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AGAINST SHIPS**

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INTRODUCTION

This report is an analysis of world-wide reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships from 1 January to 30 June 2003.

Outrage in the shipping industry at the alarming growth in piracy prompted the creation of the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) in October 1992 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The services of the Centre are free of charge to all ships irrespective of their ownership or flag.

The key services of the PRC are:

- To receive reports of suspicious or unexplained craft movements, boarding and armed robbery from ships and to alert other ships and law enforcement agencies in the area
- To issue status reports of piracy and armed robbery via daily broadcasts on Inmarsat-C through its SafetyNET service.
- To collate and analyse information received and issue consolidated reports to relevant bodies, including the International Maritime Organization
- To assist owners and crews of ships that have been attacked
- To locate vessels that have been seized by pirates and recover stolen cargoes

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Weekly piracy report on the Internet

The IMB now posts the weekly updates of attacks on the Internet at www.icc-ccs.org. The report is compiled from the Piracy Reporting Centre's daily status bulletins. By posting the information on the Internet, ship owners and authorities ashore as well as ships at sea can access the weekly updates.

Usually, incidents occurring in the previous quarter(s) are reported to the Centre after a time lag of many months. This late reporting of incidents results in changes to the figures in the tables. The Centre has, as at 30 June 2003, received reports of 234 incidents but expects to receive details of more in the coming months relating to the first six months of 2003.

The Centre has responded to suggestions from the industry that this report should separate actual and attempted attacks. Therefore, where possible, the following tables and narrations now appear in separate categories of actual and attempted attacks.

COMMENTS OF DEFINITIONS AND FIGURES

For statistical purposes, the IMB defines Piracy and armed robbery as;

“An act of boarding or attempting to board any ship with the apparent intent to commit theft or any other crime and with the apparent intent or capability to use force in the furtherance of that act”.

This definition thus covers actual or attempted attacks whether the ship is berthed, at anchor or at sea. Petty thefts are excluded unless the thieves are armed.

The above definition has been adopted by the IMB as the majority of attacks against ships take place within the jurisdictions of States and piracy as defined under United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea (1982) does not address this aspect.

The IMB is pleased to record that the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 74th meeting of MSC addressed this matter in the draft Code of practice for the Investigation of Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships (MSC/Circ.984) article (2.2) (The Code of Practice).

The Code of Practice defines “Piracy “and “Armed Robbery against Ships” as follows;

- **Piracy** means unlawful acts as defined in article 101 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS):

ARTICLE 101

*Definition of **Piracy** consists of any of the following acts:*

- a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed-*
 - (i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft;*
 - (ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;*
- (b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft;*
- (c) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b).*

- **“Armed Robbery against Ships** means any unlawful act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of “piracy”, directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such ship, within a State’s jurisdiction over such offences”

The above definitions now cover actual or attempted attacks whether the ship is berthed, at anchor or at sea.

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- Union of Greek Shipowners, Greece
- United Arab Shipping Co SAG, Kuwait
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TABLE 1 : Locations of ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks, January to June, 1992-2003

Locations	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
SE ASIA												
Cambodia			1	1	1	1						
Indonesia	46	2	9	20	22	24	21	36	56	44	44	64
Malacca Straits	7	4	3		3		1		14	14	9	15
Malaysia	1		2	2	4	1	4	7	7	13	7	5
Myanmar (Buma)					1	1			1	1		
Philippines	3		3	16	23	12	13	2	1	4	3	8
Singapore Straits			1	1	1			13		2	3	
Thailand				1	10	3	2	4	4	4	2	
FAR		2	2	10	6	2	1	2	2			1
China/ Hong Kong/Macau												
EAST		8	5		1				1	2	1	
East China Sea												
Hong Kong/Luzon/Hainan(HLH)		18	7	7	3	1						
Papua New Guinea						1	1			1		
Solomon Islands											1	
South China Sea	2	30	4	2	1		1	2	2	2		
Taiwan				2							1	
Vietnam			1	3		2		2	2	3	5	6
INDIAN SUB			1	1	2	2	6	2	18	15	11	23
Bangladesh												
CONTINENT				1	3	8	9		14	13	12	18
India												
Sri Lanka		1	1		5	4		2	2		1	2
AMERICAS		1	3	7	9	10	6	5	5	1	2	3
Brazil												
Caribbean Seas			1									1
Colombia		1			2		4				2	5
Cuba												3
Dominican Republic						2	1		2	3		5
Ecuador					2	2	6	2	5	4	6	1
Guyana					1						6	2
Haiti												1
Jamaica					1	2		1			1	4
Martinique												1
Mexico								1				
Panama				1							2	
Peru					2	1		2	1		1	5
Salvador					1							
Uruguay					1							
Trinidad											1	
USA							1		1		1	1
Venezuela						1	1	3	1			1
AFRICA				1			1					
Algeria												
Angola		2				1		1	3			2
Cameroon						2		1	1	2	4	1
Congo Republic									1	1		
Egypt			1				2		1	2		
Gabon							2			1	3	
Ghana						1		1		3	2	2
Guinea					1	2	1	3		1	2	2
Guinea Bissau											2	
Ivory Coast					2	2		3	2	2	3	2
Kenya							6		1		1	
Liberia												1
Madagascar						1				1	2	
Mozambique									1			1
Morocco								1	1	1		
Nigeria		2			1	5	1	7	5	6	8	18
Senegal			1			5	1	1		1	1	5
Sierra Leone											1	
Somalia/Dibouti			1	13	1	4	6	7	4	4	4	3
Tanzania		2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	4
Togo											1	1
Red Sea / Gulf Of Aden										7	9	14
Yemen					1	3					3	
Zaire								1				
REST OF WORLD												
Albania						2						
Bulgaria											1	1
Denmark				1								
France							1					
Georgia						1						
Greece						1						
Italy								1				
Iran				4						1		2
Iraq										1		
Netherlands						1						
Portugal						1						
Oman											1	
Russia				1		1						
Turkey				1	1	2						
Locations not available	20	3							1	1		
Sub total for six months	79	76	48	97	113	117	101	115	161	165	171	234
Total at year end	106	103	90	188	224	247	202	300	469	335	370	

CHART A : The following six areas shared two third of the total reported incidents, i.e., 152 from a total of 234 incidents for the period.

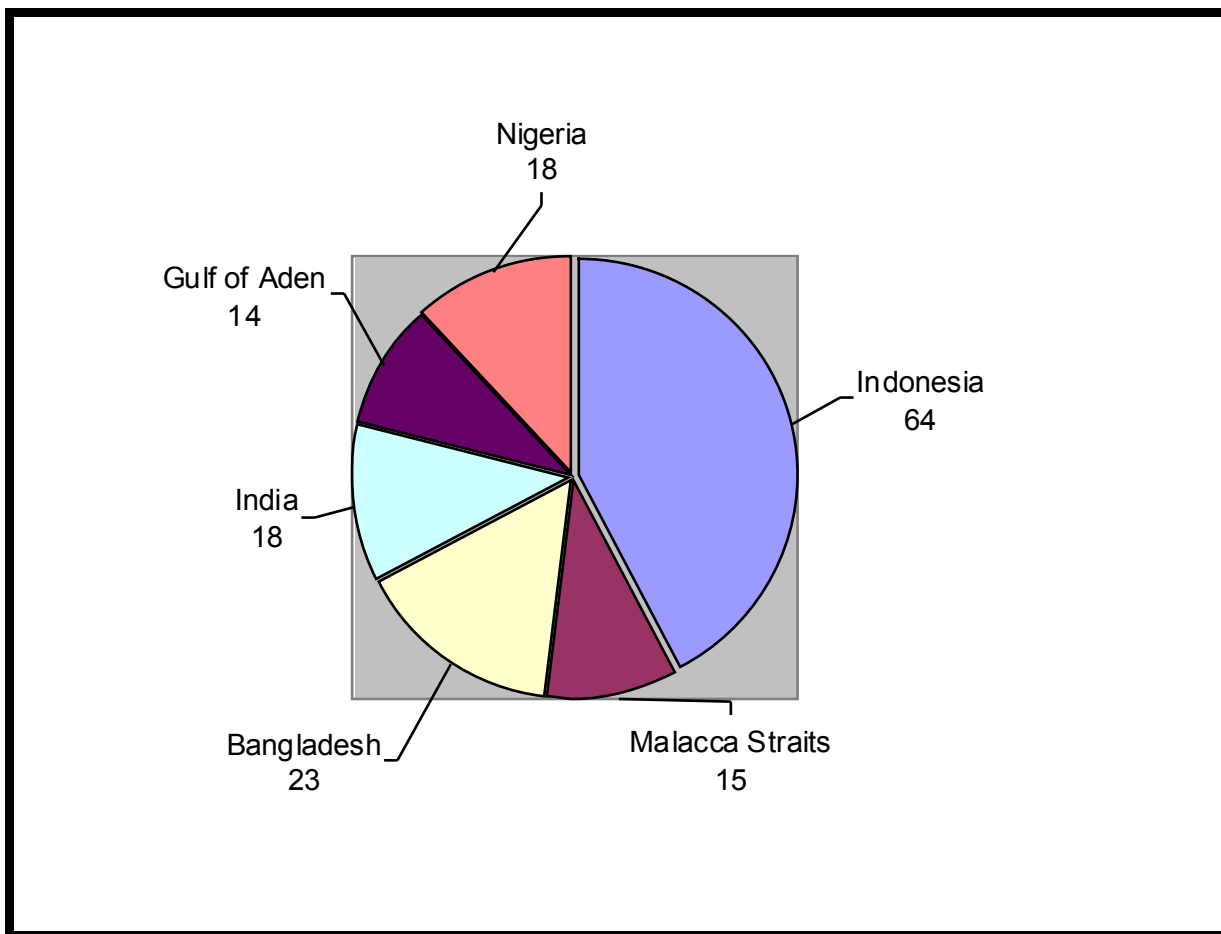


CHART B – Monthly comparison of incidents during January to June 2003

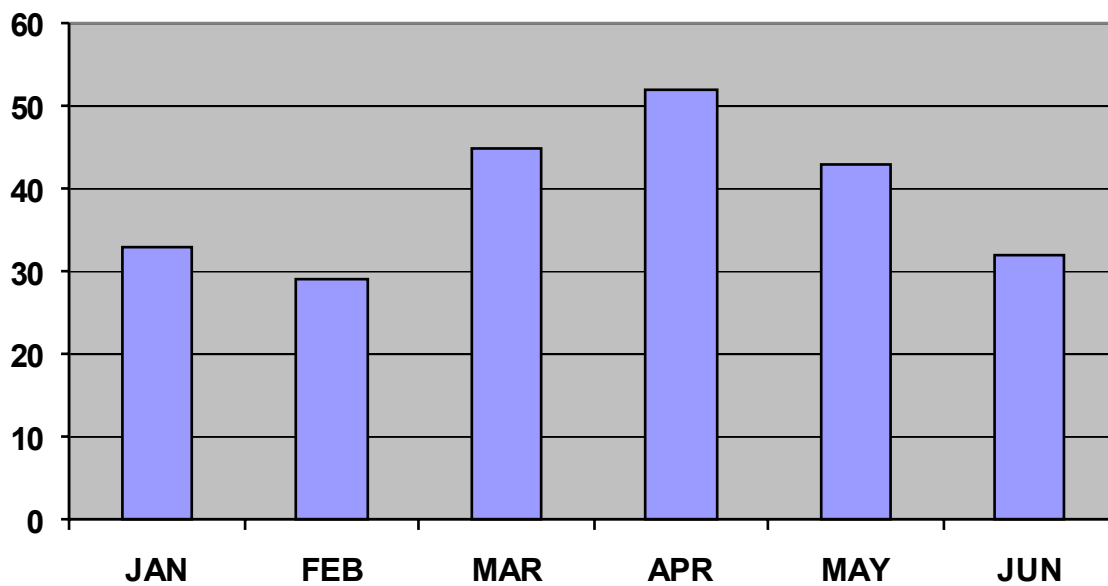


TABLE 2 : ACTUAL and ATTEMPTED attacks by locations, January to June 2003

LOCATIONS	ACTUAL ATTACKS			ATTEMPTED	
	Boarded	Hijacked	Missing	Fired Upon	Attempted
SE ASIA					
	Indonesia	43	4	3	14
	Malaysia	3			2
	Malacca straits	5	2	3	5
	Myanmar				
	Philippines	4		1	3
FARFAST					
	China/Hong Kong	1			
	Taiwan				
	Vietnam	5			1
INDIAN SUB					
	Bangladesh	20			3
	India	16			2
CONTINENT					
	Sri Lanka	2			
AMERICAS					
	Brazil	3			
	Caribbean Seas				1
	Colombia	4			1
	Cuba	2	1		
	Dominican Republic	5			
	Ecuador				1
	Guyana	2			
	Haiti	1			
	Jamaica	4			
	Martinique	1			
	Peru	5			
	U.S.A.	1			
	Venezuela	1			
AFRICA					
	Angola	2			
	Cameroon	1			
	Ghana				2
	Guinea	1			1
	Ivory Coast	1			1
	Liberia	1			
	Mozambique	1			
	Nigeria	16	1		1
	Red Sea / Gulf of Aden	2		5	7
	Senegal	4			1
	Somalia/Dibouti	1	1		1
	Tanzania	4			
	Togo				1
Rest of the World					
	Bulgaria	1			
	Iran	2			
	Sub total	165	9	-	13
	Total for six months			234	

TABLE 3: Ports and anchorages more prone to attacks: No of incidents Jan – June, 2001 - 03

Location	Country	Jan- June 2001	Jan – June 2002	Jan- June 2003
Chittagong	Bangladesh	8	8	17
Lagos	Nigeria	5	7	9
Cochin	India	3		6
Chennai	India	7	4	5
Dakar	Senegal	1	1	5
Rio Haina	Dominican Republic	2		5
Manila	Philippines			4
Samarinda	Indonesia		3	4
Bunaventura	Colombia			3
Dar Es Salaam	Tanzania	3	2	3
Dumai	Indonesia			3
Haiphong	Vietnam			3
Jakarta-Tg. Priok	Indonesia	7	6	3
Kingston	Jamaica			3
Pulau Laut	Indonesia			3
Abidian	Ivory Coast	2	3	2
Balikpapan	Indonesia	3	9	2
Georgetown	Guyana		4	2
Mongla	Bangladesh	4	3	2
Vung Tau	Vietnam	2	5	2
Belawan	Indonesia	7	5	1
Guavaquil	Ecuador	4	4	1
Sandakan	Malaysia	4	3	1
Bontang	Indonesia	2	4	
Douala	Cameroon	2	4	
Kakinada	India	2	3	
Sub Total		68	78	90
Total attacks all types		165	171	234

TABLE 4 : Status of ships during ACTUAL attacks, January to June 2003

LOCATIONS	BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING	
SE ASIA	Indonesia	3	23	21
	Malacca Straits			7
	Malay sia	1	1	1
	Philippines		3	1
FAR EAST	China /Hong Kong		1	
	Vietnam		5	
INDIAN SUB	Bangladesh	5	10	5
	India	3	10	3
CONTINENT	Sri Lanka			2
AMERICAS	Brazil		3	
	Colombia	1	3	
	Cuba	1	1	1
	Dominican Republic	5		
	Guyana	1	1	
	Haiti	1		
	Jamaica		4	
	Martinique	1		
	Peru	4	1	
	USA	1		
	Venezuela	1		
AFRICA	Angola		2	
	Cameroon	1		
	Gulf of Aden / Red Sea			2
	Guinea			1
	Ivory Coast		1	
	Liberia		1	
	Mozambique		1	
	Nigeria	1	11	5
	Senegal		2	2
	Somalia/Djibouti			2
	Tanzania	3	1	
REST OF WORLD	Bulgaria	1		
	Iran		2	
	Sub Total	34	87	53
Total for six months		174		

TABLE 5 : Status of ships during ATTEMPTED attacks, January to June 2003

LOCATIONS	BERTHED	ANCHORED	STEAMING
SE ASIA	Indonesia		16
	Malacca Straits		8
	Malay sia		2
	Philippines		2
FAR EAST	Vietnam	1	
INDIAN SUB CONTINENT	India		2
	Bangladesh		1
AMERICAS	Caribbean Seas		1
	Colombia		1
	Ecuador		1
AFRICA	Ghana		2
	Guinea		1
	Ivory Coast		1
	Nigeria		1
	Red Sea / Gulf of Aden		12
	Senegal		1
	Somalia/Djibouti		1
	Togo		1
REST OF WORLD	-		
	Sub Total	1	47
Total for six months		60	

TABLE 6 : Comparison of the type of attacks, January to June, 1992 – 2003

Category	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Attempted boarding	15	24	11	17	18	7	15	16	42	41	39	47
Attempted / Fired Upon	1	13		7	4	18	7	6	4	5	10	13
Ship boarded	62	20	18	58	85	77	69	87	112	106	106	165
Hijack			5	9	4	11	8	6	2	12	14	9
Robbery/Theft		4	5		2	1	1		-	-	-	-
Detained		7	6	6		1	1		-	-	-	-
Missing									1	1	2	-
Not Stated	1	8	3			2				-	-	-
Sub total for six months	79	76	48	97	113	117	101	115	161	165	171	234
Total at year end	106	103	90	188	228	247	202	300	469	365	370	

TABLE 7 : Types of violence to crew, January to June, 1992 -2003

Types of Violence	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Taken hostage	17	6	6	145	157	118	121	343	34	120	98	193
Threatened	8	1	3	49	26	56	41	9	22	27	16	34
Assaulted	12	4			4	6	33	7	3	6	4	30
Injured	12	2	5	2	5	12	26	15	13	19	21	52
Killed				3	24	7	26	1		3	6	16
Missing									5	-	23	20
Tot for six months	49	13	14	199	216	199	247	375	77	175	168	345

TABLE 8 : Type of violence to crew by location, January to June 2003

LOCATIONS	TAKEN HOSTAGE	THREATENED	ASSAULTED	INJURED	KILLED	MISSING
SE ASIA						
Indonesia	69	23		6	1	
Malacca Straits	9			3	1	2
Malaysia				1		
Philippines				2	6	
FAR EAST						
China/Hong Kong						
INDIAN						
Bangladesh	30	2	4	33	7	
SUB CONT						
India	20	1	1			
Sri Lanka						18
AMERICAS						
Brazil	1			1	1	
Colombia	4					
Cuba	20					
Dominican Republic	3					
AFRICA						
Cameroon		1	1			
Gabon						
Ivory Coast		1				
Madagascar						
Nigeria	11	6	19	5		
Red Sea / Gulf of Aden	2			1		
Somalia/Djibouti	24					
REST OF WORLD						
Sub total	193	34	30	52	16	20
Total for six months						345

TABLE 9: Types of arms used during attacks, January to June, 1992 -2003

Types of Violence	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Pirates unarmed	44	13	26	48	64	4	1	1	1	2	--	-
Pirates with Guns	10	26	11	25	16	35	24	25	17	35	31	55
Knives		6	7	4	6	8	18	30	54	50	57	80
Other weapons	23	1	1	17	26	9	10	6	11	17	24	27
Not stated	2	30	3	3	1	61	48	53	78	61	59	72
Tot for six months	79	76	48	97	113	117	101	115	161	165	171	234

TABLE 10: Types of arms used by geographical locations, January to June 2003

LOCATIONS	Guns	Knives	Other Weapons	Not Stated
SE ASIA				
Indonesia	19	25	6	14
Malacca Straits	9	2		4
Malaysia	1			4
Philippines	4	2	1	1
EAR				
China / Hong Kong				1
EAST				
Vietnam		3	1	2
INDIAN SUB CONTINENT				
India		5	3	10
Bangladesh	1	12	3	7
Sri Lanka	1		1	
AMERICAS				
Brazil	2		1	
Caribbean Seas				1
Colombia	1	3		1
Cuba			3	
Dominican Republic		4	1	
Ecuador				1
Guvana			1	1
Haiti				1
Jamaica	2			2
Martinique		1		
Peru		4		1
USA				1
Venezuela		1		
AFRICA				
Angola				2
Cameroon		1		
Ghana				2
Guinea		1	1	
Ivory Coast		2		
Liberia				1
Mozambique		1		
Nigeria	7	5	2	4
Red Sea / Gulf of Aden	6		2	6
Senegal		4		1
Somalia/Djibouti	2			1
Tanzania		2		2
Togo		1		
REST OF THE WORLD				
Bulgaria				1
Iran		1		1
Sub total for six months	55	80	26	73
Total		234		

TABLE 11 : Types of ships attacked, January to June, 1992 – 2003

Type	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Barge / Barge carrier		1				1	1			2	2	1
Bulk carrier	12	13	8	19	20	19	20	30	48	31	42	63
Cable Layer Ship												1
Coast guard						2						
Container	20	7	11	7	18	14	11	19	22	34	13	32
Craft												2
Dredger										1	2	
Ferry					1	4		1				1
Fishing/Trawler	3	5	1	14	17	7	5	1	2	12	12	12
General cargo	5	25	14	18	24	19	20	16	28	22	43	35
Heavy lift vessel									2			
Lighter				1								
Livestock carrier				2				1			1	
Log carrier		4		1	1	1			2			
Multipurpose				2					2	1		
OBO						1						1
Passenger				4		1					1	1
Refrigerated		1	1		1		2	4	1		4	2
Research Ship									1			
RORO			1	1				2	1	3	2	4
Special Purpose Ship											2	1
Storage ship		1										
Supply Ship								1	1	1		3
Survey Vessel												2
Tanker Chemical / Product	2		1	1	4	2	4	8	9	7	13	28
Tanker Crude Oil	15	11	6	9	11	15	12	22	26	33	25	21
Tanker LNG				1	1	4	2					
Tanker LPG			3	5	6	3	4	4	3	5	5	10
Tug				4	3	1	1	1	4	3	3	7
Vehicle carrier		1	2									
Warship	1								1			
Yacht				2	1	6	1	2	2	6		7
Not stated	21	7		6	5	17	18	3	6	4	1	
Sub total for six months	79	76	48	97	113	117	101	115	161	165	171	234
Total at year end	106	103	90	188	228	247	202	300	469	335	370	

TABLE 12 : Nationalities of victim ships, January to June, 1992 - 2003

Flag State	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
ALBANIA						1						
ALGERIA				1		1						1
ANTIGUA/BARBUDA						1	1	6	2	5	7	5
AUSTRALIA	1						2		1			4
BAHAMAS	3	3	3	3	3	10	4	11	12	6	2	8
BANGLADESH					1					4		5
BELGIUM		2										
BELIZE				1			1	2		1	1	
BERMUDA					1						1	1
BOLIVIA												1
BRAZIL						1		1				
BULGARIA				1								
CAMBODIA											5	1
CAYMAN ISLAND								1	1			1
CHILE					1							
CHINA							11	1	1	1		2
COLOMBIA												1
CROATIA										1		
CUBA											2	1
CYPRUS	3	1	6	10	5	6	4	7	10	13	7	17
DENMARK		5	3	3	2	2		1	3	2	5	3
DENMARK INTERNATIONAL								1				
ECUADOR							1					
EGYPT									1		1	
FINLAND								1				
FRANCE								1	2	2	1	1
GERMANY		1	1	2	3	4	3	4	2	3		1
GIBRALTAR												1
GREECE	3	1		1	3	10	2	5	7		5	5
HONDURAS			1	3		1	1					
HONG KONG (SAR)		5	3	2	2	1	5	3	3	4	4	12
HUNGARY		1										
INDIA		2			1	1	2	2	6	2	8	8
INDONESIA								1		2	1	6
IRELAND					1			1				
ISLE OF MAN		1			1		1				7	5
IRAN									1	4	3	1
ISRAEL					1							
ITALY			1	1		3			3	1	2	1
JAPAN			3			1			2		1	
KENYA						1						
KUWAIT				1		1	2	1	1		1	
LEBANON											3	1
LIBERIA	2	2	1	11	6	7	5	8	11	9	7	16
LITHUANIAN							1	1				1
LUXEMBOURG	1							1				1
MALDIVES											1	
MALAYSIA	2	5	1	5	4	3	6	2	4	19	9	17
MALTA		2	2	3	5	4	3	6	3	10	12	6
MEXICO								1				
MARSHAL ISLANDS										1	2	3
MYANMAR										1		
N.KOREA												1
NETHERLANDS				3	7	2	1	2	3	2	6	2
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES								1				2
NIGERIA						1						
NORWAY	2	1	2		7	3	4			5	11	4
PANAMA	4	10	8	13	8	4	9	20	26	25	22	36
PAPUA NEW GUINEA										1		
PHILIPPINES		2		12	16	7	5	2	1	2	2	3
QATAR								1			1	2
ROMANIA		1		1	1				1			
RUSSIA	1	24	1	2	1	5			1			1
S.ARABIA				1		1						
SLOVANIA									1			
S.KOREA		1	1									3
SINGAPORE	1	1	4	3	6	4	6	11	21	19	13	21
SRI LANKA									1			
ST. VINCENT & GRENADINES		1	3		4			3	5	2	2	1
SWITZERLAND												1
SYRIA										1		
TAIWAN			1					1	1	1	2	1
TANZANIA												1
THAILAND			1		2	1		2	4	3	4	3
TURKEY					1				4	1	1	1
UAE			1				1					
UKRAINE				2	1	1			1	1	1	1
UNITED KINGDOM						1	3			4	1	3
USA	1	1					1				2	5
VANUATU						1				2		2
VIETNAM				1					3	1	1	
YEMEN							1					
YUGOSLAVIA		1										
NOT STATED	55	2	1	11	19	26	16	4	10	2	4	3
Sub total for six months	79	76	48	97	113	117	101	115	161	165	171	234
Total at year end	106	103	90	188	228	247	202	300	469	335	370	

TABLE 13 : Countries where victim ships were controlled or managed : January to June 2003

Country	1.1.2001 30.6.2001	1.1.2002 30.6.2002	1.1.2003 30.6.2003
	No of Ships	No of Ships	No of Ships
ALGERIA			1
ANTIGUA	2		
AUSTRALIA	1		5
BANGLADESH	4		5
BELGIUM	1		1
BELIZE	1		
BRAZIL			1
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS			1
BULGARIA		1	
CAMBODIA		1	1
CANADA	1		2
CHINA	1	1	5
COLOMBIA			1
CROATIA	1		
CUBA		2	1
CYPRUS	4	2	5
DENMARK	3	9	6
EGYPT		1	2
FRANCE	3	2	2
GERMANY	14	15	21
GREECE	19	18	32
HONG KONG (CHINA)	9	6	12
INDIA	3	12	8
INDONESIA	2	2	5
IRAN	4	3	1
ISLE OF MAN			1
ITALY	2	2	1
JAPAN	5	9	12
KOREA		1	
KUWAIT		2	
LEBANON		3	
LITHUANIA			1
MALAYSIA	18	9	16
MONACO			2
MYANMAR	1		
NETHERLANDS	2	5	4
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES			1
NIGERIA			1
NORWAY	7	12	4
PAKISTAN			1
PANAMA	1	2	
PHILIPPINES	2		3
POLAND			4
RUSSIA			1
S KOREA	1		3
SCOTLAND			2
SINGAPORE	23	18	30
ST VINCENT	1		
SWEDEN	1		
SWITZERLAND	3		2
SYRIA	2		
TAIWAN	2	4	1
TANZANIA			1
THAILAND	4	4	2
TURKEY	1	5	1
UKRAINE	1	2	1
UNITED KINGDOM	8	7	9
USA	1	3	8
VANUATU	2		
VIETNAM	1	1	
NOT KNOWN	3	7	4
Total	165	171	234

PIRACY PRONE AREAS AND WARNINGS

Mariners are warned to be extra cautious and to take necessary precautionary measures when transiting the following areas:

SOUTH EAST ASIA AND INDIAN SUB CONTINENT

Bangladesh - Chittagong and Mongla at berth and anchorage. Ships have reported theft of zinc anodes welded to ship's sides and stem.

India - Chennai, Cochin

Indonesia – Adang Bay, Balikpapan, Dumai, Gaspar (Gelasa) Straits, Kuala Langsa, Lawi Lawi, Pulau Laut, Samarinda, Tanjung Priok (Jakarta). Areas around Anambas and Bintan Islands - increasing number of serious and brutal incidents have been reported within 30 nm radius of Lat 01 N – Long 105 E in June 2003.

Malacca Straits - Avoid anchoring along the Indonesian coast of the straits unless required for urgent operational reasons. Coast near Aceh is particularly risky for hijackings and kidnapping for ransom. Violent and brutal attacks on fishermen have been reported in the Straits.

Malaysia – Pulau Pangkor

Philippines – Manila, Zamboanga

Vietnam – Haipong, Vung Tau

AFRICA AND RED SEA.

Africa: Abidjan, Bonny River, Dakar, Dar Es Salaam, Lagos, Luanda, Nana Creek, Tema, Warri

Gulf of Aden – Numerous pirate attacks have been reported by ships and yachts in the Gulf of Aden. Some of the yachts were fired upon.

Somalian waters – Eastern and Northeastern coasts are high-risk area for hijackings. Keep at least 50 nautical miles and if possible 100 nautical miles from the Somali coast. Ships not specifically calling at Somali ports should avoid approaching the Somali coast. Armed pirates in speedboats and gunboats open fire on ships/yachts and rob or hijack them. Some crew had been injured or killed in the past. The use of radio communications including the VHF in these waters should be kept to a minimum.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS.

Colombia – Barranquilla, Buena Ventura, Cartagena

Cuba - Havana

Dominican Republic - Rio Haina

Ecuador – Guayaquil

Guyana – Georgetown

Jamaica - Kingston

Peru - Callao

REPORTING OF INCIDENTS

Ships are advised to maintain strict anti-piracy watches and report all piratical attacks and suspicious movements of crafts to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Tel: ++60 3 2078 5763 Fax: ++ 60 3 2078 5769, Telex: MA 31880 IMBPCI,

E-mail: imbkl@icc-ccs.org.uk

The Centre's 24 Hours Anti Piracy HELPLINE is : ++ 60 3 2031 0014.

OBSERVATIONS

Narrations of the 234 incidents for the six months of 2003 can be found on pages 21 to 58. The following serious incidents in chronological order are described in more detail.

1st quarter of 2003

Nigeria :

On 1 January 2003, St Vincent and Grenadines registered survey ship HD Challenger was attacked by armed pirates in position Lat 04 35 N and Long 005 26 E, off Warri, Nigeria.

Pirates boarded the ship and attacked several crewmembers who were badly injured. Three crewmembers jumped overboard and were rescued by a supply boat. The injured were transferred to a barge for medical treatment.

Pirates took hostage all crewmembers and the ship was grounded on a sandbank. Several crewmembers were later taken ashore and held in a village.

The Nigerian Authorities negotiated with the pirates for the release of crew. The hostages were released within five days and the ship was subsequently refloated.

Indonesia :

On 11 January 2003, a Singapore tug Bina Ocean 2 and barge Bina 82 were hijacked while at anchor at Tg Uban, off Bintan Island, Indonesia. Armed pirates boarded the tug at approximately 0400 LT. Two crewmembers decided to jump overboard to escape. One of them gave up and returned to the tug while the other drowned.

All five crew and three passengers of the tug were blindfolded and tied. The 10 pirates spoke in Indonesian language.

Pirates sailed the tug for half an hour and then stopped. They then ordered the crew and passengers to disembark on an uninhabited island. One person was forced to remain on the tug.

Philippines

On 21 January 2003, pirates shot and killed two fishermen off Zamboanga Island, Philippines. Their bodies riddled with bullets were left in the boat.

Indonesia:

On 28 January 2003, a Singapore tug BW Wisdom was hijacked by armed pirates while at anchor at Batu Ampar, Batam, Indonesia. Approximately 10 pirates armed with knives boarded and hijacked the tug between 1900 Hrs LT to 2000 Hrs LT. Pirates abandoned the barge Bayswater 228 which was tied alongside the tug. There were six crewmembers onboard the tug when it was hijacked. Three crewmembers jumped overboard and swam ashore when they noticed the pirates. One crewmember was injured and hospitalised. The remaining crewmembers were taken as hostage by pirates.

Brazil:

On 7 February 2003, Ukrainian tanker MT Mekhanik Karasyov was attacked by armed pirates at approximately 0200 LT. About 10 pirates armed with heavy weapons boarded the ship and attacked the duty officer.

The ship's general alarm was sounded and all crew mustered. Pirates opened gunfire at crewmembers. The Chief Officer was shot in the head and killed. The Second Officer was also shot

and seriously wounded. He was later taken to the hospital. Pirates stole crew personal belongings and escaped.

Indonesia:

On 25 February 2003, a Malaysian Chemical Tanker MT Suhaila was attacked by armed pirates in position Lat 04 32.00 N and Long 098 14.20 E, 8 nm to OB Kuala Langsa, Indonesia. The tanker was bound for Pasir Gudang, Malaysia.

At approximately 1030 LT, while underway, four boats with around eight armed pirates in each boat chased the ship. Pirates armed with AK47 weapons fired at the ship and the bullets hit the starboard side accommodation plating and damaged the bridge windows along with the VHF radio on the bridge. The Chief Engineer sustained a gunshot wound to his head. He was later evacuated by a Navy boat and was sent to a hospital in Belawan.

Sri Lanka :

On 20 March 2003, a Chinese Fishing Trawler Ufauan U225 was attacked with rocket propelled grenades 16 nm off Chundikulam. Nine crewmembers were rescued while 18 others are missing.

2nd Quarter of 2003**Malacca Straits :**

On 8 April 2003, an Indonesian General Cargo ship MV Trimanggada was attacked by armed pirates while underway at position Latitude 04 21.7 North and Longitude 098 43.6 East. At approximately 1730 Hrs LT, several pirates armed with guns in three boats fired upon the ship from both sides and forced the Master to stop engine.

Pirates boarded the ship and gathered all crew on deck. They stole ship's documents and equipment and kidnapped the Master, Chief Engineer and Chief Officer. Pirates then left the ship.

The Third Officer contacted the Indonesian Navy who escorted the ship to Belawan anchorage. The ship anchored there on 9 April 2003 at 0230 LT.

In another incident, on 23 June 2003 at approximately 1530 LT, a Taiwanese fishing vessel Shing Chiah Yuh 1 while underway was attacked by armed pirates. Pirates armed with guns in a black coloured tugboat fired upon the fishing vessel. One crewmember was wounded and hospitalised. The fishing vessel suffered bullet holes.

Malacca Straits

On 11 April 2003 at 0505 Hrs LT, six armed pirates boarded the cargo ship MV Lady Steel, while underway at position Latitude 01 25 North and Longitude 105 05 East.

Pirates took the Second Engineer hostage and dragged him to the Master's cabin. They ordered him to knock on the door. Instead of opening the door, the Master phoned the duty officer on the bridge and informed him that pirates were onboard. Duty officer raised alarm and pirates escaped empty handed. Second Officer received knife injuries.

In another incident, heavily armed pirates attacked and shot at a fishing boat, killing one fisherman and injuring two others about 70 nautical miles off Pulau Pangkor in the Malacca Straits. The fisherman died of gunshot wounds to his chest. Two other fishermen sustained gunshot wounds on the stomach and chin. Another fisherman, however escaped unhurt.

Pirates stole the fishing boat and left a smaller boat behind before escaping. The fishermen were later rescued by a passing trawler.

Nigeria

On 15 April 2003, a supply ship Maersk Shipper, while underway was attacked and hijacked by armed pirates off the coast of Nigeria. Pirates held the 16-crew members hostage and demanded a ransom for their release. The crew comprised of British officers and Nigerian and South African seamen. Pirates assaulted the crewmembers and stole money from the ship's safe, crew cash and personal belongings. The owners paid a ransom for their release.

In another incident, on 22 April 2003, a Bahamas cargo vessel MV Clipper Eagle was attacked by armed pirates at approximately 1333 UTC at Nana Creek, Benin River, Nigeria. Ten pirates armed with rifles in speedboats made four attempts to stop the ship. They opened fire and damaged the ship's bridge windows and obstructed the ship's movement. Pirates stole ship's property and cash.

Indonesia:

On 24 April 2003, an Indonesian tug boat SDS 20 and a Singapore barge Winbuild 2403 were hijacked by a group of armed pirates while underway at Teluk Baka, Indonesia at approximately 0415 Hrs LT. On 25 April 2003 at about 0200 Hrs LT pirates threw all crewmembers into the sea.

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre notified the relevant Authorities in the region. The crew were later rescued by the Indonesian Navy. On 3 May 2003, the hijacked tug and barge were located in Pontianak, Indonesia.

Bay of Bengal

On 7 May 2003, armed pirates had boarded a total of 27 fishing trawlers while underway. Pirates stole fish, fishing nets and other valuables. The trawlers were returning after fishing in deep sea. Some of the victims who reached Mirzakalu at Bhola told local people that the pirates threw 11 fishermen into the sea as they tried to resist the gang. Four were rescued by other fishermen while the rest drowned.

Indonesia:

On 13 May 2003, a Hong Kong container vessel, MV OOCL Exporter was attacked by armed pirates in position Latitude 00 25 North and Longitude 105 25 East at approximately 0445 hrs LT while underway.

Pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the ship from the stem. They took one crew member as hostage and proceeded to the bridge. On the bridge, they hit the chief officer on the head with a pistol butt.

They then proceeded to the Captain's cabin and fired a shot. Pirates stole ship's cash and equipment and the Captain's and Chief Officer's personal belongings. They left the ship at 0530 Hrs LT.

In another incident, a Chinese cargo vessel MV Lerong was attacked by armed pirates in position Latitude 00 41 North and Longitude 105 12.5 East while underway at approximately 0210 Hrs LT.

Eight pirates armed with guns and long knives boarded the ship. They took the Second Officer as hostage and proceeded to Master's cabin. They held the Master at gunpoint and stole ship's cash, Master's personal cash and belongings. They then held the Master as hostage and proceeded to Third Officer's cabin and stole his personal cash and belongings. The Master and Second Officer were seriously injured. Pirates escaped in a speedboat.

Indonesia:

On 18 June 2003, at approximately 0230 Hrs LT, a Singapore registered tug Poet Vanda was attacked and hijacked by seven armed pirates at position Latitude 00 52 North and Longitude 103 33 East,

about 14 nm off Tanjung Balai, Karimun, Indonesia. Pirates hijacked the tug and left the barge Winbuild 2405 drifting at sea. The barge was laden with granites.

The armed pirates were wearing ski masks and had threatened to harm the crew if they did not follow their orders. All crew members were tied and blindfolded. Pirates ordered the crew to board a motorboat and took them to an island, Pulau Mantaras and forced them to disembark. Later, some fishermen saved the crew and landed them on Moro Island, Indonesia.

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre notified various Authorities in the region to lookout for the hijacked tug. The tug was subsequently located in Singapore on 1 July 2003.

PIRACY NEWS

ShipLoc

ShipLoc is an inexpensive satellite tracking system, which allows shipping companies, armed only with a personal computer with Internet access, to monitor the exact location of their vessels. The IMB strongly encourages ship owners to install this device on board their ships. In addition to anti-hijacking role, ShipLoc facilitates independent and precise location of ships at regular intervals. Further details can be obtained at www.shiploc.com.

Secure-Ship

Secure-Ship is the most recent and effective innovation in the fight against piracy. It is a non-lethal, electrifying fence surrounding the whole ship, which has been specially adapted for maritime use. The fence uses 9,000-volt pulse to deter boarding attempts. An intruder coming in contact with the fence will receive an unpleasant non-lethal shock that will result in the intruder abandoning the attempted boarding. At the same time an alarm will go off, activating floodlights and a very loud siren. The IMB strongly recommends ship owners to install this device on board their ships. Further details can be obtained at www.secure-ship.com.

Incidents of pirate attack drops in the vicinity of Aceh following patrols due to war

Increased naval patrols in Indonesia's Aceh province have resulted in a drop in pirate attacks. Since the war began on 19 May 2003, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre had not received any reports of pirate attacks in the vicinity off Aceh. There were many incidents in the area before where numerous ships were attacked and fired upon. In one incident on April 8, a group of pirates fired shots from both sides at an Indonesian cargo ship MV Tri Manggada while she was under way. The captain was forced to stop the engine and the pirates boarded the ship. They gathered all crew on deck, stole ship's documents and equipment and kidnapped the Master, Chief Engineer and Chief Officer. In the latest incident on May 13, four pirates armed with machine guns in a speedboat fired at MV Agia Philothei, a bulk carrier while under way. The ship's crew retreated inside the accommodation and raised alarm. Pirates continued shooting for 30 minutes before finally retreating as the ship took evasive manoeuvres to prevent the pirates from boarding.

On May 19 the Indonesian army launched a battle and imposed martial law in Aceh after talks for peace agreement in Tokyo failed. The separatist groups had rejected the Indonesian government's demand to disarm and drop their bid for an independent province.

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has listed the Malacca Straits coast near Aceh as being risky for piracy attacks and hijackings.

Ransom paid to secure release of crew off Nigeria

It was reported that A P Moeller, had paid a ransom to secure the freedom of one of its ships and crew after pirates hijacked the ship off the coast of Nigeria.

On April 15, pirates had boarded the Maersk Shipper, a 4,000 gross tonnage offshore supply vessel off the coast of Nigeria. The vessel was on charter to Royal Dutch Shell.

The hijackers then issued various demands to Shell. Maersk and Shell responded that the hijackers had to leave the vessel before any consideration could be given to their demands. The vessel was manned by sixteen crew members with British officers and Nigerian and South African seamen. The crew were 'manhandled' and their personal belongings and cash from the ship's safe were stolen.

The situation later deteriorated to an extent that the seafarers feared for their lives. Maersk finally paid the ransom and the hijackers left the vessel.

Malaysian Authorities increase patrols in Malacca Straits

The Royal Malaysian Police has stepped up patrols in the Straits of Malacca. The Commander of the Marine Police, SAC I Muhamad B. Muda said that the police and Navy will monitor movements of commercial ships. The patrols also aim to prevent piracy attacks especially on local fishermen.

Piracy incidents in the Malacca Straits particularly at the Malaysian side can be regarded as 'under control' due to the vigilant patrolling by Malaysian Authorities. The Indonesian Authorities are also urged to increase patrols.

Piracy attacks up sharply in Gelasa Straits, off Anambas Island and off Bintan Island.

During the second quarter of the year, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) recorded a sharp increase in piracy incidents at Gelasa Straits, in the vicinity of Anambas islands and of Bintan Island.

After the Indonesian Authorities were notified by the IMB, the attacks gradually decreased at Gelasa Straits and the vicinity of Anambas Islands. These areas are currently under control with no recent attacks. However, attacks off Bintan Island are still continuing and had prompted the IMB to issue special 'piracy warnings' to all ships via Inmarsat C. In addition, the IMB also notified the relevant Agencies in Jakarta. The warning message informed ships that an increasing number of piracy incidents off Bintan have been reported in the vicinity of Latitude 01 North and Longitude 105 East. Ships have been advised to take extra precautions in this area.

In the latest incident on 30 June 2003, a Chinese cargo ship MV Lerong while underway was attacked by eight pirates armed with guns and long knives in position Latitude 00 41 North and Longitude 105 12.5 East. Pirates took hostage the Second Officer and proceeded to the Master's cabin. They held the Master at gunpoint and stole the ship's cash and Master's personal belongings and money. They went to the Third Officer's cabin and stole his cash and personal belongings. The Master and Second officer were seriously injured. Pirates then escaped in a speedboat.

Aceh waters closed to foreign ships

Indonesia's martial law administrator in Aceh, where rebels have been fighting for independence has reportedly closed off Aceh waters to all foreign ships. Unfortunately, the authorities failed to relay this information to the international community. In an unfortunate incident, an oil tanker flying the Panamanian flag was arrested at Sabang port on Weh Island following the issuance of this decree. Pressure has been put on the government by its own Navy to ensure that all interested parties are informed to prevent the incident being repeated.

Shipping suffers fallout from terrorist attacks

As the war on terror intensifies, new reports have emerged of some of the hidden costs of attacks to individuals and national economies. Nowhere is this being more accurately felt than in the maritime sector, where commentators are quick to acknowledge the additional impact of the current economic slowdown on the situation.

Yemen, in particular is paying a higher price than it could have expected following the terrorist attack on the tanker Limburg last year whilst Kenya has witnessed a sharp decline in the number of cruise ships calling at Mombasa after the attack on a hotel that left 15 people dead in November 2002 and an attempt to shoot down a plane leaving the city airport on the same day.

In Gibraltar meanwhile, NATO naval forces have tightened security in the Straits of Gibraltar to protect merchant ships from other potential Limburg style terrorist attacks.

In Panama, corruption within the Maritime Authority over the issue of fake seafarers' documentation has raised fears that some of the holders of these documents may have been terrorists seeking to enter the USA on merchant ships posing as crew. The Authority has allocated resources and is urgently trying to trace the recipients.

Yemen:

The extent of the damage caused to the maritime sector by terrorism has had devastating effect in Yemen, where it has been confirmed that around 3,000 people have lost their jobs in the Aden free trade zone.

The damage may be further compounded by reports of an attempted hijacking of a bulk carrier in March 2003, as the MV Trader navigated off Socotra Island, where 16 men with rifles tried to get onboard from four motorboats. Four succeeded and attempted to enter the accommodation, firing their rifles to intimidate the crew but failing to gain entry.

Reports say that a sharp increase in insurance premiums since the Limburg attack has led to a dramatic decline in the number of vessels calling at Yemen. Faced with premiums up to \$300,000 for each call, one container vessel operator has switched to Oman and the Aden Container Terminal saw throughput fall from 43,000 TEU in September last year to just 3,000 TEU in November.

The Yemeni government has estimated the total cost of lost trade to the local economy has been at least \$15 million a month since October 2002, when the Limburg was attacked.

Gibraltar:

In the Straits of Gibraltar, through which 8,000 ships pass every year, NATO vessels have been deployed to escort commercial ships through the narrow waters, as well as those calling at the ports of Gibraltar and nearby Algeciras, whilst armed launches manned by British troops patrol the Bay of Gibraltar.

Fears that the area is a potential target for terrorist attacks were heightened with the arrest of three suspected al-Qaeda terrorists by Moroccan security forces last year. The men were allegedly planning attacks on vessels in the region and the authorities fear further attacks using speedboats packed with explosives, the tactic used against the Limburg.

Adding to the tension within the maritime community is evidence of a growing overlap between terrorists and pirate gangs, in particular links between al-Qaeda and Indonesia, all of which had led one security specialist to call on the shipping industry, governments and the UN to take maritime security more seriously and be prepared to work closely together to change current attitudes quickly.

NARRATIONS OF ATTACKS

1 January – 30 June 2003

ACTUAL ATTACKS

SOUTH EAST ASIA

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	02.01.2003 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	CIC Horizon Bulk carrier Panama 38267 9055620	Cigading Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, four pirates armed with knives boarded. They took duty oiler as hostage, tied his hands and feet and covered his face and threatened him with a knife. The oiler managed to free himself and raised alarm. Pirates escaped with engine spares. Incident was reported to the port authorities.
2.	04.01.2003 0520 LT Anchored Boarded	A She Kyae RORO Panama 9994 9135171	00:59.79S - 117:17.61E, Samarinda Anchorage, Indonesia.	While at anchor, eight pirates armed with knives boarded from forecastle. They took hostage duty A/B and 2nd officer, tied their hands and feet and ordered them to lie on the deck. They broke open the bosun store and stole large amount of ship's stores and a life raft. The duty officer freed himself, raised alarm and all crew mustered. Pirates fled in their waiting boat with the loot. The incident was reported to the port authority and police via ship's agents.
3.	06.01.2003 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	Setif II Bulk carrier Algeria 20253 8106020	Samarinda Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, five pirates armed with long knives boarded via hawse pipe. They threatened the duty A/B. Another A/B raised alarm and crew mustered. Pirates stole a liferaft, jumped and escaped in their boat.
4.	08.01.2003 0625 LT Anchored Boarded	Hebei Friendship General cargo Hong Kong 10512 7827691	Samarinda Anchorage Indonesia	While at anchor, four pirates armed with knives boarded the ship from stem. Alert duty A/B raised alarm and crew mustered. Pirates stole ship's property and fled.

5.	10.01.2003 2135 LT Anchored Boarded	Agate Tanker Singapore 50063 8413461	Lawi Lawi Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, pirates boarded via anchor chain. They stole ship's stores and fled. The incident was reported to port control and security.
6.	11.01.2003 0500 LT Anchored Hijacked	Bina Ocean 2 Tug Singapore 142 9276858 Bina 82 Barge	Sg. Buntong Tg. Uban Bintan Island Indonesia	While at anchor, ten pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the tug and barge and attacked the crew. The crew jumped overboard and escaped. One crew drowned. Pirates hijacked tug / barge.
7.	19.01.2003 0100 LT Anchored Boarded	Castle Peak Bulk carrier Panama 77182 8903284	Taboneo Anchorage off Banjarmasin, Indonesia	While at anchor, five pirates in a boat approached the ship. One pirate armed with a long knife boarded via hawse pipe. Alert duty crew foiled the attack by splashing sand in his eyes. The pirate fled with his accomplices.
8.	21.01.2003 - Steaming Boarded	NA Fishing Boat Philippines -	Off Zamboanga Island, Philippines	While underway, pirates shot and killed two fishermen. Their bodies riddled with bullets were left in the boat.
9.	25.01.2003 2305 UTC Anchored Boarded	Tiara General cargo Panama 5601 9088653	Samarinda Anchorage Indonesia	While at anchor, six pirates boarded while the ship was heaving anchor. Alert crew tried to chase them away. Pirates stole one life raft and escaped. Pilot onboard tried to contact shore police but received no response.
10.	27.01.2003 2100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Kudos Tanker Malta 49827 7912862	Lawi-Lawi Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, pirates armed with knives boarded during heavy rain. Alert crew raised alarm and pirates escaped with ship's property and stores. Master reported the incident to port control, which acknowledged receipt but did not take action.
11.	28.01.2003 1830 LT Anchored Hijacked	BW Wisdom Tug Singapore 142 9245093	Batu Ampar Anchorage, Batam, Indonesia	While at anchor, ten pirates armed with long knives and steel pipes boarded and hijacked the tug. They sailed away abandoning the barge that was tied alongside. Three crewmembers jumped into the sea and swam ashore. One of them was injured and hospitalised. Remaining three crewmembers onboard are suspected to be taken as hostages by pirates.

12.	29.01.2003 2200-2300 LT Berthed Boarded	Alberto Topic Bulk carrier Liberia 25778 8913538	Wharf 'D' Panjang port Indonesia	While berthed, about eight pirates mixed in with stevedores and boarded the ship. They broke the padlocks of storerooms and tried to steal engine spares. Alert crew raised alarm and pirates jumped overboard. One pirate received serious injuries whilst jumping overboard and he was hospitalised.
13.	01.02.2003 0245 LT Anchored Boarded	Batu Bulk carrier Panama 24987 9142980	01:41.5S 116:39.6E Adang Bay anchorage Indonesia	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship, which was preparing to depart. They stole ship's equipment, which was secured with wires and clips. The master suspects stevedores on board may have assisted the pirates.
14.	08.02.2003 2304 LT Anchored Boarded	Irenes Myth Container Cyprus 31356 8202111	06:00.1S- 105:56.5E Banten roads Indonesia	While at anchor, six pirates armed with knives boarded the ship. Alert A/B spotted them and raised alarm. Pirates fled empty handed.
15.	18.02.2003 0630 LT Berthed Boarded	Shamrock Moon Chemical Tanker Panama 5979 9158991	Wharf No. 2 Dumai port Indonesia	While at berth, two pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship. Duty A/B raised alarm and crew mustered. When pirates noticed crew alertness, they jumped overboard and escaped. The incident was reported to Dumai Police.
16.	18.02.2003 Night hours Steaming Hijacked	NA Fishing Trawler Malaysia - -	17 NM Off Penang Island, Malacca Straits	While underway, eight pirates armed with sub-machine guns boarded the trawler. They hijacked the trawler and ordered the skipper and two crewmembers to board the boat used by pirates. Local police received a distress call from the boat and rescued the crewmembers.
17.	20.02.2003 0115 LT Anchored Boarded	ICL Parthibhan Bulk carrier India 31734 7616494	Sebuku Anchorage Indonesia	While at anchor, two pirates boarded the ship during loading operations via the hawse pipe. Duty crew raised alarm. Pirates jumped overboard and escaped.
18.	25.02.2003 0005 LT Anchored Boarded	Pequot Bulk carrier Liberia 36615 9115523	Outer roads, Balikpapan Indonesia	While at anchor, pirates boarded and stole ship's stores from forecandle locker and escaped. Attempts to contact the agent and authorities were futile. Ship doubled anti-piracy watch onboard.

19.	28.02.2003 0400 LT Berthed Boarded	Yukikaze Chemical Tanker Panama 10734 8217221	New Wharf Dumai port Indonesia	While at berth, three pirates armed with knives boarded the ship. They attacked the duty A/B, stole ship's stores and property and escaped.
20.	01.03.2003 0000-0600 LT Berthed Boarded	Love Me Tender Bulk carrier Hong Kong 9973 9173355	Berth No. 4 Sandakan port, Sabah, Malaysia	While at berth, during cargo operations, pirates boarded. They stole ship's stores and property from forepeak store. Port authorities and police were informed.
21.	01.03.2003 0005 LT Anchored Boarded	Hyundai Harmony Container Panama 13267 9276406	14:36.1N 120:53.2E Quarantine Anchorage, MICT, Manila, Philippines	While at anchor, Ten pirates armed with knives boarded. They threatened duty bosun and tied his hands and feet. They forced him to lie on the deck. Pirates stole ship's stores and property. The duty officer raised alarm and mustered all crew. Pirates jumped overboard and escaped. Port authorities and coast guard were informed. The duty officer and bosun were injured and were given medical treatment ashore.
22.	19.03.2003 0100 LT Anchored Boarded	Alba Bulk carrier Isle of Man 38520 9128221	Adang Bay Anchorage Indonesia	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship preparing for departure and stole ship's stores.
23.	20.03.2003 1220 UTC Anchored Boarded	Iran Azarbayjan Bulk carrier Iran 39424 9193185	04:02.6S 115:58.5E Pulau Laut Anchorage Indonesia	While at anchor, two pirates armed with long knives and axes boarded via hawse pipe. Alert duty A/B raised alarm and crew repelled attackers. Pirates jumped into the water and escaped in their boat.
24.	26.03.2003 0230 LT Steaming Boarded	Leviathan Bulk carrier Philippines 85504 8319328	03:02.8S 107:18.5E Gelasa Straits Indonesia	While underway, five pirates armed with long knives boarded. They severely beat up the Master and Chief Mate and took them from the bridge and forced them to lie down on main deck. They stole crew personal belongings, cash and ship's property and left 30 mins later.

25.	26.03.2003 0300 LT Steaming Boarded	Dewi Madrim Chemical Tanker Indoensia 737 8613425	01:49.60N 102:14.50E Malacca Straits	While underway, ten pirates armed with long knives, automatic weapons and crowbars boarded from a speedboat. Four of them broke open the port bridge door and took hostage duty officer and A/B. Pirates had their own portable VHF for communication. They cut off the ship's communication system and gathered all crew and tied them up. Pirates took over the navigation of the ship and reduced speed. They left an hour later with ship's cash, property, equipment and crew personal belongings. No injury to crew but bridge door was damaged.
26.	28.03.2003 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	Akropolis Bulk carrier Panama 35911 8028149	Tg. Priok roads Indonesia	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship and tried to steal engine spares. The duty officer raised alarm and mustered all crew. Pirates escaped empty handed.
27.	31.03.2003 2210 LT Steaming Boarded	Kuching Tanker Singapore 33114 7400027	02:56S 107:17.4E, Gelasa Straits Indonesia	While underway, five pirates armed with long knives boarded. They held the quartermaster and duty officer as hostages and assaulted the Master with knives and tied his hands with nylon rope. When Chief officer returned to the bridge after his rounds, pirates attacked him and also tied his hands with ropes. Master and crew were taken to the main deck where another pirate with a long knife was sighted. At 2230 hrs pirates left in a small boat with ship's cash, crew personal belongings and ship's property.
28.	06.04.2003 0110 LT Steaming Boarded	Krabi Navee General cargo Thailand 13442 7908811	00:57N 105:04E Indonesia	While underway, four pirates armed with guns and long knives boarded the ship. Alarm was raised and crew mustered but pirates took hostage two crew members and Master at gunpoint. They reduced the ship's speed. Pirates fled with ship's and crews' cash.

29.	07.04.2003 0810 LT Anchored Boarded	Kempton LPG Singapore 5246 9229142	Tg. Priok Tanker Anchorage Indonesia	While at anchor, two pirates boarded the ship waiting for a pilot. Their two accomplices waited in a boat below. Alert crew raised alarm and sounded ship's whistle. Pirates stole ship's property and escaped in their boat.
30.	08.04.2003 1730 LT Steaming Boarded	Trimanggada General cargo Indonesia 3876 7807251	04:21.7N 098:43.6E Malacca Straits	While underway, several pirates in three fishing boats fired upon the ship from both sides, and forced the Master to stop the engine. The Master sent a distress message. Pirates boarded the ship and gathered all crew on deck. They took hostage Master, Ch officer and Ch engineer and took them off the ship. The 3 rd officer reported to the Indonesia Navy. A Navy boat arrived and escorted the ship to Belawan anchorage.
31.	09.04.2003 0810 LT Anchored Boarded	Halo Cygnus Bulk carrier Panama 38480 9147423	04:01.7S 116:00.5E IBT South Pulau Laut Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, five pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship. They attempted to take duty A/B as hostage. The duty officer raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered. Pirates jumped into the water and escaped empty handed. The port control was informed.
32.	10.04.2003 - Steaming Hijacked	NA Fishing Boat Malaysia - -	70 NM off Pulau Pangkor Malacca Straits	While underway, heavily armed pirates shot at the fishing boat, killing one fisherman and injuring two others. Pirates took away their boat and left a smaller boat behind before leaving. The surviving fishermen were rescued by a passing trawler.
33.	11.04.2003 0505 LT Steaming Boarded	Lady Steel General cargo Panama 8976 7433218	01:25N 103:05E Malacca Straits	While underway, six pirates armed with knives boarded the ship. They took 2 nd Engr as hostage, dragged him to master's cabin and asked him to knock on door. Instead of opening the door, master phoned duty officer on bridge and informed him that pirates were onboard. The duty officer raised alarm and pirates escaped empty handed. 2 nd officer received knife injuries.

34.	13.04.2003 1510 UTC Steaming Boarded	Tirta Niaga VIII Tanker Indonesia 3556 7632591	02:14.2N 101:54.5E Malacca Straits	While underway, nine pirates armed with guns and long knives boarded the ship. Alert A/B raised the alarm and pirates jumped overboard and escaped in a boat. No injuries to crew. One mess room porthole was damaged.
35.	13.04.2003 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	ACX Swan Container Indonesia 7980 7813157	South Harbour Manila Bay Quarantine, Philippines	While at anchor, pirates in an unlit craft boarded the ship and stole ship's property and stores whilst crew had assembled in mess room undergoing quarantine inspection by Port Health. The incident was reported to port control. Philippines coast guard chased the pirates but they escaped.
36.	16.04.2003 2320 LT Anchored Boarded	NA General cargo - -	03:10.3N – 112:52.4E Off Bintulu, Sarawak, Malaysia	While at anchor, three pirates boarded the ship at forecastle. Alert crew raised the alarm. Pirates threw stones at the crew and escaped empty handed. Crew suffered injuries.
37.	20.04.2003 0340 LT Anchored Boarded	Hedwig Oldendorff Bulk Carrier Panama 38391 9235878	03:12S – 116:20E, Pulau Laut Coal Terminal, Indonesia	While at anchor, three pirates boarded the ship. They held the duty seaman at knifepoint and stole ship's property.
38.	22.04.2003 2015 LT Steaming Boarded	Gimeng Container Malaysia 3106 7826025	01:42.5N – 106:09.6E, about 60NM SSE Of Anambas Islands, Indonesia	While underway, seven pirates armed with long knives and guns boarded the ship. They tied both hands of Master and crew and stole personal belongings and cash.
39.	22.04.2003 1845 UTC Steaming Boarded	Meridian Mira Product Tanker Malaysia 3581 9081875	01:51.8N – 106:09.00E, about 50NM SSE Of Anambas Islands, Indonesia	While underway, nine pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the ship from a small craft. Some of the pirates entered the engine room and took hostage four duty crewmembers. The 2 nd officer raised the alarm. When master went up to the bridge they fired shots at him. Pirates stole crew personal belongings and ship's equipment including walkie – talkies and escaped.

40.	24.04.2003 0415 LT Steaming Hijacked	SDS 20 Tug Indonesia 126 - Winbuild 2403 Barge Singapore 1400 -	Teluk Baka, Off Bintan Island Indonesia	While underway, a group of pirates hijacked the tug and barge. All crew were thrown overboard at 0200 LT on 25.04.2003. IMB Piracy Reporting Centre notified relevant authorities in the region. And crew were rescued by Indonesia Navy. On 03.05.2003 the tug and barge were found in Pontianak, Indonesia.
41.	27.04.2003 0400 LT Steaming Boarded	Danum Chemical Tanker Malaysia 4792 8907278	00:38N- 105:23E, Off Bintan Island Indonesia	While underway, nine pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the ship and took hostage Master, C/E, 3/O and watchmen. Pirates stole ship's cash and personal belongings of crew
42.	28.04.2003 1200 UTC Steaming Boarded	CMA-CGM Matisse Container France 25777 9192428	03:00S 107:18E Gelasa Straits Indonesia	While underway, four pirates armed with long knives in a speed boat boarded the ship. They entered the bridge and tied-up duty officer, Master and another crewmember. They then went to the Master's cabin and stole cash in the ship's safe and Master's personal belongings.
43.	30.04.2003 1645 UTC Steaming Boarded	Pink Star Chemical Tanker Norway 23217 9253234	01:04N – 104:59E, Off Bintan Island, Indonesia	While underway, four pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the ship. They took hostage Duty Officer and an A/B and handcuffed them. They threatened them with guns and took them to master's cabin. Pirates threatened the master not to retaliate and stole ship's cash, master's personal belongings, cash and valuables. They also stole cash and personal belongings of crew. Pirates ordered the master to reduce speed, disembarked into a boat and left.
44.	01.05.2003 2345 LT Steaming Boarded	NA Fishing Boat Malaysia - -	Off Kampung Tambakau Northern Kudat, Sabah, Malaysia	Two pirates stole a speedboat and used it to attack two fishing boats. They stole the fishing boats' outboard engines. Pirates were armed with automatic weapons. One pirate was dressed in military uniform and the other was in a black overall.

45.	07.05.2003 0500 UTC Steaming Boarded	Samos OBO Bahamas 25521 7926461	01:04N – 105:06.E Off Bintan Island, Indonesia	While underway, eight pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the ship. They took hostage the Master, C/E, C/O and watchman. Pirates stole ship's cash, personal belongings of crew and escaped.
46.	08.05.2003 0340 LT Steaming Boarded	Botany Treasure Chemical Tanker Panama 5483 9209001	00:48.79N – 105:06.10E, Off Pulau Bintan, Indonesia	While underway, seven pirates armed with guns and knives in a speedboat boarded the ship. They attacked duty crew on deck and duty officer on bridge. Pirates tied their hands with ropes and threatened them with guns and knives. They, then took them to master's cabin. Two other pirates brought the rest of the crew to the bridge, tied their hands and held them as hostages. Pirates ordered the master to slow down the ship and escaped at 0440 LT with ship's cash and crew belongings.
47.	13.05.2003 0445 LT Steaming Boarded	OOCL Exporter Container Hong Kong 41266 7526493	00:25N 105:25E, Vicinity of Bintan island, Indonesia	While underway, five pirates armed with knives and guns boarded the ship from the stem. They took one crewmember as hostage. They went to the bridge and pistol whipped the chief officer. They, then entered the Master's cabin and fired a warning shot. Pirates stole ship's cash, property and personal belongings of crew and left 45 minutes later.
48.	14.05.2003 0230 LT Steaming Boarded	Sinar Bukom Chemical Tanker Singapore 2025 9010113	01:35.00S 117:16.80E 25 miles from outer buoy, Balikpapan Indonesia	While underway, pirates boarded the tanker and stole ship's stores and ship's property. Attempts to contact Balikpapan port failed. Earlier, five pirates armed with knives had boarded a tug in the same area and stole the tug's stores.
49.	16.05.2003 1940 UTC Anchored Boarded	Feng Zhou Chemical Tanker Panama 3667 8021256	01:42.1N 101:26.9E, Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia	While at anchor, three pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship and stole ship's property. Crew spotted them and raised alarm. Pirates escaped.
50.	24.05.2003 0315 LT Anchored Boarded	Paclogger Bulk carrier Liberia 17209 9125360	02:57S 118:33E South Selat Makassar Indonesia	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship at forecastle and stole ship's property.

51.	25.05.2003 0200 LT Steaming Boarded	CEC Spring General cargo Isle of Man 2815 9015670	01:02.3N 105:00.3E Off Bintan island, Indonesia	Twelve pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the ship. They stole ship's cash, equipment and crew personal belongings and left at 0250 LT.
52.	28.05.2003 1630 LT Steaming Boarded	NA Fishing Boat Malaysia -	Off Pangkor Island, Perak, Malacca Straits	Pirates armed with guns boarded the trawler. They shot and injured the skipper and kidnapped two crew members.
53.	31.05.2003 2355 LT Steaming Boarded	Vicky I Tanker Cyprus 50764 7826843	03:03S 107:17E Vicinity of Mendanau Island, Gelasa Straits, Indonesia	While underway, four pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship. Ship's crew raised alarm, crew mustered and switched on deck lights. Two pirates held an anti-piracy watchman at knife point and threatened him. Later, pirates jumped overboard and escaped.
54.	18.06.2003 0130 LT Steaming Hijacked	Poet Vanda Tug Singapore 122 8975615 Winbuild 2405 Barge Singapore 1831 -	00:52N 103:33E, about 14NM Off Tanjung Balai Karimun, Indonesia	Seven armed pirates boarded the tug towing a barge laden with granites. They set the barge adrift, hijacked the tug and ordered the crew to board a motorboat. The crew were taken to an island and ordered to disembark. Later, some fishermen saved the crew and landed them on Moro Island. The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre notified relevant authorities in the region. The barge was located on 18.06.2003 in the Phillip Channel and the tug was located at Johor Shoal Buoy on the 01.07.2003.
55.	21.06.2003 2105 LT Steaming Boarded	Hanjin Busan Container Cyprus 17933 7811367	00:51.0N 105:05.1E, Off Bintan Island, Indonesia	Eight pirates armed with guns and knives in a speedboat boarded. They took the Master, D/O, Chief Engineer and 2 nd Engineer as hostages and stole ship's cash and property along with cash from crew. Pirates forced the Master to reduce the speed and escaped at 2150 LT.
56.	22.06.2003 0520 LT Steaming Boarded	Eastern Honesty Chemical Tanker Panama 5372 9246944	00:43.8N 105:27.2E, Off Bintan Island, Indonesia	Two pirates armed with guns boarded at poop deck and tied their speedboat to the stem. Anti-piracy crew raised alarm and crew mustered on bridge. Pirates tried to break the accommodation door but failed. They escaped leaving behind a 60m long rope used to tie up the speedboat. One accommodation door was damaged.

57.	23.06.2003 0230 LT Steaming Boarded	Rishikesh Bulk carrier India 28739 8321084	00:49N 105:14E Vicinity of Bintan Island Indonesia	While underway, 12 pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the ship. They took hostage three crewmembers and went down to Master's cabin where they forced the Master to open the door. Pirates assaulted the Master, 2/O and a crew. They stole ship's cash, ship's property and the crew's cash and their personal effects.
58.	24.06.2003 0250 LT Anchored Boarded	Halia Tanker Isle of Man 28277 9047362	Batangas Anchorage Philippines	While at anchor, two pirates armed with metal bars boarded the ship from small fishing boats. On seeing crew alertness they jumped overboard and escaped.
59.	25.06.2003 0010 LT Steaming Boarded	Doceriver Bulk carrier Liberia 79184 8317801	01:07N 105:05E Vicinity of Bintan Island Indonesia	While underway, eight pirates armed with guns and long knives boarded the ship. They took hostage the 2 nd Officer and the Duty A/B and took them to the Master's cabin. Pirates held the Master at gunpoint and stole his personal belongings and the ship's cash. Then they went to other crewmembers cabins and stole their cash and personal belongings. An oiler was injured. Pirates escaped in a speedboat.
60.	30.06.2003 0700 LT Anchored Boarded	White Cattle ya 10 Chemical Tanker Panama 4627 9136498	Tg. Priok Anchorage Indonesia	While at anchor, four pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship and entered the pump room and stole ship's stores. Crew raised alarm and pirates jumped overboard and escaped. Port authorities were informed.
61.	30.06.2003 0210 LT Steaming Boarded	Lerong General cargo China 15542 9183740	00:41.0N 105:12.5E Vicinity of Bintan Island Indonesia	While underway, eight pirates armed with guns and long knives boarded the ship. They took hostage 2/O and proceeded to the Master's cabin. They held the Master at gunpoint and stole ship's cash, his cash and personal cash and belongings. They then held the Master as hostage and went to 3/O's cabin and stole cash and personal belongings. The Master and 2/O were seriously injured. Pirates escaped in a speedboat.

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Ref	Date Time	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	15.01.2003 0700 LT Anchored Boarded	Leyte Spirit Tanker Bahamas 57448 9017094	10:15.4N 107:04.0E Vung Tau Anchorage Vietnam	While at anchor, pirates using a hook attached to a rope boarded the ship at the poop deck. Alert duty A/B raised alarm and pirates fled.
2.	11.02.2003 0350 LT Anchored Boarded	Delia Bulk carrier Cyprus 25206 9133771	Halong Bay Haiphong Discharging area Vietnam	While at anchor, three pirates armed with knives and using grapnel hooks boarded the ship discharging cargo. They broke into the paint store at the forecabin. Duty A/B raised alarm and pirates escaped by jumping into the water.
3.	11.02.2003 0450 LT Anchored Boarded	Delia Bulk carrier Cyprus 25206 9133771	Halong Bay Haiphong Discharging area Vietnam	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship but were spotted by the duty A/B who raised alarm and alerted other crewmembers. Pirates escaped.
4.	23.05.2003 2315 LT Anchored Boarded	Saturn Container Netherlands Antilles 14241 9108398	10:16.0N 107:05.2E 3NM South off Vung Tau Vietnam	While at anchor, two pirates armed with knives boarded the ship. The duty officer raised the alarm, directed lights at their boats and reported to port control. Pirates jumped overboard and escaped in two boats waiting with accomplices. Ships stores were stolen.
5.	30.05.2003 Early morning Anchored Boarded	Yardbirds Chemical Tanker Singapore 4540 8901688	20:52.3N – 107:05E, Honcoc Quang Ninh, Haiphong Anchorage, Vietnam	While anchored and discharging cargo into four barges, the vessel had rigged two Wilden pumps and fire extinguishers as per port requirement. Later, when all the barges were cast off, it was discovered that the Wilden pumps and fire extinguishers were missing. Incident was reported to authorities via agents.
6.	27.06.2003 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	Setyawati Chemical Tanker Hong Kong 2079 9100281	Zhenjiang Anchorage China	While at anchor five pirates boarded the ship and stole ship's property. Duty A/B raised alarm and the pirates jumped overboard and escaped in their boat.

INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	01.01.2003 2055 UTC Anchored Boarded	Vivekananda Tanker India 47690 7334503	20:59.3N 088:14.7E Sandheads Anchorage Hoogly River India	While at anchor, about ten pirates boarded from an unlit motorised boat. Pirates assaulted the duty A/B and stole ship's stores and escaped in their boat. The duty officer mustered crew, raised alarm and informed the port control. Port authorities promptly apprehended the pirates and recovered stolen ship's stores.
2.	04.01.2003 - Steaming Boarded	NA Fishing Boat Bangladesh - -	Chaltabari Canal, Sundarbans, India	While underway, pirates allegedly from an organised gang arrived in two motorboats at the fishing ground where several fishermen were catching crabs and fish. They looted their money and fish caught by them and took twenty fishermen as hostages. They threatened to kill them unless a ransom was paid. Local villagers claimed that attacks have been rampant in the area.
3.	07.01.2003 0230 UTC Steaming Boarded	Smit Shoalrunner I Barge Singapore 134 9191058	20:14N 071:19E Off Mumbai India	While underway, pirates from six small boats boarded the barge and stole stores. Incident was reported to the coast guard.
4.	23.01.2003 - Steaming Boarded	NA Fishing Boat Bangladesh - -	Malancha River Bangladesh	While underway, thirty Bangladeshi fishermen were reported kidnapped by alleged Indian pirates. The thirty are reportedly being held for ransom and local police were said to have refused to launch a rescue operation.
5.	25.01.2003 1800 UTC Anchored Boarded	C-Explorer Survey ship United States 299 8428571	Mormugao port, Goa, India	While at anchor, two pirates in a canoe boarded. The Master spotted them and ordered the OOW to get the flare gun. Pirates escaped with ship's stores.
6.	26.01.2003 - Steaming Boarded	NA Passenger vessel Bangladesh - -	Meghna River, Bangladesh	While underway, a gang of 10 to 11 pirates boarded the boat and looted the passengers valuables after beating them and injuring twenty.

7.	29.01.2003 2345 LT Steaming Boarded	Maritime Songkhla Bulk carrier Singapore 14307 7916117	Outer Anchorage, Chittagong, Bangladesh	While underway, three pirates armed with long knives boarded. Ship's crew raised alarm and pirates jumped overboard and escaped with ship's stores. Port control was informed via VHF radio.
8.	06.02.2003 0000 LT Berthed Boarded	Alexis Bulk carrier Malta 16598 7433074	Berth No. 9 Chittagong port Bangladesh	While berthed, two pirates armed with knives boarded and broke into the forecastle store. They tried to steal ship's stores but alert crew caught one pirate and handed him to the police. The other pirate jumped overboard.
9.	25.02.2003 2345 LT Berthed Boarded	Prospects General cargo India 14441 7724277	Jetty No. 4, Chittagong Bangladesh	While at berth, pirates boarded the ship and stole ship's stores from the forward mast house although six crewmembers were on anti piracy watch. The incident was reported to the port control who informed the Navy, Coast Guard and Port Police. The Coast Guard and port police boarded the ship for investigation.
10.	08.03.2003 - Berthed Boarded	NA Tanker India -	Brahmaputra river, India	While berthed, armed rebels attacked and set ablaze the tanker.
11.	09.03.2003 0930 LT Anchored Boarded	Assets Victory General cargo Singapore 3847 8015532	Chittagong Outer Anchorage Bangladesh	Whilst at anchor, ten pirates armed with knives boarded the ship at forecastle. Alert crew raised alarm. Pirates stole ship's stores and escaped in a motorboat.
12.	10.03.2003 - Steaming Boarded	NA General cargo - -	185 NM North East of Mullaitivu, Sri Lanka	While underway, the ship was intercepted by a patrol boat and ordered to stop. When the ship ignored the warning, the patrol boat opened fire. In a deliberate attempt, crew detonated explosives and sank the ship.
13.	12.03.2003 1700 LT Berthed Boarded	Patriarch Bulk carrier Malta 19795 9261011	Chittagong port Bangladesh	While at berth, thieves stole zinc anodes attached to rudder post and propeller of the ship. Chief officer noticed theft during draft survey.

14.	18.03.2003 1900 LT Anchored Boarded	Prospects General cargo India 14441 7724277	Chittagong Anchorage 'B' Bangladesh	While at anchor, there were six crew on deck on anti-piracy watch. One boat approached at aft and a pirate boarded the ship using a grapnel hook and started lowering a mooring rope. The watch keepers spotted the pirate and secured the rope around the bollard. When crew approached the pirate, he jumped overboard and escaped cutting a portion of the rope.
15.	20.03.2003 - Steaming Boarded	Ufaan-U 225 Fishing Trawler China -	16 miles off Chundikulam, Sri Lanka	While underway, the trawler was attacked with rocket propelled grenades. Nine crew were rescued and 18 are missing.
16.	21.03.2003 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	Great Happy Bulk carrier Hong Kong 26094 9136474	Cochin Anchorage, India	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship at forecandle. Alert crew raised alarm, crew mustered and pirates fled.
17.	22.03.2003 0045 LT Anchored Boarded	NA Bulk carrier Hong Kong - -	Chennai Anchorage India	Anti-piracy watch noticed movements on poop deck. Alarm was raised and duty officer and quartermaster rushed to poop deck. Pirates who were lowering a mooring line realised they have been spotted abandoned attempt and escaped.
18.	26.03.2003 0345 LT Anchored Boarded	Tiger Speed Containership Singapore 8592 9151034	Cochin Anchorage India	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship via hawse pipe and began lowering a mooring rope. Alert duty A/B spotted it on time raised alarm and pirates fled.
19.	07.04.2003 0200 LT Berthed Boarded	Berge Frost LPG Norway 50699 8016809	Oil Jetty, Haldia India	While at berth, pirates boarded the ship. They stole ship's stores and escaped.
20.	13.04.2003 0430 LT Anchored Boarded	Hope I Tanker Panama 52757 8014265	Cochin Anchorage India	While at anchor, pirates in a 25 ft canoe boarded the ship. The alert crew chased one pirate at forecandle and he escaped. 20 minutes later, crew found another pirate on aft deck armed with knife trying to steal ship's property while another pirate was climbing ship's railing. The ship's crew threw small objects at them. Both pirates jumped into the water and escaped. Port authority was informed.

21.	23.04.2003 Night hours Anchored Boarded	Talca Refrigerated ship Bermuda 10298 8616324	Outer Anchorage, Bandar Bushehr, Iran	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship. They broke open the storeroom and generator room padlocks using oxyacetylene torches and stole ship's stores.
22.	25.04.2003 2230 UTC Berthed Boarded	Asean Explorer Cable Layer / Ship Singapore 14988 9236676	Berth Q2 Willindon Island Cochin India	While berthed, about eight pirates boarded the ship and stole ship's stores.
23.	29.04.2003 2310 LT Steaming Boarded	Little Lady P Bulk Carrier Malta 13713 9061588	22:16.6N – 091:43.6E, Alpha Anchorage Chittagong, Bangladesh	While underway, two pirates boarded the ship proceeding to anchorage area. They stole ship's stores and escaped.
24.	02.05.2003 0112 UTC Steaming Boarded	Burau II Tug Malaysia 399 9063043 Burau I Barge Malaysia 4061	08:52.2N 076:25.2E 8 miles West of Quilon India	While underway, about six pirates boarded the barge under tow and stole stores.
25.	02.05.2003 2100 LT Anchored Boarded	MMM Houston Chemical Tanker Malaysia 4509 8417912	Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh	While at anchor, three pirates armed with big knives boarded the ship at stern. Alert A/B raised alarm and crew mustered. Pirates stole ship's stores and fled.
26.	06.05.2003 - Anchored Boarded	Spic Emerald Chemical Tanker India 11712 8100088	Chennai Anchorage India	While at anchor, seven pirates armed with weapons boarded. They threatened the crew and stole ship's stores. A distress message was transmitted and the coast guard sent a patrol boat. When pirates saw the coast guard personnel, they jumped overboard and tried to escape. Two pirates were detained.
27.	07.05.2003 - Steaming Boarded	NA Fishing Trawler Bangladesh	12KM Off Andar Char, Bay of Bengal, Bangladesh	Armed pirates boarded a total of 27 fishing trawlers. Pirates stole fish, fishing nets and other valuables. Trawlers were returning to Bhola and Barisal after fishing in deep sea. Some victims reached Mirzakalu at Bhola, told local people that pirates threw 11 fishermen into the sea as they tried to resist. Four of them were rescued by other fishermen while the rest drowned, they said.

28.	15.05.2003 1850 UTC Anchored Boarded	Capetan Michalis Bulk Carrier Greece 16773 8018027	Chittagong Anchorage 'A' Bangladesh	While at anchor, two pirates boarded the ship from stern. The duty A/B raised the alarm and the pirates jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting boat.
29.	16.05.2003 0010 UTC Anchored Boarded	Capetan Michalis Bulk Carrier Greece 16773 8018027	Chittagong Anchorage 'A' Bangladesh	While at anchor, five pirates armed with steel bars boarded the ship at bow. The crew raised alarm and pirates jumped overboard and escaped in a motor boat with five other accomplices waiting inside. The ship contacted port authorities but received no response.
30.	20.05.2003 0600 LT Anchored Boarded	Polar Endurance LPG Luxemburg 7946 8608456	29:11.25N 050:22.1E Kharg Island Anchorage area Iran	While at anchor, pirates armed with knives boarded the ship. They stole ship's stores, a liferaft and safety equipments from forecastle. The authorities were informed via agent.
31.	21.05.2003 1945 LT Anchored Boarded	Andhika Aryandhi Chemical Tanker Singapore 4301 8303616	Chittagong Anchorage 'B' Bangladesh	While at anchor, one pirate armed with steel bar boarded the ship at bow. The duty A/B raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered. The pirate jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting boat with three other accomplices. The port control was informed.
32.	22.05.2003 2130 LT Anchored Boarded	Asian Prime Bulk carrier Panama 20444 7518692	Chittagong Anchorage 'A' Bangladesh	While at anchor, four pirates armed with knives boarded. They tried to break open the storeroom aft. They threatened the duty A/B with knives. When the other crewmembers rushed aft, the pirates jumped overboard and escaped in a dark motorboat waiting below with seven accomplices.
33.	30.05.2003 1950 LT Anchored Boarded	Thor Marie General Cargo Denmark 1167 8701002	Cochin Road, India	While at anchor, ten pirates boarded the ship from forecastle. Alert crew raised alarm and pirates jumped overboard and escaped.
34.	02.06.2003 1030 LT Berthed Boarded	Bright Star General cargo South Korea 5450 8114297	Mongla port Bangladesh	While preparing to depart with pilot onboard, twenty pirates armed with long knives boarded. Pirates threatened the crew with knives and axes. They stole ship's property and stores and escaped after 30 minutes. Master reported to port authorities and Coast Guard who did not respond.

35.	02.06.2003 - Anchored Boarded	NA Boat Bangladesh - -	Charakhai Canal, Sundarbans, Bangladesh	While at anchor, a gang of pirates armed with bombs and firearms boarded the boat and assaulted 13 of its crew. Pirates stole the goods and injured 11 crew members.
36.	11.06.2003 2130 – 2140 LT Berthed Boarded	Commander Express General cargo Cyprus 18792 7708900	Fertilizer Jetty Chittagong Bangladesh	While at berth, three pirates boarded the ship. They injured two watchmen and stole ship's stores. The alert duty A/B raised the alarm and the crew mustered. Pirates jumped over board and escaped in a boat waiting with seven accomplices. The Port Authorities informed.
37.	14.06.2003 1310 LT Anchored Boarded	Maganda Bulk Carrier Malta 18494 9086538	Chennai Anchorage India	While at anchor, three pirates boarded the ship and broke into forecandle locker and stole ship's equipment. When spotted, pirates escaped with stolen goods in a boat waiting with six accomplices. Port control informed.
38.	16.06.2003 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	Dignity T Bulk carrier Panama 36196 8106745	Chennai Anchorage India	While at anchor, three pirates boarded the ship at forecandle, broke open the forward locker and stole ship's stores. Alert A/B spotted the pirates and raised alarm. Pirates escaped in a waiting boat. Port control was informed.
39.	18.06.2003 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Anne Boye General cargo Denmark 1534 8413409	Chittagong anchorage, Bangladesh	While at anchor, three pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship from two boats. Alert crew spotted them and raised alarm. Pirates escaped with ship's stores. Later, the pirates made a second attempt to board the ship but alert crew chased them away. Port authority was informed. One hour later a Naval boat arrived to assist the ship.
40.	23.06.2003 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Sea Elegance Container Singapore 17789 7817103	22:03.8N 091:40.3E, Off Chittagong anchorage, Bangladesh	While at anchor, during heavy rain two armed pirates boarded the ship and stole ship's stores. The Duty A/B raised the alarm. Pirates jumped overboard and escaped. The Coast Guard and port control were informed.

AMERICAS

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	09.01.2003 0225 LT Anchored Boarded	Marilee Chemical Tanker Liberia 22620 8301199	Kingston Anchorage Jamaica	While at anchor, several pirates in two boats boarded the ship via anchor chain. Alert duty A/B noticed and raised alarm. Pirates stole ship's stores and equipment before escaping in a long boat fitted with outboard engine. The incident was reported to Kingston port control.
2.	17.01.2003 0120 LT Anchored Boarded	UBC Sacramento Bulk carrier Cyprus 19746 9236080	1.3 NM West of Pigeon Island Jamaica	While at anchor, four pirates in an unlit boat boarded the ship via anchor chain. They broke open the forecabin store. 2 nd mate noticed the pirates and raised alarm. Pirates escaped with ship's property. The coast guard was informed.
3.	22.01.2003 0600 LT Berthed Boarded	Laila Queen Bulk carrier Cambodia 13015 7525865	Havana port Cuba	While berthed, during cargo operations, pirates boarded the ship, broke open a locker and stole ship's stores. The authorities were informed but no action was taken.
4.	26.01.2003 0340 LT Anchored Boarded	New Concord Chemical Tanker Marshall Islands 22519 7901485	Petroperu Conchan mooring Buoys, Callao port, Peru	While anchored, four pirates in a small boat approached the ship during cargo operations and secured their boat to the anchor cable. One pirate boarded via hawse pipe. The duty crew raised alarm and the pirate escaped with his accomplices.
5.	26.01.2003 Night hrs Anchored Boarded	Electa Yacht United Kingdom -	Outside Canal of Nueva Gerona, Isla de la Juventud, Cuba	While at anchor, pirates boarded the yacht. They stole her stores and crew's personal belongings. The local authority was informed but no action was taken.
6.	06.02.2003 1150– 1250 LT Berthed Boarded	Svilas General cargo Lithuania 6996 8409628	Wilmington port, United States	While berthed, pirates boarded the ship and broke open the Captain's cabin and stole ship's cash and personal belongings.
7.	07.02.2003 0200 LT Anchored Boarded	Mekhanik Karasyov Tanker Ukraine 1902 8727898	Inner roads, Santos, Brazil	While at anchor, about ten pirates armed with guns boarded the ship from a boat. They stole personal belongings of crew. When the crew spotted them, the pirates responded with gunfire, killing the Chief mate and injuring another officer, who was hospitalized.

8.	08.02.2003 0430 LT Berthed Boarded	Isola Azzurra Chemical Tanker Italy 9383 9125243	Terminal Portuario De Païta Peru	While at berth, one pirate armed with a knife in a small boat boarded at poop deck. The duty A/B raised alarm. The coast guard apprehended the pirate.
9.	09.02.2003 0350 LT Berthed Boarded	Taman Chemical Tanker Liberia 26218 9105061	Tanker Berth No. 1-2, Rio Haina, Dominican Republic	While at berth, about ten pirates armed with knives boarded the ship at fore and aft simultaneously and stole ship's property. Alert crew repelled the boarders. Local authorities were informed
10.	20.02.2003 2130 LT Anchored Boarded	Destiny General cargo Panama 2946 7406760	Cartagena inner roads, Columbia	While at anchor, pirates armed with guns boarded the ship from stem. They captured three watchmen, bound them and placed them in the hold. Later another crewmember noticed the pirates and informed the coast guard. Pirates fled.
11.	22.02.2003 2215 LT Berthed Boarded	BBC Argentina Container Liberia 13066 9161182	Berth 5C, Callao port, Peru	While at berth, pirates armed with knives and crowbars boarded the ship. They broke open the forecandle locker and stole ship's stores and property and escaped.
12.	26.03.2003 0440 LT Berthed Boarded	Panam Celeste Chemical Tanker Singapore 5994 9207857	Rio Haina Dominican Republic	While at berth, four pirates armed with machetes in a wooden boat boarded the ship. Alert crew raised alarm and pirates jumped overboard empty handed. Pirates had tried to remove OBM from a lifeboat but failed due to the quick response by anti piracy watch.
13.	27.03.2003 0710 UTC Berthed Boarded	Chadi I General cargo Bolivia 1895 7432173	Pier Recodo Oriental, Rio Haina Dominican Republic	While at berth, three pirates armed with knives boarded and stole ship's property. Alert A/B raised alarm and pirates escaped.
14.	29.03.2003 0430 UTC Anchored Boarded	M. Faruk Bulk carrier Turkey 36022 8028890	Anchorage No. 6, Paranagua, Brazil	While at anchor, five pirates boarded at forecandle and tried to open the paint store. Duty watchman raised alarm and pirates jumped into the sea and escaped.
15.	30.03.2003 2225 LT Berthed Boarded	Norgas Victory LPG Liberia 8592 8017061	Rio Haina Dominican Republic	Two pirates boarded. Anti piracy crew raised alarm and crew mustered. Pirates escaped with ship's property. Ship informed police but they did not show up.
16.	02.04.2003 - Steaming Hijacked	NA Ferry Cuba - -	Havana Cuba	While underway, pirates armed with guns hijacked the ferry and sailed it into Florida Straits. U.S. authorities negotiated with the hijackers for the release of the 20 passengers who were held as hostages onboard.

17.	11.04.2003 1320 LT Berthed Boarded	Nickolaos General Cargo Panama 6354 9171371	Puerto Cabello, Venezuela	Several pirates armed with knives boarded the ship. They broke open paint store and stole ship's stores. Agents recommended ship to hire local security guards.
18.	13.04.2003 0400 LT Berthed Boarded	Georgete K. Bulk carrier Greece 20276 8309220	Berth 6A, Rio Haina port, Dominican Republic	While at berth, six armed pirates boarded from seaside during discharging. They took two watchmen and one crewmember as hostage and tied them with ropes. Pirates stole ship's property, equipment, crew personal belongings and cash.
19.	17.04.2003 1700 LT Anchored Boarded	Stena Calypso Chemical Tanker United Kingdom 8624 9228887	Inner Anchorage 'B' Georgetown Guyana	While at anchor, two pirates boarded from forecandle. They stole ship's property and escaped in a boat, which was waiting with four accomplices. Master informed the authorities and a coast guard patrol boat was dispatched but could not find the pirates.
20.	18.04.2003 0330 LT Berthed Boarded	Vlieland Tug Denmark 69 8954714	Fort de France, Martinique	While at berth, three armed pirates boarded the tug. They broke the wheelhouse door and stole cash, property and safety equipment. When the master approached them, pirates escaped in a wooden fishing boat fitted with powerful OBM. Police and harbour dept informed but only harbour master came to take statement.
21.	22.04.2003 0245 LT Berthed Boarded	Coral Actinia LPG Netherlands 3096 9031985	Rome Shell Terminal, Georgetown, Guyana	While berthed, three pirates boarded the ship using hooks attached to ropes. They cut the lashing chain securing a life raft but alert crew noticed them and raised alarm. Pirates jumped into the water and escaped with ship's stores in their waiting boat.
22.	07.05.2003 1830 LT Berthed Boarded	Darya Chand Bulk carrier Hong Kong 26014 8317019	Berth No. 5E, Callao port, Peru	While at berth, three pirates armed with knives boarded the ship at forecandle. Duty A/B raised alarm and with Duty Officer ran towards the forecandle. Pirates stole ship's property and escaped in a boat waiting under the ship's bow.
23.	12.05.2003 0340 LT Anchored Boarded	Farland Bulk carrier Vanuatu 22361 8307143	Buoy No. 24 Buenaventura Anchorage, Colombia	While at anchor, four pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship at forecandle. They took hostage duty A/B and tied him up. They broke into the forecandle store and stole ship's stores and property. The Coast Guard was informed who came onboard and inspected the ship.

24.	26.05.2003 - Berthed Boarded	Santana General Cargo Colombia 3608 8201038	South Pier – National Port Authority, Port Au Prince, Haiti	While at berth, during cargo operations, stevedores and or thieves mixed in with them boarded the ship. They opened bosun store and stole deck spares and bagged cargo from holds.
25.	09.06.2003 0415 LT Anchored Boarded	New Venture Bulk Carrier Panama 15925 7354319	5 Miles from Sea Buoy, Kingston, Jamaica	While at anchor, five armed pirates boarded the ship at forecastle. They stole ship's stores. The Duty Officer spotted them and raised the alarm and crew mustered. On seeing crew alertness, pirates escaped in their boat. Coast Guard was informed but no help arrived.
26.	10.06.2003 1950 LT Berthed Boarded	Tradenes General cargo Panama 4860 9008079	Berth No. 5 Buenaventura Colombia	While at berth, three pirates boarded the ship. One entered the engine room and two went to the boat deck. Pirates stole safety equipments from the lifeboats and escaped when an alert A/B raised the alarm. Pilot Station and Local Agent were informed.
27.	12.06.2003 2300 LT Anchored Boarded	Bussara Naree Bulk Carrier Thailand 11474 9127057	Barranquilla Anchorage, Colombia	While at anchor, three pirates in a boat boarded at forecastle using grapnel hooks. The alert crew saw the pirates and raised alarm and directed lights at pirates. On seeing crew alertness, pirates jumped overboard and escaped in their boat. Port control informed.
28.	13.06.2003 0140 LT Anchored Boarded	New Venture Bulk Carrier Panama 15925 7354319	Kingston Inner Anchorage, Jamaica	While at anchor, four pirates boarded at forecastle. Duty Officer raised alarm and crew mustered. On seeing crew alertness, pirates escaped empty handed. The Kingston Coast Guard was informed at 0200 LT and they came at 0545 LT for investigation.
29.	15.06.2003 0050 LT Anchored Boarded	Maersk Valparaiso Container Netherlands 23722 9225433	Outer Anchorage, Rio Grande Brazil	While at anchor, five pirates armed with knives boarded the ship at forecastle. The bosun challenged the pirates but he was forced to lie down on deck at gunpoint. Pirates stole ship's equipment and property. They also opened four containers on deck and escaped in a boat.
30.	24.06.2003 0405 LT Berthed Boarded	Vega General cargo Singapore 16600 7906928	Pier 5C, Callao port Peru	While at berth, two pirates wearing masks and armed with knives boarded the ship and tried to steal ship's stores. On seeing crew alertness, they jumped overboard and escaped empty handed.

AFRICA

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1.	01.01.2003 Midnight Steaming Boarded	HD Challenger Survey Ship St. Vincent and Grenadines 1210 7517715	04:35N 005:26E Off Warri, Nigeria	While underway, armed pirates boarded the ship and attacked the crew. Several crewmembers were injured. Three crewmembers jumped overboard and were rescued by a supply boat. The injured crewmembers were transferred to a barge for medical treatment. Pirates took several crewmembers ashore and held them hostage. The Nigerian authorities negotiated with the pirates for the release of the hostages. All hostages were released within five days. The survey ship was grounded in the above position but refloated later.
2.	05.01.2003 0045 LT Steaming Boarded	Maersk Dakar Container Germany 23897 9143245	Dakar Port Senegal.	Soon after departing port, the ship sighted small unlit boats ahead. One of the boats came close and flashed a strong light to attract attention. Assuming, it was a fishing boat, the ship altered course to prevent damage to fishing nets. Next morning, crew discovered one mooring rope was missing. Master suspects that pirates boarded and lowered the mooring rope in to the boat when it flashed lights at the ship.
3.	13.01.2003 0300 LT Berthed Boarded	CEC Meadow General cargo Bahamas 6285 9103374	Berth No. 4 Warri port Nigeria	While berthed, about 20 pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the ship. Pirates attacked stevedores who managed to escape ashore. Pirates threatened to kill the crew who locked themselves in the accommodation. The Master raised alarm and tried to contact the port control and police but received no response. Pirates tried to break open the accommodation doors but failed. They then tried to break open the door of the containers on deck. After 40 minutes, pirates left with ship's stores and some cargo. Military personnel arrived onboard one and half hour later. No injuries to crew.

4.	13.01.2003 2045 UTC Anchored Boarded	Maersk Alaska Container United States 40594 7361233	Nacala Anchorage, Mozambique	While at anchor, the duty A/B spotted a pirate trying to lower a mooring line through the hawse pipe. He raised alarm and pirates jumped overboard and escaped.
5.	22.01.2003 0155 LT Anchored Boarded	NA Tanker Switzerland -	3.4 miles off Dakar Pilot Station, Senegal	While at anchor, about six pirates armed with knives boarded the ship at forecandle. They were spotted by two deck watchmen. Alarm was raised and crew mustered on deck. Pirates escaped in their boat. Ship's stores were stolen.
6.	23.01.2003 0405 LT Anchored Boarded	Awero LPG Liberia 1709 7522112	Bonny Town Anchorage, Port Harcourt Nigeria	While at anchor, three pirates in a boat approached the ship. One pirate boarded at the forecandle. Shore watchman stationed at the forecandle did not see or report pirate's presence. However an alert crew noticed the pirate and raised alarm. The pirate jumped into the river and was picked up by his accomplices.
7.	01.02.2003 0230 LT Berthed Boarded	India Star Container Antigua and Barbuda 9367 8417558	Berth No. 11 Dar Es Salaam Tanzania	While berthed, pirates boarded the ship preparing to depart. Five shore watchmen were on board at the time but refused to cooperate with the ship's crew. Due to crew alertness, pirates jumped overboard and escaped with ship's stores. Local authorities were informed but took no action.
8.	09.02.2003 0400 LT Anchored Boarded	Nova Scotia Refrigerated Antigua and Barbuda 5874 8216916	2NM SE of Ile De Goree, Dakar roads, Senegal	While at anchor, two pirates armed with knives boarded the ship at stern and tried to steal ship's stores. Alert crew spotted them and chased them away.
9.	09.02.2003 1650 LT Steaming Boarded	Joan Chouest Supply Ship United States 490 8127347	Bonny river passage, Onne port Nigeria	While underway, ten pirates armed with guns in a boat, came alongside the ship soon after departing Onne. They went to the bridge and ordered the chief officer to reduce speed. They then took the master as hostage and left for a nearby swamp area. The ship returned to Onne and informed the authorities and agents. After negotiations, the master was released unharmed. He said such incidents are common in Bonny River and mariners should be cautious.

10.	13.02.2003 0210 LT Berthed Boarded	Santorini 3 RORO Tanzania 6500 6612403	Mtwara port Tanzania	While at berth, watchman spotted one pirate onboard and two others in a boat. Pirates stole ship's stores. Watchman informed port police who arrived and fired a warning shot. Pirates jumped into the water and escaped, leaving behind the loot and their boat. The loot and boat were recovered.
11.	24.02.2003 0000-0045 LT Steaming Boarded	Maersk Vancouver Container Gibraltar 17189 9242625	Dakar Roads Senegal	While underway, pirates boarded the ship and stole ship's stores from poop deck.
12.	27.02.2003 0455 LT Anchored Boarded	Awero LPG Liberia 1709 7522112	Lagos roads Nigeria	While at anchor, one pirate armed with a knife and machete boarded the ship. He threatened duty A/B and escaped with ship's stores.
13.	02.03.2003 0435 UTC Steaming Boarded	Bambola Yacht - -	13:30.8N 048:20.8E Gulf of Aden	While underway, pirates boarded the yacht and stole property. The yacht sent a distress message, which was relayed by a passing ship to IMB Piracy Reporting Centre. The Centre, in turn informed relevant authorities.
14.	06.03.2003 0530 UTC Anchored Boarded	Bunga Orkid Tiga Bulk carrier Malaysia 25498 9070797	Lagos anchorage Nigeria	While at anchor, two pirates boarded. Duty A/B spotted them and sounded ship's whistle. Pirates escaped with ship's stores. Port authorities informed but took no action.
15.	10.03.2003 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Bunga Orkid Tiga Bulk carrier Malaysia 25498 9070797	Lagos anchorage Nigeria	While at anchor, one pirate boarded the ship at poop deck. The alert duty A/B raised alarm and pirates escaped in a wooden boat which had five other accomplices. Attempt to contact the port authorities failed.
16.	13.03.2003 1000 UTC Steaming Boarded	Trader Bulk carrier Cyprus 22252 7433555	12:00N 051:30E Off Socotra island, Somalia	While underway, four speedboats with four pirates armed with high-powered guns in each boat chased the ship. Despite taking evasive measures, four pirates managed to board forward and attempted to enter accommodation. Master contacted coastal authorities and owners for help. An hour later, a maritime aircraft arrived and assisted. Crewmembers using fire hoses and iron bars prevented pirates from entering accommodation. At 1500 UTC pirates disembarked into their boats and fled.

17.	14.03.2003 0200 UTC Anchored Boarded	Friendly Lady Tanker Liberia 18231 7921980	Lagos anchorage, Nigeria	While at anchor, two pirates armed with knives boarded the ship, stole ship's stores and escaped. Duty A/B raised alarm and informed the port control who advised the ship to weigh anchor and proceed away from anchorage and to remain adrift until berth is notified.
18.	17.03.2003 0140-0150 UTC Anchored Boarded	Aziya Chemical Tanker Cyprus 22607 8504870	06:19.57N 003:20.57E Lagos anchorage, Nigeria	While at anchor, four pirates in a boat approached the ship. Two pirates, one armed with a pistol and the other a knife boarded and took hostage the watchman. Crew locked themselves in the accommodation and contacted port control and the IMB-Piracy Reporting Centre. IMB in turn immediately contacted the Nigerian Navy HQ and Police. Pirates fled with ship's stores.
19.	25.03.2003 0230 LT Anchored Boarded	Arnis Container Cyprus 12997 8908727	Lagos Anchorage Nigeria	While at anchor, three pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship at forecastle from a wooden boat. They held one watchman at knifepoint and injured him. Another watchman raised alarm and pirates escaped with ship's stores and equipment. The ship tried to contact port authorities but received no response. Ship heaved up anchor and moved out to drift away from port.
20.	27.03.2003 0635 LT Berthed Boarded	Rizcun Trader General cargo Hong Kong 9073 7627912	Berth No. 3 Douala port Cameroon	While at berth, five armed pirates boarded the ship from the gangway. An alert duty A/B raised alarm and duty officer rushed to the gangway. Pirates held duty officer at knifepoint and assaulted the A/B. They stole ship's stores and escaped. The port authority was informed but merely advised Master to contact his agents.
21.	01.04.2003 - Steaming Hijacked	Beira 9 Fishing Trawler South Korea - -	Off Kismayo Somalia	While underway, Somali warlords hijacked the fishing trawler and demanded payment of three months fishing dues and an unspecified amount for security service provided by the warlord to the vessel and its companion (Beira 3). The 24 crew members were held as hostage.

22.	07.04.2003 0445 UTC Anchored Boarded	Sitavera Chemical Tanker Norway 43414 8715510	06:17.7N 003:23.8E Lagos anchorage Nigeria	While at anchor, three pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship. They tried to cut mooring ropes on the winch drum at poop deck. One pirate threatened duty A/B with a long knife and threw empty bottles at him. The deck watch raised alarm and pirates escaped in their boat. Ship tried to contact port control via VHF but received no response.
23.	08.04.2003 1700 LT Berthed Boarded	Glory Bulk carrier Malta 12910 8123078	Dar Es Salaam Tanzania	Armed pirates boarded the ship whilst port officials were on board and stole ship's stores.
24.	15.04.2003 - Steaming Hijacked	Maersk Shipper Supply Ship Isle of Man 4013 9169483	Off the coast of Nigeria	While underway, pirates boarded and hijacked the ship. Pirates held the 16 crew members hostage and demanded a ransom for their release. Pirates assaulted the 16 crew members and stole their cash, ship's cash and personal belongings. The owners paid a ransom for their release.
25.	18.04.2003 0006 LT Anchored Boarded	Wehr Ottensen Container Marshall Islands 16801 9134634	Dar Es Salaam Anchorage, Tanzania	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship at forecastle and stole ship's stores and safety equipment. Master informed port control.
26.	20.04.2003 0230 LT Steaming Boarded	Nine Hawk General Cargo Singapore 1964 9017240	13:03N – 051:17E, about 55 NM Off North- Eastern Tip Of Somali Coast, Gulf Of Aden	While underway, pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the ship from three speedboats and took control of the ship. They destroyed the communication equipment onboard. The master received head injuries, stab wounds and cuts from knives. The other crew and officers were tied up and held on the bridge and in cabins. Pirates stole ship's cash and left around 0400 hrs headed towards Somali Coast.
27.	22.04.2003 1333 UTC Steaming Boarded	Clipper Eagle General Cargo Bahamas 11807 8908832	Nana Creek, Benin River, Nigeria	While underway, ten pirates armed with rifles in speedboats made four attempts to stop the ship. They opened fire and damaged bridge windows and obstructed ship's movements. Pirates stole ship's property and cash.

28.	25.04.2003 Between 0300 LT Anchored Boarded	NDS Proteus General Cargo Liberia 17726 9013282	Luanda Anchorage, Angola	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship and stole ship's stores.
29.	25.04.2003 1645 UTC Steaming Boarded	Clipper Eagle General cargo Bahamas 11807 8908832	Nana Creek, Benin River, Nigeria	While underway, pirates armed with rifles in speedboats made five attempts to stop the ship. They left after receiving cash, provisions, bonded stores and diesel oil from the ship
30.	28.04.2003 0045-0145 LT Anchored Boarded	Sabine Eagle Tanker United States 21055 8101630	06:19.6N 003:20.7E, 4.3 NM off Lagos port, Nigeria	While at anchor, A/B on deck watch heard some noise coming from the stern. Two A/Bs went to the stern to investigate and found a 14 foot boat fitted with OBM tied to the ship. Duty officer on watch was informed via radio. The other A/B went to summon for other crew assistance. An A/B kept a look out near the pirate boat. When the pirates were returning to their boat, they were questioned by the A/B on what were they doing onboard. A fist fight ensued between them. The bridge duty officer shouted at the pirates. The duty A/B was hit with an empty bottle and the pirates jumped overboard and climbed into the boat. They threw some bottles at the A/B to give cover while they escaped.
31.	30.04.2003 0100 UTC Anchored Boarded	Aldawha Tanker Qatar 79779 9127148	05:13N – 004:02.6W, Pilot Waiting Area, Abidjan Ivory Coast	While at anchor, one pirate armed with a knife boarded the ship at forecastle. When he was sighted, he threatened the duty crew and jumped into the water and escaped empty handed in a wooden boat.
32.	04.05.2003 0615 LT Anchored Boarded	ST. Pauli General cargo Antigua and Barbuda 4766 9014286	Outside breakwater Monrovia Liberia	While at anchor, eight pirates in uniforms demanded to board from a big canoe, declaring they were part of an anti-terrorist unit. Master contacted the pilot to ask if such boarding was normal and was informed that it was not. The ship's crew treated the boarders with courtesy but informed them that police were coming from shore. Boarders then left and proceeded in a southerly direction at about 0655 hrs. The port control and pilot provided full cooperation to the Master.

33.	28.05.2003 2100 LT Anchored Boarded	Federal Bergen Bulk carrier Hong Kong 16983 8306797	Dowes Lighterage Nigeria	While at anchor, two armed pirates boarded the barge alongside the ship engaged in lighterage operations. They threatened the Ch. Off. And the supercargo with guns and took away the barge. Pirates robbed personal belongings from the crew of the barge.
34.	30.05.2003 0330 LT Anchored Boarded	Project Workshops Ro Ro Netherlands Antilles 9019 8100571	06:17.054N – 003:22.331E, Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	While at anchor, four pirates armed with knives and wooden clubs boarded the ship. They assaulted duty A/B who managed to raise the alarm. Pirates stole ship's equipment and escaped. The ship tried to call port authorities but did not receive any response.
35.	12.06.2003 Between 2200 – 0600 UTC Steaming Boarded	Hakufu Bulk Carrier Panama 15944 8603224	10:53N – 017:17W, about 90NM West of Guinea	While underway, pirates boarded the ship unnoticed and stole ship's stores.
36.	13.06.2003 0300-0600 LT Anchored Boarded	Art Carlson Supply Ship Vanuatu 3183 9258923	Luanda Bay, Angola	While at anchor, pirates boarded the ship. They stole ship's property and escaped.

REST OF WORLD

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1.	09.05.2003 1630-1915 LT Berthed Boarded	Panormos Bulk Carrier Cyprus 22450 8103303	Bourgas Port, Bulgaria	While at berth, pirates boarded the ship. They entered master's cabin and stole ship's cash.

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Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	09.02.2003 2230 LT Steaming Fired upon	Ocean Olympic Bulk carrier South Korea 22313 8323446	04:45N 098:15E, Off East Coast of Sumatera island, Malacca Straits	While underway, pirates armed with guns in a small unlit boat fired upon the ship for 20 mins and attempted to board her. The ship took evasive manoeuvres and fired rocket flares at the boat.
2.	13.02.2003 0100 LT Steaming Attempted	Handy Rainbow Bulk carrier Hong Kong 13881 8323862	03:20N 111:25E Matu, Sarawak Malaysia	While underway, pirates in a craft attempted to board the ship. Alert crew foiled boarding.
3.	25.02.2003 1030 LT Steaming Fired upon	Suhaila Chemical Tanker Malaysia 659 8820169	04:32.00N 098:14.20E 8NM to OB Kuala Langsa (East Aceh) Indonesia	While underway, four boats with approximately eight pirates in each boat armed with AK47 rifles and rockets chased and fired at the ship. Bullets hit starboard side of accommodation plating and destroyed bridge windows along with VHF radio on the bridge. The Chief Engineer sustained gunshot wounds in the head and his condition was serious. He was evacuated by a Navy boat for treatment at shore hospital at Belawan.
4.	25.02.2003 1900 LT Steaming Fired upon	NA Craft Philippines -	Payao, Zamboanga Sibugayin, Mindanao, Philippines	While underway, a sea borne patrol unit in a boat came under fire from ten rebels in a boat. Local fishermen caught in the cross fire also suffered casualties. Three soldiers and one civilian were killed.
5.	17.03.2003 - Steaming Fired upon	NA Fishing Boat Malaysia -	40.8NM from Pulau Pangkor Malacca Straits	While underway, eight pirates in a small wooden boat armed with automatic weapons approached the fishing boat. Pirates opened fire at the boat damaging the boat and its GPS system. The Captain steered his boat towards shore and apparently disabled pursuers boat by throwing lines into the water.

6.	18.03.2003 0800 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Oriental Salvia Chemical Tanker Panama 3723 9258832	04:15.2N 098:53.4E Off Belawan Indonesia	While underway, six pirates in a speed boat armed with automatic rifles approached the ship waiting for the pilot to board. Pirates fired shots at the bridge. Alert ship's crew raised alarm, increased speed and crew mustered and pirates fled. The gunshots left bullet marks on the wheelhouse.
7.	26.03.2003 1515 UTC Steaming Attempted	Maratha Messenger Bulk carrier India 38269 9086980	03:01S 107:18E Selat Baur Indonesia	While underway, pirates in an orange colored speedboat attempted to board the ship from the stern. Ship took evasive action, raised alarm and crew mustered. Pirates aborted boarding.
8.	27.03.2003 1230 UTC Steaming Attempted	Resolution Container Bahamas 9141 9202780	02:58S 106:59E Selat Leplia Indonesia	While underway, one speedboat with six persons chased the ship. The ship sounded whistle and flashed lights towards them and they turned away.
9.	28.03.2003 0415 LT Anchored Attempted	Johanna Oldendorff General cargo Liberia 17101 8503046	14:32.9N 120:55.7E Quarantine Anchorage, South Harbour, Manila, Philippines	While at anchor, three pirates armed with long knives attempted to board by climbing the anchor chain. Chief officer and duty A/B sighted them and raised alarm. Pirates jumped into the water and escaped in their boat.
10.	28.03.2003 1425 UTC Steaming Attempted	Sinar Sunda Container Panama 16705 9194490	02:55.0S 107:17.4E Gelasa Straits Indonesia	While underway, pirates attempted to board the ship from port quarter. The alert crew raised alarm and threw twist locks at pirates and activated fire hoses. The boat retreated.
11.	31.03.2003 0510 LT Steaming Attempted	Fas Semarang Container Cyprus 11731 8100662	03:00S 107:19E Gelasa Straits Indonesia	While underway, four pirates in a fast wooden boat attempted to board the ship. Alert crew noticed one pirate ready to throw a line attached to a hook. He raised alarm and pirates gave up attempt to board.
12.	04.04.2003 2200 UTC Steaming Attempted	Eirini Bulk carrier Bahamas 90747 8015685	02:58.2S 107:18.5E Selat Baur Indonesia	While underway, four pirates in a boat attempted to board the ship. Alert anti piracy crew raised alarm, directed lights at the boat and activated fire hoses. Upon seeing the crew alertness, pirates aborted the attempt.

13.	05.04.2003 2200 UTC Steaming Attempted	Marine Star General cargo Panama 7382 9228629	05:23.3N 119:43.3E 16NM off NW Coast of Tawi-Tawi island, Philippines	While underway, three speedboats chased the ship from starboard quarter. Alert crew activated fire hoses, directed search lights at the boats and crew rushed to poop deck. The speedboats retreated.
14.	25.04.2003 0110 LT Steaming Attempted	NA Tanker (VLCC) 156802 -	02:08N – 101:45E, Off T.g. Medang, Malacca Straits	While underway, persons in an unlit craft attempted to board the ship. Alert crew directed searchlight at the craft and it moved away
15.	25.04.2003 2320 LT Steaming Attempted	Seiyo 9 General Cargo Panama 5827 8405402	03:23N – 105:31.5E, 18NM Off NW Of Anambas Islands. Indonesia	While underway, pirates in a fast boat attempted to board the ship using bamboo poles. The alert A/B raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle, switched on all deck lights and crew mustered. Pirates fled.
16.	26.04.2003 2220 LT Steaming Attempted	Berge Spirit LPG Norway 44076 7411569	03:09N – 105:27E, Vicinity of Anambas island, Indonesia	While underway, six pirates in a 30 feet long boat attempted to board the ship. The alert crew raised alarm, switched on flood lights and activated fire hoses. Pirates fled.
17.	27.04.2003 2250 LT Steaming Attempted	Hua Yue Tug Liberia 1252 8201404 WB 97 Barge St. Vincent 6080	03:13.06N 105:26.97E Vicinity of Anambas islands, Indonesia	While underway, six pirates attempted to board a barge under tow by a tug. Alert chief officer on the tug raised the alarm and the pirates aborted boarding. However, they made further unsuccessful attempts to board.
18.	28.04.2003 0306 UTC Steaming Attempted	Aegean Hellas Tanker Bahamas 54537 7925821	06:05N 096:07E Malacca Straits	While underway, six pirates armed with knives and their faces covered with masks, attempted to board the ship from a speedboat. Alert crew raised alarm, crew mustered and activated fire hoses. Pirates retreated.
19.	28.04.2003 0045 LT Steaming Attempted	Cape Venus Bulk carrier Singapore 87431 9127423	02:56.5S 107:19.5E 4 miles off Mendanau Island, Gelasa Straits, Indonesia	While underway, six pirates in a speedboat attempted to board the ship from stern using a hook attached to the end of a rope. Alert crew raised the alarm and flashed lights at the pirates. Pirates aborted boarding.
20.	30.04.2003 0355 LT Steaming Attempted	Fas Semarang Container Cyprus 11731 8100662	00:55.8N – 105:05.0E, Off Bintan Island, Indonesia	While underway, three to five pirates in a fast moving boat approached the ship. The alert A/B raised the alarm and the boat moved away.

21.	30.04.2003 2350 LT Steaming Attempted	Gimeng Container Malaysia 3106 7826025	02:36.7N – 108:53.0E, Vicinity of Anambas / Natuna Islands, Indonesia	While underway, pirates in a boat attempted to board the ship. The alert Duty Officer raised alarm and increased speed. The pirate boat retreated and gave up chase.
22.	02.05.2003 1258 UTC Steaming Attempted	Royal Sea Bulk Carrier Panama 25676 9074793	05:25.90N – 097:43.15E, Malacca Straits	Several persons on an unlit speed boat approached the ship. Alert crew raised alarm and directed lights at the boat. The boat increased speed from 15 to 25 kts and came within 1 cable. Upon seeing the crew alertness it moved away.
23.	03.05.2003 0430 LT Anchored Attempted	ACX Swan Container Indonesia 7980 7813157	South Harbour Manila Bay Quarantine, Philippines	While at anchor, three pirates armed with guns in an unlit boat attempted to board. The alert crew flashed lights at the pirates and the boat moved away.
24.	05.05.2003 1400 UTC Steaming Attempted	Apollo Pacific LPG Singapore 3354 8814225	03:37.34N – 111:04.81E, Off Bintulu, Malaysia	While underway, a large mother ship with seven small crafts approached the ship. The mother ship remained stationary but two smaller boats chased the tanker for over two hours and came within 5.5 cables. Alert crew directed searchlights and the boats abandoned the chase.
25.	08.05.2003 0605 LT Steaming Attempted	Pilion Bulk carrier Cayman Islands 29031 9100205	01:55.00N 102:20.00E Malacca Straits	While underway, seven pirates in a brown high-speed boat attempted to board the ship. Alert crew mustered on the bridge deck but the pirates were still undeterred. Dressed in orange boiler suits, they signalled their intention and came within a distance of about ten metres of the ship, circling the stem for about twenty minutes. Two small Navy ships, less than two miles away, ignored calls from the ship via VHF and signal light projectors. At about 0630 LT, the pirates abandoned attempt and moved away.
26.	12.05.2003 0630 LT Steaming Attempted	Mare Phoenicium Container Antigua Barbuda 40306 9193226	05:12N 098:33E Northern Entrance of Malacca Straits	While underway, pirates in three speedboats attempted to board the ship. Ship increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and directed searchlights. Pirates aborted the attempt and retreated.

27.	13.05.2003 05:45 UTC Steaming Firedupon	Agia Philothei Bulk carrier Greece 18005 7523051	04:31N 098:23E, Off Kuala Langsa Indonesia	While underway, four pirates armed with machine guns in a speedboat fired upon the ship. Crew locked themselves inside accommodation, raised alarm and took evasive manoeuvres to prevent pirates from boarding.
28.	17.05.2003 0050 LT Steaming Attempted	Overseas Chris Tanker (VLCC) Marshall Islands 157883 9217981	03:07N – 105:10E, Off Anambas Island, Indonesia	While underway, three small crafts were noticed on radar approaching the ship. The persons inside the crafts increased speed from 15 to 35 knots, came close and tried to board. The crew raised alarm, switched on deck lights and activated fire hoses. Attempted boarding was aborted.
29.	23.06.2003 1530 LT Steaming Firedupon	Shing Chiah Yuh 1 Fishing Vessel Taiwan 772 -	05:46N – 097:50.4E, Malacca Straits	While underway, pirates armed with guns in a black coloured tugboat fired upon the fishing vessel. One crewmember was wounded and was hospitalised. The fishing vessel suffered bullet holes.
30.	29.06.2003 0320 LT Steaming Attempted	Eco Charger Bulk carrier Malaysia 13852 8413954	01:13N 105:03E Vicinity of Bintan Island Indonesia	While underway, two small crafts were sighted on radar drifting at a distance of two miles. Suddenly one craft at very high speed approached the ship and came close to within 25 metres astern. Duty officer raised alarm and took evasive manoeuvres to prevent boarding. Craft followed for sometime and fled.
31.	30.06.2003 2230 LT Anchored Attempted	Orapin 3 Tanker Thailand 2951 8126094	Belawan Anchorage Indonesia	While at anchor, about five persons in a small fishing boat attempted to board the ship. Duty AB raised the alarm and crew mustered. On noticing crew alertness, they aborted the attempt and moved away from the area.

FAR EAST

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1	31.01.2003 0300 LT Berthed Attempted	British Explorer Chemical Tanker United Kingdom 25000 9251561	Berth No. 3, Nha Be, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	While berthed, three pirates attempted to board by using a grappling hook attached to a rope. Alert duty crew raised alarm and pirates abandoned boarding. Crew recovered hooks and knotted rope.

INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

Ref	Date Time Status Type	Name of Ship Type/Flag/Grt/ IMO Number	Position	Narration
1.	05.03.2003 1915 UTC Anchored Attempted	Ana Container Cyprus 9974 8602749	Outer anchorage, Chittagong Bangladesh	While at anchor, pirates in two small boats attempted to board the ship. Duty crew repelled boarding. Pirates escaped in their boat. Local authorities and Coast Guard informed.
2.	21.03.2003 0500 LT Anchored Attempted	Great Happy Bulk carrier Hong Kong 26094 9136474	Cochin Anchorage, India	While at anchor, pirates attempted to board the ship but alert crew sounded ship's whistle and directed lights at the boat. Pirates fled.
3.	29.03.2003 0100 LT Anchored Attempted	Eternal Hope Bulk carrier Panama 34695 7905780	Chennai Anchorage India	While at anchor, pirates armed with long knives attempted to board the ship via the anchor chain. Alert crew raised alarm and pirates fled.
4.	02.05.2003 0100 LT Anchored Attempted	NA General cargo North Korea 9077 -	21:53N 091:38E Chittagong anchorage Bangladesh	While at anchor, pirates armed with long knives in three speed boats approached the ship. The alert crew foiled attempted boarding
5.	22.06.2003 1618 LT Steaming Attempted	Garrison Savannah LPG Panama 5849 9250505	22:23.0N 089:37.4E Pussur River, Mongla, Bangladesh	While underway, about ten pirates in a small fishing boat obstructed the ship under pilotage and attempted to board her. The ship increased speed and crew mustered. Pirates aborted the boarding but kept chasing the ship for several minutes. The Master informed the Coast Guard who arrived within 30 minutes and escorted the ship until berthing.

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1.	01.03.2003 0326 LT Steaming Attempted	CSAV Chicago Container Cyprus 25608 9149316	Buenaventura, Columbia	While underway, nine pirates attempted to board using a wooden ladder at port side. Alert crew switched on the deck lights and raised alarm and boat fled.

2.	11.05.2003 1900 LT Steaming Attempted	TMM Chiapas Container Liberia 15988 9221059	20NM off Seabuoy, Guayaquil Ecuador	While underway and drifting waiting for pilot, two blue coloured wooden speedboats approached the ship. Five pirates in a speedboat came alongside and tried to board using hooks attached to bamboo poles. The Master took evasive manoeuvres and increased speed. The Master raised alarm and alert crew activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted boarding and fled. Port control was informed and had promised to send the coast guard that never arrived.
3.	04.06.2003 0605 UTC Steaming Attempted	MMM Colorado RORO Malaysia 9367 7920857	12:01.6N 059:43.5W Vicinity of Tobago island, Caribbean Seas	While underway, five persons in an unlit fast craft attempted to board the ship. The craft came alongside several times but the ship took evasive manoeuvres to prevent boarding.

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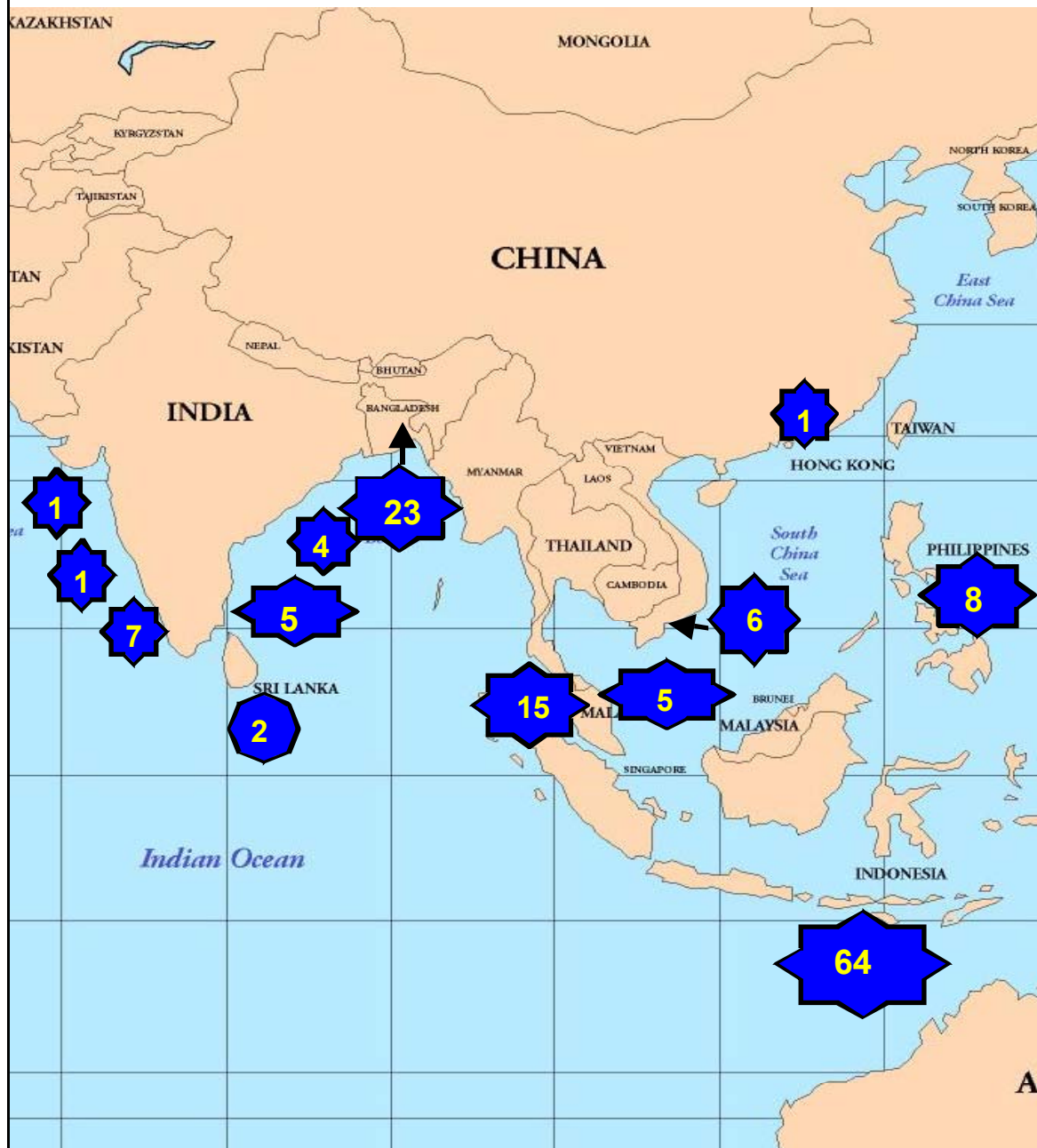
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1.	24.01.2003 0454-0600 Anchored Attempted	Delmas Kerguelen Container Liberia 18334 9236224	7.4NM South of Tema break water, Tema roads, Ghana	While at anchor, 12 pirates in a wooden boat attempted to board. Alert crew foiled the attempt. The boat then attempted to board another ship nearby but failed.
2.	07.02.2003 2315 UTC Anchored Attempted	Reliance Tanker Singapore 29919 8215986	06:04.4N 001:20.9E Off Lome Anchorage, Togo	While at anchor, eight pirates in a boat and armed with knives attempted to board by throwing a grappling hook. Alert duty crew thwarted the attempt.
3.	22.02.2003 1310 – 1405 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Monneron Chemical Tanker Cyprus 28322 9162526	09:56N 051:43E Somalia	Seven pirates in two small white open speedboats, armed with machine guns and rockets fired upon the ship. Ship took evasive action and cleared the area. No serious damage to ship or injuries to crew.
4.	09.03.2003 0500 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Sea Dove Yacht Australia -	13:11N 048:40E Gulf of Aden	While underway, pirates in three fishing boats approached and fired upon the yacht.
5.	09.03.2003 0500 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Penyllan Yacht Australia -	13:11N 048:40E Gulf of Aden	While underway, pirates in three fishing boats approached and fired upon the yacht.

6.	09.03.2003 0500 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Gypsy Days Yacht Australia -	13:11N 048:40E Gulf of Aden	While underway, pirates in three fishing boats approached and fired upon the yacht.
7.	09.03.2003 0500 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Narena Yacht Australia -	13:11N 048:40E Gulf of Aden	While underway, pirates in three fishing boats approached and fired upon the yacht.
8.	09.03.2003 0500 UTC Steaming Fired upon	Imani Yacht U.S.A. -	13:11N 048:40E Gulf of Aden	While underway, pirates in three fishing boats approached and fired upon the sailing yacht.
9.	30.04.2003 0035 LT Anchored Attempted	EFDIM Hope General Cargo Greece 10274 7926007	Takoradi Anchorage, Ghana	While at anchor, four pirates in a small boat attempted to board the ship at stern using a long bamboo pole attached with a hook. The alert duty A/B raised the alarm and the pirates fled. Master informed Takoradi port control who sent a patrol boat to search the area.
10.	28.04.2003 0740 UTC Steaming Attempted	NYK Castor Container Panama 76847 9152284	13:18N – 049:20E, 60 miles off South Yemen, Gulf Of Aden	While underway, pirates in three speedboats doing about 25 knots attempted to board the ship. Ship altered course and Master warned other ships in the vicinity via VHF. The boats gave up chase and headed towards another ship in the vicinity but did not succeed in boarding.
11.	01.05.2003 0400 UTC Anchored Attempted	Aldawha Tanker Qatar 79779 9127148	05:13N – 004:02.6W, Pilot Waiting Area, Abidjan, Ivory Coast	While at anchor, two pirates armed with knives attempted to board the ship at poop deck using hook attached to a rope. Pirates managed to climb up to the guardrails but on hearing ship's whistle and seeing crew alertness, they jumped into the water and escaped in an unlit board.
12.	25.04.2003 0835 LT Anchored Attempted	Akademik Golitsyn Special Purpose ship Russia 1805 8119003	04:48N – 05:20E, Nigeria	While at anchor, twelve pirates in a speed boat came alongside the ship and attempted to climb onboard. The security guards on board fired warning shots and the boat moved away towards the shore.
13.	28.04.2003 0830 UTC Steaming Attempted	NYK Castor Container Panama 76847 9152284	13:24N 050:39E, Gulf of Aden	While underway, three boats doing about 25 knots chased the ship. The ship took evasive actions to prevent boarding. The boats gave up later.

14.	08.05.20030840 UTC Steaming Attempted	Fu Tong Bulk Carrier Hong Kong 37644 9161261	13:18N – 050:22E, Gulf Of Aden.	While underway, one mother ship with three speedboats approached the ship. Persons inside the speedboats increased speed to 25 knots and came close to board. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses. Boats aborted attempt and went to another ship in vicinity.
15.	12.05.2003 0330 UTC Steaming Attempted	Mighty Confidence Bulk carrier Cyprus 17630 9052721	14:20.5N 050:36.7E Gulf of Aden	While underway, pirates in eight speedboats doing about 30 knots attempted to board the ship. The Master raised alarm, sent a distress message and took evasive manoeuvres. Crew mustered and activated fire hoses. After 30 minutes, pirates retreated towards Yemeni coast.
16.	16.05.2003 0400 LT Steaming Attempted	George Bulk Carrier Lebanon 15872 8604474	12:18N – 047:33E Gulf of Aden	While underway, six persons in a speedboat followed the ship for one hour. They then headed directly towards the ship and made an attempt to board. The alert crew raised alarm and directed searchlights and the boat retreated.
17.	17.05.2003 1010 LT Steaming Attempted	Bunga Saga Tiga Bulk Carrier Malaysia 39012 9050383	12:53.2N – 049:22.5E, Gulf Of Aden	While underway, twelve persons in a craft towing two boats chased the ship and came within one nautical mile. Master took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses. Attempted boarding was aborted.
18.	13.06.2003 2245 LT Steaming Attempted	Rubin Energy Bulk Carrier Panama 36560 9057587	12:46N – 043:15E, Bab El Mandeb Strait, Southern Red Sea	While underway, pirates in a fast boat attempted to board the ship. Duty Officer raised alarm, crew mustered and directed lights at the boat. The boat retreated and fled.
19.	13.06.2003 0730 UTC Steaming Attempted	Haku fu Bulk Carrier Panama 15944 8603224	09:05N – 015:35W, about 90NM West of Guinea	15-20 armed pirates in a wooden craft attempted to board. Duty officer sounded the ship's whistle and mustered the crew. On seeing the crew alertness, the pirates aborted boarding.
20.	21.06.2003 0550 LT Steaming Attempted	Lisboa Container Antigua & Barbuda 5087 8017308	Dakar Senegal	While underway, five pirates in a high speedboat attempted to board using an aluminium ladder. Alert crew raised alarm and directed searchlight at the boat. On seeing the crew alertness, the pirates aborted the boarding and fled.

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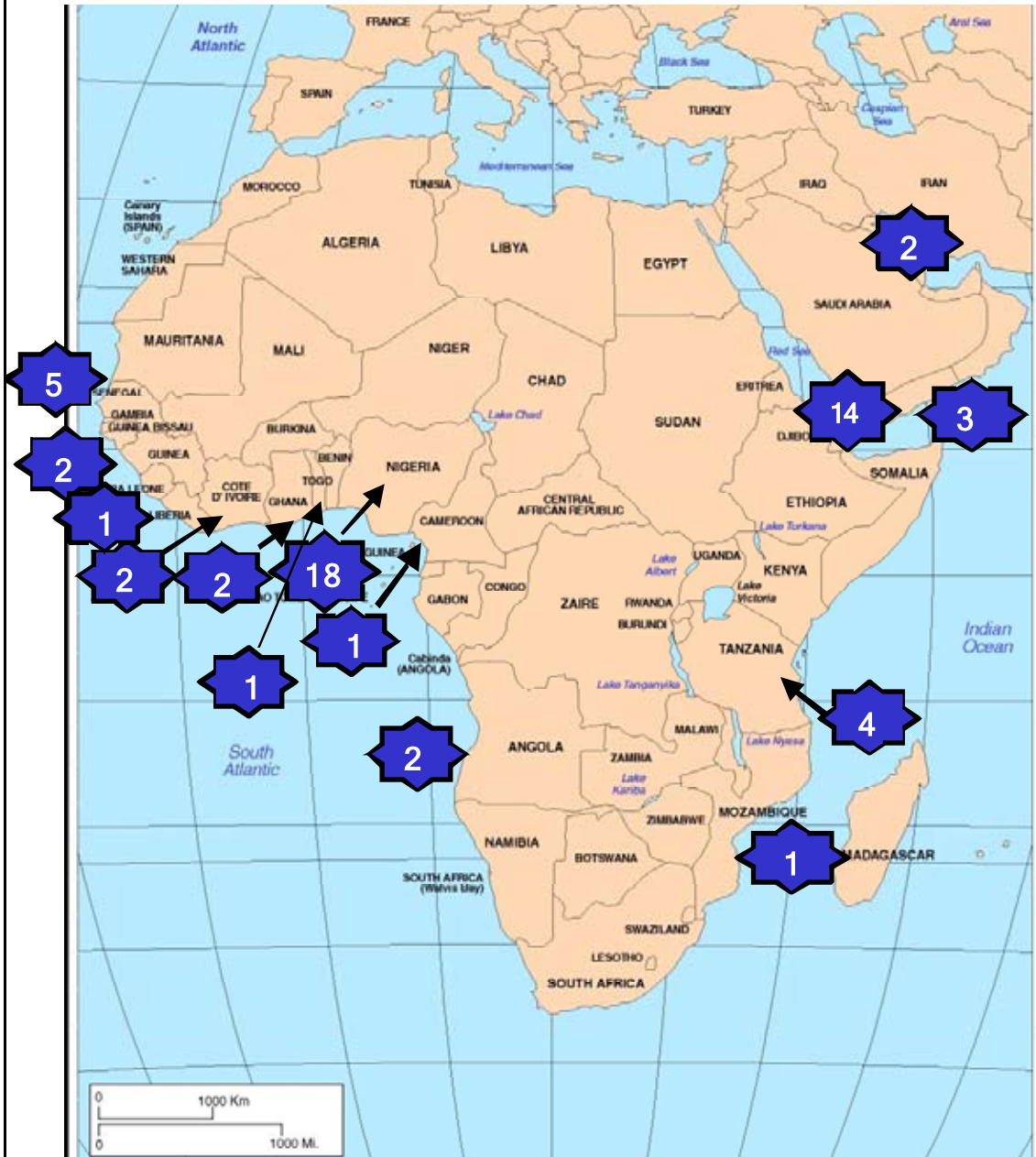
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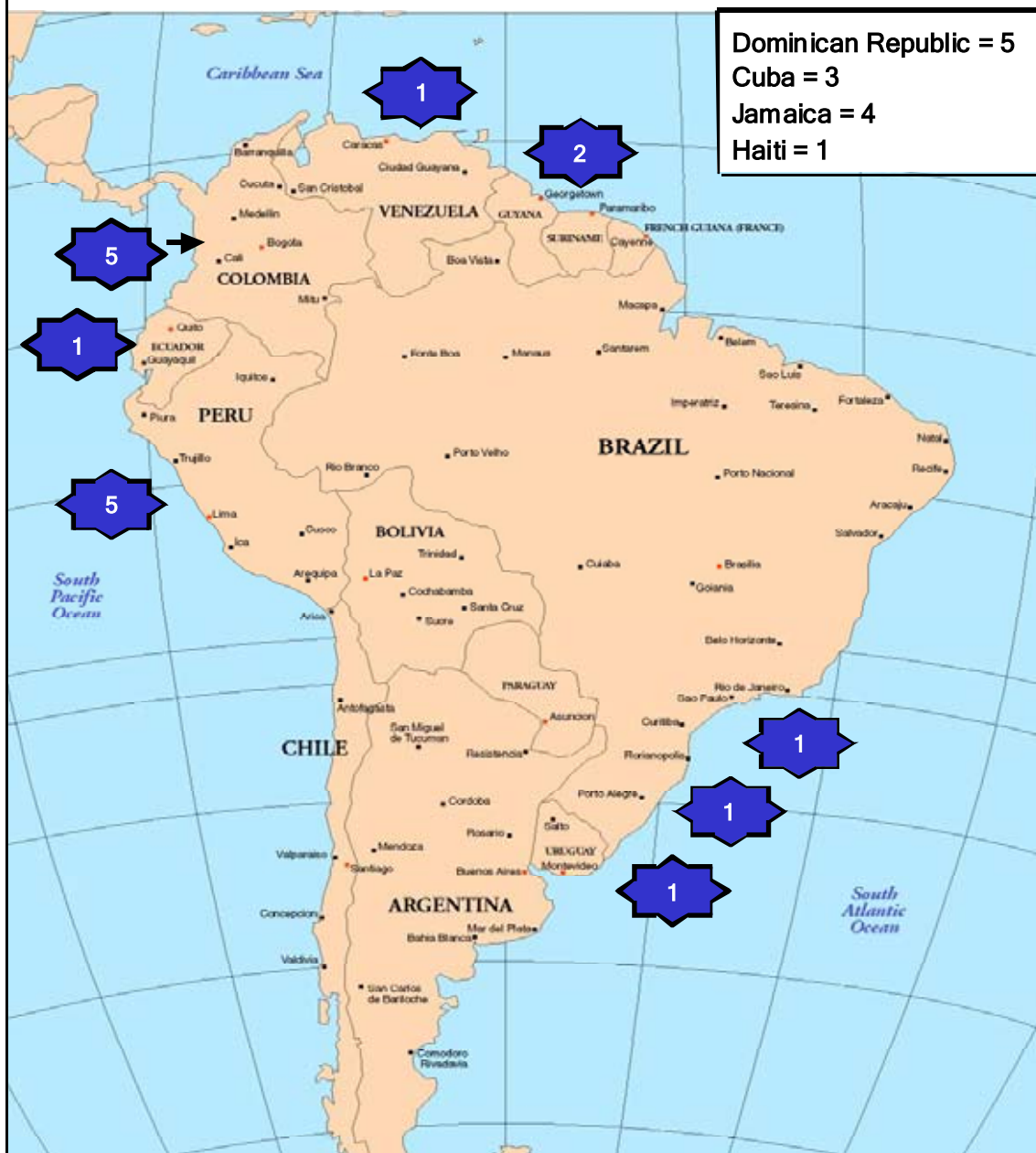
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