

ECOWAS MULTINATIONAL MARITIME COORDINATION
CENTRE (MMCC ZONE F)

WEEKLY MARITIME SECURITY AND SAFETY
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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.

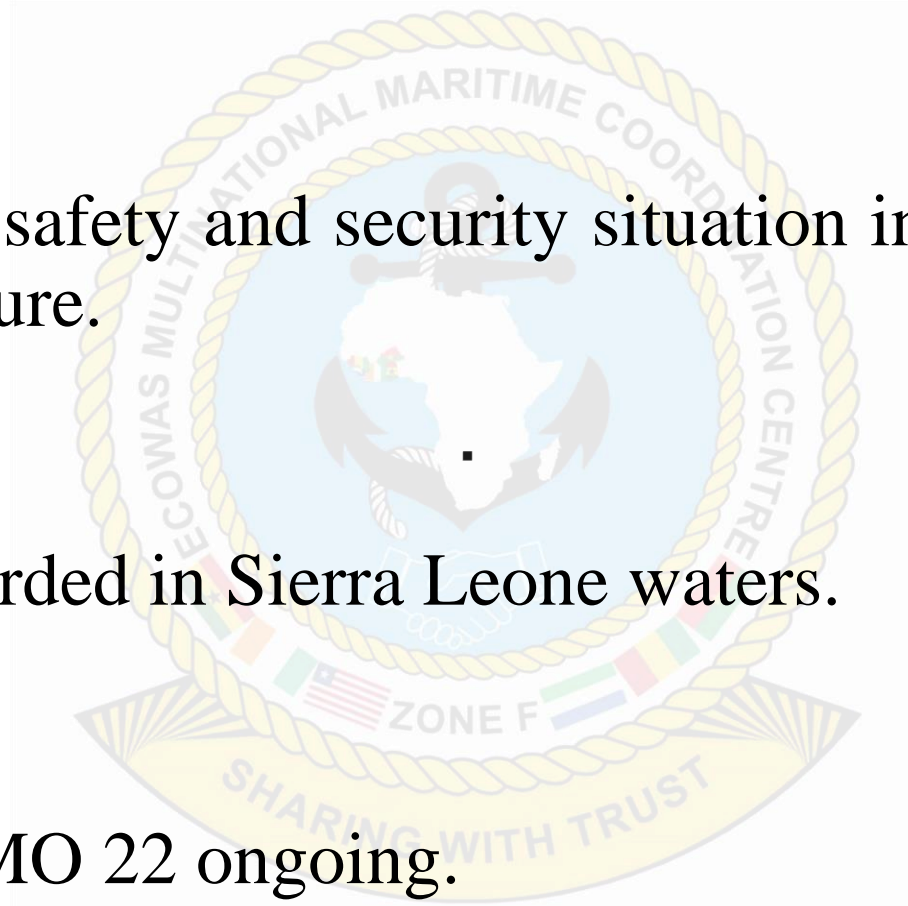
OVERVIEW

- The MMCC Zone F weekly report highlights the general maritime safety and security issues observed and coordinated by the Centre.

- The general maritime safety and security situation in Maritime Zone F remained safe and secure.

- One incident was recorded in Sierra Leone waters.

- African GRAND NEMO 22 ongoing.



INCIDENTS RECORDED

Category	Type of Incidents	No of Incident in Recorded				
		Ghana	Cote d'Ivoire	Liberia	Guinea	Sierra Leone
TERRORISM	Terrorism					
PIRACY/ ARMED ROBBERY	Hijacking					
	Kidnapping					
	Armed Robbery					
	Fired Upon					
	Robbery/Attempt Robbery					
	Attempt Boarding					
	Boarding					
	Theft					
ILLICIT TRAFIC	Human					
	Drug					
	Weapons/Ammunitions					
	Smuggling					
IUU FISHING	Industrial Fishing					
	Craft Fishing					
POLLUTION						
ILLICIT 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					
	Loss of ship					
	Sanitary Evacuation					
	Submerging					1
OTHERS	Warning/ Alert And Advisory					

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

SEARCH AND RESCUE – SIERRA LEONE

The Sierra Leonean authorities conducted a real live SAR activity. They deployed MCS CAROLINA to search for sinking boat from 6pm to 9pm. Reports from the Sierra Leonean maritime authorities indicates that the incident took place two weeks ago. The survivor claims that his colleagues died from hunger. Upon further interrogation it was revealed that the boat left Tombo wharf on 1 Oct 22 with 11 crew. It was also revealed that the survivor was a Ghanaian. He was not of sound mind and was traumatized from the incident. It was advised that he should be hospitalized for better medical attention which has been done. Upon his recovery, any further details received will be communicated.

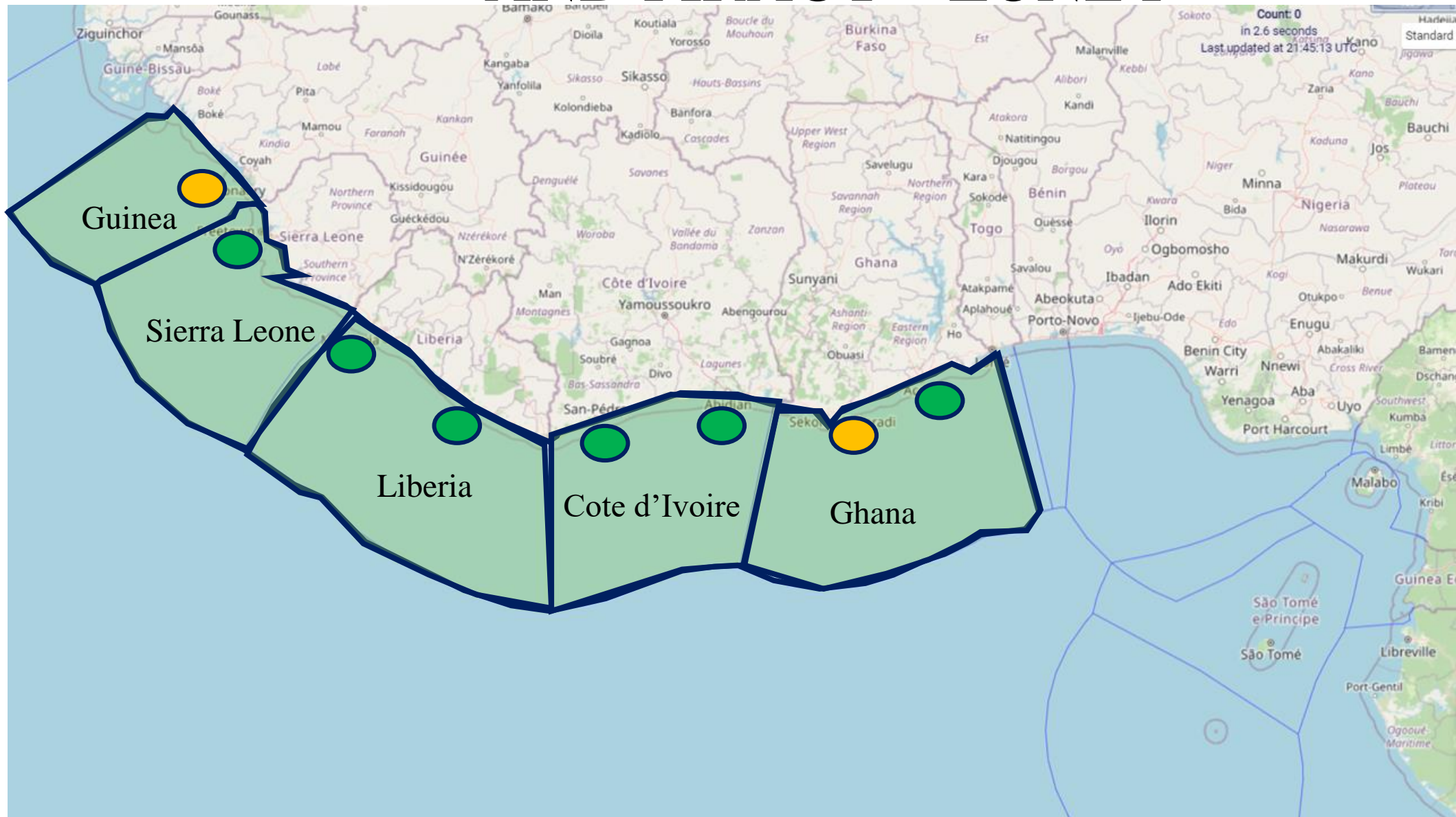
DETAILS OF INCIDENT



OTHER MARITIME ACTIVITIES – ZONE F

EVENT	DESCRIPTION	ACTIONS TAKEN
IUU FISHING	NTR	NTR
MARITIME POLLUTION	NTR	NTR
ILLEGAL TRANSFER	NTR	NTR
CYBER CRIME	NTR	NTR
DRUG TRAFFICKING	NTR	NTR
ILLEGAL MIGRATION	NTR	NTR

MARITIME RISK ANALYSIS ARMED ROBBERY AND PIRACY – ZONE F



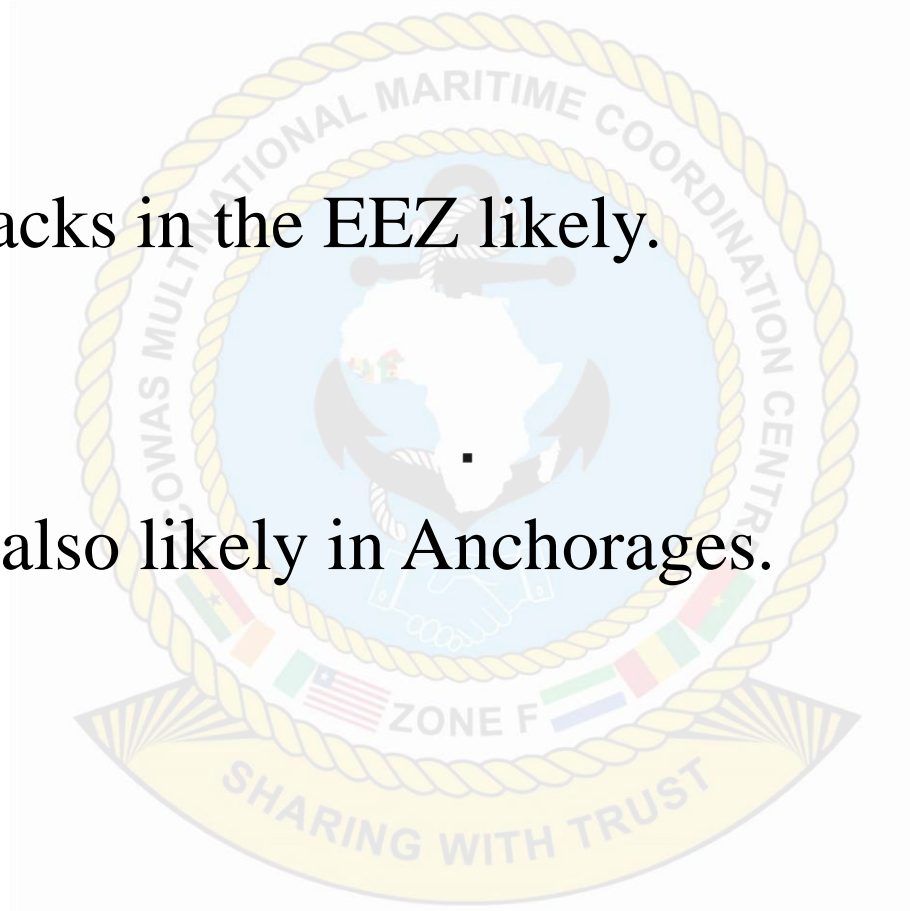
- Anchorage
- Low risk
- Medium risk
- High risk
- EEZ
- Low risk
- Medium risk
- High risk

FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Maritime Zone F is expected to be relatively safe.

- However pirate attacks in the EEZ likely.

- Armed Robbery is also likely in Anchorages.



MARITIME EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Category of Event	Ghana	Cote d'Ivoire	Liberia	Guinea	Sierra Leone	MMCC ZONE F
Conference/Seminars Training	NTR	NTR	NTR	NTR	NTR	NTR
Maritime Exercises	EX GANO	EX GANO	EX GANO	EX GANO	EX GANO	EX GANO
Others	NTR	NTR	NTR	NTR	NTR	NTR

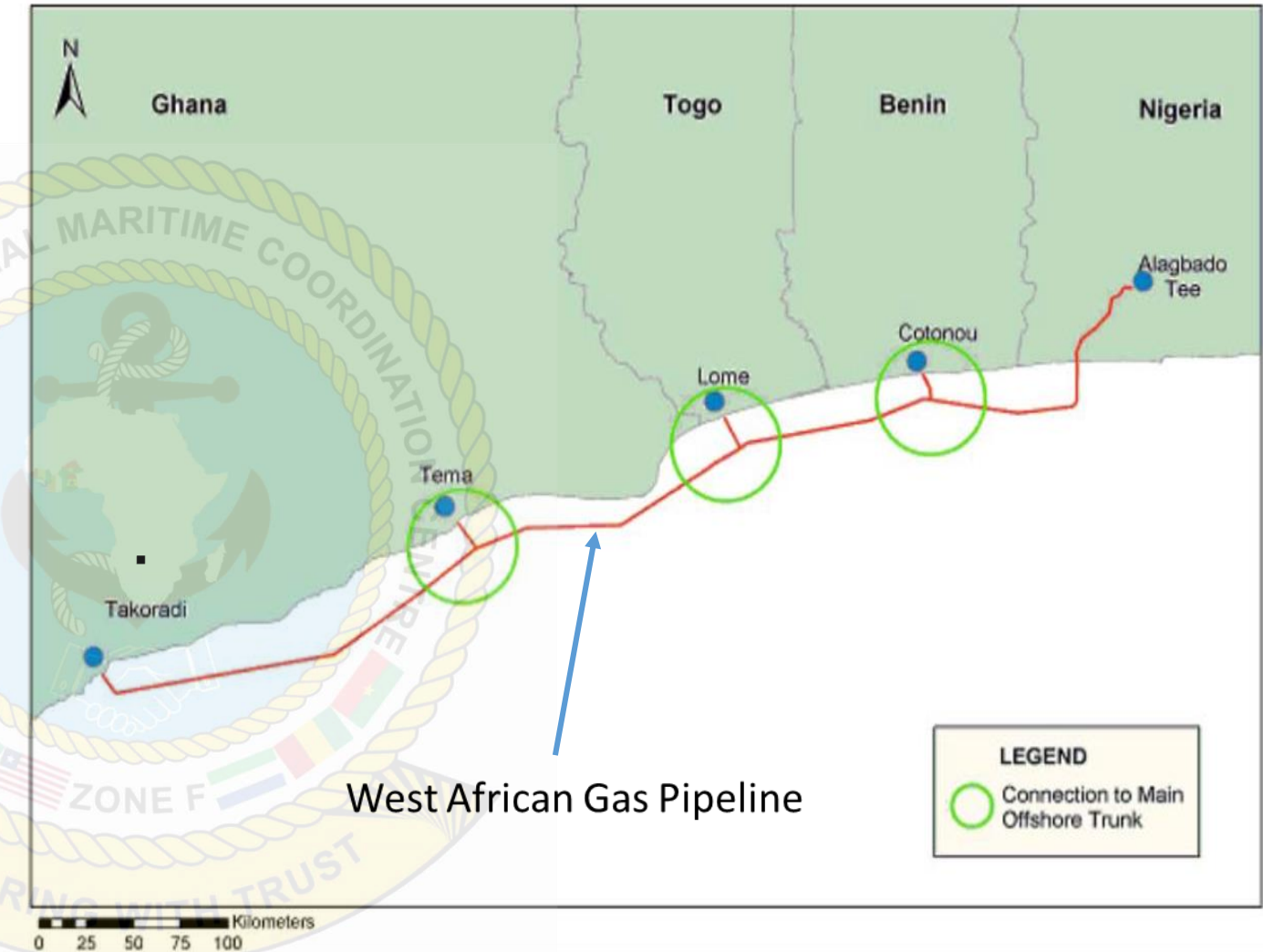
NOTICES

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 NEWS OF INTEREST

Maritime Security

IMO Committee Agree On Mandatory Draft Of SOLAS And MARPOL Requirements On Lost Containers

Containers lost overboard can be a serious hazard to navigation and safety at sea in general, in particular to recreational sailing vessels, fishing vessels and other small craft, as well as to the marine environment. The work of the Sub-Committee on detection and reporting of lost containers is also relevant to the Organization's work on addressing marine litter. The Sub-Committee agreed draft amendments to the SOLAS and MARPOL treaties. The draft amendments to SOLAS chapter V, on safety of navigation, will be submitted to the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), with a view to approval by MSC 107 (spring 2023) and subsequent adoption by MSC 108 (autumn 2023). The draft amendments add new paragraphs to SOLAS chapter V Regulation 31 on Danger messages. They would require the master of every ship involved in the loss of freight container(s), shall communicate the particulars of such an incident by appropriate means without delay and to the fullest extent possible to ships in the vicinity, to the nearest coastal State, and also to the flag State. The flag State would be required to report the loss of freight containers to IMO.

Source: <https://shippingposition.com.ng/liberia-investigates-alleged-stowaway-deaths-on-chinese-bulker/>

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Maritime Security

Nigeria To Exit Piracy Red List Soon – NIMASA

Director-General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA); Dr Bashir Jamoh said Nigeria's waters might no longer be designated as high-risk areas soon, given the concerted efforts that had ensured minimal cases of piracy in the Gulf of Guinea from late 2021 to date. The NIMASA DG disclosed this at the 53rd Session of the State House Briefing organised by the presidential communications team at the Aso Rock Villa, Abuja last week.



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