

MARITIME INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

16 JUNE 2026

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434

TOTAL INCIDENTS
(LAST 6 MONTHS)



2

SIGNIFICANT ATTACKS
IN LAST 7 DAYS



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SUCCESSFUL BOARDINGS
IN LAST 7 DAYS

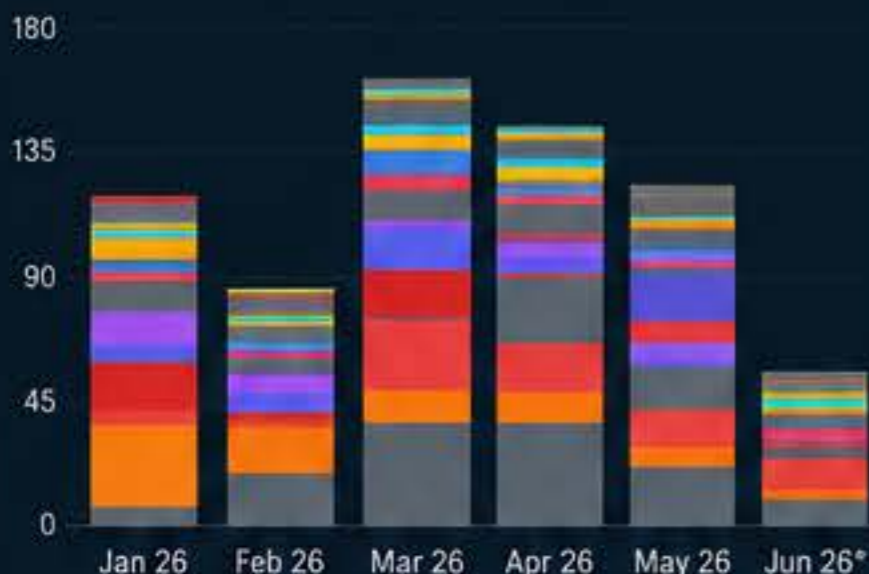


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IN INCIDENTS
VS. PREVIOUS 6 MONTHS

INCIDENTS OVER TIME

Daily Weekly Monthly

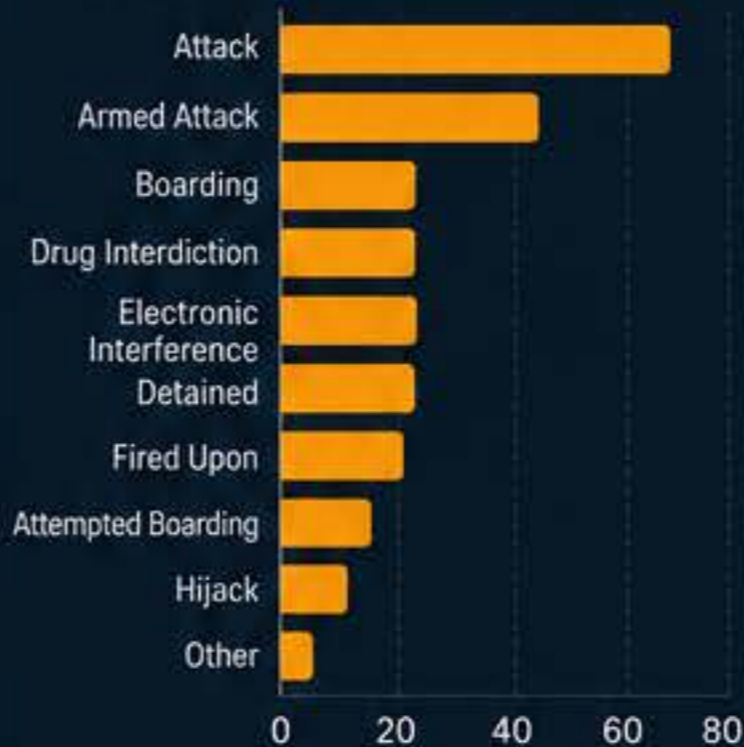


Top incident types:

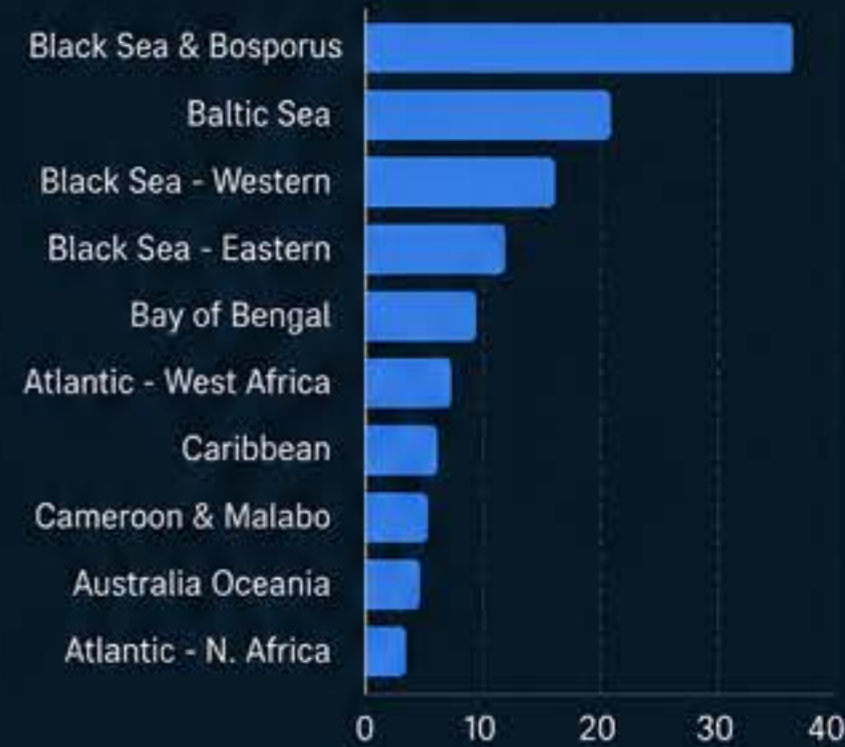


*June data to 15 Jun 2026

BY TYPE (LAST 6 MONTHS)



BY REGION (LAST 6 MONTHS)



1 RESURGENCE OF SOMALI PIRACY ACTIVITY



Somali piracy activity has surged in H1 2026, with a cluster of aggressive approaches and attacks shifting into the Gulf of Aden and Yemeni coastal waters.



Recent incidents (6, 10 & 15 June) involved skiff approaches, small-arms fire and an RPG attack. All repelled. No successful boardings.



Armed security teams continue to be effective, but the frequency and geographic spread of incidents indicate growing boldness.



Risk likely to remain elevated through 2026, particularly during the southwest monsoon transition.



OPERATOR TAKEAWAY

Maintain armed guards, follow BMP corridors and reduce speed in high-risk areas. Expect continued opportunistic attacks on slower, less-protected vessels.

2 ESCALATING GREY-ZONE ACTIVITY IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA



On 11 June, two Chinese maritime law enforcement vessels entered prohibited waters around Taiping Island (Itu Aba) for ~15 minutes before being escorted out by Taiwan.



Dredging at Antelope Reef (Paracels) has advanced rapidly since late 2025. Reclaimed land ~1,490 acres with early infrastructure (helipad, structures) in place.



Additional friction points: floating structures near Scarborough Shoal and continued CCG/militia presence near Philippine-claimed features.



Regional cooperation is strengthening, with expanded U.S.-Philippines-Japan exercises and intelligence sharing.



OPERATOR TAKEAWAY

Expect continued grey-zone pressure and increased risk of close encounters. Maintain situational awareness, follow advisories and report all unusual activity.



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