



Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin (IRTB) 054

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For General Use. This threat bulletin has been released to the Shipping Industry.

1. **Foreword.** This Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin (IRTB) has been written in coordination between Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) and European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) ATALANTA. It is intended to help shipping operators who are responsible for merchant and large commercial fishing vessels that pass through or operate in the Western Indian Ocean, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.
2. **Purpose.** The purpose of an IRTB is to bring a specific incident or threat to the attention of the shipping industry. In this case there are updates on the following IRTBs:
 - a. IRTB 052 issued on 23 April 26
 - b. IRTB 052 Update 1 issued on 27 April 26
 - c. IRTB 052 Update 2 issued on 29 April 26
 - d. IRTB 053 issued on 5 May 26
3. **Incident.**
 - Event 1 – MT HONOUR 25 - Piracy
 - Event 2 – CD FAHAD 4 – Armed Robbery at Sea - Released
 - Event 3 – MV SWARD – Piracy
 - Event 4 – MT EUREKA – Piracy
4. **Date.**
 - Event 1 – 21 April 26
 - Event 2 – 25 April 26
 - Event 3 – 26 April 26
 - Event 4 – 02 May 26
5. **Location.**
 - Event 1 - The incident took place ~ ivo Xafuun, Somalia, outside TTW
 - Event 2 – The incident took place ~ approx. 10 NM off the coast of Dhinowda, Somalia.
 - Event 3 - The incident took place ~ ivo Garacad, Somalia, outside TTW.
 - Event 4 - The incident took place ~ off Qana Port, Shabwa, Yemen.

6. Incident Description

Event 1 – According to information received on 21 April 26, MT HONOUR 25 was hijacked en route to Mogadishu. Subsequently the hijacked vessel sailed ivo Kulule, Somalia where are currently anchored. Operation ATALANTA assets are closely monitor the ongoing situation.

Event 2 - According to information received on 25 April 26, 11 pirates hijacked cargo dhow FAHAD 4. The dhow has been released on 04 May 26 after a ransom was paid.

Event 3 – According to information received on 26 April 26, MV SWARD was hijacked while en-route to Mombasa. Subsequently the hijacked vessel sailed to Somalia where currently anchored ivo Godobjiran, Somalia. Operation ATALANTA assets are closely monitor the ongoing situation.

Event 4 - On 02 May 2026 in position 13-49N 048-28E, while MT EUREKA was at anchorage off Qana Port, Shabwa, Yemen, armed individuals boarded the vessel and took control. Currently the MT is anchored ivo Fundhuc Dule, Somalia. Operation ATALANTA assets are closely monitor the ongoing situation.

7. Vessel's Details

Event 1 – Oil Products Tanker “HONOUR 25”, Palau Flag (IMO 1099735)



Figure 1. MT HONOUR 25

Event 2 – Cargo Dhow FAHAD 4 , UAE flagged (MMSI 470007178)



Figure 2. CD FAHAD 4

Event 3 – MV SWARD , Syrian flagged (IMO:9174244, MMSI: 341338002)



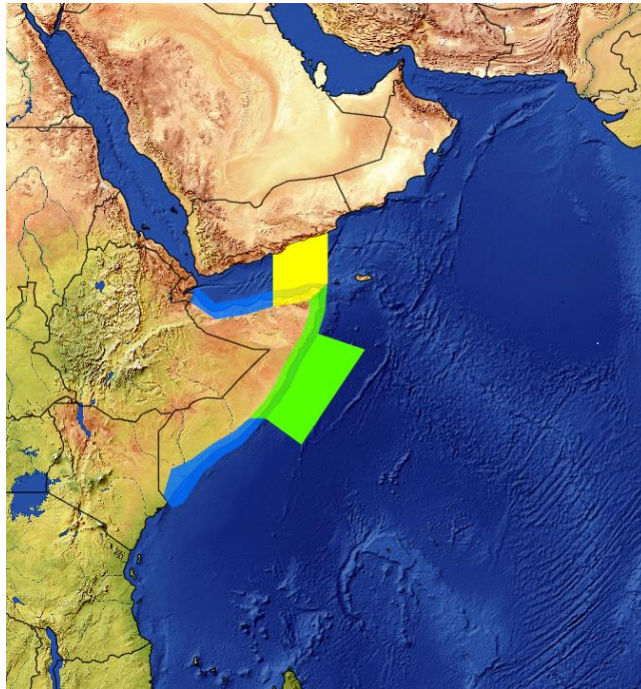
Figure 3. MV SWARD

Event 4 – Oil Products Tanker “EUREKA”, Togo flagged (IMO 1022823)



Figure 4. MT EUREKA

8. **Assessment.** All three active pirate cases are no longer pose a threat to the SLOCs. However as the weather is still favorable for PAG activities, the TA for piracy is as described on para 10.
9. **Recommendations.** Vessels are requested to remain vigilant and to adhere to BMP – Maritime Security when transiting the Western Indian Ocean and the Somali waters. While these waters are routinely patrolled by CMF, EUNAVFOR ATALANTA and other warships, the timely and comprehensive reporting of incidents and suspicious activity remains crucial to allow for a rapid incident response. We request that, where possible, and without endangering the vessel or crew, vessels obtain and report as much factual details as possible of incidents and suspicious activity to include logs, photographs, video, and radar footage. CSO's and masters are strongly recommended to register their vessels with MSCIO when entering the Voluntary Reporting Area, and to report any incidents to UKMTO in accordance with BMP Maritime Security. This will enable a more rapid response to incidents and allow CMF and EUNAVFOR ATALANTA to monitor activity, enabling the most effective allocation of resources. CSOs are recommended to gather information on known Pattern of Life and Maritime Situation Awareness along the intended route and ports of call when conducting risk assessments for their fleets.
10. **Threat Assessment for Piracy**



THREAT ASSESSMENT	BENIGN	LOW	MODERATE	SUBSTANTIAL	SEVERE	CRITICAL
YARDSTICK	An attack is HIGHLY UNLIKELY (10% – 20%)	An attack is UNLIKELY (>25% – 35%)	An attack is a REALISTIC POSSIBILITY (40% – <50%)	An attack is LIKELY / PROBABLE (55% – <75%)	An attack is HIGHLY LIKELY (80% – 90%)	An attack is ALMOST CERTAIN (>95%)

11. Publication.

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- b. Published by MSCIO.

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