Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin (IRTB) 059
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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 European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) ATALANTA and Combined Maritime Forces (CMF).

   It is intended to help shipping operators who are responsible for merchant and large commercial fishing vessels that navigate or operate in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Oman.

2. **Purpose.** The purpose of an IRTB is to bring specific incidents or threats to the attention of the shipping industry.

3. **Incident.**

   Pirated

4. **Date / Time.**

   MT ASANA - 170630Z JUL 26.

5. **Location (Fig 1.)**

   The incident took place 65NM southwest of Mukalla, Yemen, north of the Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC)

Fig.1

6. **Incident Description**

On 17 JUL 26 0630Z, MT ASANA was hijacked by a Pirate Action Group (PAG) at approximately 65NM southwest of Mukalla, Yemen, and was underway towards the Horn of Africa.
On 19 JUL 26, the vessel was reported to be approximately 19NM from Bereeda, Somalia and proceeding towards Somali territorial waters. Operation ATALANTA is closely monitoring the situation.

7. **Vessel's Details**

Oil/Chemical Tanker , ASANA, Tanzanian Flag (IMO 9035838)

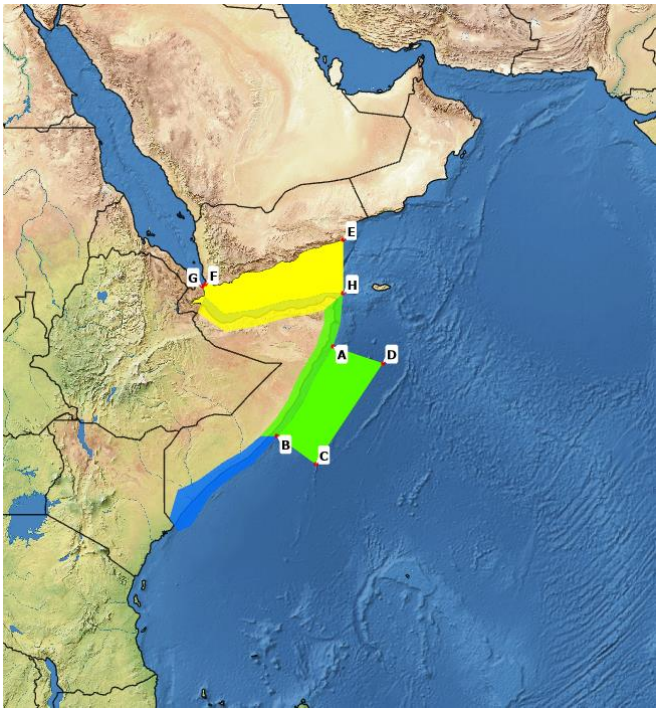
8. **Assessment.** Preliminary indicators suggest this incident was performed by a single Pirate Action Group (PAG) stemming from the North coasts of Somalia and using only one skiff. As the weather is still favorable for PAG activities in the GoA, the TA for piracy is as described on para 10.

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 EUNAVFOR ATALANTA, CMF 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 MSCIO and UKMTO in accordance with BMP Maritime Security.

This will enable a more rapid response to incidents and allow EUNAVFOR ATALANTA and CMF 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**



Point	Ref Coordinates
A	09-00N 51-02E
B	03-40N 47-43E
C	02-00N 50-00E
D	08-00N 54-00E
E	15-20N 51-38E
F	12-41N 43-27E
G	12-33N 43-13E
H	12-09N 51-39E

11. **Publication.**

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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%)

12. **Feedback.** Enquiries about the content of this bulletin should be directed to EUNAVFOR ATALANTA;

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