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MDAT – GoG

Weekly Report 09-18

23th February– 02nd March 2018

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

IN THIS ISSUE

OVERVIEW

MDAT – GoG reports are primarily based upon information sent by vessels using the Voluntary Reporting scheme. Masters and CSOs are encouraged to report as early as possible, events or sightings with as much detail as possible to allow MDAT-GOG to initiate the appropriate response. Sometimes incomplete reports cause delay to the issue of warnings and our ability to contact Local Navy assets for assistance. Masters are requested to call MDAT-GoG (+33 298 228888) at the time of any incident occurring. This phone number is monitored permanently (24/7). It is requested the Masters contact MDAT-GoG as soon as possible to facilitate quicker actions by the MDAT-GoG and their regional contacts.

Details can be found on SHOM Chart 8801CSD or UKHO Chart Q6114, 30 June 2016, to allow them to report their vessels when transiting the revised Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA), also described on both security charts with the MDAT-GOG, using the email address watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org

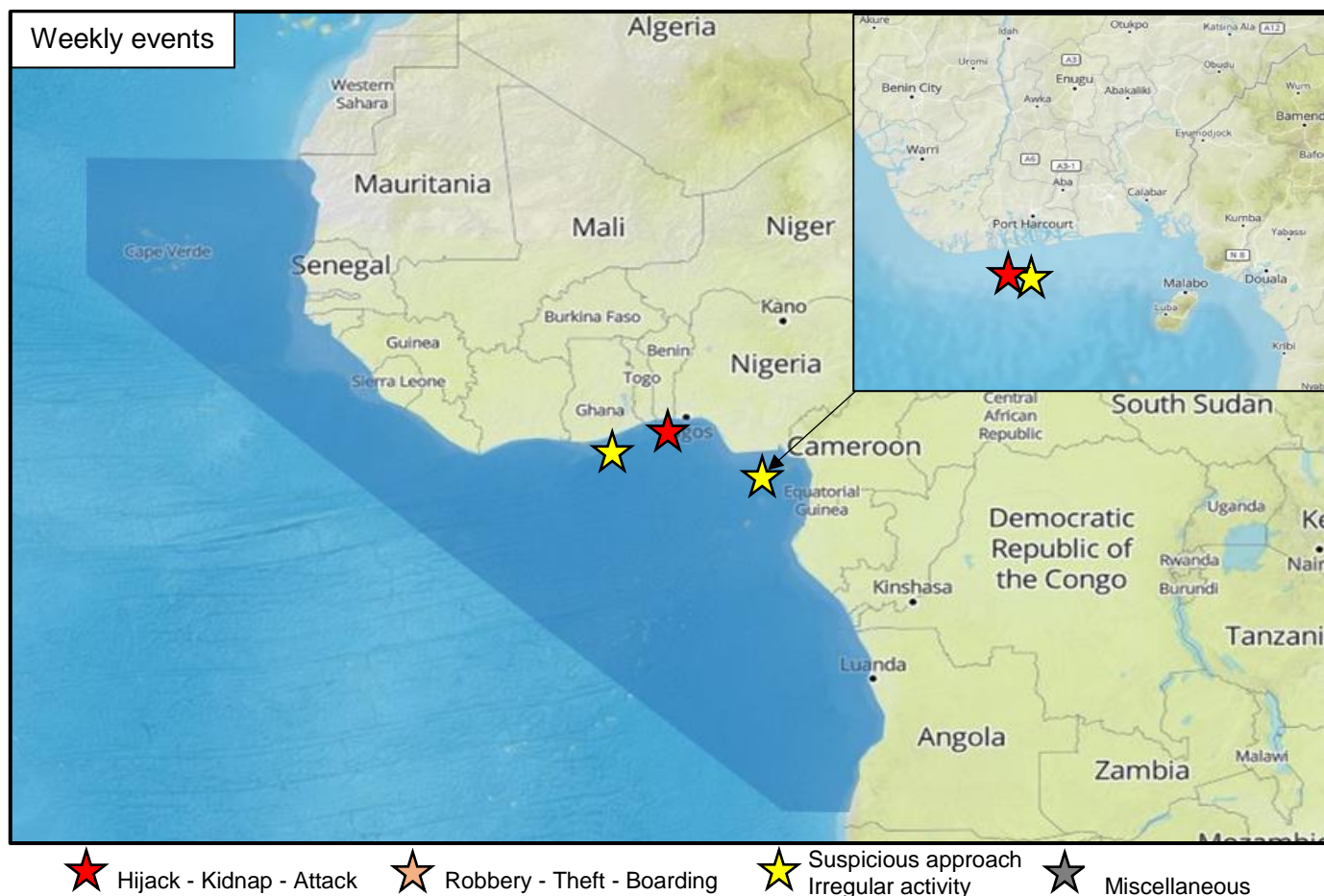
Companies / Ships Exercises: MDAT-GOG would like to extend an invitation to Companies / CSOs to be included in Company led exercises/drills. Please do not hesitate to contact the MDAT-GOG in advance of the exercise. The Exercise telephone number is +33 298 221302. As this keeps the Live Emergency Line free.

Fair winds and following seas!

Three events have been reported to MDAT-GoG this week.

ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

[Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)
[Best Management Practice \(BMP\)](#)
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)



| Date | Type | Brg/Rge from nearest shore | Summary of event |
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| 24/02/18 | SUSPICIOUS APPROACH | 180°/50NM from PORT HARCOURT, NIGERIA | At 10:30Zhrs in position 03°34N – 007°02E, a cargo ship has reported a suspicious approach by 1 skiff. The MV increased its speed to 20knots and made contact with the local authorities. After 30minutes the pirates stopped their pursuit. Nigerian navy have liaised by radio with the crew and sent a Naval patrol ship for support. |
| 24/02/18 | ATTACK FAILED | 41 NM FROM SAN BARTHOLOMEO RIVER | At 16:20Zhrs a merchant vessel was attacked by a speed boat with ten armed pirates. Pirates opened fire on the MV, the armed guards on the MV returned fire, the pirates then abandoned the attack. It is possible that the pirates are the same pirates that had attacked morning of the same day. |
| 27/02/18 | ATTACK-KIDNAP | COTONOU HARBOR | We received a phone call from CSO of a cargo ship who advised us about an attack occurred on her ship at 0015Z. The ship was attacked by 5 armed pirates who climbed on board and immediately opened fire on the security team injuring 2 members of the security team. They took control of the ship and asked for the cargo but the ship had already discharged its cargo at Cotonou. Pirates left the ship with their hostages on the rescue boat of the ship, they also stole money and personal effects of the crew members. The two wounded men were evacuated to hospital by the BENIN Navy. The ship is safe, no technical damage reported, waiting for update. |
| 01/03/18 | SUSPICIOUS APPROACH | 130°/32NM from TAKORADI, GHANA | At 12:00Zhrs, in position 04°31.2N - 001°21.5W, a cargo ship has reported suspicious approach by 2 boats. The vessel increased its speed to 17.5knots and made contact with the local authorities. Pirates stopped their pursuit. |

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| | | MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to Advisory 001/MAR/18 and UPDATE |
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WEEKLY EVENTS

- (1) Hijack - Kidnap:**
One incident report. See details on P2.
- (2) Boarding – Boarding attempt:**
Nil incidents to report.
- (3) Attack:**
Nil incidents to report .
- (4) Robbery – Sea theft:**
Nil incidents to report .
- (5) Suspicious approach:**
Two incidents to report. See details on P2.
- (6) Sighting – Irregular activity:**
Nil incidents to report.

WARNINGS

One WARNING issued this week.

WARNING 005/FEB/18 issued this week.

ADVISORIES

One ADVISORY issued this week.

ADVISORY 001/MARCH/18 and UPDATE issued this week.

CONTACT

Contact the MDAT-GoG:
 E-mail: watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org
 Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 88 88 (emergency)
 Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 13 02 (exercise)
Phones and mail are monitored 24/7.

NOTES

Any queries regarding these Advisory Notices ring: 0033 298 22 88 88 only, for further information. ADVISORIES are not Classified as a Maritime Security Events and have not been verified by MDAT-GoG. This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. MDAT-GoG is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

