

Weekly Advisory / Situation Report 09 – 15 Feb 18

Red Sea - Indian Ocean Incidents



- No incidents were reported during this period (09-15 February 2018)

Interesting information

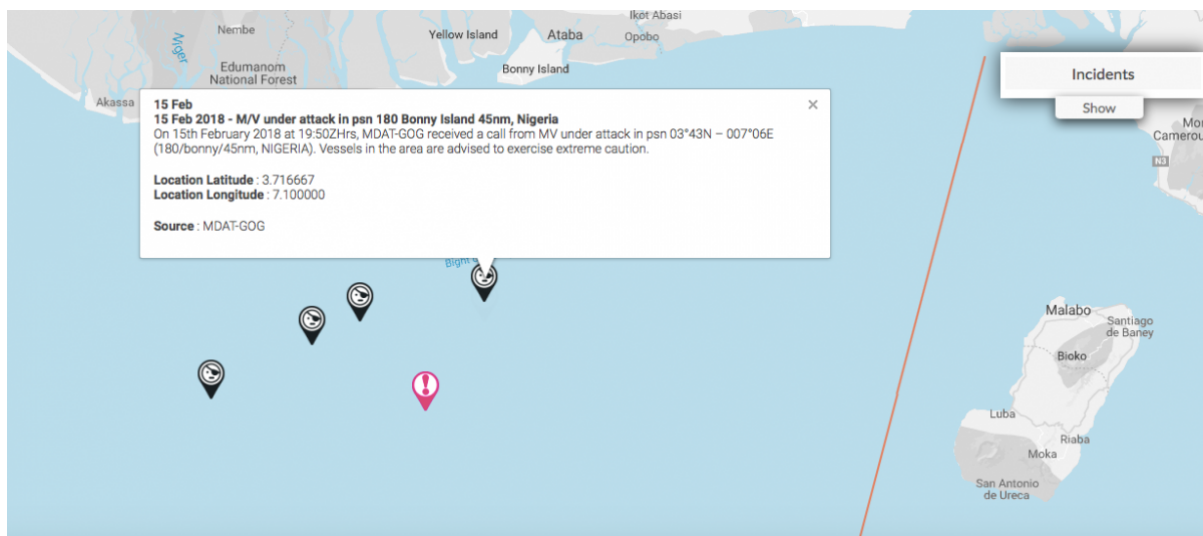
- [The “New” Human Rights at Sea Debate](#) Dr Sofia Galani, one of Human Rights at Sea’s Non-Executive Board of Advisors, gave a presentation at the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution last month on the topic of maritime security and human rights: The “human rights at sea” debate is rather recent.
- [AU team in Somalia to assess peacekeeping operations](#) MOGADISHU, Feb. 14 (Xinhua) — An African Union (AU) team is in Somalia to assess peacekeeping activities as the transfer of responsibilities from AU mission to Somali national security forces gains momentum, officials said on Wednesday.

- [Can Somalia's fishing industry keep pirates out of business?](#) From 2010 to 2012, pirates ruled Somali waters, costing commercial ships billions of dollars in ransoms. Over the last few years, increased naval patrolling and security improved the situation drastically and many former pirates turned to fishing to earn an honest living. However, NewsHour Weekend Special Correspondent Jane Ferguson reports that domestic conditions could reverse this trend.

Threat assessment

Sea Guardian continues to urge high levels of vigilance in the entire HRA with South Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman and Somali Coast, remaining areas where caution needs to be exercised considering the recent incidents. ALL advisories in effect in South Red Sea and Yemeni Coast must be adhered by all. Reduced military presence in the area makes strict BMP Implementation (including IRTC and group transit scheme use) of the outmost importance

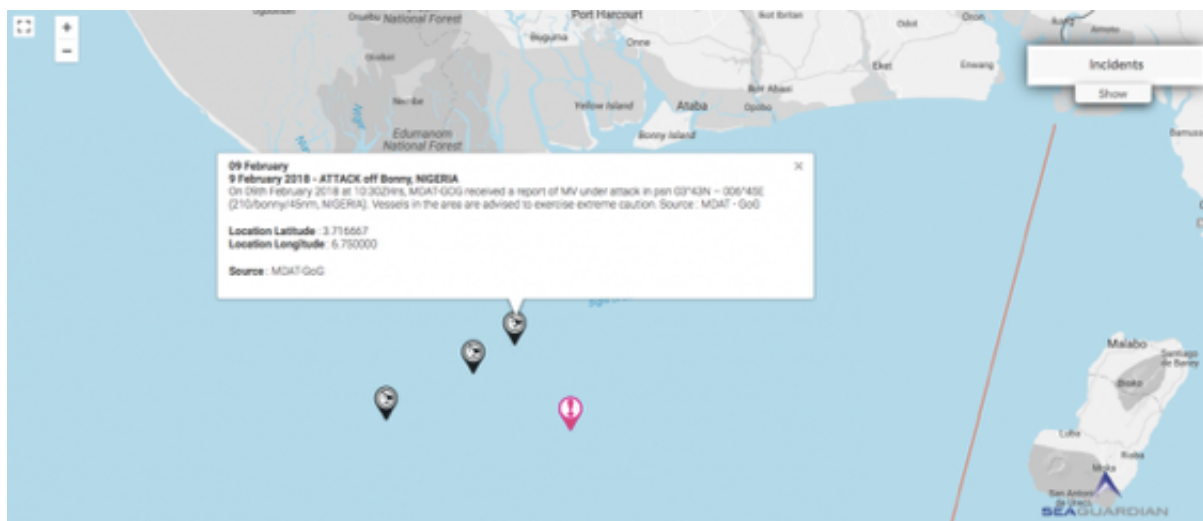
West Africa Incidents



-On 15th February 2018 at 19:50Zhrs, MDAT-GOG received a call from MV under attack in psn 03°43N – 007°06E (180/bonny/45nm, NIGERIA). Vessels in the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

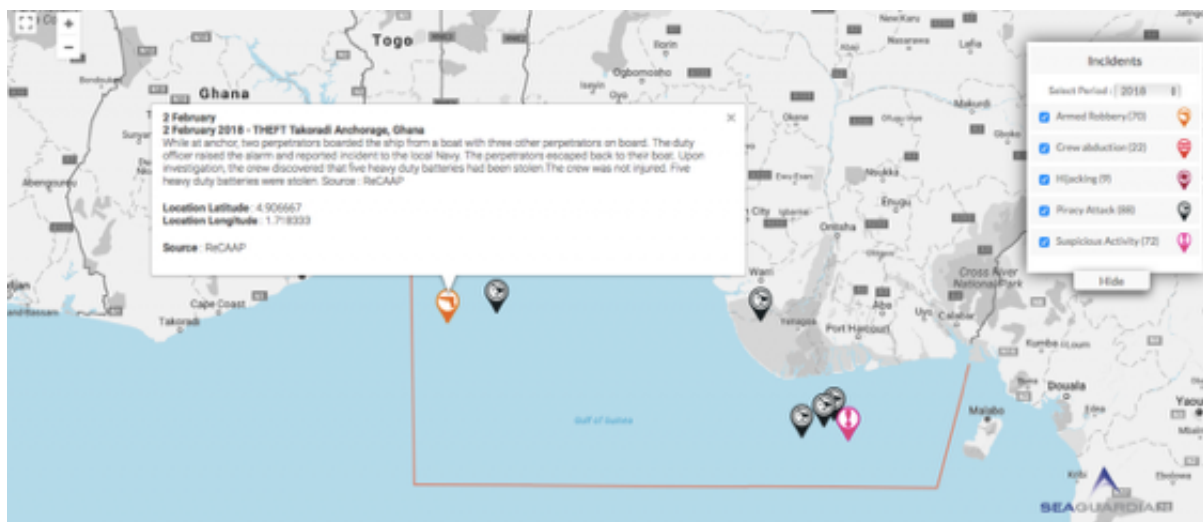
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Update: From a report from the CSO, MV no longer under attack and is SAFE. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.



- On 2 Feb 2018, two perpetrators boarded an MV while at anchor. The duty officer raised the alarm and reported incident to the local Navy. The perpetrators escaped back to their boat. Upon investigation, the crew discovered that five heavy duty batteries had been stolen. The crew was not injured. Five heavy duty batteries were stolen.

Interesting information

- [NIMASA's pledge to stop piracy threatened](#) The current surge in piracy has raised doubt over Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA)'s ability to end piracy on Nigerian waters as promised by June 2018. BAYO AKOMOLAFE reports Despite the Federal Government's approval of \$186 million to secure Nigerian waterways and ports, pirates are still operating in and off the coast of Nigeria targeting foreign ships

Threat assessment

- There were reported 3 incidents in West Africa waters last week. In one of the attacks, there was a recent update where it was reported that thankfully the ship and crew are all SAFE.

- Taking under consideration the overall trends and the recent US administration advisory and IMB annual report, Gulf of Guinea remains the world's hotspot for piracy and maritime crime, particularly marine kidnapping for ransom. As long as corruption, militant disruptions, degradation of marine environment and poverty of the Niger Delta communities can't be confined, it is clear that maritime piracy and kidnapping will continue to plague the waters of West Africa.

SEAGUARDIAN continues to reiterate the need for collective efforts and shared responsibility among regional authorities and the shipping industry in addressing the situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Africa. In any case all ships transiting the areas of concern should enhance vigilance especially during hours of darkness and report all incidents to the nearest coastal State and flag State immediately.

South East Asia Incidents





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Interesting information

- [New vessel to improve Sabah's maritime security](#) KOTA KINABALU: A new marine enforcement vessel is expected to strengthen security in the state. The vessel – KM Kota Belud – together with another ship – KD Arau – were docked in Sabah Ports in conjunction with the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency's (MMEA) open day.

[Why Southeast Asia Remains a Hotbed for Piracy](#). Late last month, Japan and Malaysia concluded a weeklong joint coast guard exercise focused on combating piracy in Southeast Asia. Despite a recent decline, piracy is still a threat across the region and cooperation between states—including some, like Japan, that are outside the region—is seen as an important mechanism for mitigating it.

Threat assessment

- There was no incident reported in South East Asia waters last week.

- While no abduction cases have been reported since April 17, sea kidnappings remain a concern, as operations by enforcement agencies are still ongoing. Sulu- Celebes Sea and eastern Sabah region remain the most dangerous waters in SE Asia. Common patrols to fight the terrorist groups in addition with the shore-based efforts have managed to confine the surge of incidents

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Overall Map of Incidents can be found [at our website](#).

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