



MDAT – GoG

Weekly Report 08-18

16th – 23th February 2018

INCIDENT DISPOSITION	IN THIS ISSUE
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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.

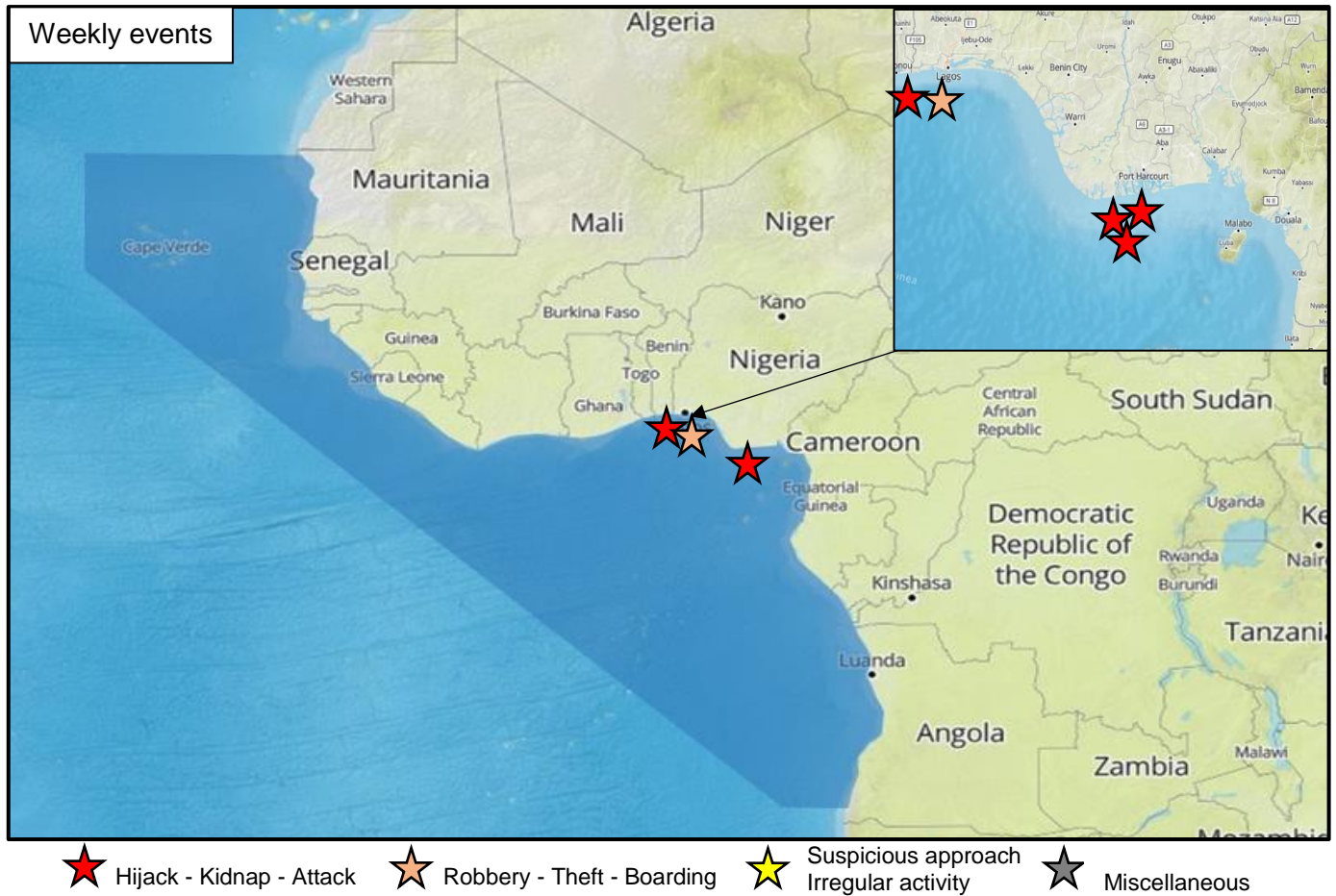
Details can be found on SHOM Chart 8801CSD or UKHO Chart Q6114, 30 June 2016, to allow them to report their vessels when transiting the revised Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA), also described on both security charts with the MDAT-GOG, using the email address watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org

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!

Five 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
17/02/18	ATTACK	120°/5NM from Cotonou, BENIN	At 23:00Zhrs in position 06°17N – 002°30E, an anchored merchant tanker was attacked by wooden boat. Shots were fired, alarm was raised and crew mustered in the citadel. Three pirates boarded the vessel while crew advised local authorities by satphone. Pirates had already left when navy arrived. MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to Warning 003/FEB/18.
18/02/18	ATTACK	230°/33NM from Bonny, NIGERIA	At 21:18Zhrs in position 04°03N – 006°41E, a merchant tanker was attacked while in transit. The crew onboard the vessel deployed anti-piracy measures and mustered in the citadel, however the pirates failed in their attempt to board the vessel. Three Nigerian Navy vessel closed tanker to assist but pirates had already left. Crew and vessel are reported safe.
19/02/18	ATTACK	140°/19NM from Brass, NIGERIA	At 07:30Zhrs in position 04°02N – 006°26E, a merchant tanker was attacked by unknown number of pirates. Distress alert was realyed on VHF16. Shots were fired and then escort vessel made the pirates abort and fled. Crew and vessel are SAFE. MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to Advisory 003/FEB/18.
20/02/18	ATTEMPTED THEFT	210°/4NM from Lagos, NIGERIA	At 01:45Zhrs in position 06°17N 003°14E, a merchant tanker was boarded by 6 thieves. They jumped overboard once vessel sounded alarms. Nothing was reported stolen. MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to Advisory 004/FEB/18.

22/02/18	ATTACK	215°/65NM from Bonny, NIGERIA	<p>At 13:20Zhrs in position 03°30N – 006°31E, a merchant vessel was attacked by a white-hulled skiff with approximately seven to eight pirates on board. The pirates shot at the vessel. Security team on board repelled the attack by returning fire, forcing the pirates to retreat. Vessel and crew are reported safe.</p> <p>MDAT-GoG comment: This event refers to Warning 004/FEB/18.</p>
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WEEKLY EVENTS

- (1) **Hijack - Kidnap:**
Nil incidents to report.
- (2) **Boarding – Boarding attempt:**
Nil incidents to report.
- (3) **Attack:**
Four incidents to report. See details on P2 and P3.
- (4) **Robbery – Sea theft:**
One incident to report. See details on P2.
- (5) **Suspicious approach:**
Nil incidents to report.
- (6) **Sighting – Irregular activity:**
Nil incidents to report.

WARNINGS

One WARNING issued this week.

003/FEB/18 and UPDATE: Attack on merchant vessel, issued on 17th February
 004/FEB/18: Attack on merchant vessel, issued on 22nd February

ADVISORIES

One ADVISORY issued this week.

003/FEB/18: Attack on merchant tanker, issued on 18th February
 004/FEB/18: Attempted theft, issued on 20th February

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.

