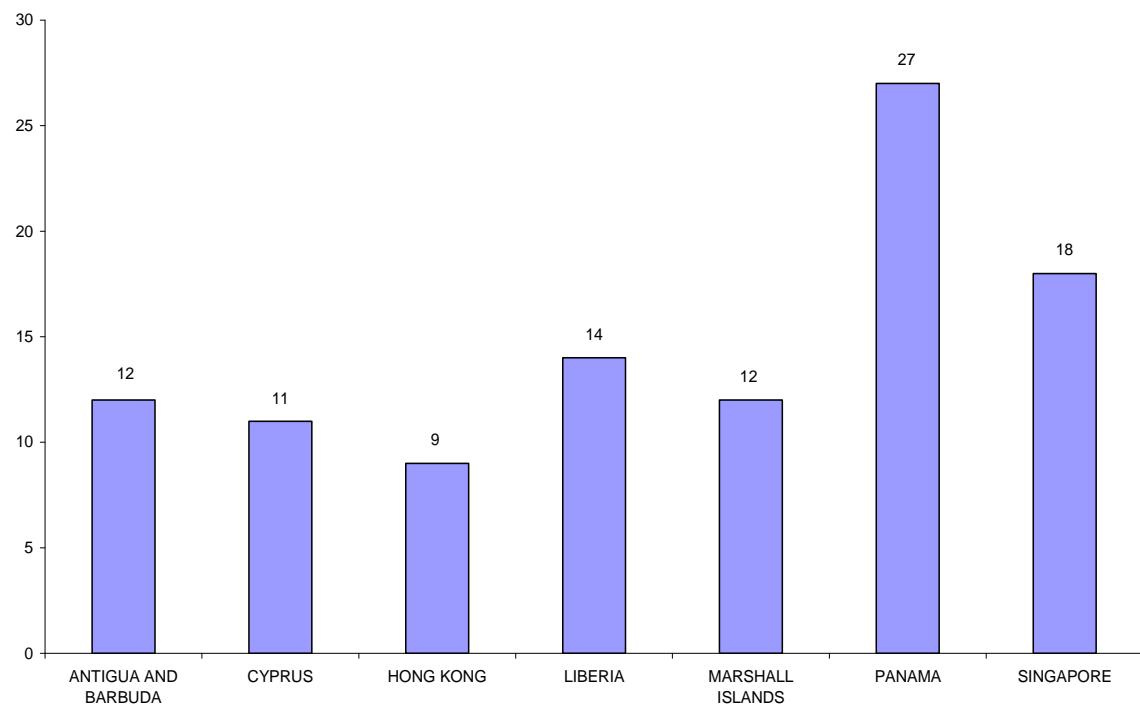


**TABLE 12: Nationalities of ships attacked, January - September 2004 – 2008**

Flag State	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Antigua Barbuda	7	8	8	7	12
Antilles Netherlands	2	2	2		
Australia			1		
Austria			1		
Bahamas	8	8	3	3	8
Barbados					2
Bahrain					1
Belize					2
Brazil	2			1	
Bahrain	1				
Bangladesh	6				
Belize	2	1			
Cambodia		1		1	
Canada	1	2			
Canary Islands					1
Cayman Island	4		1	1	1
Chile	1				
China	1	1	1	2	2
Comoros				1	
Cyprus	9	11	2	9	11
Denmark	2	1		3	2
Egypt		1		1	
France	1	1	1		5
Georgia	1				
Germany			1	1	3
Gibraltar	4	1		5	2
Greece	4	1		1	1
Guyana				3	
Honduras	1	1		1	
Hong Kong (SAR)	3	8	5	5	9
India	6	7	6	3	2
Indonesia	12	4	6	3	1
Iran	2	6			1
Isle Of Man	1		3	2	5
Italy	1	3			1
Japan	2	2		1	2
Jordan			2	1	1
Liberia	26	12	16	23	14
Lithuania				2	
Luxemburg				1	
Malaysia	13	12	11	4	6
Maldives		2			
Malta	12	6	9	4	7
Marshall Islands	4	7	7	13	12
Mongolia	1			1	
Myanmar	1	2	1	1	
Netherlands		2	2	3	3

Nigeria	4			1	1
North Korea	1		1		
Norway	4	2	2	6	7
Oman			1		
Pakistan	1	1			
Panama	43	32	32	32	27
Portugal				2	
Philippines	2	2	2		4
Qatar	1			2	
Russia			1		
S.Korea	2		3		3
Saudi Arabia	1				
Seychelles					1
Singapore	22	21	18	19	18
St. Kitts & Nevis		1		2	
St. Vincent Grenadines	3	5	5	3	4
Sri Lanka	2	2			
Suriname				1	
Switzerland			2		
Taiwan		1		1	1
Thailand	3	3	1	2	3
Tanzania				2	
Trinidad & Tobago	1				
Turkey	2		2	2	1
Tuvalu	1		1		
UAE	2		1	3	1
Ukraine					1
United Kingdom	6	4	3	3	4
USA		5	3	1	4
Vanuatu	2	1	2	1	
Venezuela	1				
Vietnam	3	3	1	1	
Yemen					2
Not Stated	2	9	4	7	
<b>Total Jan to Sept</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>199</b>
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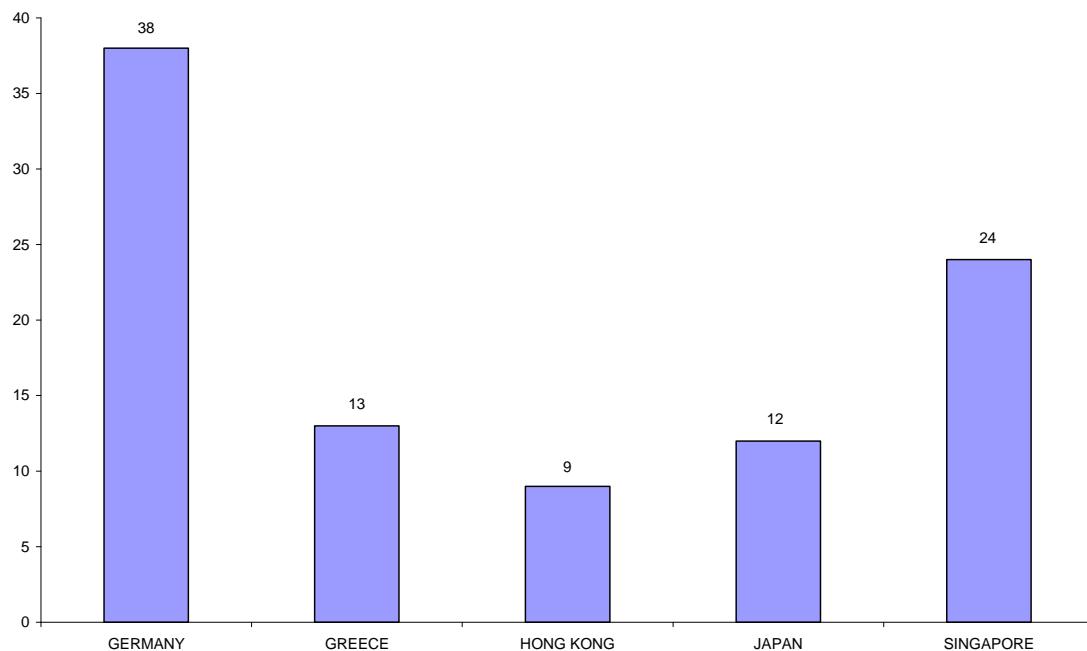
**CHART F: Flag States whose vessels attacked nine times or more January – September 2008**



**TABLE 13: Countries where victim ships were controlled or managed**  
**January – September 2008**

<b>Country</b>	<b>No of Ships</b>
Bangladesh	1
China	7
Croatia	1
Cyprus	3
Denmark	5
Egypt	1
France	5
Germany	38
Greece	13
Hong Kong	9
India	5
Indonesia	1
Iran	3
Italy	1
Japan	12
Korea	3
Kuwait	1
Malaysia	6
Monaco	2
Netherlands	8
Nigeria	2
Norway	7
Philippines	2
Poland	1
Portugal	1
Seychelles	1
Singapore	24
Somalia	1
South Africa	1
Spain	1
Switzerland	1
Syria	1
Taiwan	2
Thailand	3
Turkey	2
UAE	3
Ukraine	3
United Kingdom	7
USA	7
Yemen	2
Not Stated	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>199</b>

**CHART G: Managing countries whose vessels attacked nine or more times January – September 2008**



#### **SOMALIA ATTACK FIGURES UPDATE**

As of 30 September 2008, the IMB PRC received a total of 63 attacks for Somalia and the Gulf of Aden (Suspected Somali pirates are responsible for Gulf of Aden incidents). There were 12 attacks off Somalia and 51 attacks in the Gulf of Aden. Out of the 63 attacks, 26 vessels were hijacked. Eight vessels were hijacked off Somalia and 18 vessels hijacked in the Gulf of Aden. As of 30 September, Somali pirates are holding 12 vessels at gunpoint for ransom and 259 crewmembers as hostages. It has been reported that one crew has died in captivity. All type of vessels; general cargo, bulk carriers, tankers, Ro Ro, fishing vessels, sailing yachts and tugboats are being targeted, attacked and hijacked.

## ***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 fallen, the area is still listed as very high risk. Pirates are targeting ships preparing to anchor. Most attacks reported at Chittagong anchorages and approaches.

**Indonesia :** Anambas / Natuna island area, Belawan, Jakarta/Tg Priok. Pirates normally armed with guns / knives / machete. Generally be vigilant in other areas. Many attacks may have gone unreported.

**India :** Kandla. Most ships were attacked while at anchor.

**Malacca Straits :** Although the number of attacks has dropped due to the increase and constant patrols by the littoral states relevant Authorities since July 2005, ships are advised to continue maintaining a strict anti piracy watch when transiting the straits.

**Philippines :** Manila – Pirates target ships at anchor and surrounding waters.

**Singapore Straits :** Vessels are advised to continue to be vigilant and maintain anti piracy watch. In the past pirates seen attacking ships while at anchor and underway.

**Vietnam :** Vung Tau

### **AFRICA AND RED SEA.**

**Africa :** 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 are now attacking vessels in the northern Somali coast in the Gulf of Aden. 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, the pirates anchor the vessel close to the Somali coast and thereafter demand a ransom for the release of the crew and vessel. All vessels transiting the area are advised to take additional precautionary measures and maintain strict 24 hours radar and anti piracy watch using all available means. Watch keeping crews should look out for small suspicious boats converging towards own vessel. Early sightings/detection and accurate assessment will allow Master 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.

The US Naval Central Command has established a Maritime Security Patrol Area (MSPA) in the Gulf of Aden. A force of coalition Navy warships will patrol the area and aircraft will fly in the airspace above. The coordinates for the corridor through the Gulf of Aden are:-

WAYPOINT : 12 15 N 045 E  
WAYPOINT : 12 35 N 045 E  
WAYPOINT : 13 35 N 049 E  
WAYPOINT : 13 40 N 049 E  
WAYPOINT : 14 10 N 050 E  
WAYPOINT : 14 15 N 050 E  
WAYPOINT : 14 35 N 053 E  
WAYPOINT : 14 45 N 053 E

**Masters using the Maritime Security Patrol Area (MSPA) 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.**

**Reports indicate some vessels attacked/hijacked in the corridor.**

**Somalia** : Recent attacks indicate that the pirates have resumed attacking vessels off the east coast of Somalia. The attacks are now on two fronts; Gulf of Aden and East coast Somalia. The Somali pirates are dangerous and are prepared to fire their automatic weapons, including RPG (Rocket Propelled Grenade), on ships in order to intimidate the master to stop. These pirates are believed to be using “mother vessels” to launch attacks at great distances from the coast. The “mother vessel” is able to aid in carrying out attacks in deep-sea positions with the help of smaller, faster boats, which are launched to attack and hijack ship. Eastern and North-eastern coasts are high-risk areas for attacks and hijackings.

The IMB maintains its advice that vessels not making scheduled calls to ports in Somalia should keep as far away as possible from the Somali coast, ideally more than 250 nautical miles until a more permanent and encouraging sign is seen. Mariners are advised and encouraged to report all actual and attempted attacks including suspicious boat sightings to the 24 hour manned Piracy Reporting 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 increased speed and at the same time request for assistance.

### **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

### **REST OF THE WORLD**

**Arabian Sea** – Sightings and calls from suspicious small boats. In some cases, boats chased the ships with unknown intent.

**Reporting of incidents**

Ships are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watches and report all piratical attacks and suspicious movements of crafts to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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

## **TRENDS**

A total of 199 incidents were reported to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) in the first nine months of 2008.

There has been a dramatic increase in the number of incidents reported in the third quarter (83) as compared to the first (53) and second quarters (63) of 2008. This rise is directly attributed to the increased piratical activity in the Gulf of Aden and off the East coast of Somalia.

In the first nine months of 2008 - worldwide 115 vessels were boarded, 31 vessels hijacked and 23 vessels fired upon. A total of 581 crewmembers were taken hostage, nine kidnapped, nine killed and seven missing – presumed dead.

As compared to the corresponding period last year the total number of actual attacks reported have increased. The types of attacks, the violence associated with the attacks, the number of hostages taken and the amounts paid in ransoms for the release of the vessels have all increased.

The Gulf of Aden and East coast of Somalia rank as the number one piracy hotspot with 63 incidents reported, accounting for almost a third of the overall reported attacks.

A total of 26 vessels were hijacked by Somali pirates with 537 crew members taken hostage. A further 21 vessels were also fired upon by Somali pirates in the same period. As of 30 September 2008, there were still 12 vessels under negotiations with over 250 crew held as hostage.

The shift of piratical attacks from the East coast of Somalia into the Gulf of Aden as indicated in the IMB second quarter report has begun to threaten shipping and trade passing through this extremely important trade route between Asia and Europe.

The IMB World Piracy Map ([www.icc-ccs.org](http://www.icc-ccs.org)) best illustrates this trend. Of the 63 reported incidents in this area, 51 have been reported in the Gulf of Aden and 12 off the east coast of Somalia. Attacks in the Gulf of Aden involve vessels being indiscriminately fired upon by automatic weapons resulting in the loss of life of one crewmember. The use of Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPG) has resulted in damage of a tanker culminating in a minor pollution.

Nigeria holds second spot with 24 reported incidents received. Of these at least 20 attacks have taken place in Lagos. There is a lot of under reporting from Nigeria. This is a cause of great concern, as the true extent of the problem is not being portrayed.

Indonesia is the third highest ranking country with 23 reported incidents. All except two of these cases are low level incidents aimed at theft of valuables and stores from the vessel.

Unlike Nigeria and to a lesser extent Somalia, the attacks are not concentrated and are scattered throughout the Indonesian archipelago.

The IMB congratulates Indonesia on bringing the overall number of attacks down, year on year.

Two incidents have been reported for the Malacca Straits, the same number as for the corresponding period in 2007. The littoral states should also be complimented for the continued and enhanced co-operation that has been in existence since 2004 which is directly attributable to keeping the overall number of incidents in this important strategic chokepoint down.

There are however 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 199 attacks for the first three quarters of 2008 are listed on pages 39 to 79. The following serious incidents, in chronological sequence are described in more detail.*

### **Venezuela:**

On 05 July 2008, a British flagged yacht Raven-Eye was attacked by armed pirates while steaming at position Latitude 10:45 North and Longitude 063:00W, about 8NM off Puerto Santos, Venezuela at approximately 1900 Hrs LT.

Six armed pirates with guns and knives in an old fishing pirogue waved their guns and knives to try to stop the yacht underway. The skipper of the yacht rammed his vessel into the fishing boat but the pirates managed to board the yacht. One of the pirates was dressed in a military uniform and two others with facemasks.

The pirates were violent and tied the skipper and his wife and pointed their guns to their heads. The pirates shot and stabbed the skipper's dog who tried to defend them.

The pirates stole the yacht's equipment, property and left. The skipper's wife suffered severe cut to her hand when the pirates tried to take her wedding ring.

The British couple lodged a police report and the Authorities are investigating.

### **Gulf of Aden:**

On 20 July 2008, a Panama flagged Bulk Carrier MV Stella Maris was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:16.99 North and Longitude 050:03.47 East, SE of Al Mukalla in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0011 UTC.

Armed pirates attacked and hijacked the ship and took hostage 21 crew members. The ship was enroute to Europe. The ship activated her SSAS and sent voice message to the coalition forces indicating pirates onboard. The hijackers sailed the ship to Eyl and anchored her and demanded a ransom for the release of the crew and ship. Negotiations are in progress.

On 12 August 2008, a Thai flagged General Cargo ship MV Thor Star was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:38.81 North and Longitude 049:45.14 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0822 UTC.

Armed pirates hijacked the ship and took 28 crew members as hostage. The ship activated SSAS distress alert. The pirates sailed the ship to territorial waters and anchored her near Eyl. Pirates are demanding a ransom for the release of the crew and ship. Negotiations are in progress.

On 19 August 2008, a Malaysian Chemical Tanker MT Bunga Melati Dua was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates at position Latitude 12:46.24 North and Longitude 047:55.18 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1413 UTC.

Pirates in two speedboats attacked and hijacked the tanker underway. Tanker's SSAS was activated. The pirates sailed the tanker to coastal waters and anchored near Eyl. They then demanded a ransom for the safe release of the crew and ship.

The crew and ship was released on 29 September 2008. It is believed that a ransom was paid to secure the release.

### **Somalia:**

On 04 August 2008, a Panamanian tug Yenegoa Ocean was attacked by armed pirates while enroute to Dubai.

Pirates attacked and hijacked the tug underway. They took all crew members hostage and sailed the tug to coastal waters of Somalia. The pirates are demanding a ransom for the release of the crew and tug.

Earlier on 23 June 2008, a yacht Rockall was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway off the coast of Somalia. The pirates kidnapped the three crew members and held them on land for a ransom. It was believed that a ransom was paid and all three crew members were released and safely returned to their respective country. The yacht is believed to have been abandoned in Somalia.

**Gulf of Aden:**

On 21 August 2008, an Iranian Bulk Carrier MV Iran Deyanat was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates in position Latitude 13:49.3 North and Longitude 050:23.9 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0223 UTC.

Pirates armed with guns attacked and hijacked the ship underway. The ship enroute to Rotterdam sent a distress message. The pirates sailed the ship to coastal waters and anchored at Eyl. They then demanded a ransom for the release of the crew and ship. Negotiations are in progress.

More than an hour later on the same day on 21 August 2008, a Panamanian Chemical Tanker MT Irene was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 14:26.42 North and Longitude 049:56.46 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0358 UTC.

Pirates sailed the tanker to coastal waters and anchored off Eyl. They then demanded a ransom for the release of the crew and ship. Negotiations are in progress.

Several hours later on the same day on 21 August 2008, an Antigua and Barbuda General cargo ship MV BBC Trinidad was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 12:57.9 North and Longitude 048:56.7 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0945 UTC.

Pirates sailed the ship to coastal waters and later demanded a ransom for the release of the crew and ship. On 11 September 2008, the crew and ship was released. It is believed a ransom was paid to secure the release.

**Gulf of Aden:**

On 29 August 2008, a Malaysian Chemical Tanker MT Bunga Melati 5 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:12 North and Longitude 046:37 east in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1350 UTC.

Pirates armed with guns attacked, boarded and hijacked the tanker and sailed into Somali territorial waters. The pirates anchored the tanker off Eyl and demanded a ransom for the safe release of the crew and ship. The crew and ship was released on 27 September 2008. It was believed that a ransom was paid to secure the release.

On 02 September 2008, a French flagged yacht Carre D'AS IV was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates at position Latitude 11:48.42 North and Longitude 050:32.00 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1853 UTC.

The yacht enroute to Aden was hijacked by armed pirates while underway. The pirates sailed the yacht to unknown location in Somalia where it was anchored. French commandos rescued the two crew members onboard on 15 September 2008 and towed away the yacht. Six pirates were detained and one killed.

On 03 September 2008, a Panamanian General Cargo ship MV Al Mansourah was attacked at position Latitude 14:27 North and Longitude 049:40 East, off Al Mukalla in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0930 LT.

Twelve pirates armed with automatic guns and RPG in a small high speed craft attacked and hijacked the cargo ship underway. They took hostage all 25 crew members and sailed the ship to coastal waters. They demanded a ransom for the release of the crew and ship. On 27 September 2008, the crew and ship was released. It is believed that a ransom was paid to secure the release.

On 10 September 2008, a South Korean flagged Bulk Carrier MV Bright Ruby was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:09.06 North and Longitude 047:57.00 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0657 UTC.

Twenty one crew members were taken hostage by the pirates. The pirates sailed the ship to coastal waters and anchored near Eyl. They had demanded a ransom for the release of the crew and ship. Negotiations are in progress.

On 15 September 2008, a Hong Kong flagged Chemical Tanker MT Stolt Valor was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:34.54 North and Longitude 049:00.58 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 1043 UTC.

About 15 pirates armed with automatic guns and RPG attacked and hijacked the tanker and took 22 crew members hostage. The pirates sailed the ship to coastal waters and anchored near Eyl. They had demanded a ransom for the release of the crew and ship. Negotiations are in progress.

On 18 September 2008, a Hong Kong flagged Bulk Carrier MV Great Creation was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 14:13.00 North and Longitude 049:59.00 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0618 UTC.

About eight pirates armed with guns boarded the ship drifting due to engine problems. They took 25 crew members hostage. The pirates later sailed the ship to coastal waters and demanded a ransom for the release of the crew and ship. Negotiations are in progress.

On 26 September 2008, a Liberian flagged Chemical Tanker MT Genius was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 13:32.23 North and Longitude 048:36.36 East in the Gulf of Aden at approximately 0828 UTC.

Armed pirates fired at the tanker and managed to successfully board her. They took 19-crew members hostage. The pirates sailed the ship to coastal waters and demanded a ransom for the release of the crew and ship. Negotiations are in progress.

#### **Malaysia:**

On 07 September 2008, Singapore flagged tugboat Whale 7 and barge Sinobest 2503 was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates off Pulau Tioman, Malaysia at approximately 2030 LT.

The tug, towing the barge from Singapore to Thailand, in ballast was attacked and hijacked by about 15-armed pirates. The pirates armed with knives approached in three boats.

The pirates landed the seven Indonesian crew members in Pulau Tioman who then lodged a police report.

The tug and barge are still missing.

**Somalia:**

On 18 September 2008, a Malta flagged Bulk Carrier MV Centauri was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 02:22.13 North and Longitude 050:55.15 East at approximately 0250 UTC.

Five armed pirates in a speedboat attacked and hijacked the ship underway. They took hostage 25 crew members and sailed the ship to Somalia coastal waters. The ship later anchored at Hobyo and pirates are demanding a ransom for the release of the crew and ship. Negotiations are in progress.

Three days later, on 21 September 2008, a Bahamas flagged ship Bulk Carrier MV Capt. Stefanos was attacked and hijacked while underway at position Latitude 02:30.00 North and Longitude 051:59.30 East, off Somalia's coast at approximately 0200 UTC.

Four armed pirates in three speedboats attacked and hijacked the ship underway. They took hostage all 19 crew members and sailed the ship to coastal waters and anchored near Hobyo. The pirates had demanded a ransom for the release of the crew and ship. Negotiations are in progress.

Four days later, a Belize flagged Ro-Ro ship MV Faina was attacked and hijacked while underway by armed pirates in position Latitude 02:10 North and Longitude 050:40 East, off Somalia's coast at approximately 1600 LT.

Armed pirates successfully boarded and hijacked the ship and sailed to coastal waters. They took hostage all 21 crew members and the Master later died of heat attacked onboard the ship. The ship sailed and anchored at Hobyo where pirates are demanding a ransom for the release of the crew and ship.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**The IMB appreciates the assistance and vital cooperation provided by the coalition / US Navy / NATO / French Alindien / Yemeni Coast Guard for assisting the many vessels that had been attacked by suspected Somali pirates both in the Gulf of Aden and eastern Somali coast. Although regrettably some vessels have been hijacked, many others also escaped after intervention by these agencies.**

## **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](http://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](http://www.secure-ship.com)*

### ***IMB Maritime Security Hotline***

*The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has also 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](mailto:imbsecurity@icc-ccs.org)    Telex: MA 34199*

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

### **Hijackings into Somalia – Has it gone out of control? - IMB**

Last couple of months has seen an unprecedented rise in piracy attacks in Somalia / Gulf of Aden, a major waterway. Four vessels were hijacked in a two-day period. Pirates in Somalia currently hold 12 vessels including six bulk carriers, one general cargo, three tankers, one off shore supply vessel/tug and one Ro Ro vessel. Sixty-three pirate attacks were recorded for Gulf of Aden and Somalia since January this year. The violence attached to these attacks has also increased. Around a third of the vessels that reported attempted attacks were fired upon whilst more than a third were hijacked and held for ransom. One major ship owner has had two of his cross trading vessels seized by pirates in less than ten days. Over 200 crewmembers now remain in custody. Masters heading for the Gulf of Aden have contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre expressing their concern over sailing through these lawless waters.

The pirates do not appear to be daunted by the size of vessels. A bulk carrier of 74,000 tons deadweight, the largest bulk carrier was also hijacked and a few VLCCs were fired upon by Somali pirates. One of the VLCCs had its bunker tanks holed by a grenade causing minor pollution. Demands for ransom have increased dramatically and may have contributed to the recent increase.

The navies face other restrictions. It is unclear what a naval vessel is to do if they intervene and take pirates prisoner. There have been very few flag states and only one neighbouring country in the region, which has accepted prisoners for investigation and prosecution. Naval vessels will understandably hesitate to intervene once hijackers have taken over a vessel and are holding crew hostage. Concern over the safety of the hostages may preclude armed intervention except in exceptional circumstances.

On the other hand, the naval units on the direction of their governments, could deploy in the high risk areas identified, for example by attempted attack reported to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre and interrogate suspected mother vessels and disrupt their operations. If suspected pirates cannot be detained for questioning then at least their weapons could be confiscated and their movements closely tracked as a deterrent. There is after all no excuse for a vessel on legitimate business in the Gulf to carry rocket propelled grenade launchers.

The UN Security Council Resolution 1816 is a valuable tool in the fight against piracy. It allows for foreign intervention inside territorial limits, provided permission is given by the Somali Transitional Federal Government. The UNSCR 1816 was passed with the support of the Somali TFG and permission should therefore not be normally withheld if sought by coalition countries. Reportedly, only a few countries whose naval vessels patrol off the coast of Somalia have sought permission.

A potentially effective idea put into practice by the US Navy in the light of the recent attacks has been the establishment of secure corridors through which vessels are recommended to transit the area. The successful hijacking of a tanker in the vicinity of the secure corridor within days of its establishment highlights the difficulties of patrolling a seaway with limited resources.

Perhaps there are more important geo-political priorities which preclude some of the coalition governments from intervening in cases of piracy in Somali waters. However, from an industry perspective this arguably amounts to an abdication of responsibility. The only forces who can respond robustly to piracy in Somalia are the coalition naval forces. If their operations are restricted by their governments, then merchant vessels are left with little protection against these pirate gangs who operate freely in the Gulf of Aden and Somalia.

It is difficult to understand why in today's highly trade-dependent world, the protection of maritime trade routes is not a top priority of the navies.

**The Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command has issued the following press release in August 2008:**

[Quote]

MANAMA, Bahrain - The Commander, U.S. Naval Central Command has directed the establishment of a Maritime Security Patrol Area (MSPA) in the Gulf of Aden. A force of Coalition Navy warships will patrol the area, and aircraft will fly in the airspace above.

Commodore Bob Davidson (Canadian Navy), commander Combined Task Force 150, will command naval forces in the patrol area

The MSPA is being established in support of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) ongoing efforts. Coalition actions will give the IMO time to work international preventative efforts that will ultimately lead to a long-term solution.

Coalition ships are in the area as part of our continual presence in this region. While they have conducted routine operations in the area in the past, the establishment of the MSPA will focus the efforts to counter destabilizing activities in the region and improve security while long-term initiatives mature.

[Unquote]

#### **Pirates warn Europeans**

Media report from Voice of America (VOA) indicated that Somali pirates will kill any European they capture if France fails to release six pirates captured by French commandos recently. In a phone interview with VOA correspondent, a man identified as spokesman for the pirate group based at Eyl said that the group wants to pressure France to release the six pirates immediately.

The pirate spokesman identified himself as Bileh said that if the EU nations refuse to negotiate the release of his compatriots, his group will begin targeting all Europeans. He said that every European hostage would be beheaded.

The six Somali pirates captured by French commandos to free a French kidnapped couple were transferred to Paris for criminal charges.

#### **EU to set up force to fight Somali pirates**

The European Union (EU) foreign ministers have agreed to form special unit to fight Somali pirates. They plan to establish an anti piracy security operations off the coast of Somalia.

The European Governments are frustrated with the current piracy problems in the Gulf of Aden. This trade route is an important route for European commerce. The anti piracy operations would involve naval warship patrols.

Spain has recently deployed a military aircraft to support the mission to collect information and movements of the pirates.

However, the EU has not decided whether they will pursue the pirates or capture them.

**Danish Navy captured and then released suspected Somali pirates**

It was reported that the Danish frigate Absalon seized two speedboats and capture 10-suspected Somali pirates in the Gulf of Aden recently. The pirates were observed armed with guns and rocket launchers by Absalon's armed Lynx helicopter. Danish navy seals and personnel from the military police boarded the pirate boats and arrested them.

After being held for six days, the suspected Somali pirates were released on a Somali beach. The pirate weapons and communication equipments were confiscated but they were allowed to keep their personal effects.

"It was the lesser of two evils, for the other solution, which would have made me uneasy, would have been to hand them over to a regime where they risked being tortured and killed," Defence Minister Soeren Gade told Danish television.

Gade said that under Danish law it was not possible to prosecute them because of a lack of evidence.

"It's not certain that if we catch other pirates from another country tomorrow, that these too will be released," he said.

"This isn't the first time it's a problem and it is not the last time. Nor is it solely a Danish problem." the minister says.

He said that Denmark and other countries are to approach the UN to solve the problem and to enable pirates to be tried at an international court.

**Joint statement: Response to Somali pirates inadequate says international shipping industry dated 29 September 2008.**

[Quote]

**PIRATES IN SOMALIA THREATEN LIVES OF SEAFARERS AND THE SECURITY OF WORLD TRADE**

**INADEQUATE RESPONSE BY GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR NAVAL FORCES IS UNACCEPTABLE SAYS INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING INDUSTRY**

The international shipping industry (represented by BIMCO, ICS/ISF, INTERCARGO and INTERTANKO and the International Transport Workers' Federation) is dismayed by recent comments, attributed to leaders of the Coalition Task Force operating in the Gulf of Aden, that it is not the job of navy forces to protect merchant ships and their crews from increasingly frequent attacks from pirates operating out of Somalia.

The pirates are now attacking ships on a daily basis with machine guns and rocket propelled grenades, and currently holding over 200 seafarers hostage. The pirates are operating with impunity, and governments stand idly by.

If civil aircraft were being hijacked on a daily basis, the response of governments would be very different. Yet ships, which are the lifeblood of the global economy, are seemingly out of sight and out of mind. This apparent indifference to the lives of merchant seafarers and the consequences for society at large is simply unacceptable.

The shipping industry is utterly amazed that the world's leading nations, with the naval resources at their disposal, are unable to maintain the security of one of the world's most strategically important seaways, linking Europe to Asia via the Red Sea/Suez Canal.

Since 9/11, the international shipping industry has spent billions of dollars to comply with stringent new security requirements, agreed by the international community to address concerns about terrorism. Yet when merchant ships – which carry 90% of world trade and keep the world economy moving - are subject to attack by violent pirates, the response of many governments is that it is not their problem and that ships should hire mercenaries to protect themselves.

The arming of merchant ships, as suggested by the Task Force, will almost certainly put the lives of ships' crews in even greater danger and is likely to escalate the level of violence employed by the pirates. It would also be illegal under the national law of many ships' flag states and in many of the countries to which they are trading.

The industry understands that military resources are stretched and that the Coalition Task Force is doing what it can, consistent with current rules of engagement provided by participating governments.

But the international shipping industry, in the strongest possible way, urges governments to commit the necessary navy vessels now, and to ensure they have the freedom to engage forcefully against any act of piracy in the Gulf of Aden.

Governments must issue clear rules of engagement to allow naval forces to intercept and take appropriate action against these violent pirates, and the oceangoing ‘motherships’ from which the pirates are operating, as permitted by UN Security Council Resolution 1816, of 2 June 2008, and existing international law about the rights of States to repress criminal acts on the high seas.

Governments must also ensure that these pirates and armed robbers, who are terrorising the high seas, are brought to justice in a court of law and are not allowed to resume their piratical activities unimpeded because of governments’ unwillingness to take the necessary action.

There should be no doubt that the situation is now so serious that major shipping companies, who are currently negotiating with charterers to avoid transiting the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea/Suez Canal all together, will decide to redirect their ships via the Cape of Good Hope. This would add several weeks to the duration of many ships’ voyages and would have severe consequences for international trade, the maintenance of inventories and the price of fuel and raw materials. This would also affect not just those countries to which cargoes are destined but all global seaborne trade, a consequence which, in the current economic climate, must surely be avoided.

A repeat of the crisis in the early 1970s, when the Suez Canal was closed and shipping was similarly diverted around the Cape of Good Hope, must be prevented at all cost, thus this call for urgent measures now – today and not tomorrow!

It cannot escape notice that the supply of consumer goods – the majority of which are carried from Asia to Europe via this vital sea lane - could be also seriously affected.

The international shipping industry recognises that the United Nations’ International Maritime Organization (IMO), with whom it continues to liaise daily, has acknowledged the massive severity of the problem and has similarly implored the United Nations and the UN Security Council to ensure that appropriate action is taken. But far greater urgency is required by governments and their navies, particularly those in the Coalition Task Force who are in the best position to restore security to this critical trade artery. We need action, not words or rhetoric. What is at stake are the lives of merchant seafarers and the security of world trade.

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The International Chamber of Commerce’s Committee on Maritime Transport also called on world governments to take firm action against the Somali pirates. The ICC is concerned with the increasing violence on innocent merchant vessels.

The ICC called on the governments to take immediate, strong and effective action to repress such acts of piracy. ‘Governments need to pursue all possible options in order to re-establish safety and stability in the Gulf of Aden, which is one of the world’s most strategically important international waterways,’ the ICC statement said.

### **IMO seek UN resolution 1816 extension**

The International Maritime Organization is seeking for the extension of the United Nations Security Council's resolution 1816. It was reported that the Secretary General of IMO has written to the UN Secretary General asking for extension of the mandate 1816. Under the terms of the UNSC resolution which was adopted in 2 June 2008 for a period of six months, the Somalian government allows foreign navies from countries cooperating in the anti piracy efforts to enter into Somalian territorial waters and use "all necessary means" consistent with international law to repress acts of piracy and armed robbery at sea.

### **Yemen forms a maritime unit to fight piracy**

The Yemeni Coast Guard has formed an anti-piracy unit to fight piracy in the Gulf of Aden. The unit will consist of special force soldiers and high speed patrol boats. "The aim of the deployment is to enhance the protection of ships and stop Somali pirates in the Gulf of Aden and Bab Al Mandab Strait," a Coast Guard official said.

Yemen is also discussing with the Joint Forces in the Horn of Africa to establish a regional centre to fight piracy and to reinforce security of international navigation in the Gulf of Aden.

### **Canadian Navy extends naval escorts for WFP ships**

The WFP welcomed the decision by the Canadian Government to extend its naval escorts for WFP ships carrying humanitarian aid to Somalia for a further one month.

Ships sailing off the coast of Somalia are often targeted by Somali pirates jeopardizing a vital humanitarian aid to the country where millions face hunger as a result of drought, conflict and high food prices.

"Millions of hungry people face a total break in their humanitarian food supply due to the scourge of pirates attacking ships," said WFP's Executive Director, Josette Sheeran. "Make no mistake – Canada's generous act of extending naval protection will allow us to get food in and save lives. We urgently call on other nations to step up to the plate."

WFP's Sheeran appealed to the international community to continue providing naval escorts as part of the on-going anti-piracy operations off Somalia.

### **East African Seafarers Assistance Programme official arrested by Kenyan Police**

Kenyan Police arrested Mr Andrew Mwangura recently with charges for making inciting statements regarding a hijacked ship carrying Kenyan arms and as being in possession of two marijuana cigarettes. The humble but outspoken Mwangura who operates the East African Seafarers Assistance Programme has denied all charges.

The Kenyan Human Rights Organization in a joint press statement said that "Arresting Mwangura is undoubtedly a government scheme to silence and portray him as a criminal". This is tantamount to intimidation, persecution, harassment and suppression of the basic fundamental human right of freedom of expression as guaranteed by the Kenyan constitution."

### **Thailand to join Malacca Straits patrols**

The Royal Thai Navy will join the Malacca Straits Sea Patrol on 1 October 2008. The Thai Navy will equip its Third Naval Fleet with vessels, aircraft, radars and ammunition for their navy vessels to patrol the Andaman Sea and over the Straits of Malacca.

Navy Commander in Chief Admiral Sathiraphan Keyanont said that the sea patrols with air surveillance are intended to guard against attacks and intrusions.

“The Navy’s reinforcement includes the installation of shoreline radars to ease the workload of the patrol fleet. Part of the funding comes from overseas assistance,” the admiral said.

**Indonesia to install four surveillance radars in Makassar Strait**

The United States (US) is providing four surveillance radars to Indonesia to be installed in the Makassar Strait to enhance maritime security.

“We expect the radars to be operational by end of October or early November this year,” Defense Minister Juwono Sudarsono said.

He said that the Indonesian government had agreed to the installation of seven surveillance radars from the US in the Makassar Strait.

“The US government is committed to helping Indonesia build its capacity to secure its maritime territory. One of the ways is providing the surveillance radars,” Sudarsono said.

In the past, the US government has also given five surveillance radars to Indonesia which was set up along the Straits of Malacca to maintain security in one of the busiest and important sealanes in the world.

## NARRATIONS OF ATTACKS

**1 January – 30 September 2008**

### ACTUAL ATTACKS

#### SOUTH EAST ASIA (MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
NO	ATTACKS	REPORTED	DURING	THIS QUARTER

#### SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	19.01.2008 1145 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>PU 2406</b> Tug Singapore 287 9370252 <b>PU 3306</b> Barge Singapore - -	01:44.91S – 108:04.09E, Karimata Straits, Indonesia	A tug towing a barge noticed the barge store room door open. Upon inspection, it was found ship's stores and some equipment stolen. Pirates had boarded unnoticed and entered the store by breaking the door window to open from inside. Vessel continued her passage to destination port.
2.	29.01.2008 0415 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Princess Nadia</b> Bulk Carrier Panama 84788 8409800	Pulau Laut Anchorage, Indonesia	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew confronted them but robbers still managed to steal stores. 2/O raised alarm, ship's whistle sounded and crew mustered. 14 crewmembers went forward. Seeing the crew, the robbers jumped into the water and escaped in a 30M long speedboat. Port authorities requested the vessel to call back in an hour when incident was reported.
3.	17.02.2008 0540 LT Berthed	<b>Shahrazade Dream</b> General Cargo Hong Kong	05:48N – 118:05E, Berth No.2,	Duty crew on board the ship reported that a boat approached from the port bow. One robber was noticed on the

	Boarded	16075 8811704	Sandakan Port, Malaysia	forecastle deck passing ship stores to the other robbers in the boat. On seeing the alert crew, the robber jumped overboard and escaped with the ship stores. The forward booby hatch lock was found broken. The IMB PRC was notified who then liaised with local police for further action. Police arrived and conducted an investigation.
4.	08.03.2008 0400 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>Motivator</b> Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 8539 9340386	Berth Jetty No.106, Belawan Port, Indonesia	Unauthorised persons diverted attention of duty crew and shore watchmen, while three robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker from offshore side of the vessel and stole ships stores. Luckily, the duty crew spotted the robbers and raised alarm. Upon seeing crew alertness the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a small unlit craft.
5.	17.03.2008 0230 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Baby Renze</b> Passenger Boat Philippines - -	Enroute Cagbalite, Mauban and Balisen, Polilio Island, Philippines	A passenger boat with ten passenger including five crew members was returning to Polilio Island after discharging her cargo on the mainland. Two passengers who had earlier boarded after asking for a ride to Polilio Island took control of the vessel and shot dead three crew members including the captain. The pirates then tied them to the anchor and threw them overboard. The pirates shot the remaining two crew members and injured them. One of the injured jumped into the sea and is still missing. The other injured crew is recuperating in the hospital. Three other passengers including a child were unharmed. The coast guard has mounted a search for the missing and dead crewmembers and the pirates who fled in a motor boat.
6	11.04.2008 1550 UTC Anchored Boarded	<b>Kuwana</b> General Cargo Panama 20087 9333759	14:31.1N – 120:50.3E, Manila Bay, Philippines	Three robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored ship via the anchor cable and broke the hawse pipe cover securing. Two duty crew saw the robbers and raised alarm. The robbers succeeded in escaping with ship's stores and property.
7.	13.04.2008 0355 LT Steaming	<b>Monalisa</b> Product Tanker Singapore	03:16.18N – 105:26.68E, Off Mangkai	Pirates armed with long knives in a speed boat boarded the tanker underway. They stole crew personal

	Boarded	3802 8113748	Island, Indonesia	belongings and ship's property and escaped. No injuries.
8.	13.04.2008 0205 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Spar Cetus</b> Bulk Carrier Norway 25982 9154608	03:13N – 105:26E, 12NM Off Mangkai Island, Indonesia	Twelve pirates, in a speedboat, armed with guns, swords and iron bars approached the ship underway. Master raised alarm, crew directed fire hoses and SSAS activated. Pirates boarded the ship and stole crew personal belongings, ship's cash and property. After 50 minutes, they left the ship. No injuries to crew except minor bruises. Ships in vicinity alerted.
9.	24.03.2008 - Steaming Boarded	<b>Ocean Seal</b> Lift Barge Japan 12714 8766507	02:52.5N – 105:11.0E Off Anambas Island, Indonesia	Pirates boarded the barge under tow and stole barge equipments and properties.
10.	16.04.2008 0630 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Yangon Star</b> General Cargo Cyprus 14539 7713735	06:01.9S – 106:53.8E, Tanjung Priok, Indonesia	Crew noticed robbers on board just after anchoring. The robbers had broken into the safety equipment locker and had stolen ship stores. When challenged the robbers jumped over board and escaped. No injuries to crew.
11.	17.04.2008 0155 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>UBT Bay</b> Chemical Tanker Singapore 7500 9417476	03:56.31N – 098:46.14E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker from a small boat. Duty crew spotted them and tried to inform the bridge by walkie-talkie. Robbers attacked him with knives and a piece of wood. He received injuries on his arm and back. However, he managed to inform the bridge, which raised the general alarm. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Ship's stores stolen. Port authorities did not respond to calls on vhf radio.
12.	25.04.2008 0020 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Pataravarin 2</b> Product Tanker Thailand 699 8816314	01:31.0N – 104:24.5E, 16 NM North Off Horsburg Light House, Malaysia	Six pirates armed with guns boarded the tanker underway. Pirates ordered the master to reduce speed. They checked the type of cargo the tanker was carrying. The pirates stole personal effects of crew before escaping.
13.	30.04.2008 2330 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>PU 2008</b> Tug Singapore 244 9430337	02:22N – 104:24E, Off Tioman Islands, Malaysia	Six pirates, in a dark blue speed boat, armed with long knives and wearing masks boarded the tug towing a barge underway. Pirates entered the accommodation and stole personal and ship's properties and escaped. No

		<b>PU 3306</b> Barge Singapore 3823 -		injuries to crew.
14.	02.05.2008 0200 LT Anchored Hijacked	<b>KNF 7547</b> Fishing Vessel Malaysia 110.68 -	03:48.98.3N – 100:43.03.3E. 4 NM Off Tanjung Sauh, Malaysia	The fishing vessel and four crew members were attacked and hijacked while the crew was resting. The vessel was taken to an Indonesian island and all crew were forced to jump overboard. A passing Indonesian fishing boat saved all crew and the crew were handed over to Indonesian Navy. All crew were repatriated to Malaysia safely after investigation. As of 30.09.2008 the vessel is still missing.
15.	02.05.2008 0200 LT Anchored Hijacked	<b>KNF 7548</b> Fishing Vessel Malaysia 110.22 -	03:48.98.3N – 100:43.03.3E. 4 NM Off Tanjung Sauh, Malaysia	The fishing vessel and four crew members were attacked and hijacked while the crew was resting. The vessel was taken to an Indonesian island and all crew were forced to jump overboard. A passing Indonesian fishing boat saved all crew and the crew were handed over to Indonesian Navy. All crew were repatriated to Malaysia safely after investigation. As of 30.09.2008 the vessel is still missing.
16.	06.05.2008 1400 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Al-Aziz</b> Fishing Boat Philippines - -	Off Tapul Island and Parang, Sulu, Philippines	Four speedboats carrying 20 pirates, all armed with automatic weapons, attacked the fishing vessel carrying 20 passengers. The pirates fired upon the fishing vessel killing four passengers and injuring eight others. The wounded passengers were sent to shore for medical treatment.
17.	21.05.2008 - Steaming Hijacked	<b>Blue Ocean 7</b> Product Tanker Indonesia 1280 8004117	Enroute From Sulawesi to Surabaya, Indonesia	About ten pirates armed with guns and knives boarded and hijacked the tanker laden with crude palm oil. Pirates took 14 crewmembers as hostage and sailed the tanker to unknown location. Owners contacted the Piracy Reporting Centre for assistance to locate the vessel. The Piracy Reporting Centre informed all authorities in the region to look out for the tanker and liaised with them regularly. The Royal Malaysia Marine Police located and detained the tanker on 19 June 2008 at the port of

				Sandakan, where the tanker had discharged the cargo. Eight crew members were onboard. The other six crew members are still missing.
18.	27.05.2008 0300 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Cathay 5</b> Tug Singapore 153 9447512	01:06.50N – 103:45.58E, Singapore Straits	Four pirates, armed with long knives boarded the tug towing a barge. The pirates stole cash and personal belongings of the crew. No injuries to crew members.
19.	03.06.2008 2000 UTC Steaming Boarded	<b>Medbothnia</b> Container Cyprus 9900 9437220	03:24.6N – 105:31.5E, Off Anambas Islands, Indonesia	Eight pirates, armed with long knives and bars, boarded the ship underway. Pirates stole ship's cash and crew properties and escaped. No injuries to crew.
20.	04.06.2008 1230 UTC Steaming Boarded	<b>Red Wing</b> Chemical Tanker Liberia 4859 9327334	02:36.85N – 105:09.9E, Off Anambas Islands, Indonesia	Pirates in a wooden speedboat armed with long knives and bars boarded the tanker underway. They stole cash and crew property and escaped. No injuries to crew.
21.	29.06.2008 0030 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Wecoy 6</b> Tug Singapore 245 9301213	02:30.6N – 104:14.0E, Off Tioman Island, Malaysia	Six pirates armed with knives boarded a tug towing a barge underway, while four pirates armed with guns remained standby in a speedboat. The pirates stole crew personal belongings, tug's properties and cash. After three hours of looting, the pirates escaped in their speed boat.
22.	11.07.2008 0655 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Eighth Ocean</b> General Cargo Malta 15670 9165803	06:02.54S – 106:53.68E, Jakarta Inner Cargo Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers attempted to board the ship on four different occasions. Finally they succeeded in boarding it. Robbers stole ship's spares and escaped. Port authorities informed who came onboard to investigate.
23.	13.07.2008 0250 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Gaz Millennium</b> LPG Tanker Panama 16685 9229233	Manila Quarantine Anchorage, Philippines	Shore security guard noticed four robbers on the forecastle of the tanker, armed with knives and pipes, while the crew was busy preparing to receive bunkers. The robbers attempted to assault the shore guard who alerted the crew. On seeing the alert crew approaching, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in two waiting boats. The boats had around 12 more robbers in them. No one injured. Ship's equipment stolen.
24.	20.07.2008 0155 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Palau</b> Bulk Carrier Malta 19795	03:55.4N – 098:44.9E, 1 NM from Buoy No.2,	Duty watchman onboard the ship at anchor, noticed robbers trying to open the watertight door to the forecastle store. He immediately reported to

		9261035	Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	OOW who in turn raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon seeing crew alertness, robbers jumped overboard with empty handed and escaped in a waiting boat with one accomplice.
25.	22.07.2008 0340 UTC Anchored Boarded	<b>Victoria Strait</b> Container Antigua and Barbuda 9966 9265574	14:33.4N – 120:55.1E, Manila South Port, Outer Anchorage, Philippines	Twelve robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. They stole ship's stores and property and escaped. Crew were unable to stop them. No injuries to crew. Master reported to VTMS Manila and coast guard but no response.
26.	26.07.2008 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>CPO Germany</b> Chemical Tanker United Kingdom 23270 9353096	03:57N – 098:48E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Three to four robbers boarded an anchored tanker, via the anchor cable. On seeing the robbers, the master raised the alarm. Seeing the alert crew the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in an unlit boat. Port authority informed.
27.	06.08.2008 2330 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Kriti Ruby</b> Product Tanker Greece 29832 9391282	03:56.2N – 098:46.8E, Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia	Robbers boarded the tanker at anchor by climbing the anchor chain. They opened the forecastle store and tried to steal ship's stores. Duty crew noticed them. Alarm raised, crew alerted and mustered as per company procedures. Sensing crew alertness the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. No injuries to crew and nothing stolen.
28.	06.08.2008 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Sylvie</b> LPG Tanker Hong Kong 22954 9332066	00:10.19N – 117:36.12E, Bontang Anchorage, Indonesia	Duty crew onboard the tanker saw robbers stealing ship's equipment. Alarm raised and crew alerted. On seeing crew alertness, robbers escaped into a waiting boat. Upon investigation, it was discovered ship's stores and equipment were stolen.
29.	11.08.2008 0745 – 1330 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>Straits Success</b> Vehicle Carrier Malaysia 4197 8822090	06:05.9S – 106:55.0E, Jakarta Car Terminal, Indonesia	Robbers boarded the ship at berth and stole ship's equipment (spare parts) of considerable value from the spare parts locker. The incident was unnoticed by ship's crew.
30.	30.08.2008 0430 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Deauville</b> LPG Tanker Bahamas 3617 9113939	00:04.8S – 117:34.3E, Santan Port, Indonesia	Several robbers boarded the tanker at anchor at the forward mooring station. Ship raised alarm and the intruders escaped in a waiting boat. Due to heavy rain, master unable to confirm the number of robbers and the weapons. Ship's stores were stolen.
31.	06.09.2008	<b>Spar Neptun</b>	00:33.3N –	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor, via

	0240 LT Anchored Boarded	Bulk Carrier Norway 36559 9077238	117:43.4E, Tanjung Bara Anchorage, Indonesia	the forecastle and stole ship's stores. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers escaped.
32.	07.09.2008 2030 LT Steaming Hijacked	<b>Whale 7</b> Tug Singapore 227 9455428  <b>Sinobest 2503</b> Barge Singapore 1705 -	Off Pulau Tioman, Malaysia	About 15 pirates armed with long knives boarded and hijacked the tug towing a barge. The tug / barge were enroute to Thailand from Singapore in ballast. The pirates landed the seven Indonesian crew members on Tioman Island. The seven crew members lodged a police report on the Island. The tug / barge are still missing.
33.	23.09.2008 2025 UTC Anchored Boarded	<b>Kuo Hung</b> Container Panama 15075 9138159	06:02.45S – 106:54.61E, Tg Priok Cargo Anchorage, Jakarta, Indonesia	Three pirates armed with knives boarded a container ship at anchor via the stern. Alert watchman notified duty officer who raised ship's alarm and whistle. Pirates immediately jumped overboard and escaped. The incident was reported to Tg. Priok port control but no response.
34	30.09.2008 0350 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>J.K.M. Muhieddine</b> Bulk Carrier Panama 15099 7917123	02:48.0N – 105:09.2E, Vicinity of Anambas Island, Indonesia	Eight pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. The pirates tied up captain's hands and stole cash. Then they went to chief engineers' cabin and stole cash money. Later they took the captain to aft deck and tied him to the bollard before escaping.

## FAR EAST

Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	04.01.2008 0920 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>SYMS Huashan</b> Container Antigua and Barbuda 9957 9306251	20:51.8N – 107:07.4E, Vinh Ha Long Inner Anchorage, Haiphong, Vietnam	Seven pirates, armed with knives, in a wooden boat came alongside the ship during anchoring operations. They stole ship's stores and attacked three crewmembers who tried to stop them. A Vietnamese official watchman was onboard but did not take any action to stop the robbers. No injuries to crew. Incident reported to agent. Agent advised not to contact the police. No action taken.

2.	21.04.2008 2030 UTC Anchored Boarded	<b>Chelsea Bridge</b> LPG Tanker Bahamas 47249 8519966	Vung Tau Song Go Gia STS Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers boarded the tanker from the forecastle. They broke open the forward store room and stole ship's stores. Duty crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Fog horn sounded. Robbers escaped immediately. Later, a police patrol boarded for investigation. Anti piracy watch doubled up. No injuries to crew.
3.	13.06.2008 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Ji Mei Da</b> General Cargo Panama 16947 7615165	20:53.84N – 107:15.66E, Port Campha Inner Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers in a small boat boarded the ship at anchor. They stole ship's stores from the forecastle deck and escaped. Duty AB on patrol noticed a fishing boat in the vicinity. Authorities informed.
4.	01.07.2008 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Marcompetition</b> Container Antigua and Barbuda 16269 9106144	Nha Be River, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	Three robbers boarded and broke into the forward locker on the ship at anchor. Alert anti piracy watch keepers raised alarm. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Nothing stolen. No injuries to crew.
5.	01.07.2008 0230 UTC Anchored Boarded	<b>Garden City River</b> Tanker Singapore 56146 9302970	10:15N – 107:07E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers boarded and stole ship stores from the forward locker on the tanker at anchor. Anti piracy watch keepers spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. Robbers escaped with stolen goods. No injuries to crew.
6.	25.07.2008 2130 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>CSL Sams</b> Bulk Carrier Barbados 11532 8618188	Go Dau Port, Vietnam	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship. They broke open the padlocks to the forward store. Duty crew noticed the open stores and raised the alarm. Hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in a waiting boat. Authorities and local agents informed.
7.	31.07.2008 2015 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Rengganis</b> Chemical Tanker Singapore 2543 9064217	10:16.36N – 107:02.85E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Robbers boarded the tanker at anchor. D/O raised alarm and crew rushed to forecastle. Upon seeing crew alertness the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's stores in a small boat.

## INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Date Time Status Type</b>	<b>Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Narration</b>
1.	05.01.2008 0556 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Acavus</b> Chemical Tanker Isle of Man 8531 9308754	16:59.8N – 082:26.7E, Kakinada Roads, India	Seven robbers in a 12M length open boat approached the tanker at anchor. One robber boarded the tanker using a grappling hook attached with rope via the poop deck. Duty A/B noticed the robber and challenged him and informed OOW. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robber climbed back into the waiting boat. Ship's property and stores stolen.
2.	16.01.2008 1345 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Gondwana</b> Tug Belize 1137 7401320	16:58.17N – 082:24.26E, Kakinada Roads, India	Pirates in a small craft came alongside the tug, underway, towing a barge. They stole tug's stores. Alert crew raised alarm, crew mustered and took back the stolen stores and pushed the pirates back to their craft. The pirates boarded the barge and left after 20 minutes. Nothing stolen. Local agent informed.
3.	09.02.2008 0030 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Bow Clipper</b> Chemical Tanker Norway 23197 9047518	22:46.7N – 070:00.9E, Kandla Outer Anchorage, India	Duty watchman on the tanker at anchor noticed robbers on the forecastle. On seeing the alert ship's crew the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. The padlock of the forecastle store was broken but nothing was missing.
4.	13.02.2008 0315 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Kota Tegap</b> Container Singapore 7683 9251145	22:25N – 091:36E, Chittagong Anchorage 'C', Bangladesh	12 robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the ship at anchor. They held the duty watchman at gun point and tied his hands and legs to the winch. They stole ship's stores and property and escaped when another duty watchman raised the alarm. Port control and coast guard informed.
5.	20.02.2008 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Tianjin</b> General Cargo St. Vincent and Grenadines 23239 7729215	08:45.8N – 078:16.3E, Tuticorin Anchorage, India	Robbers in two fishing boats boarded the ship from the port and stbd side. Alarm raised and port control informed. Robbers escaped. Nothing stolen. A patrol boat came and established contact with master and one boat with seven crew apprehended.
6.	04.03.2008 0100 LT Berthed	<b>Theodor</b> General Cargo St Vincent and	Ruby Cement Jetty, Chittagong,	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship. They assaulted and grievously injured the shore-based

	Boarded	Grenadines 10322 7804390	Bangladesh	watchman, by cutting his face. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's stores. Injured watchman later received medical treatment ashore.
7.	05.03.2008 0105 UTC Anchored Boarded	<b>Atlantic Star</b> Bulk Carrier Panama 16949 9350082	22:49.5N – 070:02.5E, Kandla Outer Anchorage, India	Upon anchoring at the outer anchorage, Kandla Tower informed the master that security level II was being maintained in the outer anchorage area. Keeping this in mind strict anti piracy watch keeping procedures were maintained. The alert watch keepers spotted a robber onboard the vessel. Bridge informed, raised alarm, and crew mustered. The robber jumped overboard and was picked up by a red motor boat in which there were around six to seven more robbers. Nothing stolen.
8.	24.03.2008 0230 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>Butet</b> Bulk Carrier Cyprus 10897 7710173	22:16.6N – 091:48.4E, Chittagong TSP Jetty, Bangladesh	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship during discharging operations. Fearing injuries, crew on anti piracy watch retreated into accommodation. Within ten minutes, crew mustered and went forward to investigate. By then, robbers had escaped in waiting boat after stealing ship's stores.
9.	28.03.2008 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Fantasy I</b> Chemical Tanker Panama 12927 8007975	22:47.18N 070:04.63E Kandla Outer Anchorage India	Three robbers boarded a tanker at anchor via the main deck. Crewmembers were maintaining anti piracy watches forward and aft. Alarm was raised as soon as the robbers were spotted. On hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in their waiting boat. Investigation revealed ship's stores stolen. Port authorities were informed.
10.	02.04.2008 0500 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Tabago Bay</b> Container Liberia 9966 9373917	Chittagong Anchorage Bravo, Bangladesh	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They broke aft store padlock and stole ship's stores. Port authority and ships in vicinity informed by vhf.
11.	26.04.2008 1518 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Martha Russ</b> Container Antigua and Barbuda 9956 9346562	Berth CCT3, Chittagong Port, Bangladesh	Robbers boarded the ship, preparing to berth, while crew was busy at the mooring stations. As soon as the crew spotted the robbers, the alarm was raised. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Port control informed immediately but no action taken. Ship's

				stores stolen.
12.	29.04.2008 2310 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Tabago Bay</b> Container Liberia 9966 9373917	22:11.75N – 091:44.8E, Chittagong Anchorage Bravo, Bangladesh	Eight robbers armed with sticks boarded the ship at anchor from two boats. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped without stealing anything. Authorities informed.
13.	04.05.2008 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Hudson Strait</b> Container Marshall Islands 9030 9187423	22:12.9N – 091:45.0E, Chittagong Anchorage Bravo, Bangladesh	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the ship from stern whilst seven robbers remained in the boat. They broke open padlock of store room and stole ship's stores. Alarm raised and robbers escaped in the waiting boat.
14.	13.06.2008 2354 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Ellen S</b> Container Antigua and Barbuda 9957 9374117	22:13.8N – 091:44.3E, Chittagong Outer Road Anchorage 'B', Bangladesh	Six robbers in a long wooden boat with outboard engine boarded the ship at anchor. They stole ship's stores and property and escaped. Port control informed.
15.	06.07.2008 0135 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Port Louis</b> Product Tanker Marshall Islands 24910 9223253	21:48N – 091:42E, Kutubdia Island, Bangladesh	Two robbers using a rope and hook boarded the tanker at anchor. Alert duty watch-keepers raised alarm. Robbers disembarked into a waiting boat, which had four other robbers and escaped. No injury to crew. Nothing reported stolen.
16.	20.08.2008 2130 UTC Anchored Boarded	<b>OEL Dubai</b> Container Panama 9990 9351804	09:55N – 076:05E, Cochin Anchorage, India	Four robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They stole ship's stores from the paint locker. Alarm raised and crew alerted. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped in their boat.
17.	24.08.2008 0005 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Clipper Tobago</b> Chemical Tanker Bahamas 5483 9209001	16:59.7N – 082:21.4E, Kakinada, India	Two robbers boarded the tanker at anchor. Robbers tried to steal the fire wire and other ship stores. On hearing the emergency alarm and ship's horn, the robbers fled with the fire wire in a waiting boat along with two other accomplices.
18.	13.09.2008 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Kinship Prosperity</b> General Cargo India 2002 8027884	09:57.75N – 076:15.79E, Warf No.Q4, Cochin Port, India	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the ship moored to buoys. They broke pad locks of forward store. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, robbers escaped empty handed in a wooden boat with eight accomplices. Port control and coast guard informed.

## AMERICAS

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Date Time Status Type</b>	<b>Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Narration</b>
1.	15.01.2008 2245 LT Not Stated Boarded	<b>Ti Ve</b> Yacht France 25 -	11.03N – 064:39.0W, Bahia de Robledal, Isla de Margarita, Venezuela	Five pirates armed with guns boarded the yacht. They assaulted the crew and demanded from the crew all their property. One crew was shot and injured. Incident reported to local authorities who undertook an investigation.
2.	31.01.2008 1955 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Samsun Earnest</b> Bulk Carrier South Korea 19035 8307533	12:01.8S – 077:11.8W, Callao No.1 Anchorage, Peru	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship at anchor. The robbers tied up the duty crew, stole his personal belongings, broke into the bosun store, stole ship's stores and escaped. Master tried to contact port authority via vhf but no response.
3.	06.02.2008 0052 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Cap Vilano</b> Container Cyprus 28372 9311787	Callao Anchorage No.1, Peru	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor from a small boat. Duty crew spotted them, raised alarm and crew mustered. Robbers escaped. Authorities informed. Coast guard patrol boat arrived after more than one hour, patrolled the waters around the ship for about ten minutes, and moved away.
4.	18.06.2008 0530 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Lyra Leader</b> Vehicle Carrier Panama 62510 9284752	18:34.2N – 072:24.2W, Port Au Prince Anchorage, Haiti	Robbers boarded an anchored vehicle carrier via the anchor chain. They stole ship's stores from the forward station and escaped.
5.	05.07.2008 1900 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Raven-Eye</b> Yacht United Kingdom 14 -	10:45N – 063:00W, 8 NM Off Puerto Santos, Venezuela	Six pirates armed with guns and knives in a pirogue fishing boat, one dressed in military uniform and two with facemasks approached the yacht underway. The skipper rammed into the fishing boat but the pirates managed to board the yacht. They tied the two-crew members and pointed guns to their heads. They shot and stabbed the skipper's dog. The pirates stole equipment, property, and left. One crew injured.
6.	13.07.2008 2040 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>CFL Prudence</b> General Cargo Netherlands 4040	18:34.0N – 072:24.0W, Port Au Prince Anchorage,	Duty A/B, on the ship at anchor, noticed six robbers on the forecastle stealing ship's stores. Master informed, alarm raised and crew

		9398046	Haiti	mustered. On seeing alert crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Two junks were noticed moving away from the ship. Port control was informed.
7.	13.08.2008 0005 UTC Anchored Boarded	<b>Darya Sur</b> Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 18675 9118563	12:00.8S – 077:12.1W, Callao Anchorage, Peru	Duty crew noticed robbers boarding the ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers overpowered the duty crew and tied him up. Robbers stole ship's properties and escaped. Local authorities informed.
8.	13.08.2008 0130 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Sun Genius</b> Refrigerated Cargo Bahamas 9417 8222989	02:43.3S – 080:26.6W, Guayaquil Outer Anchorage, Ecuador	Duty watchman onboard the ship spotted two robbers hiding behind a 40' container. They had stolen ship's stores from the paint locker and lowered them into a waiting boat. As soon as they realised they had been spotted they jumped into the water and escaped in the waiting boat.
9.	19.09.2008 2120 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Natacha-C</b> General Cargo United Kingdom 7752 9267285	10:16.23N – 064:34.12W, Guanta Roads, Venezuela	Five robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They broke into the forecastle store and stole ship's stores and property. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers escaped with stolen items. Duty crew directed search light at the robber's boat, saw the name of the boat and informed port control. Coast guard came on board the ship to take statements and later searched for the boat. Two hours later, the boat was found with the stolen items. Master went to police station to give statement and now waiting for court hearing in few months to receive the stolen items.

## AFRICA (SOMALIA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	20.04.2008 1452 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Playa De Bakio</b> Fishing Vessel Canary Islands 2101 9010345	00:06.24S – 049:08.56E, Somalia	Pirates armed with guns and grenade launchers attacked the fishing vessel and hijacked it to an unknown location. Twenty-six crew members were taken hostage and a ransom demanded for their safe release. On 25 April 2008 the

				crew and vessel were released by the pirates. It appears the owners paid a ransom for the safe release of the crew and vessel. On 29 April 2008 the crew members and vessel arrived safely at Seychelles.
2.	21.04.2008 - Steaming Hijacked	<b>Al-Khaleej</b> - UAE -	11 KM Off Bossaso Port, Somalia	Pirates armed with guns opened fire on the ship underway. They hijacked the ship and took the 16 crewmembers hostage. Local security forces raided the ship and rescued the 16 crewmembers and ship. All crew are safe. A number of the pirates were injured and captured.
3.	17.05.2008 0905 LT Steaming Hijacked	<b>Victoria</b> General Cargo Jordan 3440 7906203	02:13.19N – 046:49.38E, Coastal Waters Off Somalia	Pirates boarded and hijacked the ship underway. Ship was on passage to Mogadishu, Somalia. Pirates then sailed the ship to the coastal waters in Somalia. The crew and ship was released on 23.05.2008. It is believed that a ransom was paid for the safe release of the crew and ship. The ship sailed for Mogadishu to discharge her cargo.
4.	23.06.2008 - Steaming Hijacked	<b>Rockall</b> Yacht - - -	Off Somali Coast, Somalia	Pirates attacked and hijacked the yacht underway. They kidnapped it's three crew members and held them on land for a ransom. It is believed a ransom was paid for the safe release of the crew. All three crew members had arrived safely in their respective country. The yacht was believed to have been abandoned. A full report is awaited from the authorities.
5.	04.08.2008 0300 LT Steaming Hijacked	<b>Yenegoa Ocean</b> Tug Panama 1101 7342500	Off Bosasso, Somalia	Pirates attacked and hijacked the tug underway. They took the crew hostage and sailed the tug into Somali coastal waters. To date the where about of the crew and vessel is not known.
6.	18.09.2008 0250 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Centauri</b> Bulk Carrier Malta 12812 7701354	02:22.13N – 050:55.15E, 250 NM Off Mogadishu, Somalia	Five armed pirates in a speedboat attacked the ship underway. They took hostage 25 crewmembers and hijacked the ship. The ship is anchored near Hobyo. Negotiations in progress.
7.	21.09.2008 0200 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Capt. Stefanos</b> Bulk Carrier Bahamas 39035 9227194	02:30.00N – 051:59.30E, Off Somali Coast, Somalia	Four pirates in three speedboats attacked and successfully boarded the ship underway. They took hostage 19 crewmembers and hijacked the ship. The ship is anchored off Hobyo.

				Negotiations in progress.
8.	25.09.2008 1310UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Faina</b> Ro-Ro Belize 10931 7419377	02:10N – 050:40E, East Coast of Somalia	Armed pirates boarded and hijacked the ship underway. The ship is anchored off Hobyo. The pirates are holding 21 crew as hostage. The Master died of a heart attack onboard. Negotiations in progress.

## AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA)

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	07.01.2008 0235 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>W-O Noroc</b> Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 9240 9232553	19:47.99S – 034:49.77E, Berth No.5, Beira Port, Mozambique	Duty seaman onboard the berthed tanker noticed one robber on the forecastle deck. Duty officer informed and crew alerted. When confronted, robber threatened the duty seaman with a knife. Noticing the alert crew the robber jumped into the water and escaped. Ship's stores stolen. Port facility informed.
2.	08.01.2008 0055 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Risanger</b> Chemical Tanker Norway 28246 9212369	Tema Anchorage, Ghana	Three robbers, armed with knives boarded the tanker via the forecastle. Duty A/B spotted the robbers who tried to catch him. Luckily, the A/B managed to escape. D/O raised the alarm, crew mustered and searched the area. It was found that the robbers had unscrewed all the butterfly nuts of the forecastle hatch. However, as the hatch was locked from inside the robbers could not enter the store. Nothing was stolen. Port control informed.
3.	09.01.2008 - Steaming Boarded	<b>Bourbon</b> Offshore Supply Ship USA 1702 9315513	Bonny River, Nigeria	Gunmen suspected to be militants in a speed boat attacked the supply vessel underway. They fired upon the vessel indiscriminately wounding three crewmembers. The injured crew were taken to hospital for treatment.
4.	14.01.2008 0144 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Global Patriot</b> General Cargo USA 26409 7504627	08:42.9S – 013:18.8E, Luanda Anchorage, Angola	Two robbers boarded the ship from a small boat. They broke open the forecastle paint store and stole ship's stores. Robbers were spotted by ship's crew. Alarm raised, robbers jumped overboard and escaped.

5.	18.01.2008 0353 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Scottish Bard</b> Product Tanker Isle of Man 20662 8810023	06:20.77N – 003:21.23E, 3NM Off Lagos, Nigeria	Robbers boarded the tanker during STS cargo operations, stole ship's store and escaped. No injuries to crew.
6.	23.01.2008 0620 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Global Patriot</b> General Cargo USA 26409 7504627	08:46.2S – 013:16.4E, Luanda Inner Anchorage, Angola	Robbers boarded the ship, broke open forward paint locker, and stole ship's stores unnoticed. The ship was later searched but no robbers were found. No injuries to crew. Authorities notified.
7.	30.01.2008 0145 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Go Friendship</b> Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 26136 9082958	Abidjan Inner Anchorage, Ivory Coast	Two robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They stole ship's stores and escaped. Port authorities informed.
8.	30.01.2008 2130 UTC Anchored Boarded	<b>Scottish Bard</b> Product Tanker Isle of Man 20662 8810023	06:17.62N – 003:24.69E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Four robbers armed with hand guns and knives boarded the tanker at anchor. Alert crew raised alarm and crew mustered. Robbers stole ship's store and escaped in their waiting boat.
9.	31.01.2008 0615 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Elbia</b> Cement Carrier Panama 8323 7702140	03:12N – 008:36E, 15 NM SW Off Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea	Ten armed persons in military clothing boarded the ship underway. The intruders identified themselves as Nigerian rebels and only demanded food. After nearly six hours onboard, the intruders disembarked into speedboats where five accomplices were waiting. No injury to crew or any damage to the ship.
10.	01.02.2008 0315 UTC Berthed Boarded	<b>Emilia</b> Container Antigua and Barbuda 6264 9184249	Berth Tin Can No.4, Lagos Port, Nigeria	Three robbers boarded the ship at berth. Robbers broke into forward paint locker. Duty officer raised alarm and the robbers escaped in a waiting boat. Nothing stolen.
11.	01.02.2008 1317 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Svitzer Korsakov</b> Tug St. Vincent & Grenadines 663 9389590	12:57N – 051:24E, North of Northeast of Somalian Coast (Cape Raas Caseyr), Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates attacked the tug underway and hijacked it. The pirates took hostage six crew members and sailed the tug towards Somali coast and anchored near Eyl. On 18.03.2008, the tug and crew were released after lengthy negotiations. It appears that a ransom was paid to secure the release of the tug and crew.
12.	03.02.2008 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>MSC Emilia S</b> General Cargo Panama 10932	04:46S – 039:20E, Dar Es Salaam Anchorage	Twelve robbers in a speedboat approached the ship at anchor. Two robbers boarded the ship. Alert crew raised alarm, SSAS activated and port

		7026522	Area 4, Tanzania	control informed. Ship's crew mustered and took necessary anti-piracy measures. The robbers jumped into the water and escaped in their waiting boat. Police patrol boat came for investigation.
13.	14.02.2008 0341 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Safmarine Cotonou</b> Container Netherlands 21054 8417223	06:43.5S – 039:43.8E, 20 NM Off Tanzania Coast, Tanzania	Three pirates boarded the ship from a small wooden boat equipped with an out board engine. The ship was drifting, awaiting berthing instructions. Alert duty crew noticed the pirates and the alarm was raised, ship's whistle sounded, crew mustered and master increased speed. Pirates fled immediately. Upon inspection, two containers were found opened.
14.	21.02.2008 0330 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>Happy River</b> General Cargo Netherlands 10990 9139294	06:26.3N – 003:23.5E, Apapa Berth No.12, Lagos, Nigeria	Two persons managed to board the ship at berth in spite of armed navy guards being onboard. The robbers forced opened the forecastle door and stole ship's stores. Duty watchman noticed the robbers and informed the guards. By the time the guards arrived forward, the robbers escaped in their speedboat.
15.	02.03.2008 0045 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>BW Orinoco</b> Product Tanker Panama 43797 9324320	Nacula Bay Anchorage, Mozambique	Robbers in three boats boarded the tanker at anchor. They were in the process of lowering ship's stores when duty crew spotted the robbers. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Port control informed.
16.	02.03.2008 2315 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>London Star</b> Tanker Liberia 41966 9330343	06:18.3N – 003:20.54E, Lagos Light House Anchorage, Nigeria	Two robbers armed with knives attacked, injured and robbed the duty AB onboard an anchored tanker. Other watchman, nearby, informed the bridge and tried to assist the watchman. Alarm raised and the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Facial injuries tended to by onboard medical officer. Arrangements made for injured AB to visit the doctor the next day. Masters' attempt to contact port control was futile.
17.	09.03.2008 0445 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Nordstar</b> Container Cyprus 16803 9149873	06:31.8S – 039:51.5E, 35 NM Off Dar Es Salaam Pilot Station, Tanzania	Whilst drifting and waiting for pilot, the deck patrol onboard spotted one speedboat with ten persons near the fore part of the ship. Crew alerted. Upon inspection, it was discovered that some ship's stores were stolen and

				some containers seals broken and contents stolen. Port control informed.
18.	12.03.2008 1250 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Berger Explorer</b> Tug Nigeria 135 9148063	Enroute from Calabar to Port Harcourt, Nigeria	Armed pirates in three speed boats boarded the tug underway and kidnapped six Nigerian nationals and took them ashore. The kidnappers claim to be the 'Protectors of the Bonny River' and demanded a ransom for the safe release of the six crew members. One crew was released the same day and the remaining five crew members were released on 16.03.2008. It appears that a ransom was paid to secure the safe release of the six crew members.
19.	19.03.2008 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>MOL Rise</b> Container Antigua and Barbuda 12997 9007506	05:01S – 039:11E, Tanga Anchorage, Tanzania	A robber from a fishing boat boarded an anchored container ship. The robber jumped overboard as soon as the anti-piracy crew spotted him. Alarm raised, crew mustered and searched the ship. Nothing stolen. The watch keepers noticed seven more people in the boat.
20.	23.03.2008 0055 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Tristar Kuwait</b> Tanker Bahamas 27997 8613293	05:34N – 000:02E, Tema Anchorage, Ghana	Three robbers boarded the tanker at anchor. Duty crew noticed the robbers. Bridge informed. D/O raised alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered. Robbers jumped into the water and escaped. Nothing stolen. Port control informed. A security boat came and conducted a full search of the area.
21.	31.03.2008 - Steaming Boarded	<b>Lina 2</b> Fishing Vessel Yemen - -	12:10N 052:10E Abd Al-Kuri Island, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with guns attacked and boarded a fishing vessel. They shot and injured the master on his left shoulder. Pirates stole three zodiac boats and escaped into Somali waters.
22.	01.04.2008 - Steaming Hijacked	<b>Brum Ocean</b> Fishing Vessel Yemen - -	14:30N – 049:10E, 75NM South of Mukalla Port, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with guns attacked and hijacked the fishing vessel and sailed into Somali territorial waters. The fishing vessel, along with its 34 crew was released when a military helicopter intervened.
23.	02.04.2008 - Anchored Boarded	<b>Nova Flandria</b> Refrigerated Cargo Liberia 4574 8919893	Boma Anchorage, Democratic Republic of Congo	Two robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They broke the seal to the cargo compartment and commenced stealing the cargo. Duty watchman noticed some cargo on deck and raised the alarm. On seeing the watchman the robbers threatened him however upon seeing crew alertness, the robbers

				jumped overboard and escaped.
24	04.04.2008 0948 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Le Ponant</b> Passenger Vessel France 1189 8914219	13:12.84N – 050:14.63E, Gulf of Aden	Ten pirates armed with AK47 guns and RPGs in two speed boats attacked the vessel underway. They took hostage 30 crewmembers and hijacked the vessel to the Somali coast. SSAS activated. Yemen Maritime Authorities and coalition forces informed. The crew and vessel was released on 11 April 2008. It appears the owners paid a ransom for the safe release of the crew and vessel.
25.	08.04.2008 0247 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Hudson River</b> Container Cyprus 9940 9330848	06:46.4S – 039:20.5E, Dar Es Salaam Anchorage No.6, Tanzania	Anti piracy watchman sighted one robber near the boson store, on a ship at anchor. On sighting the watchman, the robber jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting boat. Alarm raised. Investigations indicated duty watch keepers had abandoned their stations to look into a noise they had heard, allowing the robber to access the ship unnoticed. Ship's stores were found stolen.
26.	14.04.2008 0340 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Sumy</b> Bulk Carrier Ukraine 14136 7701691	06:17.3N – 003:22.4E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. They took hostage one duty crew, tied his hand and feet and injured another crew. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, robbers escaped in their motor boat with ship's stores. Lagos port control informed.
27.	17.04.2008 0455 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>Claes Maersk</b> Container Denmark 20842 9064396	Apapa - Tin Can Island, Nigeria	Ten robbers in two speed boats boarded the ship berthed alongside. They broke open the paint store and stole ship's stores. Alarm raised and ship's crew locked themselves inside the accommodation for their own safety. Another group of robbers on motorcycles arrived near the ship and the stolen ship's stores were lowered. The two shore watchmen employed for security duties were missing during the incident and appeared once the robbers had gone. Authorities informed but no action taken.
28.	22.04.2008 0315 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Kapitan Maslov</b> Container Cyprus 16575	Dar Es Salaam Anchorage No.1, Tanzania	Eight robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. Before the watch keepers could contact and warn the bridge the robbers over powered

		9130157		and tied them up. The alarm was raised only when the chief officer could not contact the watch keepers. By then the robbers had stole contents from several containers. The robbers escaped when the alarm was raised. Port authorities informed.
29.	22.04.2008 2150 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Sean Rickmers</b> Container Marshal Islands 16986 9197349	06:41.0S – 039:42.1E, 28NM Off Dar Es Salaam Pilot Station, Tanzania	Eight robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored ship. They tied up the duty crew and stole his personal belongings, ship's stores and property. They broke open three containers and stole its contents. Robbers escaped once the alarm was raised. Local authorities informed.
30.	27.04.2008 2145 UTC Anchored Boarded	<b>Raiatea</b> Refrigerated Cargo Cyprus 2989 7637527	06:05N – 001:17E, Lome Anchorage, Togo	Six armed robbers boarded the ship at anchor, via the forecastle. When spotted by crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped. Ship's stores stolen.
31.	29.04.2008 - Anchored Boarded	<b>Freja Spring</b> Product Tanker Panama 28546 9174488	06:15.1N – 003:22.2E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Four robbers boarded the tanker at anchor. They stole ship's stores from aft locker and escaped immediately upon seeing alert crew. Lagos port control informed. The tanker weighed anchor and proceeded about 30 NM off the coast to drift while awaiting berth.
32.	04.05.2008 0050 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>Vaal River</b> Container Cyprus 9940 9330252	Port Monrovia, Liberia	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at berth. Robbers cut and stole reefer container electric cables. They escaped when sighted by ship's crew. Master tried to contact PFSO by VHF but no response.
32.	10.05.2008 0330 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>Emilia</b> General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 6264 9184249	Tin Can Port, Lagos, Nigeria	Robbers boarded the ship at berth. Alert crew raised alarm and the robbers jumped into their waiting boat and headed for another ship.
33.	13.05.2008 1400 LT Steaming Hijacked	<b>Lourdes Tide</b> Supply Vessel USA 499 9269881	Fairway Buoy Area of Rivers State, Nigeria	The supply vessel with 11 crew was boarded and hijacked while underway. The hijackers demanded a ransom for the safe release of crew and vessel. On 26 June 2008 the crew and vessel were released. It is believed the owners paid a ransom for the safe release of the crew and vessel.
34.	25.05.2008 1530 UTC	<b>Amiya Scan</b> General Cargo	13:16.37N – 050:49.82E,	Pirates hijacked the ship 80 NM off the coast of Somalia. Nine crewmembers

	Steaming Hijacked	Antigua and Barbuda 2546 9280718	Gulf of Aden	were held hostage onboard, 2.5 NM from the coast. Pirates demanded a ransom for the release of the crew and ship. On 24.06.2008 the crew and ship were released. It appears that a ransom was paid for the safe release of the crew and ship.
36.	27.05.2008 0545 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Leone</b> Product Tanker Barbados 4597 7351642	Offshore Lagos, Nigeria	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker at anchor. They lowered a hose into cargo tank no.1 and started to discharge cargo into the boat. Duty crew spotted them and raised the alarm. The robbers threatened the crew. Crew retreated into the accommodation and returned armed with pipes, sticks etc. On seeing the crew armed, the robbers threw their knives towards the crew and jumped overboard. No injuries to crew.
37.	28.05.2008 1038 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Lehmann Timber</b> General Cargo Gibraltar 5285 9418286	13:10.20N – 048:58.77E, Gulf of Aden	Four heavily armed pirates in a speed boat attacked and hijacked the ship underway. They sailed the ship into Somali territorial waters. The crew and ship was released on 07.07.2008. It is believed that a ransom was paid for the safe release of the crew and ship.
38.	05.06.2008 0415 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Nova Friesia</b> Refrigerated Cargo Liberia 5839 8609084	04:45.5S – 011:49.5E, Pointe Noire Anchorage, Congo	Two robbers, in a canoe approached the ship at anchor. One robber attempted to board the ship with a long pole attached with a hook. As the robber reached the main deck level, the duty AB hit him and he fell overboard. Port control responded after nearly two hours, but was not interested in the incident.
39.	08.06.2008 0400 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>Belisaire</b> Chemical Tanker France 7093 9229025	Tanker Berth, Lagos Port, Nigeria	Robbers boarded the tanker at berth from the outboard side. They attempted to open an inerted cargo tank. Duty AB spotted him and the robber immediately jumped overboard and escaped. At the time of the incident there were no shore guards as there was no cargo operation in progress.
40.	05.07.2008 0325 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Kristina Theresa</b> Chemical Tanker Isle of Man 8455 9321641	Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast	Duty A/B onboard the tanker noticed a small boat approaching from aft. A/B informed OOW and went to check the other side of the tanker and saw one robber armed with a knife running towards him. OOW raised alarm and

				alerted crew. Robber stole ship's equipment and escaped by ship's messenger line. Port control informed.
41.	16.07.2008 0028 UTC Anchored Boarded	<b>Spar Gemini</b> Bulk Carrier Norway 32474 9307580	04:40.37N 007:06.23E, Bonny River Anchorage, Nigeria	Eight armed and two unarmed militants boarded the ship at anchor, via a barge that was alongside. They incapacitated the local security guards and entered the accommodation. They manhandled the crew and damaged the accommodation. Militants stole crew personal belongings, ship's cash and property. No injuries to crew. SSAS activated.
42.	19.07.2008 2040 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Lissy Schulte</b> Container Liberia 16800 9102497	06:39.9S – 039:25.8E, 15 NM Off Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania	Duty watchman on board the ship, drifting, noticed a robber on the forecastle deck. Alarm raised and ship's whistle sounded. Robber escaped. A ten-meter long orange boat with five people in it was noticed slowly moving away from the ship. Port control informed. No stores stolen.
43.	20.07.2008 0011 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Stella Maris</b> Bulk Carrier Panama 30046 9317157	13:16.99N 050:03.47E, SE of AL Mukalla, Gulf of Aden	Pirates boarded the ship underway. The ship activated SSAS and sent voice message to the coalition forces indicating pirates on board. The hijackers sailed the ship to Eyl. Negotiations in progress.
44.	12.08.2008 0822 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Thor Star</b> General Cargo Thailand 10572 8311364	13:38.81N – 049:45.14E, Gulf of Aden	A general cargo ship underway was attacked and hijacked by pirates. The ship sent an SSAS alert distress. The pirates sailed the ship into Somali territorial waters and anchored her near Eyl. Pirates are demanding a ransom for the safe release of the 28 crew members and ship. Negotiations are in progress.
45.	19.08.2008 1413 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Bunga Melati Dua</b> Chemical Tanker Malaysia 22254 9123661	12:46.24N – 047:55.18E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in two speed boats attacked and hijacked the tanker underway. The tanker sent distress messages which were relayed by passing ships in the vicinity to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. Duty officer at the Piracy Reporting Centre contacted the coalition navy to render assistance to the crew members and the tanker. Coalition navy despatched a warship to intercept the tanker. The tanker was carrying a cargo of palm oil. The tanker is anchored off Eyl. The crew and ship

				was released on 29.09.2008. It is believed a ransom was paid for the safe release of the crew and ship.
46.	21.08.2008 0223 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Iran Deyanat</b> Bulk Carrier Iran 25168 8107579	13:49.3N – 050:23.9E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with automatic weapons attacked and hijacked the ship underway. The ship sent distress messages which were relayed by passing ships in the vicinity to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. Duty officer at the Piracy Reporting Centre immediately contacted the coalition navy to render assistance to the crew members and the ship. The ship was enroute to Rotterdam from China carrying steel products and minerals. Pirates have taken hostage 29 crew members. A coalition warship is monitoring the hijacked ship. The ship is anchored off Eyl. Negotiations in progress.
47.	21.08.2008 0358 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Irene</b> Chemical Tanker Panama 7373 9221669	14:26.42N – 049:56.46E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates armed with automatic weapons attacked and hijacked the tanker underway. The owners and ships in the vicinity of the tanker contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre and informed of the incident. The IMB Piracy Reporting centre immediately contacted the coalition navy to render assistance to the tanker. The tanker was carrying a cargo of flammable chemical cargo from Fos, France to India. 19 crew members taken hostage. Coalition warships are monitoring the hijacked tanker. The tanker is anchored off Eyl. Negotiations in progress.
48.	21.08.2008 0945 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>BBC Trinidad</b> General Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 6296 9356414	12:57.9N – 048:56.7E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates boarded and hijacked the ship underway. A passing ship reported the incident and distress to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre who had immediately contacted all relevant agencies and the coalition forces for assistance. The crew and ship was released on 11.09.2008. It is believed a ransom was paid for the safe release of the crew and ship.
49.	25.08.2008 0030 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Hellespont Chivalry</b> Chemical Tanker Liberia	06:10.7N – 003:23.8E, Lagos Anchorage,	Robbers armed with long knives boarded an anchored tanker. They stole ship's stores. Duty crew spotted them and informed duty officer who raised

		8515 9321110	Nigeria	alarm and alerted crewmembers. Robbers escaped.
50.	29.08.2008 1350 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Bunga Melati 5</b> Chemical Tanker Malaysia 22116 9172258	13:12N – 046:37E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates in speed boats attacked and hijacked the tanker underway. They sailed the tanker to Eyl. The crew and ship was released on 27.09.2008. It is believed a ransom was paid for the safe release of the crew and ship.
51.	29.08.2008 2005 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>MOL Ultimate</b> Container Germany 16803 9217553	06:46.95S – 039:21.68E, Dar Es Salaam Anchorage, Tanzania	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew noticed one robber on the stbd side armed with a knife. The robber threw a lashing bar towards the duty crew who escaped and informed the bridge. Alarm raised, crew mustered and rushed to forecastle. The robbers escaped upon hearing the alarm. Crew found one container opened and ship's stores stolen. Port control informed. Ship weighed anchor and proceeded further out to sea for drifting.
52.	30.08.2008 0001 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Kota Hapas</b> Container Hong Kong 13491 9238624	06:47.4S – 039:40.2E, Dar Es Salaam Roads, Tanzania	Three pirates armed with knives boarded the ship drifting. Another three pirates were noticed climbing up using a knotted line. However, when the pirates were noticed, ship raised alarm and started engine. The pirates fled empty handed.
53.	30.08.2008 2330 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Zallaq</b> Tanker Bahrain 79812 9205067	05:13N – 004:02W, Port Abidjan Anchorage, Ivory Coast	Duty crew onboard the tanker spotted a robber at poop deck. Bridge was informed and alarm raised. The robber jumped overboard escaping with ship's stores
54.	30.08.2008 2300 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Pac Antlia</b> Container Singapore 13764 9238870	06:48.6S – 039:32.3E, Dar Es Salaam Outer Roads, Tanzania	Five pirates armed with knives boarded the ship drifting. Two of the pirates tried to attack the duty A/B on the forecastle, who informed the duty officer. Alarm raised and main engine started and crew mustered. On hearing the ship's whistle, the pirates released the duty A/B and jumped overboard. No stores were stolen and no crew was injured. Port control was informed.
55.	02.09.2008 1853 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Carre D'AS IV</b> Yacht French - -	11:48.42N – 050:32.00E, Gulf of Aden	A yacht enroute from Cocos (Keeling) Islands to Aden, Yemen has been attacked and hijacked by pirates. The hijackers sailed the yacht to a unknown location in Somalia where it was

				anchored. French troops rescued the only two crew members onboard on 15.09.2008 and towed away the yacht.
56.	03.09.2008 0930 LT Steaming Hijacked	<b>Al Mansourah</b> General Cargo Panama 9751 7707683	14:27N – 049:40E, Off Al Mukalla, Yemeni Coast, Gulf of Aden	12 pirates armed with automatic guns and RPG in a small high speed craft attacked, boarded and hijacked the ship along with her 25 crewmembers. The crew and ship was released on 27.09.2008. It is believed a ransom was paid for the safe release of the crew and ship.
57.	07.09.2008 2345 LT Steaming Boarded	<b>Maersk Needham</b> Container Singapore 26671 9301938	06:09.5N – 003:35.0E, Off Lagos, Nigeria	Four pirates boarded the ship drifting from the poop deck. Pirates hit the duty watchman causing minor head injuries. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The pirates escaped with ship's stores. Port control contacted but no response. Later, the ship moved away 30 NM away from fairway buoy.
58.	08.09.2008 0500 LT Berthed Boarded	<b>CMA CGM Aguila</b> Container Cyprus 24053 9134505	Berth No.4, Tincan Island Container Terminal, Lagos, Nigeria	Duty AB, onboard the ship detected a suspicious boat. Upon checking, he discovered one robber had already boarded. There were six more persons in the boat. Crew alerted and they rushed towards the robber. When robber realized he had been detected, he jumped overboard and escaped with the others in the boat.
59.	10.09.2008 0657 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Bright Ruby</b> Bulk Carrier Korea 15872 8604474	13:09.06N – 047:57.00E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates boarded and hijacked the ship underway. There are 21 crew members onboard who are being taken hostage. The ship is anchored off Eyl. Negotiations in progress.
60.	15.09.2008 1043 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Stolt Valor</b> Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 15732 9274290	13:34.54N – 049:00.58E, Gulf of Aden	About 15 armed pirates boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. The tanker enroute to Mumbai, India, was carrying chemical products. 22 crewmembers have been taken hostage. The tanker is anchored of Eyl. Negotiations in progress.
61.	18.09.2008 0618 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Great Creation</b> Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 18179 9175456	14:13.00N – 049:59.00E, Gulf of Aden	About eight pirates armed with guns boarded the ship drifting due to engine problems. Pirates took hostage 25 crewmembers and sailed the vessel to Somali coast where is it anchored. Negotiations in progress.
62.	18.09.2008 0045 UTC Steaming	<b>Torm Freya</b> Product Tanker Denmark	06:40.00S – 039:35.00E, 18 NM Off	Six pirates boarded the tanker drifting. They broke forward store and stole ship's stores. Alarm raised and crew

	Boarded	30058 9250490	Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania	mustered. Pirates jumped overboard and escaped with stolen stores in a waiting small craft.
63.	20.09.2008 2130 UTC Steaming Boarded	<b>Safmarine Asia</b> Container Liberia 21887 8413887	06:44.06S – 039:26.06E, Dar Es Salaam Anchorage, Tanzania	16 pirates, in a 15-meter long boat, armed with knives boarded the ship awaiting pilot. The pirates gained access to the ship via the forecastle deck. They took hostage three duty crew and tied them up. The pirates broke into three containers and stole cargo. D/O sent another crew to check the status of the three duty crewmembers who were not responding. The crew noticed the pirates and informed D/O who raised the alarm. All crew mustered and searched the forecastle. Pirates jumped overboard and escaped with crew personal belongings, ship's stores and property.
64.	20.09.2008 0100 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Greataf</b> Tanker Marshall Islands 80274 8617201	06:18N – 003:19E, 6.6 NM Off Lagos Breakwater, Nigeria	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker at anchor conducting STS operations. Duty A/B noticed the robbers on the poop deck. He shouted at them and informed the D/O. Robbers caught the A/B, threatened him with a knife and took his personal belongings. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded and crew mustered. On hearing the alarm the robbers escaped. A/B received minor injuries.
65.	23.09.2008 2150 UTC Anchored Boarded	<b>Nordstar</b> Container Cyprus 16803 9149873	06:45S – 039:20E, Dar Es Salaam Anchorage, Tanzania	About six robbers boarded the ship. Alarm raised and crew mustered. On seeing crew alertness robbers jumped into a waiting boat and escaped.
66.	23.09.2008 0130 UTC Anchored Boarded	<b>CMA CGM Comoe</b> Container Liberia 23633 9339868	05:33.0N – 000:00.9E, Tema Anchorage, Ghana	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They took hostage one crew member and stole ship's stores. Robbers fled when master alerted the authorities.
67.	26.09.2008 0828 UTC Steaming Hijacked	<b>Genius</b> Chemical Tanker Liberia 6765 9008811	13:32.23N – 048:36.36E, Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates fired at the tanker underway. The tanker sent mayday messages via vhf channel. The pirates boarded and hijacked the tanker. The 19 crew members are taken hostage. Negotiations in progress.
68.	27.09.2008	<b>Berta</b>	06:17.48N	One robber boarded a container ship at

	2140 UTC Anchored Boarded	Container Antigua and Barbuda 6264 9184225	003:24.00E Fairway Buoy, Lagos Roadstead, Nigeria	anchor. Duty crew spotted the robber and raised the alarm. Crew mustered. Robber jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting boat with accomplices. Ship's stores stolen.
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## REST OF WORLD

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/GRT/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	20.07.2008 2000 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Cool Change</b> Sailing yacht Seychelles - -	Beau Vallon Bay, Mahe Island, Seychelles	A person in a swimsuit boarded and attempted to steal ship's stores. A lady crew onboard scared the robber who escaped.
2.	24.08.2008 2340 LT Anchored Boarded	<b>Name Withheld</b> Yacht Cayman Islands 428 -	41:30.3N – 009:16.0E, Golfe De Porto Novo, Corsica, France	Four armed robbers boarded an anchored yacht and stole valuables and personal property of crew and passengers. Local police informed who are investigating the incident.

## ATTEMPTED ATTACKS

**1 January – 30 September 2008**

### SOUTH EAST ASIA (MALACCA STRAITS)

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Date Time Status Type</b>	<b>Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Narration</b>
1.	01.02.2008 0140 UTC Steaming Attempted	<b>Kasagisan</b> Tanker Bahamas 160216 9324100	04:00N – 099:35E, Malacca Straits	Six small speed boats attempted to approach the tanker underway. Master increased speed and carried out evasive manoeuvres. The prompt action of the crew along with the worsening weather conditions resulted in the boats aborting the attempt.
2.	10.05.2008 1625 LT Steaming Attempted	<b>Bow Clipper</b> Chemical Tanker Norway 23197 9047518	05:35N – 097:05E, Northern Tip of Sumatera, Malacca Straits	Pirates in military camouflage attempted to board the tanker underway using a bamboo pole attached to a hook. Master raised alarm and alerted ships in vicinity. Pirates aborted the attempt and escaped in their blue hull speed boat.

### SOUTH EAST ASIA (EXCLUDING MALACCA STRAITS)

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Date Time Status Type</b>	<b>Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Narration</b>
1.	10.01.2008 2155 LT Steaming Attempted	<b>Lion City River</b> Tanker Singapore 56347 9329409	01:05.6N – 103:34.50E, Phillip Channel, Singapore Straits	At a distance of one NM, a small craft, with its searchlight on, started impeding the safe passage of the tanker underway. The tanker altered course to manoeuvre clear of the craft. At the same time, the crew noticed another, unlit, small craft near midships on the portside. The tanker enforced preventive measures and informed Singapore VTIS, who broadcast a security message to all ships in the area. A navy patrol boat arrived on the scene and patrolled the area. VTIS assured the master that the tanker was being monitored continuously.

2.	04.03.2008 1440 LT Steaming Attempted	<b>Murshidabad</b> Bulk Carrier India 28739 8409769	03:17.2N – 124:18.4E, Indonesia	A ship underway was approached from a distance of 3 – 4 nautical miles by about 15 – 20 speed boats at speeds of 30 - 40 knots from all directions. Some came as close as five meters from the ship's stern. ship raised alarm, increased speed, crew mustered, manoeuvred in a zigzag course and enforced anti piracy measures. Master broadcast a security message on vhf ch 16 and contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. Seeing the crew vigilance the speed boats moved away and regrouped near a fishing trawler in the vicinity. ship continued to her port of destination.
3.	09.03.2008 1045 LT Steaming Attempted	<b>Taizan</b> Tanker Panama 160084 9244635	18:03.7N – 119:55.44E, Off Luzon, Philippines	The tanker was passing a group of 15 fishing vessels. When about 1.5 NM off, three boats left the group and approached the tanker at high speed. One boat came within 10 meters of the tanker. Master took evasive manoeuvres, raised alarm, whistle sounded and crew mustered. After 15 minutes, the boats aborted the attempted attack.
4.	07.06.2008 1000 LT Steaming Fired upon	<b>Hereford Express</b> Livestock Carrier Philippines 4634 8202202	03.18.5N 125.05.8E, Vicinity of Kepulauan Sangir, Indonesia	Pirates in a speedboat chased and opened fire on the ship in ballast enroute to Australia. Master took evasive manoeuvres to prevent boarding and reduce casualties to crew and ship. Master informed managers who inturn contacted the Piracy Reporting Centre for assistance. The Centre contacted authorities whom instructed their local units to assist and respond accordingly. After two hours of continuous firing and chasing, the pirate boat aborted the attempt. Master fearing further attack from pirate boat, discontinued passage to next port and returned to last port, Gen Santos port, Philippines with ETA of the morning of 8 June.2008. Ship sustained serious damages to bridge, communication equipment, and hull. Further report is awaited.
5.	26.06.2008 0345 LT Anchored	<b>Bunga Mas 12</b> Container Malaysia	16:38.8N – 096:15.5E, N.E.A.	Six robbers in a speed boat tried to come alongside the ship at anchor. Alert crew raised alarm and

	Attempted	8612 9168570	Anchorage, Yangon, Myanmar	directed the search light towards the boat. Seeing the alert crew the robbers turned away. Ships in the vicinity informed. Earlier the port authority and pilot had warned the master of robbers in the anchorage.
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## FAR EAST

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	09.09.2008 0200 LT Anchored Attempted	<b>Maersk Aberdeen</b> Container Hong Kong 14063 9175793	10:16.0N – 107:05.9E, Vung Tau Anchorage, Vietnam	Duty AB, onboard the ship at anchor, noticed one robber attempting to board via the anchor chain. Crew alerted. On seeing the alert crew, the robber jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting boat with three accomplices.

## INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	29.01.2008 0830 UTC Steaming Attempted	<b>Cobra</b> Yacht Germany - -	06:00.8N – 082:01.9E, Sri Lanka	Pirates approached the yacht underway. Crew fired shots in the air and the pirates aborted the attempt. The pirates attempted to attack the yacht again later that same day at 1100 UTC.
2.	22.04.2008 0430 LT Anchored Attempted	<b>Fugro Gauss</b> Research Vessel Gibraltar 1684 7824883	18:55.3N – 072:51.9E, H1 Anchorage, Mumbai, India	Four robbers in a motor boat attempted to board the vessel at anchor. Attempt failed due to strict anti piracy watch.

## AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
NO	ATTACKS	REPORTED	DURING	THIS QUARTER

## AFRICA (SOMALIA)

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Date Time Status Type</b>	<b>Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Narration</b>
1.	02.03.2008 0237 UTC Steaming Attempted	<b>Eide Trader</b> Barge Carrier Marshall Islands 7258 7734167	04:40.2N – 057:38.9E, 390 NM Off Somalia Coast	An orange painted dhow with white stanchions, while drifting, called up the ship five nautical miles away requesting them to stop because they had no food or water and they had 25 persons on board. As the vessel altered course, the Master noticed that the dhow had increased speed and was heading directly for them. Seeing this, the Master suspected an attempted attack and altered course and headed away from the dhow. The ship and the dhow were both doing around seven knots and after around 3.5 hours the dhow altered towards Socotra Island. The same dhow was later heard calling another vessel to stop.
2.	04.05.2008 1420 UTC Steaming Fired upon	<b>Fairchem Pegasus</b> Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 11580 9286542	00:57N – 051:43E, Off Somalia	Two speedboats chased and opened fire on the tanker underway. Pirates opened fire on the tanker. Master took evasive manoeuvres and increased speed. Later, the boats aborted the chase. Tanker continued her passage. No reported injuries to crew.
3.	13.09.2008 0900 UTC Steaming Fired upon	<b>Drennec</b> Fishing Vessel France 2732 9359703	02:10N – 054:40E, 450 NM Off Mogadiscio, Somalia	Three white coloured speed boats, possibly, from a mother ship armed with RPG fired upon and tried to close onto the fishing vessel underway. The master increased speed and moved away. No injuries to crew and no damage to the vessel.
4.	20.09.2008 1700 UTC Steaming Fired upon	<b>Hengam</b> Tanker Malta 160930 9212905	02:37.00N – 051:25.00E , Off Somali Coast, Somalia	Three pirates armed with machine guns and RPG in a white coloured fast boat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, sent distress message, raised alarm, crew mustered and activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted the attempted boarding after 30 minutes.

## AFRICA (EXCLUDING SOMALIA)

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Date Time Status Type</b>	<b>Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Narration</b>
1.	04.01.2008 0140 UTC Anchored Attempted	<b>Althea</b> Bulk Carrier Malta 17697 9224855	06:16.2N – 003:22.7E, 7.5 NM Off Shore, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Four armed robbers in a small rubber boat attempted to board the ship at anchor using grappling hook. Duty crew raised alarm and crew mustered. Robbers escaped. Nothing stolen. Master tried to report to port control but no response.
2.	27.01.2008 2105 LT Berthed Attempted	<b>Safmarine Memling</b> Container Marshall Islands 23722 9193719	Agadir Port, Morocco	Three persons in divers' suites, without cylinders, swam to the ship at berth. Ship's watchmen saw the divers and raised the alarm. The suspected robbers swam to another berth and escaped. Master informed port control. The port police arrived one hour after reporting.
3.	01.02.2008 1510 LT Steaming Fired upon	<b>Oriental Green</b> Tanker Malta 56955 9178317	12:55N – 051:23.6E, 65 NM North Northeast of Somalian Coast (Cape Raas Caseyr), Gulf of Aden	The officer on watch on the tanker underway, sighted a small wooden boat with four men on board approaching the tanker. Master informed, alarm raised, accommodation locked down, fire hoses rigged and fire pump started. The boat approached on the port side at a distance of 60 meters and signalled the tanker to stop. Master started taking evasive action by adopting a zig - zag course. The pirates started firing at the tanker accommodation. The tanker continued zig-zaging and activated the fire hoses. Pirate boat followed the tanker for about six miles and aborted the attempt at 1530 hrs. No damage to the tanker except for bullet marks. Informed ships in the vicinity via vhf.
4.	21.02.2008 2340 LT Anchored Attempted	<b>London Star</b> Tanker Liberia 41966 9330343	06:18.4N – 003:20.4E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Just before watch change over time the forward duty watchman heard the engine of a motor boat, approaching on the port side. He immediately alerted the others who commenced checking the port side. At the same time, the watchmen checked the starboard side realized that the boat on the port side could be a decoy. The watchmen

				noticed four to five persons attempting to board the tanker via hooks attached to the starboard side deck. Duty officer raised alarm, watchman shouted at them, and the robbers slowly moved away.
5.	04.03.2008 1930 LT Steaming Attempted	<b>Jeannie</b> Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 16368 7433012	06:23.5N – 003:24.2E, Off Lagos, Nigeria	Armed pirates in a speedboat attempted to board the ship underway in pilotage waters. Second officer on duty at poop deck alerted the bridge. Master raised alarm. Seeing the alert crew the pirates aborted their attempt to board the ship.
6.	18.03.2008 0350 UTC Steaming Fired upon	<b>Front Lady</b> Tanker Singapore 149945 8906913	12:53.2N – 050:14.7E, Gulf of Aden	Ten persons dressed in camouflage clothes and armed with automatic weapons approached the VLCC in ballast in two five meter length speed boats. Master raised alarm, crew alerted, evasive manoeuvres taken and speed increased. The boats fired shots in the air. Later, the boats aborted the attempted boarding. All vessels in the vicinity warned.
7.	29.03.2008 1040 LT Steaming Attempted	<b>Name Withheld</b> General Cargo Isle of Man 2815 -	14:12.1N 050:44.8E Gulf of Aden	Armed pirates in three speed boats attempted to board a ship underway. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition warship for assistance. After two hours the speedboats aborted the attempt.
8.	01.04.2008 0915 LT Steaming Fired upon	<b>Sunshine Sky</b> Chemical Tanker Panama 9488 9146027	13:45.81N – 049:18.79E, Gulf of Aden	Three speed boats chased and attacked the tanker underway with automatic weapons and rocket launchers. Master took evasive manoeuvres and increased speed. Later, boats moved away. Ship's funnel and lifeboat were damaged by gunfire/RPG. An hour later, five speedboats chased the tanker again from various directions. Tanker took evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boats from closing in. Later the boats moved away. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre communicated with the coalition Navy, the owners and Master of Tanker to provide assistance as required. One coalition warship was in the vicinity monitoring the five speed boats.
9.	06.04.2008 2000 UTC Steaming	<b>Genmar George T</b> Tanker Marshall Islands	05:17.7N – 004:43.0E, Off Escravos,	An unlit speed boat approached the tanker from the stern. Alarm raised and SSAS alarm activated. The speed boat

	Fired upon	79235 9336971	Nigeria	fired warning shots from automatic weapons and left. No injuries to crew or any damage to tanker suffered.
10.	21.04.2008 0110 UTC Steaming Fired upon	<b>Takayama</b> Tanker Japan 150053 9052343	13:00.3N – 049:07.4E, Gulf of Aden	Five speed boats chased and opened fire on the tanker underway, in ballast. Tanker increased speed and enforced anti piracy preventive measures. Speed boats aborted the attack after 30 minutes and disappeared. Some damage to hull possibly due to RPG fire. No injuries to crew.
11.	28.04.2008 0940 UTC Steaming Fired upon	<b>Alexander Carl</b> Bulk Carrier South Korea 110627 9039169	12:38.8N – 049:46.9E, 90 NM Off Bosasso, North Coast of Somalia, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in two speedboats, fired upon the ship underway using machine guns and RPG in an attempt to board the ship. The Master increased speed and carried out evasive manoeuvres. Due to the actions of the master and the high freeboard, the pirates were unable to board the ship. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre informed the coalition forces. A military aircraft was dispatched. The boats moved away.
12.	28.04.2008 2203 LT Steaming Attempted	<b>Navajo Princess</b> General Cargo Philippines 22053 8613413	14:15.5N – 050:11.8E, 35 NM Off Yemen Coast, Gulf of Aden	A ship underway observed on radar three speedboats approaching at high speed. Alarm raised and anti piracy measures activated. All accommodation lights and navigations lights switched off. The boats continued to follow and slowly close onto the ship. Finally, to deter the pirates the chief officer threw wooden pallets and old garbage drums overboard in the path of the boats. This caused the boats to suddenly stop and abort the chase.
13.	19.05.2008 1500 LT Steaming Attempted	<b>River Elegance</b> Container Panama 48161 9072147	12:49.3N – 050:36.3E, 55 NM Off Somalia Coast, Gulf of Aden	Two small speedboats approached the ship underway from the bow. One of the speedboats had four pirates armed with automatic weapons and rocket launcher. The pirates aimed the rocket launcher towards the bridge and tried to board the ship. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and crew mustered. After 10 minutes, the pirates aborted the attempt and were seen approaching two other ships about five miles off.
14.	23.05.2008	<b>Cape Merlin</b>	13:16.2N –	Four pirates armed with automatic guns

	0430 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Bulk Carrier United Kingdom 77503 9056818	049:08.7E, Gulf of Aden	and rocket launchers in a grey coloured, long speed boat approached the ship underway from the port quarter. They fired at the bridge and accommodation. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew mustered. OOW informed ships in vicinity via vhf ch. 16. The pirates tried to board the ship without success and finally aborted the attempt. One, white hull fishing boat, was noticed about six NM off.
15.	24.05.2008 1420 LT Steaming Fired upon	<b>Taiyoh II</b> Product Tanker Singapore 39268 9006746	13:58N – 050:42E, Gulf of Aden	Two boats with four armed pirates in each boat closed onto a tanker underway. The pirates opened fire with automatic guns and RPG. One RPG hit and damaged the port bridge wing. Evasive manoeuvres prevented the pirates from boarding. No injuries to crew and no pollution. After breaking off, the two boats were reported to be drifting in the same vicinity.
16.	25.05.2008 0610 LT Steaming Attempted	<b>Furtrans Bulk</b> Bulk Carrier Marshall Islands 25312 9188908	13:25.2N – 047:57.8E Gulf of Aden	Three boats closed onto the ship underway. There were four armed persons in each boat. The boats followed the ship at a distance of one cable and the armed men were heard shouting in a foreign language. Master raised alarm, all crew mustered and anti piracy measures enforced. After following the ship for 25 minutes, the boats aborted the attempt and moved away.
17.	03.06.2008 0705 UTC Steaming Fired upon	<b>YM Ocean</b> Container Taiwan 29872 7810923	12:43.8N – 049:51.5E, Gulf of Aden	Two pirate boats opened fire on the ship underway. Two coalition warships in the vicinity, came to assist the ship. The pirates aborted the attack. All crew safe.
18.	21.06.2008 0610 LT Steaming Attempted	<b>Hudson Bay</b> Refrigerated Cargo Antigua and Barbuda 8052 8202654	13:08.7N – 048:03.7E, Gulf of Aden	Two wooden speed boats approached the ship. One boat crossed the ship's bow whilst the other remained on the portside. Not suspecting any pirate activity the master sailed between the two boats, which then closed in on the ship. One of the crafts was preparing ladder with hook in order to board. Ship raised the alarm and evasive manoeuvres adopted. The two speed boats aborted their attack and moved away. The ship continued

				on her passage.
19.	28.06.2008 2145 UTC Anchored Attempted	<b>Yasa H. Mehmet</b> Bulk Carrier Turkey 30303 9222510	Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	One robber, armed with a long knife, attempted to climb onboard the ship at anchor via the anchor chain. Alert duty watchman saw the robber and informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. On hearing the alarm, the robber jumped into the sea and escaped with two other accomplices waiting in a boat.
20.	30.06.2008 0200 LT Berthed Attempted	<b>Harrier Explorer</b> Supply Vessel Panama 4009 7807380	Berth No.12, Mombasa, Kenya	Alert crew onboard the vessel at berth spotted a robber using a rope attached with a hook to gain access to their vessel from the offshore side. As soon as the robber saw the alert crew he jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting boat.
21.	06.07.2008 0945 LT Steaming Attempted	<b>Shamrock</b> Bulk Carrier Liberia 30046 9324667	12:34.3N – 043:25.6E, Off Mayyun Island, Gulf of Aden	Blue coloured wooden boats, with 10 – 15 people attempted to close onto the ship underway. Alarm raised. Crew implemented anti piracy measures. After 10 minutes of trying to get closer to the ship, the boats aborted the attempt and moved away.
22.	15.07.2008 1030 UTC Steaming Fired upon	<b>Chemstar Moon</b> Chemical Tanker Panama 11590 9255983	13:31.0N – 049:11.6E, 44 NM Off Yemen, Gulf of Aden	D/O onboard the tanker underway noticed about 10 - 12 pirates in two blue and white coloured speedboats at a distance of 2.5 NM. The speedboats suddenly approached the tanker and fired at her. D/O raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered. Pirates noticed crew alertness and reduced their speed and aborted the attempted boarding.
23.	18.07.2008 0720 UTC Steaming Attempted	<b>MSC Rania</b> Container Panama 94489 9309447	12:47.5N – 051:02.0E, Gulf of Aden	Heavily armed pirates, in two, six-meter long yellow craft, attempted to board the ship underway from the aft. Master took evasive manoeuvres, raised alarm and crew mustered with pressurised fire hoses. Upon seeing crew alertness, pirates aborted the attempt.
24.	08.08.2008 0345 UTC Steaming Fired upon	<b>Gem of Kilakarai</b> Bulk Carrier Singapore 32474 9287962	13:12N – 049:56E, Gulf of Aden	Seven pirates, in two speedboats, armed with guns and rocket propelled grenade launchers chased and fired on the ship underway. The master contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre for assistance. Duty officer at the Piracy Reporting Centre advised

				master to enforce anti piracy measures to prevent boarding of ship and informed him that the coalition navy and other relevant authorities would be contacted to render assistance to the ship. The coalition navy dispatched one warship to assist the ship. The constant manoeuvring of the ship prevented the boarding of the pirates. On seeing the coalition warship, the pirate boats aborted their attempt and moved away. Ship resumed voyage. All crew safe. No damage to ship. An unexploded grenade was found on the bridge wing. Master and crew were advised not to go near the grenade. The coalition navy sent their teams who disposed the grenade.
25.	23.08.2008 0908 UTC Steaming Fired upon	<b>Aizu</b> General Cargo Panama 14103 8214607	14:16N – 050:19.40E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates, in two speedboats chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, activated anti-piracy measures and fired rocket flares. At 1020 UTC, when the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre contacted the master of the ship again he indicated that the pirates stopped firing and stopped chasing the ship. The master informed that the mother ship was about three NM away.
26.	23.08.2008 1220 UTC Steaming Fired upon	<b>St. Anna</b> Bulk Carrier Liberia 31661 8623884	14:11.3N – 050:20.3E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre for help. The centre informed the coalition and other agencies for immediate assistance. Military aircraft arrived and the pirates stopped the chase.
27.	03.09.2008 1436 UTC Steaming Fired upon	<b>Orsolina Bottiglieri</b> Bulk Carrier Italy 39713 9219434	13:36.9N – 049:12.2E, 39 NM Off Yemeni Coast, Gulf of Aden	Two speedboats with five persons in each boat attempted to board the ship underway. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew mustered. The pirates fired upon the ship and the master contacted the coalition warship. The boats aborted the attempt at 1450 UTC and moved away. A coalition warship arrived at location and escorted the ship.
28.	05.09.2008 0510 UTC Steaming	<b>Jin Yuan Men</b> General Cargo St. Vincent and	12:57.5N – 047:04.0E, Gulf of Aden	A general cargo ship underway, noticed a blue coloured tug suspected to be a pirate mother vessel, towing a small

	Fired upon	Grenadines 14991 7609207		boat. The small boat suddenly proceeded at high speed and approached the ship. D/O raised alarm and crew mustered. Four pirates, armed with RPG and automatic weapons were firing at the ship in an attempt to board the ship. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Crew activated fire hoses and threw hard objects to hit the pirates. Pirates kept on firing at the ship and at 0600 UTC, The pirates gave up the attempt and fled.
29.	06.09.2008 0705 UTC Steaming Attempted	<b>Sigloo Discovery</b> LPG Tanker Singapore 7954 8511964	12:57.8N – 047:01.6E, 33 NM South of Yemeni Coast, Gulf of Aden	About six pirates armed with RPG in a white speedboat approached the tanker underway. Alarm raised, foghorn sounded, crew mustered and Chief officer directed fire hose towards the boat. The pirates signalled to reduce speed and pointed RPG at the Chief officer, who dropped the fire hose and entered the accommodation. Master increased ship speed to maximum and took evasive manoeuvres by giving large helm orders. This resulted in the speedboat rolling heavily, causing four pirates to fall overboard. The speedboat recovered the pirates and resumed chasing the tanker again. Mayday broadcast made and SSAS activated. UKMTO Dubai and IMB Piracy Reporting Centre informed. The Centre immediately informed the Coalition Forces. The speedboat came close to the tanker, but later gave up the chase and met up with a pirate mother vessel that was a raft with an orange cover. A passing ship informed that coalition warships were proceeding for assistance and were calling the tanker on VHF.
30.	06.09.2008 1000 UTC Steaming Fired upon	<b>Front Voyager</b> Tanker Bahamas 88946 8902668	12:57N – 047:17E, 38 NM Off Yemen Coast, Gulf of Aden	A blue-hulled vessel was spotted at a range of 6 NM by the tanker underway. A small speed craft was released from the mother vessel and it started approaching the tanker. Alarm raised, speed increased, coalition warship contacted. Speedboat, with five persons armed with machine guns opened fire. When coalition warship

				and navy helicopter arrived, speedboat aborted attack and moved towards mother vessel. Tanker sustained damages. No injuries to crew. Tanker continued passage.
31.	07.09.2008 0942 UTC Steaming Attempted	<b>Fonarun Naree</b> Bulk Carrier Thailand 13881 8323862	12:46N – 045:50E, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in two speedboats chased the ship underway. Owners contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) for assistance. Duty officer at the PRC immediately informed the authorities to render necessary assistance and relayed the same to the master. Master advised to enforce anti piracy measures to delay / prevent boarding. The authorities advised the centre that every effort was being made to send assistance to the ship. At 1340 UTC master reported that pirate boats had stopped chasing and that ship was continuing passage to destination port.
32.	08.09.2008 0655 UTC Steaming Attempted	<b>Ocean Queen</b> Tanker Singapore 62863 9368223	12:45.48N – 046:05.3E, Gulf of Aden	About ten speedboats chased the tanker underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres and contacted the coalition naval forces for help. A coalition aircraft arrived at location. The speedboats aborted the attack.
33.	08.09.2008 0500 UTC Steaming Attempted	<b>OOCL Tokyo</b> Container Hong Kong 89097 9310238	12:54.2N – 046:04.2E, Gulf of Aden	Two high-speed boats crossed the bow of the ship underway at a distance of one NM and then turned towards the ship. Master altered course in a threatening way to hit the speedboats. As the boats got closer, the master observed that the persons onboard were carrying guns. Later the boats aborted the attempt.
34.	10.09.2008 0230 UTC Steaming Fired upon	<b>Michael S</b> Bulk Carrier Malta 27996 9230127	12:40.5N – 048:22.5E, Gulf of Aden	One speed boat chased the ship and opened fire at it. The ship took evasive actions and contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre for assistance. Duty officer at the centre informed coalition navy. Coalition navy sent a warship and a helicopter which flew over the speed boat and interrupted the attack. The attack was aborted. The ship continued her passage to destination port. No damage to the ship and no injury to crew.
35.	12.09.2008 1513 UTC	<b>Le Tong</b> General Cargo	13:24N – 048:20E,	Eight pirates, in a skiff, chased the ship underway. They fired upon the ship

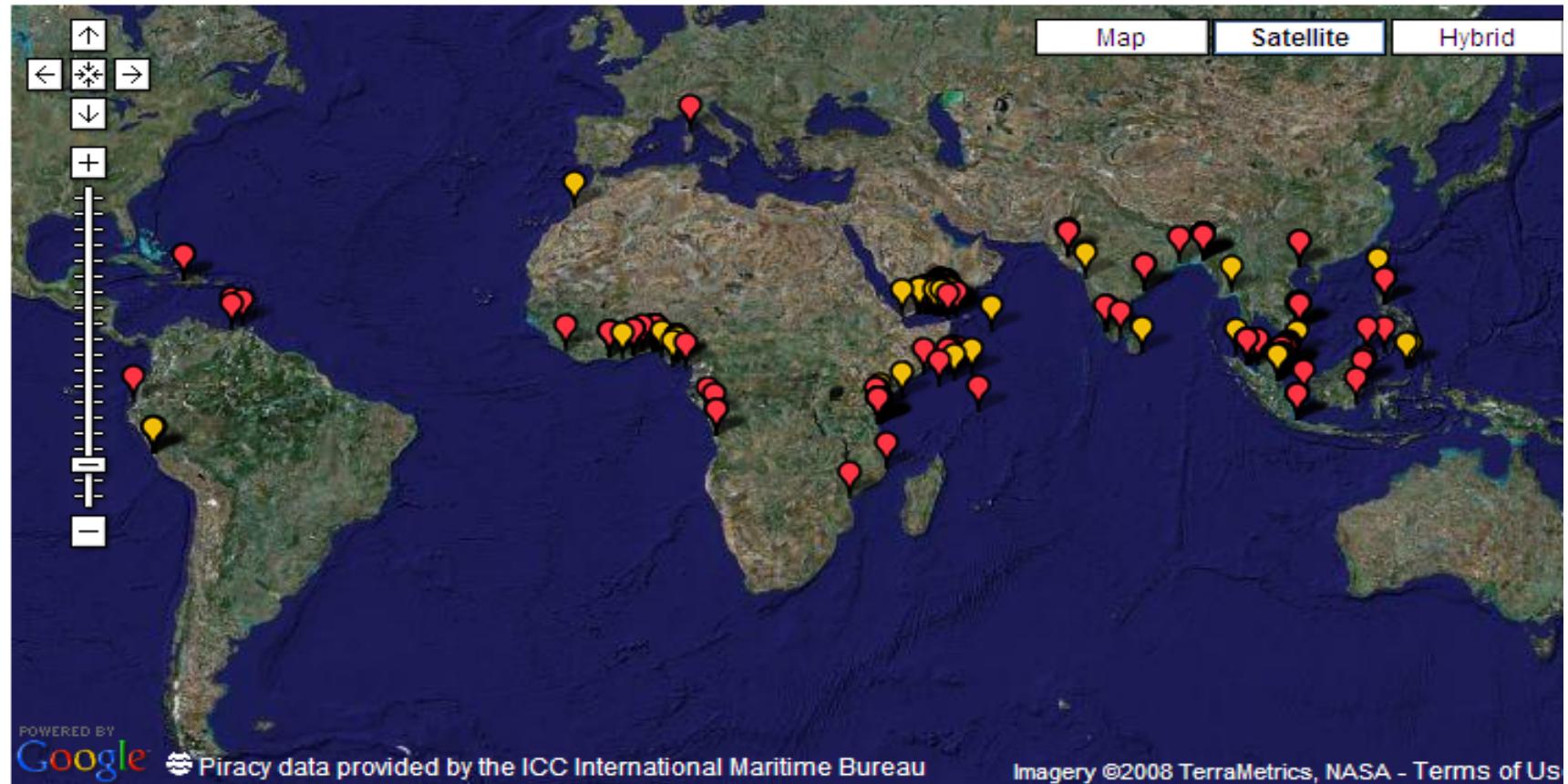
	Steaming Fired upon	China 15589 9175444	Gulf of Aden	and attempted to board. Master contacted the coalition warships. A helicopter intervened and the pirates aborted the attempt.
36.	13.09.2008 0440 UTC Steaming Attempted	<b>Golden Elizabeth</b> Chemical Tanker Panama 9599 9170949	13:32.30N – 048:47.30E, Gulf of Aden	Speed boats chased the tanker underway with intend to board. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres to prevent boarding, altered course southward to rendezvous with a coalition warship. Speedboats approached as close as two cables before aborting the attempt.
37.	14.09.2008 1435 UTC Steaming Fired upon	<b>Shou Chang Hai</b> Bulk Carrier China 27766 8316508	13:38.52N – 048:59.00E, Gulf of Aden	Duty officer onboard the ship noticed a mother vessel (red colour) releasing speed boats which approached the ship. Six pirates in the speed boat opened fire at the ship. Master contacted the coalition warships but no response. Anti piracy measures were enforced, the speed boats followed for about 10 minutes and later aborted.
38.	18.09.2008 0630 UTC Steaming Attempted	<b>Jo Oak</b> Chemical Tanker Norway 22772 8112495	13:54.00N – 049:31.00E, 40 NM SE of Al Mukalla, Gulf of Aden	Two white hull boats with several persons onboard approached aggressively towards the tanker underway with intend to board. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition forces. SSAS activated and crew mustered. The boats kept on following and at 0700 UTC, the boats aborted the attempt.
39.	19.09.2008 1339 LT Steaming Attempted	<b>Uni-Premier</b> Container Panama 17887 9202223	13:13.06N – 049:31.04E, Gulf of Aden	Twelve pirates, in three speedboats, armed with automatic guns and rocket propelled grenade launchers chased the ship. Ship increased speed, evasive manoeuvres taken and fire hoses directed at the speedboats. Pirates approached the ship on stbd bow and tried to board. Later, they aborted the attempt and moved away.

## **REST OF WORLD**

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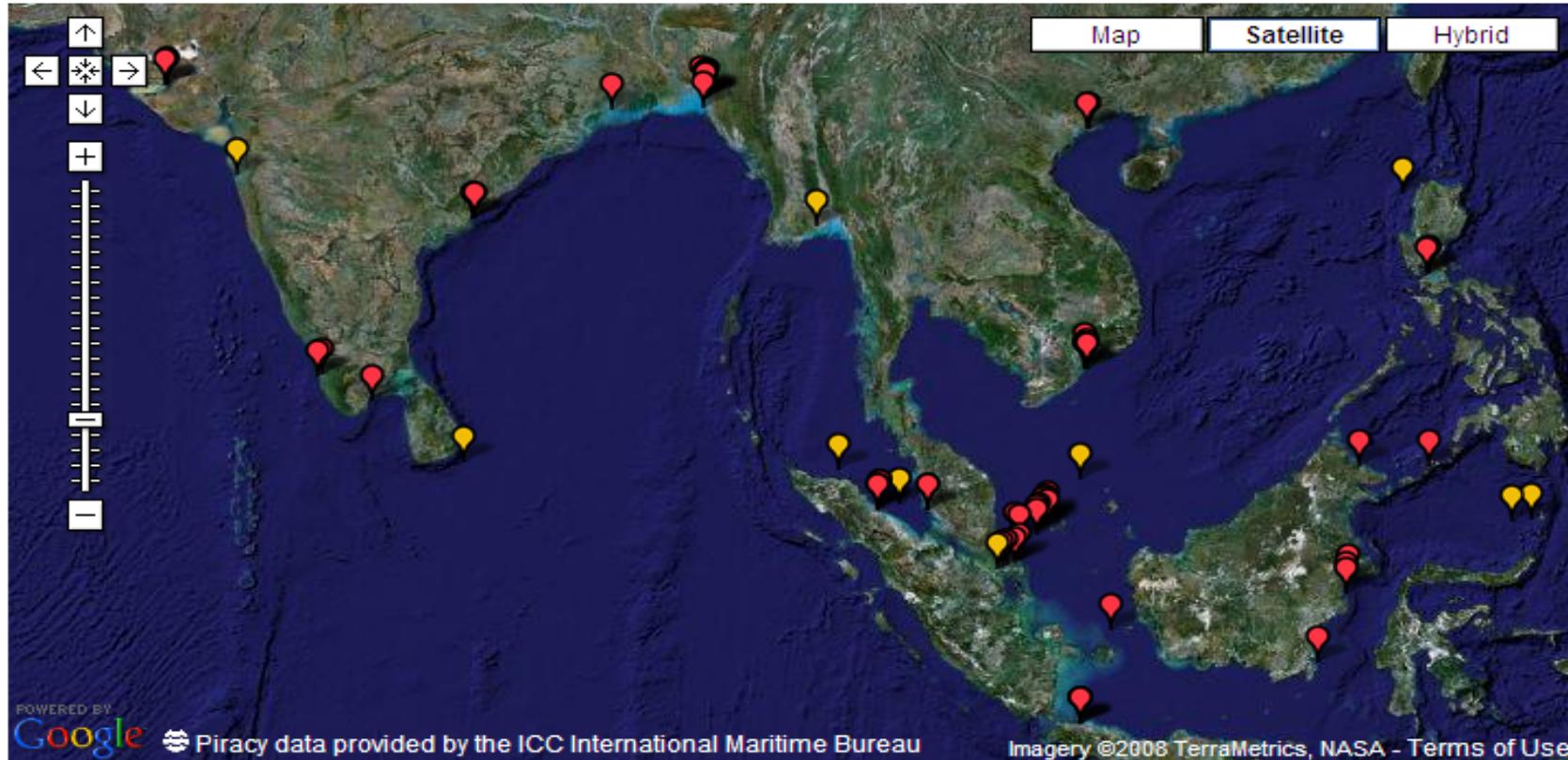
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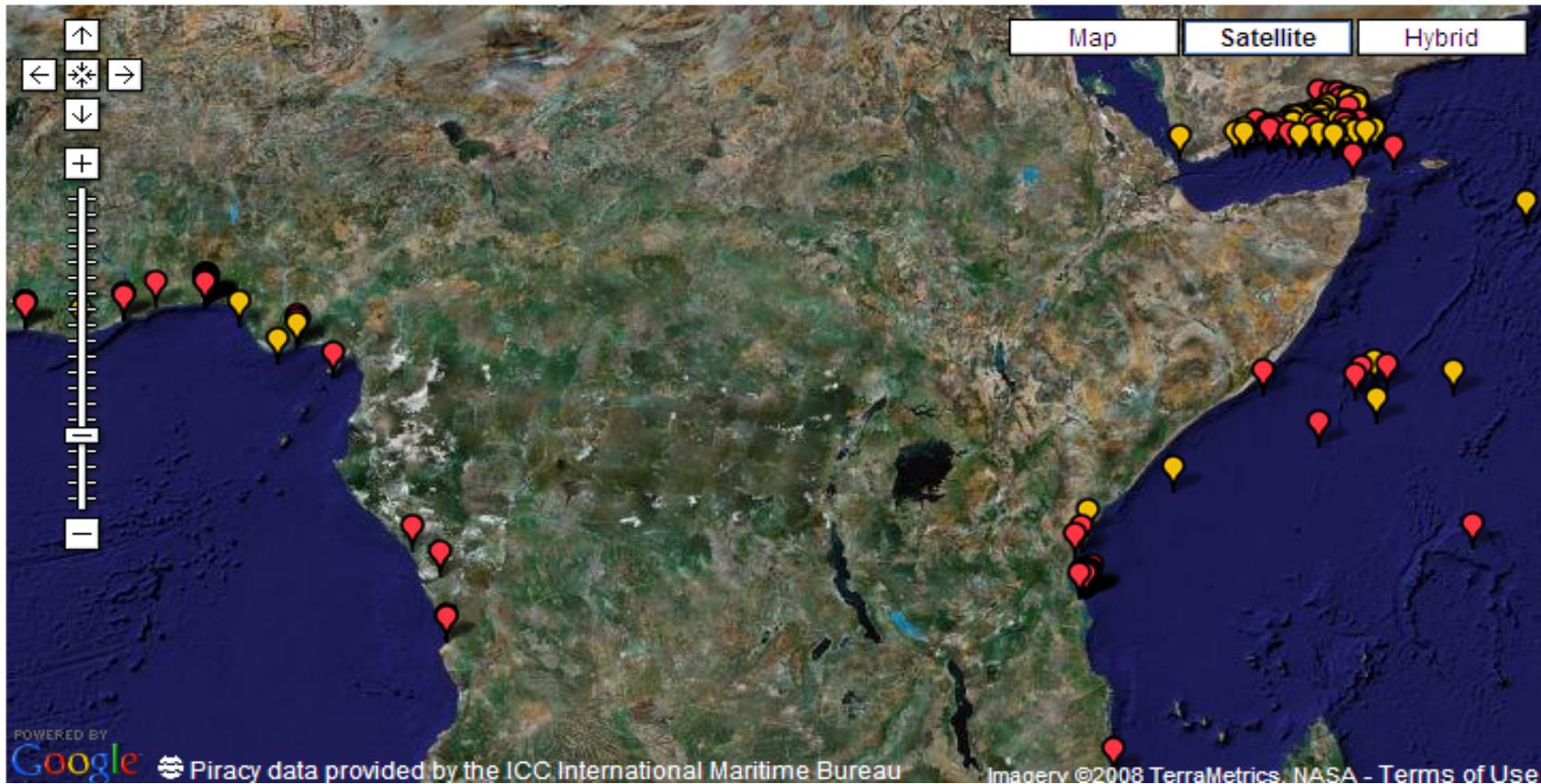


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Total attacks S E Asia and Far East - 49



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Total attacks West Africa – 39

Total attacks East Africa – 29

Total attacks Gulf of Aden - 51