



ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION
CENTRE
(MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY
MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY REPORT

26 JUNE – 2 JULY 2020

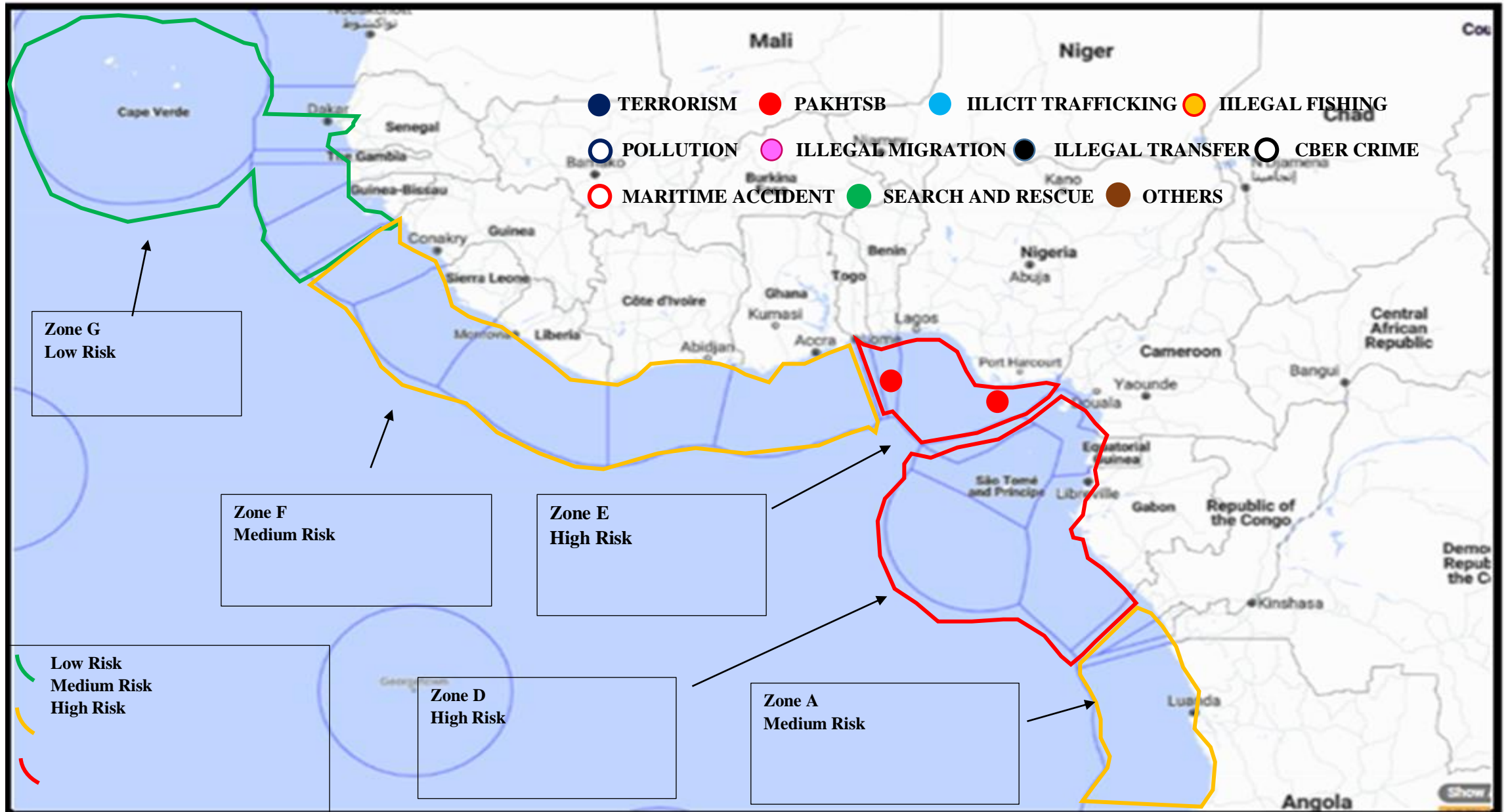
OVERVIEW

- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F and the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) remained safe and secure during week under review.
- Maritime Zone E recorded two kidnapping incident.
- See details of incidents for more information.

INCIDENT RECORD

| Category | Type of Incidents | No of Incident in Zones | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | | A | D | E | F | G |
| TERRORISM | Terrorism | | | | | |
| PIRACY/ ARMED ROBBERY/KIDNAPPING/HIJACKING/FIRING UPON/THEFT/SUSPICIOUS APPROACH/BOARDING (PAKHFTSB) | Suspicious Hijacking | | | | | |
| | Kidnapping | | | 2 | | |
| | Armed Robbery | | | | | |
| | Firing Upon | | | | | |
| | Robbery/Attempt Robbery | | | | | |
| | Attempt Boarding | | | | | |
| | Boarding | | | | | |
| | Theft | | | | | |
| | Suspicious Approach | | | | | |
| ILLCIT TRAFIC | Human | | | | | |
| | Drug | | | | | |
| | Weapons/Ammunitions | | | | | |
| | Smuggling | | | | | |
| I.U.U FISHING | Industrial Fishing | | | | | |
| | Craft Fishing | | | | | |
| POLLUTION | | | | | | |
| ILLCIT MIGRATION | Organized Migration | | | | | |
| | Stowaways | | | | | |
| ILLEGAL TRANSFER | Illegal Bunkering | | | | | |
| | Oil Robbery | | | | | |
| CYBER CRIMINALITY | | | | | | |
| MARITIME ACCIDENT | Shipwreck | | | | | |
| | Collision | | | | | |
| | Sinking | | | | | |
| | Damage | | | | | |
| SEARCH AND RESCUE | Men Overboard | | | | | |
| | Assistance And Towing | | | | | |
| | Sanitary Evacuation | | | | | |
| OTHERS | | | | | | |

INCIDENT DISPOSITION



DETAILS OF INCIDENT

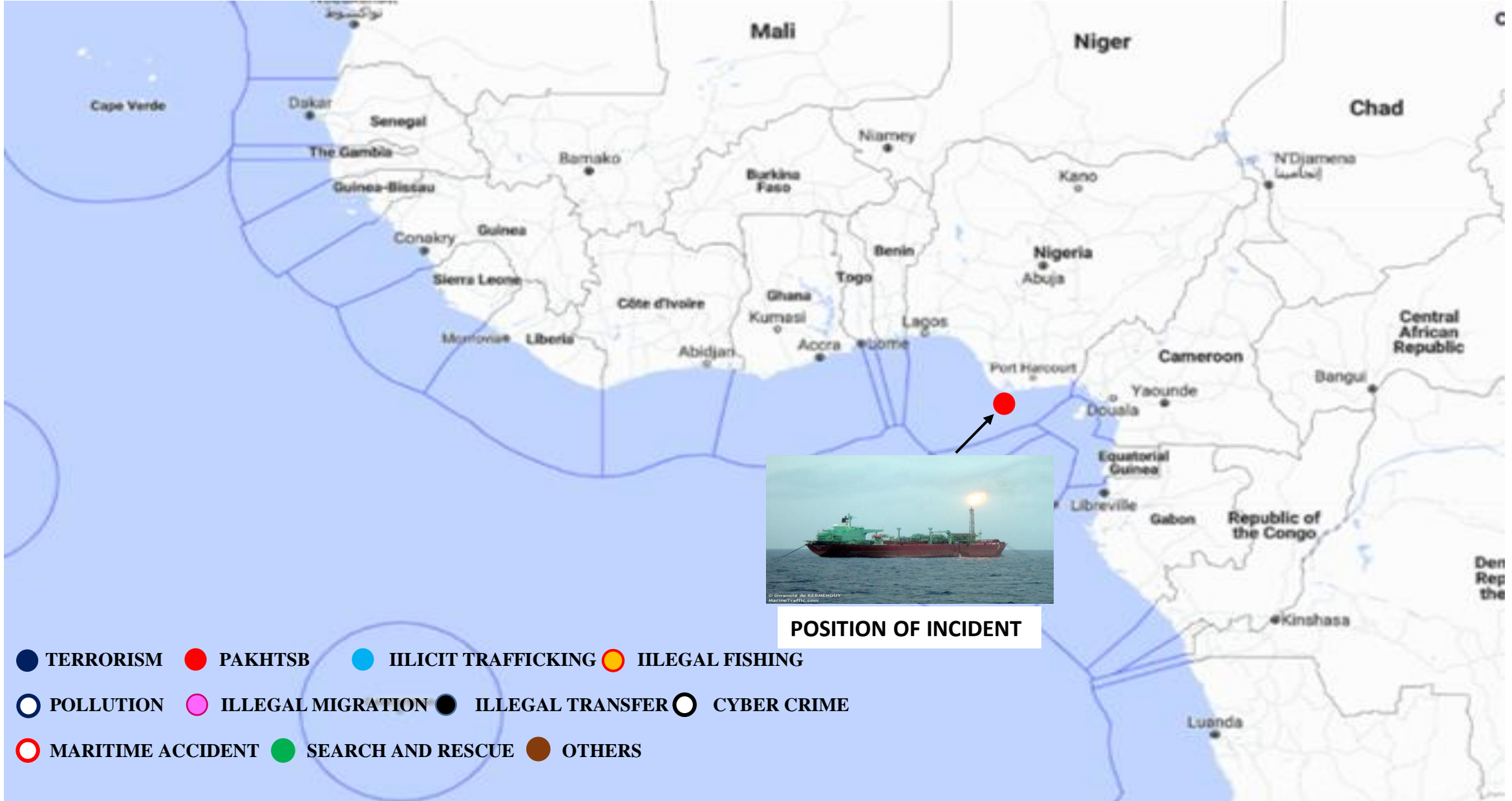
KIDNAPPING – Okwori field, Nigeria .

The Singapore flag FPSO SENDJE BERGE (7360057) was attacked in the Okwori field, Nigeria at position 03°51'10"N 006°59'E about 30NM from shore at 0300 UTC on 02 July 2020.

A co-ordinated attack involving two speedboats took place, targeting the FPSO which was under the protection of a security vessel. The FPSO was boarded and 9 Nigerian crew members were kidnapped. The Nigerian Navy sent a fast patrol boat NNS SHIRORO to provide assistance.

MMCC Zone F will continue to investigate and provide update accordingly.

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DETAILS OF INCIDENT

KIDNAPPING – Cotonou, Benin.

The Singapore flag general cargo vessel KOTA BUDI (9638630) was boarded at position 03°49'3"N 002°25'E about 152 NM S of Cotonou, Benin at 2220 UTC on 02 July 2020.

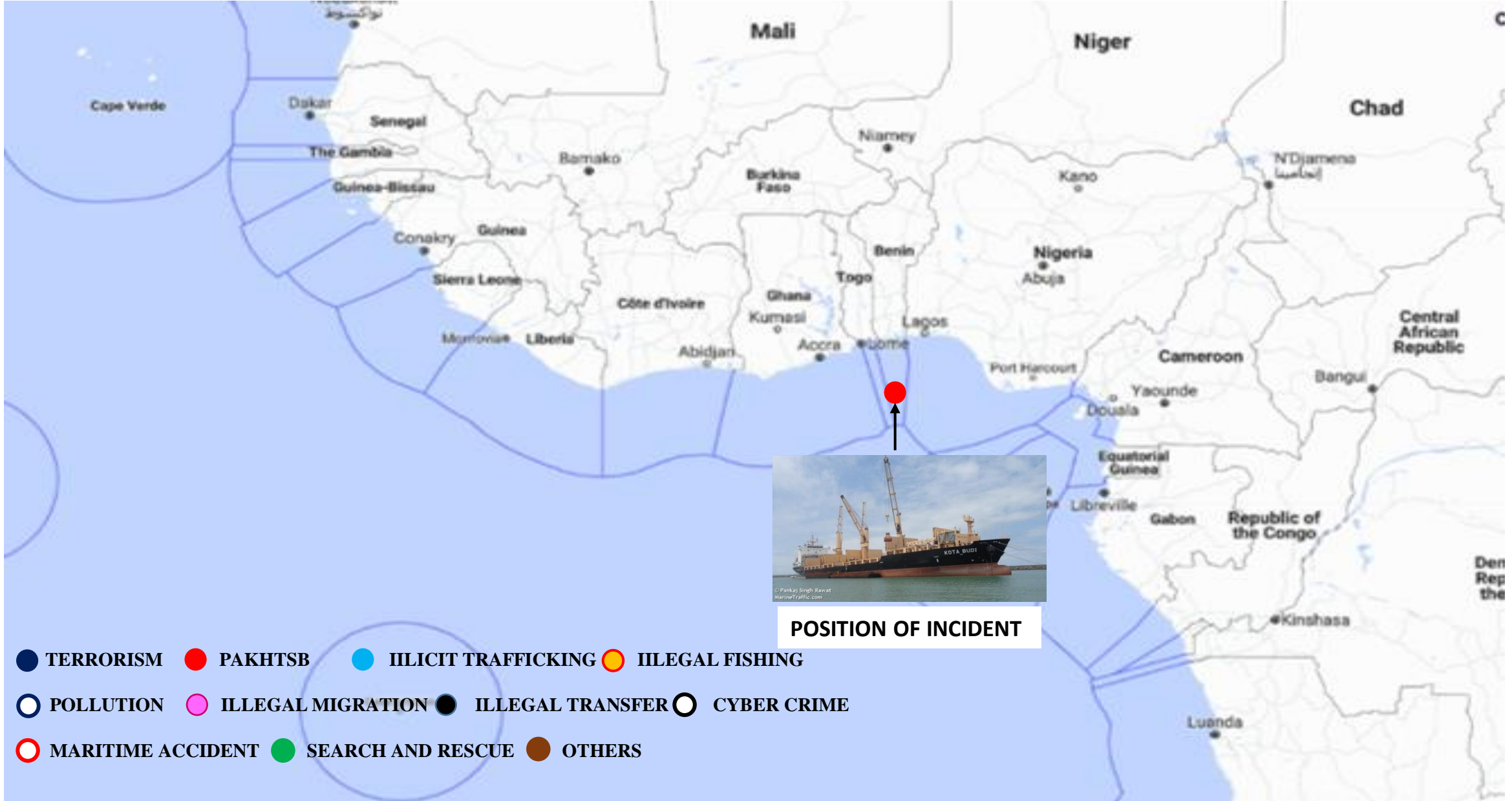
A heavily armed perpetrators in one skiff approached and boarded the vessel. The perpetrators abducted five Chinese crew members and fled away.

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IMAGES OF WHAT HAPPEN IN THE VESSEL



INCIDENT DISPOSITION



GENERAL COMMENTS

- Following the successful clamp down on pirates by the Nigeria Navy against vessels at sea, pirates action group have shifted their focus to new targets. This is evidence by the kidnapping of crew from the FPSO.
- Law enforcement agencies are encouraged to developed strategy to deal with traditional and emerging crimes at sea.
- Towards this ends, security agencies are further encouraged to ensure national maritime assets are well secure to prevent feature attack on them .
- Additionally vessel are encourage to improved fix borne security measure's whiles at sea.

FORCAST FOR THE COMING WEEK AND ADVISORIES

FORECAST

- General Maritime Security Situation in the Maritime Zone F - Expected to remain quiet and incident free however the possibility of Petty Theft and Armed Robberies within Ports and anchorages in maritime Zone F remains likely
- Maritime Zone E and D are expected to be relatively safe. Kidnappings, Firing Upon and Armed Robberies are likely at anchorages and at sea.
- Maritime Zone A and G are expected to remain incident free.

ADVISORIES

- Merchant vessels sailing about 50 nm from the coast are likely to encounter artisanal and trawling fishing by night vessels.
- Vessels sailing in the proximity of the Jubilee Oil Fields are to remain at least 8 nm from the oil platforms to avoid being confronted /challenged by security escort vessel within the area. Mariners are cautioned to be on the alert at all times and report any suspicious activity to MMCC Zone F for immediate assistance.
- Ships at anchorages and ports are to maintain sufficient duty watch especially from 2200 hours – 0400 hours and ships at anchorages to be extra vigilant.

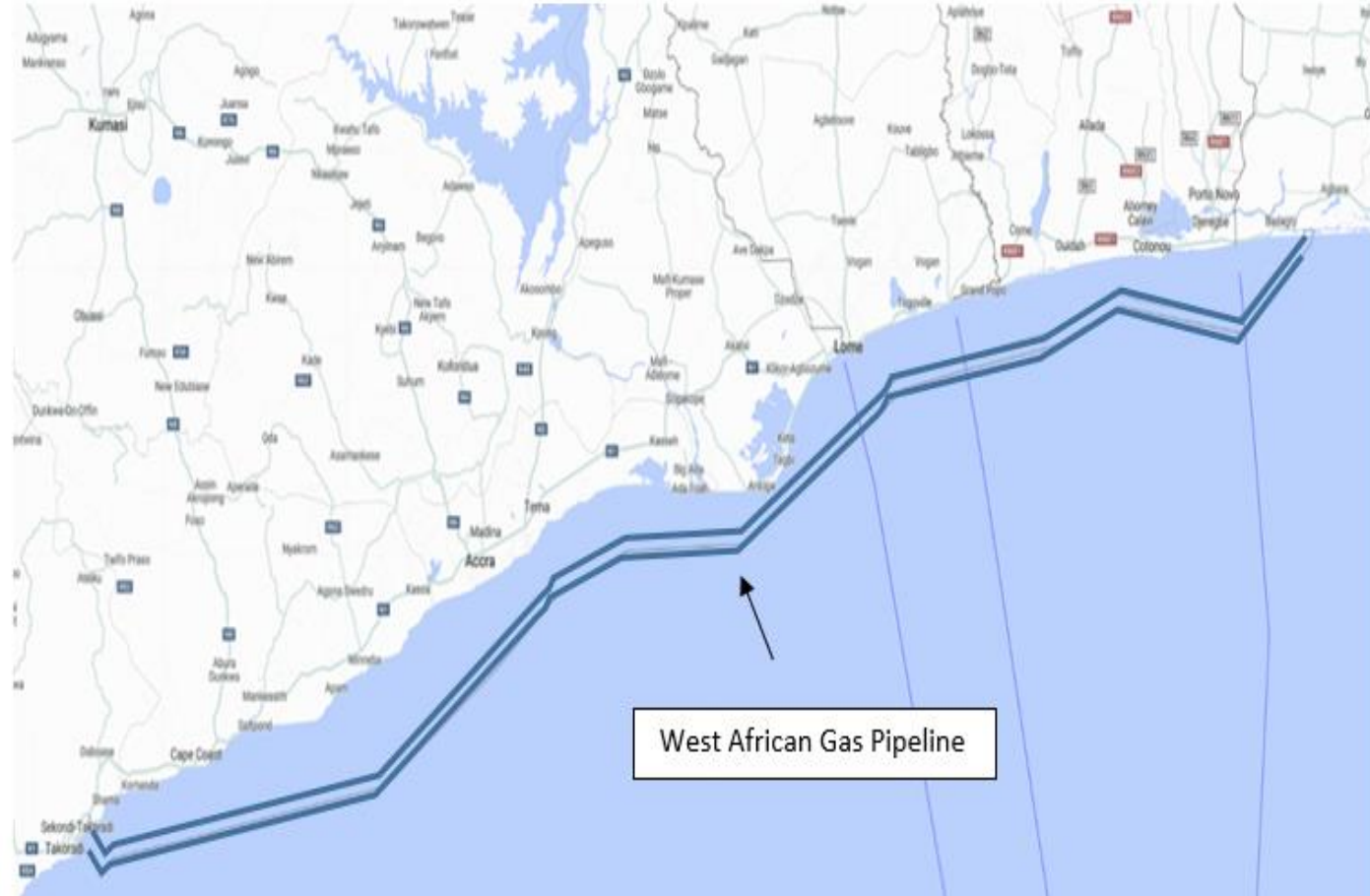
NOTICES

Oil Fields

- All vessels transiting close to the oilfields are to observe the promulgated maritime safety and security zones around the oil fields.

West African Gas Pipeline

- The West African Gas pipeline extends from Takoradi in Ghana to Nigeria. The pipeline since its installation has experienced periodic breakages due to fishing and anchoring activities on the pipeline.
- The position of the pipeline is shown on maritime charts.
- All vessels transiting the coastal areas between Ghana and Nigeria are to avoid anchoring and fishing within the pipeline protective zone.



MARITIME INFORMATION OF INTEREST

- GABON and EQUATORIAL GUINEA will perform joint maritime patrol along common borders.
 - Source. <http://french.xinhuanet.com>

METEOROLOGICAL FORECAST

16-Day Marine Weather Forecast [What's new?](#)

Thursday 7/2

Morning ▶

Breezy SW winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate mid period waves.

Winds: SW 12 to 17 knots.

Seas: S 5 feet at 13 seconds.

Afternoon ▶

Breezy SW winds with moderate choppy seas. Moderate mid period waves.

Winds: SW 13 to 18 knots.

Seas: S 5 feet at 12 seconds.

Friday 7/3

Morning ▶

Moderate to strong SW winds with choppy seas. Moderate mid period waves.

Winds: SW 16 to 22 knots.

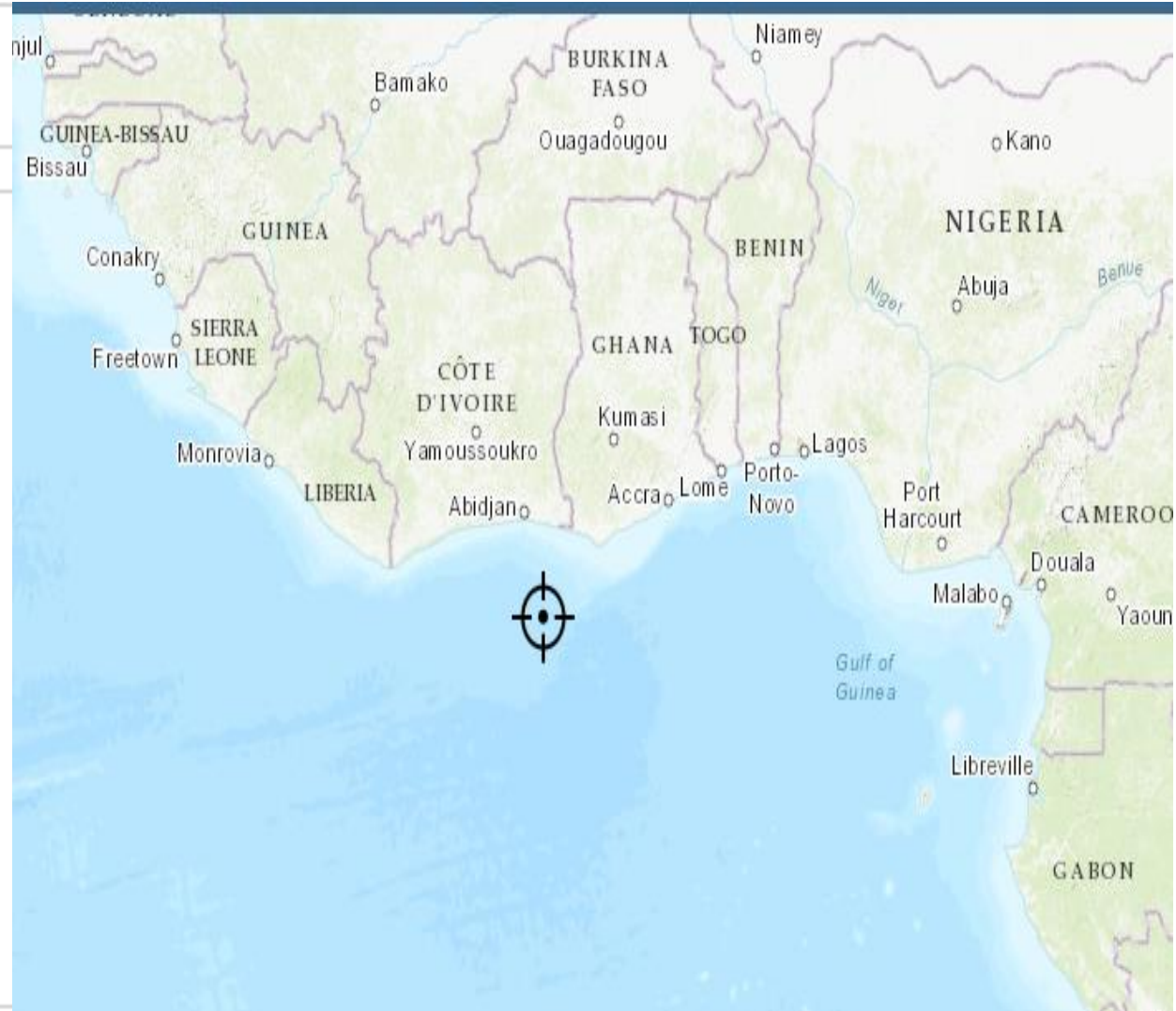
Seas: S 5 feet at 11 seconds.

Afternoon ▶

Moderate to strong SSW winds with choppy seas. Moderate short period waves.

Winds: SSW 18 to 25 knots.

Seas: SSW 6 feet at 8 seconds.



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DEFINITION OF TERMS

- **PIRACY**

(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 AT SEA**

Any unlawful act of Violence or Detention, or any act of Depredation or Threat other than an act of Piracy, directed against a Ship or against Persons or Property onboard such Ships, within a States jurisdiction over such offences.

- **HIJACK:** Vessels taken by attacker, no longer under the control of the master.

- **FIRED UPON/ATTACK:** Use of weapon by assailants at vessel or boarding with intent to take control of the vessel.

- **BOARDING:** Unauthorized boarding of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without taken control of the vessel.

- **ROBBERY:** Theft realize in territorial waters with threat or violence to crew.

- **THEFT:** Theft realize in territorial waters with no violence.

- **ILLEGAL UNREPORTED UNREGULATED FISHING.**

Illegal fishing conducted by national or foreign vessels in contravention of laws and regulations. Fishing conducted by vessels flying the flag of States that are parties to a regional fisheries management organization but operate in contravention of the conservation and management measures. Fishing in violation of national laws or international obligations. Fishing activities which have not been reported, or have been misreported. Fishing in the area of application of a regional fisheries management organization that are conducted by vessels without nationality. Fishing in areas or for fish stocks in relation to which there are no applicable conservation or management measures.

- **MARITIME MIGRATION.**

STOWAWAY: A person who hides on a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle 2. Someone who hides on a ship or aircraft to travel without having to pay.

- **ILLICIT TRADE.**

ILLEGAL BUNKERING: Bunkering is a term used to describe the process of filling a ship with oil (or coal). Illegal oil bunkering is a euphemism for theft.

- **OTHER MARITIME INCIDENTS.**

SUSPICIOUS APPROACH: All other unexplained activity in close proximity of an unknown vessel.

SIGHTING AND IRREGULAR ACTIVITY: All suspicious information with no proof of intent to board the vessel.



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