

WEEKLY MARITIME SECURITY UPDATE



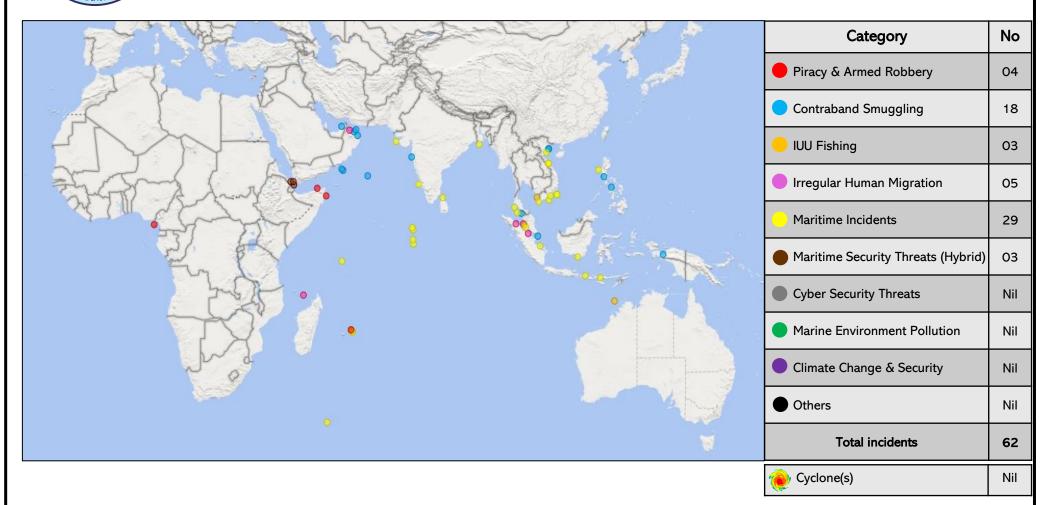
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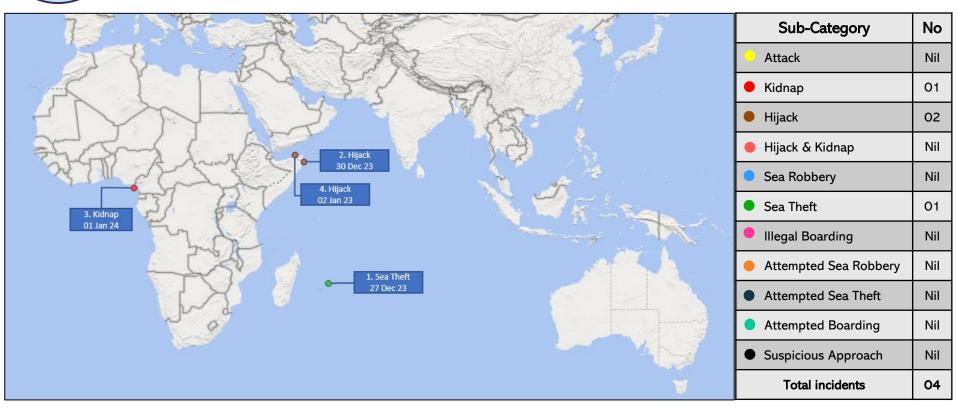
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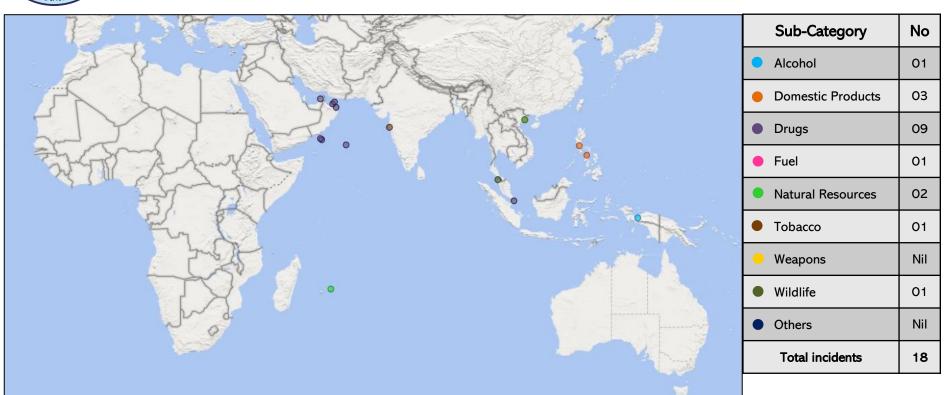




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	Time	Category	Region	Lat/Long	Involved	Details	Status	Incident	
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1.	27 Dec 23	Sea theft	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Grand Bay	O1 pleasure craft Reg. No. PC 7887 OL 20	An unknown number of perpetrators boarded the unmanned pleasure craft moored inside the lagoon and stole boat's items (propeller) valued USD 1,017.	NA	UNK	Mauritius authorities
2.	30 Dec 23	Hijack	Somalia/ Arabian Sea	Off Hafun	AL SAQAR Fishing dhow	Fishing dhow was hijacked by an unknown number of perpetrators near Hafun, E of Somalia	UNK	UNK	UNK
3.	01 Jan 24 2030 LT	Kidnap	Equatorial Guinea/ Gulf of Guinea	02° 33'.1 N 008° 13'.8 E	HANA 1 Tanker Flag - Tuvalu IMO: 9340398 MMSI: 572286220	A group of perpetrators boarded the vessel and kidnapped O2 crew members.	O2 kidnapped	Underway	UNK
4.	02 Jan 24	Hijack	Somalia/ Gulf of Aden	Off Quandala	01 Dhow	An unknown number of perpetrators boarded and hijacked the dhow.	UNK	UNK	UNK

IFC-IOR Comment: The Centre has monitored six incidents of hijacking of dhows by an unknown number of perpetrators off Somalia in the last two months. The perpetrators may likely use the hijacked dhow as a **mother ship** in attacking/ hijacking other vessels. Further, the analysis of past incidents has revealed that the mother ship (dhow) remains in the proximity of *MV* after boarding till the pirates establish control over the vessel as a possible means for a quick exit in case of intervention by naval forces. Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution, remain vigilant and maintain strict anti-piracy watch and measures. Vessels are also requested to report suspicious activities to the nearest law enforcement agencies and IFC-IOR (ifc-ior.Gurugram@navy.gov.in).

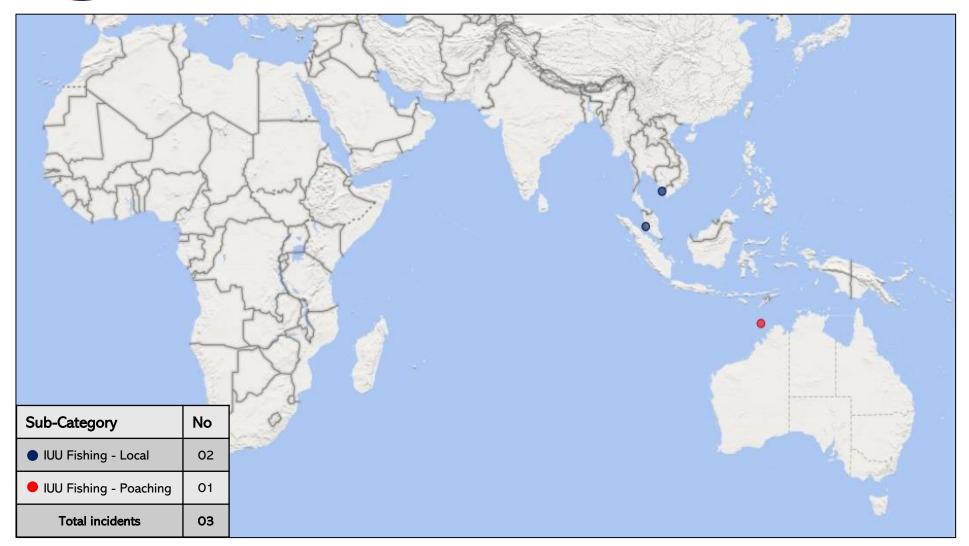
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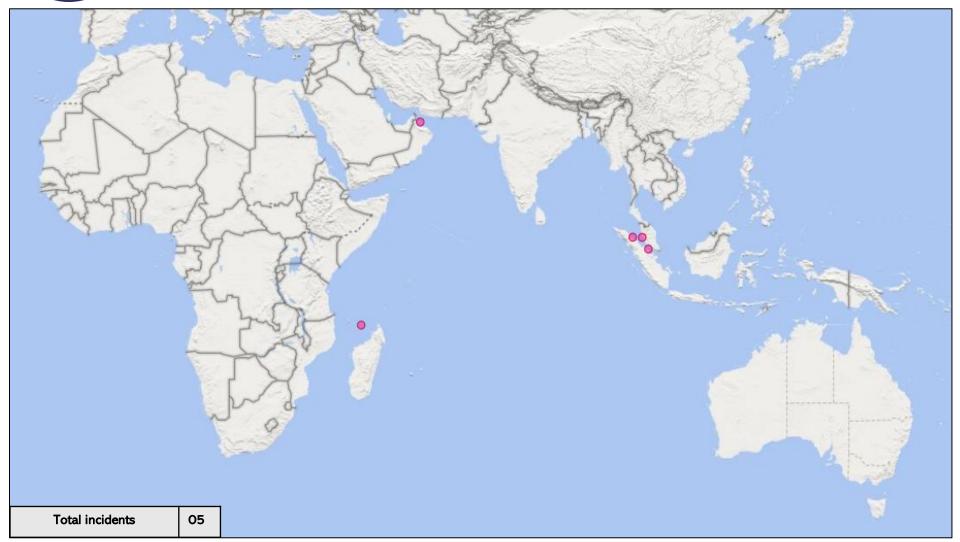
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1.	24 Dec 23	UNK/ Gulf of Oman	In the Gulf of Oman	O1 dhow	Drugs	Heroin	90 kg/ USD 3,200,000	Dhow and crew released.	USCGC CLARENCE SUTPHIN JR. (WPC 1147) of Combined Task Force 150
2.	25 Dec 23	Philippines/ South China Sea	At Port of Orion	SF OMEGA General cargo ship Flag - Philippines IMO: 9084815 MMSI: 548641500	Domestic products	Rice	2,025 MT/ USD 1,801,543	Imported without valid documents.	Philippines authorities
3.	26 Dec 23	UNK/ Gulf of Oman	In the Gulf of Oman	O1 dhow	Drugs	Methamphetamine, hashish, heroin and opium pills	261 kg, 2,936 kg, 142 kg and 75,000 pills/ USD 21,300,000	Dhow and crew released. Drugs disposed.	USCGC JOHN SCHEUERMAN (WPC 1146) of Combined Task Force 150
4.	23 and 27 Dec 23	Vietnam/ South China Sea	At Hai Phong Port	UNK	Domestic products	Household items	USD 41,130	Imported without valid documents. Found inside 02 containers.	Vietnam authorities
5.	27 Dec 23	Philippines/ Sulu Sea	Off Azagra, San Fernando, Romblon	01 boat	Domestic products	Furniture	16 chairs and 01 table/ USD 10,098	Without valid documents. Boat seized.	Philippines authorities
6.	27 Dec 23	Oman/ Arabian Sea	At a beach in the Wilayat of Muscat	NA	Drugs	Methamphetamine, hashish and psychotropic substances	245 kg, 37 kg and 38,000 pills	06 suspects apprehended.	Oman authorities
7.	28 Dec 23	UAE/ Persian Gulf	At Deira Creek, Dubai	O1 wooden boat	Drugs	Hashish	235 kg	Hidden in the wheelhouse of the boat.	UAE authorities
8.	28 Dec 23	UNK/ Arabian Sea	In North Arabian Sea	O1 dhow	Drugs	Hashish and methamphetamine	3,514 kg and 417 kg/ USD 2,400,000	Dhow and crew released. Drugs disposed.	USCGC ROBERT GOLDMAN (WPC 1142) of Combined Task Force 150

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9.	28 Dec 23	Seychelles/ Indian Ocean	193 nm of Denis Island	O1 dhow	Drugs	Cannabis, Heroin, hashsish and Methamphetamine	193 kg	Concealed inside gunny bags and fishing net. O8 suspects apprehended.	Seychelles authorities
10.	29 Dec 23	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Haiphong	01 tanker	Fuel	Diesel	15,000 L	Without valid documents. 02 suspects apprehended. Vessel seized.	Vietnam authorities
11.	29 Dec 23	Malaysia/ Malacca Strait	Off Kuala Perlis	O1 fibre boat	Wildlife	Shellfish seeds	UNK	O1 suspect apprehended. Boat seized.	Malaysia authorities
12.	29 Dec 23	India/ Arabian Sea	At Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Nhava Sheva, Maharashtra	UNK	Tobacco	Cigarettes	3,392,000 sticks/ USD 693,868	Found inside a container in the tamarind boxes.	India authorities
13.	29 Dec 23	Oman/ Arabian Sea	Off Dhofar	01 boat	Drugs	Khat	UNK	03 suspects apprehended.	Oman authorities
14.	30 Dec 23	Malaysia/ South China Sea	08 nm SW of Tanjung, Sauh	O1 fishing boat	Drugs	Ketum leaves	1.627 kg	Found stored in a fish storage. O4 suspects apprehended. Boat seized.	Malaysia authorities
15.	30 Dec 23	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	At Ilot Cerf	UNK	Natural resources	Timber	O5 logs	Suspected to be smuggled domestically by sea.	Mauritius authorities
16.	31 Dec 23	Indonesia/ Celebes Sea	At Samabusa Port, Nabire Regency	O1 ship	Alcohol	Beer and liquor	10 cartons and 08 bottles	Without valid documents.	Indonesia authorities
17.	31 Dec 23	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Hai Phong	O1 vessel Reg. No. BN 0747	Natural resources	Sand	400 m ³ of sand	Without valid documents. 02 suspects apprehended.	Vietnam authorities
18	02 Jan 24	Oman/ Arabian Sea	Off Dhofar	O1 boat	Drugs	Khat	1,000 packages	O3 suspects apprehended.	Oman authorities

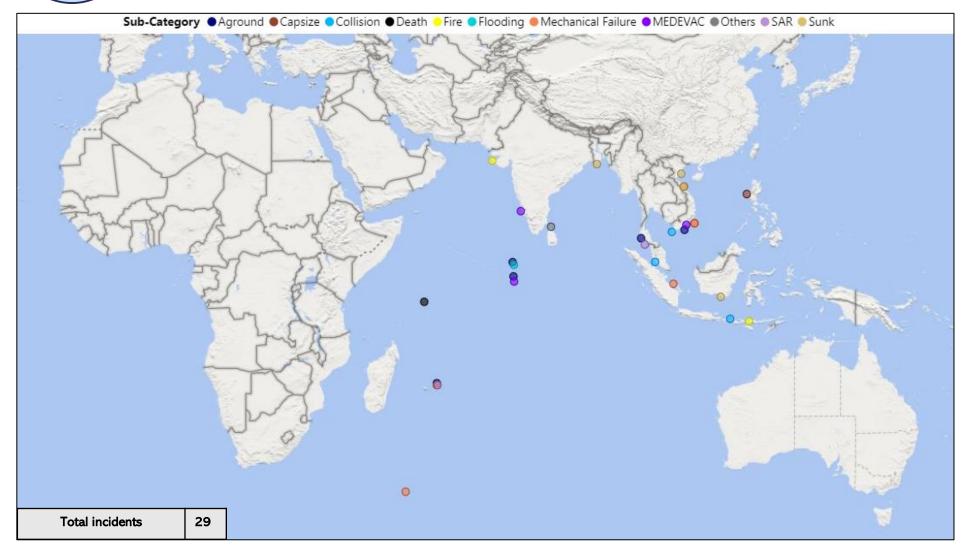




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		Category	Region		Involved		Value		
1.	23-26 Dec	Poaching	Australia/	Off Kimberley coast	03 foreign fishing	Illegal fishing in	Vessels and	30 foreign	Australia
	23		Indian Ocean		vessels	country's waters	1,000 kg of sea	fishermen	authorities
							cucumbers	apprehended.	
								Vessels destroyed.	
2.	29 Dec 23	Local	Vietnam/	Off Thoi Island	01 fishing vessel	Illegal fishing	Fishing vessel	05 apprehended.	Vietnam
			Gulf of Thailand		Reg. No. KG 91286 TS	(without valid			authorities
					•	documents)			
3.	30 Dec 23	Local	Malaysia/	Off Sabak Bernam	01 fishing boat	Illegal fishing	Boat and 50 kg of	04 foreign	Malaysia
			Malacca Strait			(without valid	fish	fishermen	authorities
						documents)		apprehended.	



Sr	Date	Country/	Origin/	Location	Details of Vessels	Migrants	Additional Details	Responder(s)
		Region	Destination		Involved	Details		
1.	28 Dec 23	Malaysia/	Indonesia/	At Kampung	O1 boat	60 apprehended	Reportedly, the migrants were	Malaysia authorities
		Malacca Strait	Malaysia	Sungai Tiang		(40 males and 20	attempting to enter the country	
			-	Darat, Selekoh		females)	illegally.	
						-	Boat seized.	
							02 suspected smugglers	
							apprehended.	
2.	28 Dec 23	Oman/	UNK/	Off North	01 boat	02 apprehended	Reportedly, the migrants were	Oman authorities
		Gulf of Oman	Oman	Batinah			attempting to enter the country	
							illegally by sea.	
							Boat seized.	
3.	28 Dec 23	Indonesia/	Malaysia/	At Pelintung	UNK	36 apprehended	Reportedly, the migrants were	Indonesia authorities
		Malacca Strait	Indonesia	Coast, Dumai		(24 males and 12	attempting to re-enter the country	
						females)	illegally.	
4.	23-30 Dec 23	Mayotte/	Comoros/	Off Mayotte	26 boats	352 apprehended	27 suspected smugglers	France authorities
		Indian Ocean	Mayotte	-	(kwassa-kwassa)		apprehended.	
							Boats seized.	
5.	30 Dec 23	Indonesia/	UNK/	At Karang	UNK	152 apprehended	Reportedly, the migrants were	Indonesia authorities
		Malacca Strait	Indonesia	Gading Village,		(58 males, 41	attempting to enter the country	
				Labuhan Deli		females and 53	illegally.	
				District		children)		



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1.	20 Dec 23	Death	Seychelles/ Indian Ocean	Off Seychelles	JAIN LIH No. 212 Fishing vessel Flag - Taiwan MMSI: 416005233	Anchored	Altercation between 02 crew members. One crew member assaulted another with a knife. O1 dead. Suspect apprehended.	Seychelles authorities
2.	25 Dec 23	Collision	Indonesia/ Malacca Strait	Off Tanjung Harapan Port	DUMAI EXPRESS 12 Passenger vessel Flag - Indonesia IMO: 8740876 MMSI: 525009091	UNK	Heavy weather. All 178 passengers transferred to <i>DUMAI LINE 3</i> . No casualties reported.	Indonesia authorities
					DUMAI LINE 3 Passenger vessel Flag - Indonesia IMO: 9724908 MMSI: 525018322	Damaged	No casualties reported.	
3.	26 Dec 23	Mechanical failure	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Bao Ninh	O1 fishing vessel Reg. No. QB 91749 TS	Towed ashore	Engine and rudder failure. All 06 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities
4.	26 Dec 23	Mechanical failure	UNK/ Indian Ocean	38° 33' S 051° 52' E	FUJI Yacht Flag - Finland MMSI: 230171270	Adrift	Ran out of fuel.	France authorities
5.	27 Dec 23	MEDEVAC	India/ Arabian Sea	Off New Mangalore, Karnataka	IVORY RAY Tanker Flag - Liberia IMO: 9505986 MMSI: 636015074	Anchored	A crew member evacuated. Suffered breathing difficulties and weakness.	India authorities
6.	27 Dec 23	Aground	Mauritius/ Indian Ocean	Off Poudre D'Or	O1 Pleasure craft Reg. No. PPC 3454 IL 05	Aground	OBM damaged.	Mauritius authorities
7.	28 Dec 23	SAR	Thailand/ Andaman Sea	Off Ko Lipe	O1 vessel	Safe	06 persons rescued.	Thailand authorities

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8.	28 Dec 23	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Nhat Le	O1 fishing boat Reg. No. QB 22754 TS	Sank	Heavy weather. All O4 fishermen safe (O3 rescued and O1 swam ashore).	Vietnam authorities
9.	28 Dec 23	Fire	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Blue Pier, Labuan Bajo Port	LABUAN / Speedboat	Damaged	All 07 persons (05 tourists and 02 crew members) rescued.	Indonesia authorities
10.	28 Dec 23	Sunk	Indonesia/ Java Sea	Off Banjarmasin	TB MBS 05 Vessel	Sank	Water ingress in engine room, due to leakage. No casualties.	Indonesia authorities
11.	29 Dec 23	Mechanical failure	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Phu Quy Island	O1 fishing vessel Reg. No. KH 91656 TS	Towed ashore	Heavy weather. Engine failure. All 10 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities
12.	29 Dec 23	Mechanical failure	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Phu Quy Island	O1 fishing vessel Reg. No. KH 96417 TS	Towed ashore	Heavy weather. Engine failure. All O3 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities
13.	29 Dec 23	Sunk	Bangladesh/ Bay of Bengal	Off Khulna, Shibsa River	<i>MV GAYEHERA-4</i> Vessel	Partially submerged	Loaded with 1,422 tonnes of fly-ash. All 12 crew members rescued. No environment pollution or oil pollution reported.	Bangladesh authorities
14.	29 Dec 23	Aground	Maldives/ Indian Ocean	Off Gd. Nadella Island	RANDOO BOAT Local cargo vessel	Refloated on 30 Dec 23	Hull damaged. Water ingress. All 10 crew members safe.	Maldives authorities and local vessel <i>CONCORD</i>
15.	30 Dec 23	Aground	Vietnam/ South China Sea	Off Cai Off	O1 ship Reg. No. ND 2388	Aground	O3 crew members died due to asphyxiation while attending the inspection.	Vietnam authorities
16.	30 Dec 23	Capsize	Philippines/ South China Sea	30 nm off Rena Point, Pangasinan	MBCA WS Fishing vessel	UNK	Heavy weather. Both fishermen rescued.	Egypt flagged bulk carrier <i>MV WADI ALMALIKAT</i> and Philippines authorities
17.	30 Dec 23	Sunk	Vietnam/ South China Sea	03 nm off Cua Day	O1 fishing boat Reg. No. NB 00048 TS	Sank	Heavy weather. O1 fisherman rescued.	Vietnam authorities

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18.	30 Dec 23	MEDEVAC	Maldives/	11 nm off S.Gan	HANDA DHONI	Underway	O1 fisherman evacuated.	Maldives authorities
			Indian Ocean	Island	Fishing vessel		Suffered breathing difficulties.	
19.	30 Dec 23	Mechanical	Mauritius/	110 nm off	TENN MING YANG 889	Underway	Engine failure.	Mauritius authorities
		failure	Indian Ocean	Mahebourg	Fishing vessel		Defects rectified.	
20.	30 Dec 23	SAR	Mauritius/	Off La Passe	01 kayak	Towed ashore	02 persons rescued.	Mauritius authorities
			Indian Ocean	Moulin				
21.	31 Dec 23	Mechanical	Indonesia/	Off Tanjung	O1 passenger boat	UNK	Engine failure.	Indonesia authorities
		failure	South China Sea	Jabung			All 11 passengers rescued.	
22.	31 Dec 23	Aground	Thailand/	Off Koh Maithon	APIRAK	Damaged	Collided with rocks.	Thailand authorities
			Andaman Sea	Island, Phuket	Speedboat		09 person (02 crew member)	
							injured.	
							O1 dead.	
23.	31 Dec 23	Aground	Maldives/	Off Ga. Nilandhoo	SOUTH LINE	Towed ashore	Hull damaged.	Maldives authorities
			Indian Ocean	Island Harbour	Local cargo vessel		Water ingress.	
							All 11 crew members (02	
							foreign) safe.	
24.	01 Jan 24	Collision	Vietnam/	74 nm SW of Cai	O1 fishing vessel	Sank	All 12 fishermen rescued.	Vietnam authorities and
			Gulf of Thailand	Doi Vam Sea, Phu	Reg. No. BT 97308 TS			local fishermen
				Tan District	O1 fishing vessel	Underway	UNK	
25.	01 Jan 24	Collision	Indonesia/	Off Gili Meno,	01 sailboat	UNK	02 foreign persons rescued.	Indonesia authorities
			Java Sea	North Lombok,			O1 (Crew member) dead.	
				West Nusa	01 speedboat	UNK	UNK	
				Tenggara				
26.	01 Jan 24	MEDEVAC	Vietnam/	25 nm off Vung	WAN HAI 367	Underway	01 Chinese crew member	Vietnam authorities
			South China Sea	Tau	Container ship		evacuated.	
					Flag - Singapore			
					IMO: 9954462			
					MMSI: 563197800			
27.	01 Jan 24	Flooding	Maldives/	O4 nm N of	MR SPEED	Towed ashore	Hull damaged.	Maldives authorities
			Indian Ocean	Buruni Island	Local ferry boat		Water ingress.	
							All 40 passengers safe.	

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28.	01 Jan 24	Fire	India/	21° 13'.75 N	SSL BRAHMAPUTRA	Adrift	Engine failure reported due to	India authorities
			Arabian Sea	066° 18'.75 E	Container ship		fire.	
					Flag - India		All crew members safe.	
					IMO: 9238806			
					MMSI: 419001324			
29.	02 Jan 24	Others	Sri Lanka/	At Vadamarachi	01 barge	Washed ashore	Unmanned barge-like object	Locals
			Bay of Bengal				found washed ashore.	

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24.	24 Dec 23	Capsize	Thailand/	Off Bubu Island	BANDAYA 19	Sank	All O4 crew members and 73	Thailand authorities
			Malacca Strait		Speedboat		passengers rescued.	
31.	26 Dec 23	Fire	Mozambique/	100 nm off	APOLLO TRIUMPH	Adrift	All 19 crew members abandoned	Container ship AS
			Mozambique	Mozambique	Cargo vessel		the ship into life rafts and rescued.	CHRISTIAN, Mozambique
			Channel		Flag - Panama			authorities and
					IMO: 9594365			Madagascar authorities
					MMSI: 357869000			-





Sr	Date	Country/	Location	Details of Vessels	Incident Details
		Region		Involved	
1.	28 Dec 23	Yemen/	In Red Sea	NA	Reportedly, a US Navy ship shot down a drone and an Anti-Ship Ballistic Missile in the Red Sea,
		Red Sea			off Yemen in a likely conflict-related incident.
2.	30 Dec 23	Yemen/	In Red Sea	MAERSK HANGZHOU	Reportedly, the Singapore flagged container ship MAERSK HANGZHOU was hit by a missile in
		Red Sea		Container ship	the Red Sea, off Yemen.
				Flag - Singapore	Subsequently, the vessel was under attack by four small boats and a second distress call was
				IMO: 9784300	raised at 0630 LT. The US Navy ships responded to the distress call and there was exchange of
				MMSI: 563042200	fire shots reported.
					03/ 04 small boats were sank and 01 boat escaped.
					The vessel and crew members are reportedly safe.
3.	31 Dec 23	Yemen/	In Red Sea	NA	Reportedly, a US Navy ship shot down two Anti-Ship Ballistic Missiles in the Red Sea, off Yemen
		Red Sea			in a likely conflict-related incident.

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