



MDAT – GoG

Weekly Report 21-20

15th May – 22nd May.2020

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

IN THIS ISSUE

OVERVIEW

INFORMATION TO READ

MDAT – GoG reports are primarily based upon information sent by vessels using the Voluntary Reporting Scheme. Masters and CSOs are encouraged to report events or sightings as early as possible, 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 or Advisories and our ability to contact Local Law Enforcement 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 quick 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.

Four events have been reported to MDAT-GOG this week.

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.

Website: <https://gog-mdat.org>

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ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

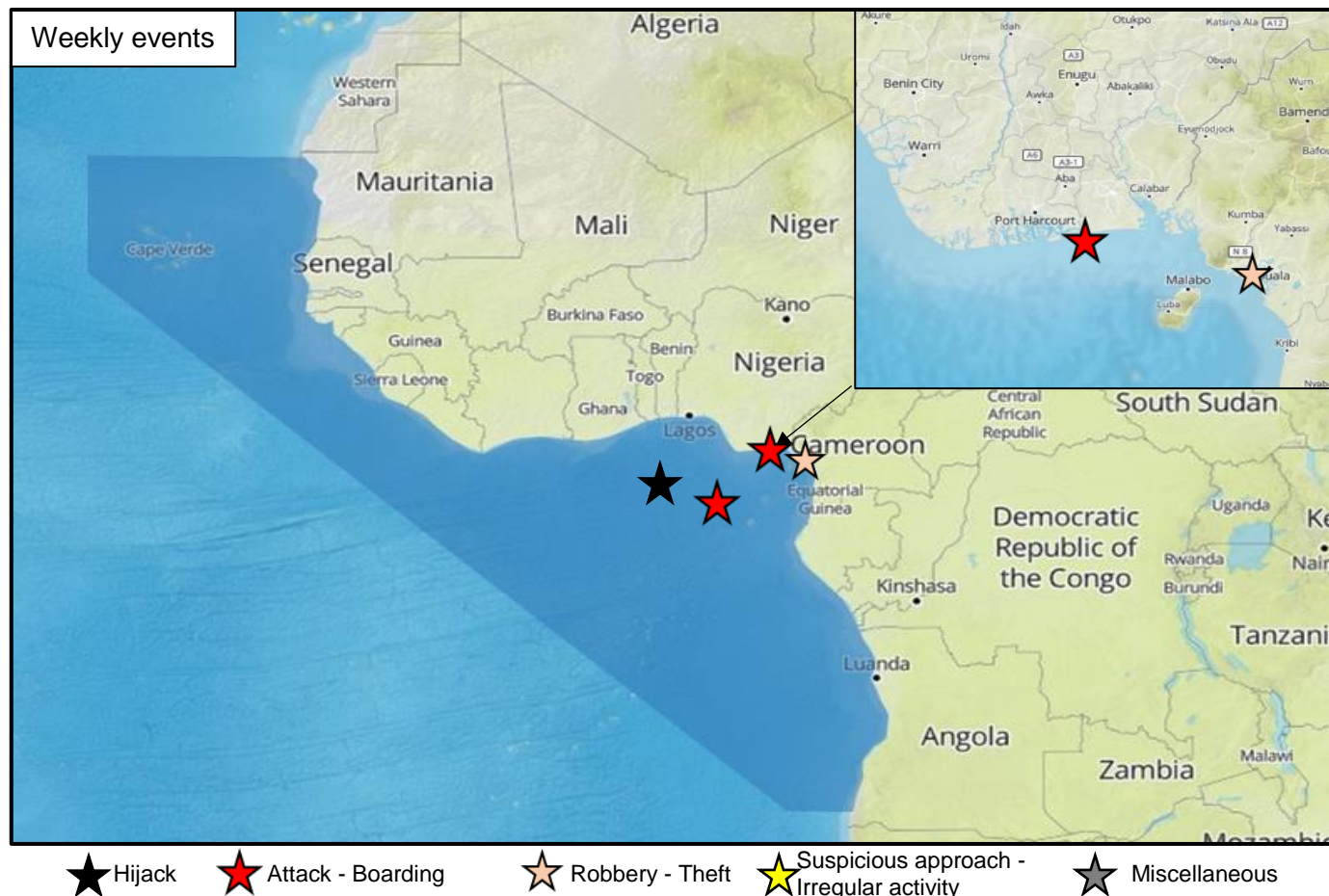
[Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)

[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

[Global Counter Maritime](#)

Fair winds and following seas!



Type	Date	Brg/Rge from nearest port	Summary of event
HIJACK	15/05/2020	200°/137 Nm off Cotonou, BENIN	On the 16 th May 2020 at 12:48 UTC, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was reported heading East, in position 04°09' N, 003°20' E (184°/136nm off Lagos, NIGERIA), after being hijacked on the 15 th May, in position 04°09' N 001°55' E (200° / 137 Nm off Cotonou, BENIN). MDAT-GOG comment: This event refers to ADVISORY 004/MAY/20 and ADVISORY 004/MAY/20 AMEND 1
BOARDING	20/05/2020	206°/136 Nm off Brass, NIGERIA	On the 20 th May 2020 at 16:59 UTC an MV (NAME WITHHELD) was boarded in position 02°15' N, 005°09' E (206°/134nm off Brass, NIGERIA). The Nigerian Navy immediately dispatched a vessel to assist. On the 21 st May in the morning, the MV and her crew were reported safe. MDAT-GOG comment: This event refers to WARNING 001/MAY20 and WARNING 001/MAY20 UPDATE 1.
BOARDING	20/05/2020	Opobo river offshore, NIGERIA	On the 20 th May 2020, at 16:38 UTC, an MT (NAME WITHHELD) was attacked offshore Opobo, Opobo Nkoro LGA of Rivers State. The local pilot initiated an emergency sailing to Uta-Ewa in Ikot Abasi LGA of Akwa Ibom for safety. NNS JUBILEE was immediately deployed to intercept the attackers and provide security.
THEFT	17/05/2020	Berth Douala, CAMEROON	On the 17 th May 2020 at night, an MV (NAME WITHHELD) reported a theft in position 04°03' N, 009°41' E (moored at berth Douala, CAMEROON). Crew found the padlock on the forecastle store broken and ship's property was stolen. Crew was reported safe.

WEEKLY EVENTS

- (1) **Hijack:**
One incident reported.
- (2) **Attack:**
Nil incidents reported.
- (3) **Boarding:**
Two incidents reported.
- (4) **Suspicious approach:**
Nil incidents reported.
- (5) **Robbery – Sea theft:**
One incident reported.
- (6) **Sighting – Irregular activity:**
Nil incidents reported.

WARNINGS

One WARNING Notice issued this week

WARNING 001/MAY/2020: A vessel has been boarded. The last known position was 02°15N – 005°09E (206°/134Nm off Brass, NIGERIA) on 20th May at 17:34 UTC. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area

WARNING 001/MAY/2020 UPDATE 1: on 20th May at 17:34 UTC in position 02°15N – 005°09E, (206°/134nm off Brass, NIGERIA) a vessel was boarded. The Nigerian Navy dispatched a vessel to the area. The boarding is now over. The Crew and Vessel are safe.

ADVISORIES

One ADVISORY Notice issued this week

Advisory 004/MAY/2020: MDAT GoG has received reports of a FV being hijacked in position 04°09' N, 003°20'E the 16 MAY 20 at 1248 UTC heading East. (184°/136nm off Lagos, NIGERIA). Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.

Advisory 004/MAY/2020 AMEND 1: MDAT GoG have received reports of a FV being hijacked, Last reported position 04°09' N, 003°20'E the 16 MAY 20 at 1248 UTC heading East. (184°/136nm off Lagos, NIGERIA). Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution in this area.-

MARITIME CRIME

One Maritime Crime Activity reported this week

CAMEROON, Douala : Theft

NOTES

Any queries regarding Advisory Notices ring: 0033 298 22 88 88 only, for further information. ADVISORIES are not classified as 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.

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