



MSCIO ATALANTA WEEKLY REPORT

14 Feb – 21 Feb

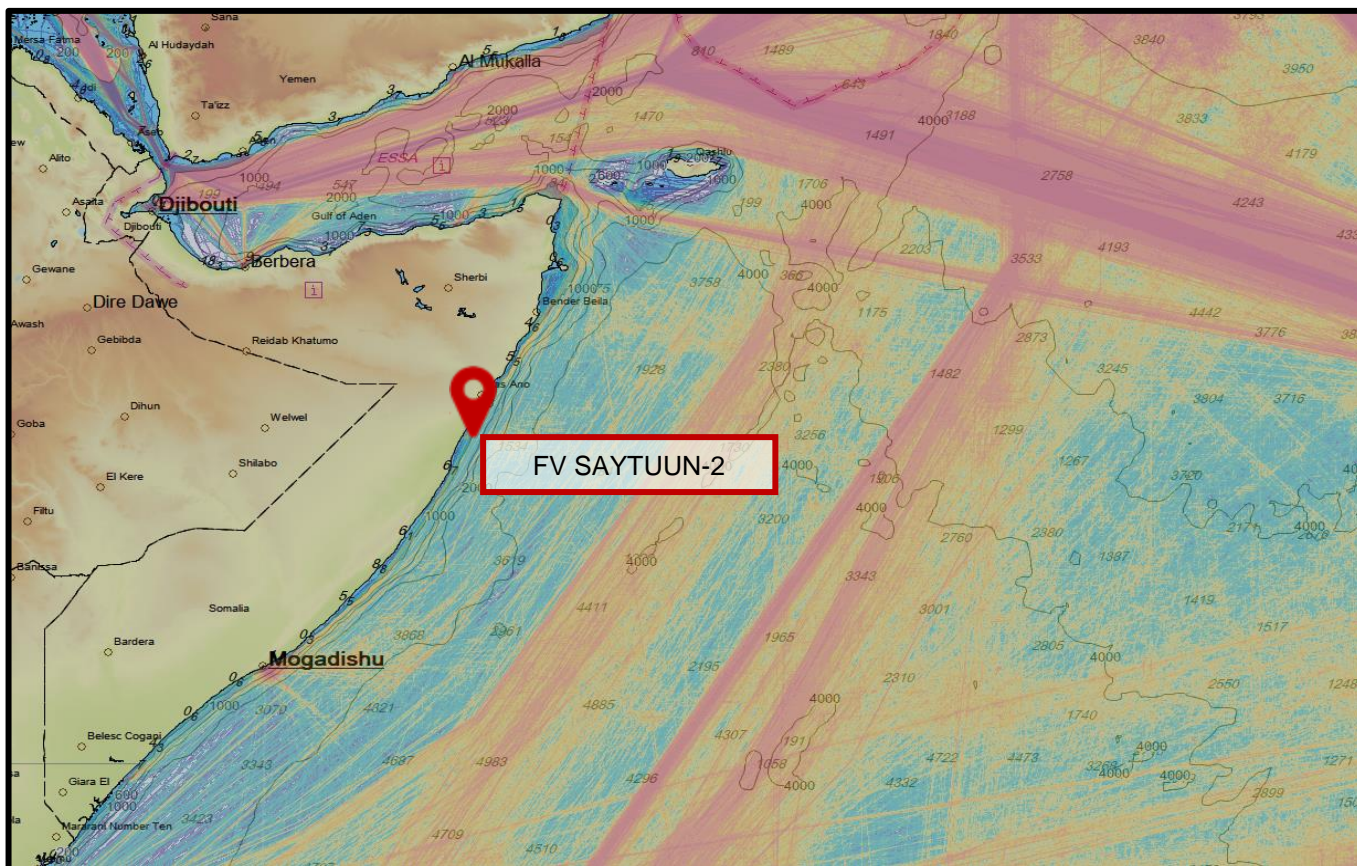
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OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN THE VOLUNTARY REPORTING AREA (VRA)



CATEGORY	No.	Page Ref.
 Armed Robbery	Nil	NSTR
 Attack	Nil	NSTR
 Attempted Boarding	Nil	NSTR
 Boarding	Nil	NSTR
 Hijack	01	2
 Kidnap	Nil	NSTR
 Piracy	Nil	NSTR
 Suspicious Activity	Nil	NSTR
 Other Maritime Crimes	Nil	NSTR
Total Incidents	1	



HIJACK

1. SIGNIFICANT RECENT INCIDENT

1.1 FV SAYTUUN-2 Hijack

Date: 17 FEB 2025

Location of hijacking: GARMAAL area, North of Eyl

Vessel Type: Yemen-flagged fishing vessel

Last known location: The fishing vessel is reported to have moved South.

EUNAVFOR ATALANTA is monitoring the event and coordinating closely with Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) and with the Yemeni Coast Guard. In addition, permanent contact is established with the Puntland Maritime Police Force (PMPF), one of the key Somali police forces in the fight against piracy.

1.1.1 Incident Details – The incident is under investigation

- Vessel was hijacked near GARMAAL area IVO EYL.
- 5 Yemeni crew members are held on board.
- Armed group is reported to consist of 6 persons.



PIRACY THREAT UPDATE

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UPDATE ON THE PIRACY THREAT OFF THE
COAST OF SOMALIA

14 FEB 2025

Situation: On 17 FEB 2025, the Yemeni-flagged fishing vessel SAYTUUN-2 was hijacked in GARMAAL area located North of Eyl, within Somali territorial waters. The Pirate Action Group (PAG) is holding 5 Yemeni crew members on board. The vessel is reported to have moved South. EUNAVFOR ATALANTA is coordinating closely with the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) and with the Yemeni Coast Guard. This incident highlights the persistent threat to vessels in these waters, particularly within territorial limits, and demonstrates the critical importance of maintaining vigilance and following established security protocols.

Threat evaluation: These recent events within Somali territorial waters demonstrate an active and evolving threat in the region. Despite routine patrols conducted by CMF, EUNAVFOR ATALANTA and other warships in these waters, pirates continue to demonstrate sophisticated operational capabilities. These incidents highlight the existence of well-established coastal support infrastructure and the ability to conduct coordinated operations. The successful execution of recent attacks indicates that pirate action groups maintain the capability and intent to target vessels in this region. This assessment is supported by their demonstrated ability to operate within territorial waters, utilise multiple coastal locations, and sustain extended operations

Registration and reporting: CSO's and masters are strongly advised to register their vessels with both MSCIO (<https://mscio.eu/reporting/vessel-registration/>) and UKMTO (<https://www.ukmto.org/reporting-formats/initial-report>) upon entering the UKMTO Voluntary Reporting Area and report all incidents to UKMTO and/or MSCIO in accordance with BMP. Seafarers should document incidents and suspicious activity through logs, photographs, video, and radar footage. CSO's should gather information on Pattern of Life and Maritime Domain Awareness for their planned routes and ports of call to support risk assessments.



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