

ATALANTA	MARITIME PIRACY SITREP GULF OF ADEN/SOMALI BASIN	08 FEBRUARY 2024
<p>The ATALANTA Piracy Sitrep is issued to keep the maritime industry informed about recent piracy events in the Gulf of Aden (GOA) and Somali Basin (SB). It includes information of the events and updates on the situation.</p> <p>For reporting mistakes or updates, please contact jocwatchkeeper@mschoa.org or call Tel: +34 956 470 534, Mob: +34661442365.</p>		

1/Known Piracy-related Events

NO	DATE	NAME OF VESSEL	IMO	MMSI	FLAG	POSITION	TYPE OF ATTACK
1	24-Nov-23	ALMERAJ1	-	422170620	IRAN	PUNTLAND	HIJACK
2	26-Nov-23	MV CENTRAL PARK				12:10N 44:12E	PIRACY-ATTACK
3	29-Nov-23	AL ASHKAAN	-	422342018	IRAN	PUNTLAND	HIJACK
4	14-Dec-23	MV RUEN	9754903	249517000	MALTA	1203N 06126E	PIRATED
5	22-Dec-23	AL EREMAT	-	-	-	IVO EYL	HIJACK LIBERATE
6	23-Dec-23	FATA AL KHAIR ¹	-	-	-	30NM FROM RAS HAFUN	HIJACKED LIBERATED
7	30-Dec-23	AL SAGER	-	-	-	IVO HAFUN	HIJACK
8	02-Jan-24	ALYOOS No.81	-	-	-	IVO QANDALA	HIJACK LIBERAED
9	03-Jan-24	UNKNOWN	-	-	-	IVO QANDALA	HIJACK
10	04-Jan-24	LILA NORFOLK	9281700	636023091	LIBERIA	0554N 05712E	BOARDED LIBERATED
11	12-Jan-24	2 fishing boats: AL ANDALUS & UNKNOWN	-	-	Yemen	IVO Mareero (0819N-05010E)	HIJACK
12	18-Jan-24	AL JABAR				11:58:33N 45:07:00E	HIJACK
13	27-Jan-24	LORENZO PUTHA 04	-	417259032	SRI LANKA	0035N 06119E	PIRACY/PIRATED
14	27 th -Jan-24	FV WAIMEA	-	-	-	-	PIRACY-ATTACK
15	28-Jan-24	FV AL MECCA				12:03:10N 50:20:11E	HIJACK
16	29-Jan-24	FV IMAN			IRAN	12:26::50N 51:30:02E	HIJACK
17	29-Jan-24	FV AL NAEEMI			IRAN	09:51:44N 55:03:34E	HIJACK

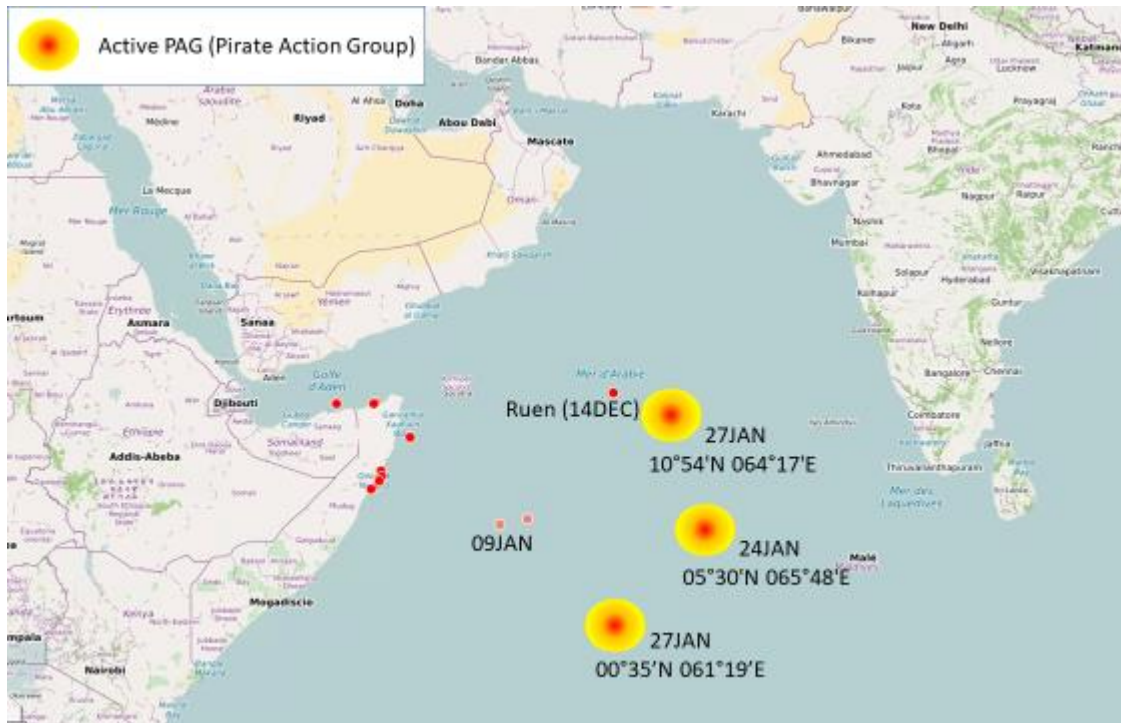
¹ Unclear where the attack occurred: if it were 30 Nm south from Ras Hafun, it would belong to Armed Robbery.

18	31 st -Jan-24	MV YASA AYSEN ²	-	-	-	In the Indian Ocean	SUSP. APPROACH
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- Confirmed cases of piracy are in red
- Confirmed cases of piracy attempts are in green

² Not much information regarding this case.
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2/Potential active PAG in the Somali Basin (updated 30 JAN)



Based on recent incident data, it is highly probable that at least two Pirate Armed Groups (PAGs) possess both the intent and capability to seize opportunities for piracy attacks in the Indian Ocean, while one has been neutralized:

- The first incident occurred at coordinates 10°54'N 064°17'E on January 27th involving the vessel WAIMEA.
- The second incident took place at coordinates 05°30'N 065°48'E on January 24th involving the vessel ADRIA.
- The third PAG was partially neutralized when the hijacked trawler LORENZO PUTHA 04 was released by the Seychelles Coast Guard on January 29th, with probably up to 12 pirates on an unknown mother boat.

Considering the prevailing situation and the incomplete coverage of Maritime Situational Awareness (MSA) in the Indian Ocean, the likelihood of other PAGs being deployed in search of opportunities remains significant. Therefore, vessel registration remains of utmost importance for obtaining the most updated information and for promptly raising alerts in case of suspicious activities. The most likely scenario is that the pirates are operating from Mother Boats, searching for targets in areas where the sea conditions allow for boarding. These remote locations are also less likely to be patrolled by international forces. The pirates approach vessels to assess whether there is an armed security team on board.

The map also indicates several hijackings of fishing dhows in Somalia's Territorial Waters, particularly in the Puntland Region. It remains uncertain whether these dhows will be used as mother boats to carry out piracy attacks against international shipping or if the incidents will be limited to armed robbery.

The outcome of the RUEN case could be pivotal for the future of piracy, serving as a test to determine if piracy remains a profitable venture. Should piracy prove lucrative in this instance, the conclusion of the monsoon season may herald a resurgence in pirate activities.

Vessels transiting through this area should consider adopting enhanced security measures (BMP5) and maintaining communication with MSCHOA and UKMTO to stay informed about potential threats and updates.