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Date	Incident	Detail
9 th Apr 17	Approach 	<p>MV approached by five unknown vessels in position 14 20 00 N, 053 11 00 E, 230nm ESE of Port of Mukalla, Yemen. The unidentified vessel was spotted approximately 1nm from MV's bow. Four skiffs with four armed persons on board (POB) each were noticed on the starboard at a distance of 0.5nm. The vessels moved away, when the armed security team (AST) showed their presence. MV was reported safe. UKMTO was notified.</p>
8 th Apr 17	Hijack 	<p>Vessel reported being under attack and possibly boarding in position 14 02 54 N, 051 40 00 E in the Gulf of Aden, approximately 63 nm SE of the Port of Ash Shihr, Yemen, close to Point "B" in the IRTC. The situation is being investigated as per UKMTO advisory. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.</p> <p>+++++</p> <p>UPDATE On 08-APR-17 at 13:10 UTC MV was hijacked in position 14 02 54 N, 051 40 00 E approximately of 150nm ESE of Port of Mukalla, Yemen, close to point B in the Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC). The UKMTO received the phone call from the Master who confirmed that the vessel was attacked and boarded by the pirates. Situation is ongoing. MV is currently in position 14 02 05 N, 051 37 04 E, drifting.</p> <p>+++++</p> <p>UPDATE On 9-APR-17 at 04:32 UTC, MV in position 14 02 05 N, 051 37 09 E was back under control of the Company and the Master. The Vessel was underway escorted to the next Port of Call.</p>
8 th Apr 17	Approach 	<p>LT crude tanker was approached in position 14 09 00 N, 051 37 00 E, approximately 145nm ESE of Port of Mukalla in Yemen. Crew spotted one Yemeni type skiff with three persons on board (POB) heading toward the vessel. Bridge was informed and the crew mustered. Armed security team (AST) showed their weapons and the skiff turned around and left. The captain reported the incident to the authorities.</p>
4 th Apr 17	Hijack 	<p>Pakistani flagged vessel MV Salama 1 was reported hijacked in an unknown position off the coast of Somalia. The vessel was reported to have been taken to El Hur near to the port of Hobyo. The whereabouts and the safety of the crew is unknown.</p>

3 rd Apr 17	Approach 	MV approached by six skiffs in position 13 10 00 N, 043 03 00 E approximately 13nm SW of Port of Mokha, Yemen. The skiffs were light blue coloured with five persons on board (POB) of each skiff. The Ladders and hooks were sighted. The crew raised the alarm and the armed security team (AST) took up position on bridge wings. The suspicious skiffs left, after observing the security team. MV was reported safe.
1 st Apr 17	Hijack 	Dhow AL KAUSAR was hijacked in the vicinity of Socotra Island, Yemen, exact position unknown. The ship was on route from Dubai to Bossaso, when five pirates hijacked the dhow and its 11 crew members. As of 03-APR-17, the dhow was located between Hobyo and El Hur, Somalia.
24 th Mar 17	Hijack 	<p>MV reported a possible hijacking in the vicinity of EYL, Somalia, exact position unknown. It is believed the vessel is heading to sea for use as a mothership. Description of the vessel and further details are unknown at this time.</p> <p>+++++</p> <p>UPDATE: Confirmation has been received that a small vessel (Dhow) has been hijacked off EYL, Somalia. Some of the crew have been returned to shore and the vessel is now proceeding to Sea, it's course speed and destination are currently unknown.</p> <p>+++++</p> <p>UPDATE 2: On 24-MAR-17 at 21:25 UTC a hijacked dhow CASAYR II - No.30, berthed at Banderbeyla, 100nm NE of Eyl, Somalia. Eight pirates were on board, waiting for food supplies and heavy weapons.</p> <p>+++++</p> <p>UPDATE 3: On 26-MAR-17 a hijacked dhow CASAYR II - No.30 was released approximately 70nm SSW of Qalansyia, Socotra Island, Yemen, exact position unknown. The pirates left taking one skiff, food and diesel.</p>
17 th Mar 17	Drug Seizure 	On 17-MAR-17, time unknown, 500 Kilograms of Hashish found on stateless Dhow in the Arabian Sea. A joint US Navy, UK Royal Navy, and Royal Canadian Navy operation intercepted the small vessel in international waters of the Arabian Sea. The forces were conducting Maritime Security Operations in the region and were conducting an inspection of the vessel as part of a flag verification boarding when the illicit cargo was found.
16 th Mar 17	Armed Conflict 	On 16-MAR-17, a helicopter attacked a boat carrying over 110 refugees traveling from Yemen to Sudan in approximate position 14 52 00 N, 042 25 00 E (exact position unknown) about 20nm SW off Hodeidah, Yemen. The attack killed 31 Somali refugees and a further 80 survivors were rescued from the boat.

13 th Mar 17	Hijack 	Comoros-flagged oil tanker ARIS 13 was hijacked by an unknown number of pirates in two skiffs in position 11 58 00 N, 050 45 00 E, approximately 100nm NE off Port Bosaso, Somalia while en route from Djibouti to Mogadishu, Somalia. The vessel managed to send out a distress call before the AIS was switched off. There are eight Sri-Lankan crew members on board the tanker. Aircraft from regional naval force EU NAVFOR tracked the tanker to be anchored off Alula, Somalia. ++++ UPDATE 2: On 16-MAR-17, the pirates released the tanker and its eight crew members without the payment of a ransom. The release followed a gunfight earlier today between the Puntland Marine Police Force (PMPF) and the pirates. Negotiations had been ongoing between the PMPF, clan elders and the pirates. Allegedly, after learning that the tanker had been chartered by a Somali businessman, the PMPF pulled back and the pirates left.
10 th Mar 17	Mine Strike 	A Yemeni Coast Guard vessel hit a naval mine, killing two sailors and wounding eight near Port of Mokha, Yemen.
9 th Mar 17	Approach 	MV was approached in position of 13 52 00 N, 050 20 00 E, approximately 85nm SE of Port Mukalla, Yemen. Four skiffs were launched from two motherships and approached the MV to within 1 cable. The Armed Security Team (AST) on board the MV showed their weapons and the skiffs moved away. Vessel reported safe. As reported by UKMTO.
12 th Feb 17	Approach 	MV was approached by a skiff with six armed People On board (POB) in position 15 06 34 N, 052 28 51 E, approximately 140nm SW Port of Salalah, Yemen. The skiff with a Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) and automatic weapons on board approached the vessel from the port side and crossed its bow moving to the starboard side. The MV increased the speed, sounded alarm, and activated hoses. When the Armed Security Team (AST) on board showed their weapons, the skiff changed its course and moved away. MV was reported safe.

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