



# MDAT - GoG

## Weekly Report 23-16

18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November 16

### INCIDENT DISPOSITION

### IN THIS ISSUE

## Overview

The MDAT-GOG has been in operation since 20 June 16. Some vessels / masters are still attempting to register with the now closed MTISC-GOG. Masters and CSOs are urged to ensure they have the correct details; that can be found on SHOM Chart 8801CSD or UKHO Chart Q6114, 30 June 2016, to allow them to report their vessels when transiting the revised Vessel Registration Area (VRA), also described on both security charts with the MDAT-GOG, using the email address [watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org](mailto:watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org)

Companies / Ships Exercises. MDAT-GOG would like to extend an invitation to Companies / CSOs to be included in Company led exercises/drills. Please do not hesitate to contact the MDAT-GOG in advance of the exercise. The Exercise telephone number is +33 298 221302. As this keeps the Live Emergency Line free.

**Six** incidents to report this week – One attack and one attempted boarding on 19<sup>th</sup>, one boarding attempt on 20<sup>th</sup>, one irregular activity and one attack on 23<sup>rd</sup>, one attempted boarding on 24<sup>th</sup>.

Investigations are ongoing by MDAT-GoG concerning the irregular activity.

Masters are requested to call MDAT-GoG (+33 298 228888) at the time of any incident occurring. This phone number is monitored permanently (24/7). It is requested the Masters contact MDAT-GoG as soon as possible to facilitate quicker actions by the MDAT-GoG and their regional contacts.

### ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- [Naval Oceanic and Hydrographic Service \(SHOM\)](#)
- [NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)
- [NATO Shipping Centre – Alert Details](#)
- [NATO Shipping Centre – Piracy Update](#)
- [Best Management Practice \(BMP\)](#)
- [Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)
- [Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)
- [United Kingdom Hydrographic Office \(UKHO\)](#)
- [IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

### FUTURE EVENTS

| Date | Event | Location |
|------|-------|----------|
|      |       |          |

**1 – NIGERIA (Fairway buoy - ONNE):  
Attack against a security boat  
04°.01.00N / 007°03.00E**



On 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016 around 08:45 UTC,

A merchant vessel sighted one speed boat carrying several men on board in the inbound convoy to Onne.

Information was sent to a security boat that approached the suspect speed boat.

This last opened the fire against the security vessel which immediately retaliated and engaged the pursuit.

The assailants speed boat run away and the security vessel stopped the pursuit to come back in the convoy. The second escort vessel is remained with the convoy.

**MDAT-GoG Comment:**

This event refers ADVISORY 003/NOV/16.

**2 – NIGERIA (Fairway buoy - ONNE):  
Boarding attempt against a merchant  
vessel (04°.01.00N / 007°01.00E)**



On 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 12:03 UTC,

A merchant vessel was chased by a blue hull speed boat, carrying 8 persons.

Weapons were sighted but no shots have been fired.

Purchased vessel raised alarms and activated SSAS, performed manoeuvres and increased speed.

Chase lasted 20 minutes during which time speed boat attempted to hook a ladder on merchant vessel.

**MDAT-GoG Comment:**

This was the second event in this area on the same day.

This event refers to NAVAREA II 340/16 and WARNING 003/NOV/16.

**3 – NIGERIA (Lagos anch.):  
Boarding attempt against a merchant  
vessel (06°.19.00N / 003°18.00E)**



On 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 around 04:20 UTC,

A merchant vessel anchored off Lagos has been victim of a boarding attempt. During his routine round, a watchman found a man climbing the vessel, hanging on a rope. Officer on watch and watchmen raised the alarm, Once climbing man knew he was compromised, he turns back to his boat and escaped.

**MDAT-GoG Comment:**

This event refers to NAVAREA II 341/16 and ADVISORY 004/NOV/16.

**4 – NIGERIA (Bayelsa State) :  
Attack on merchant vessel  
(03°35.00N / 005°13.00E)**



On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 around 06:00 UTC,

A merchant vessel has been attacked by unknown pirates, at about 60NM from the shore. Alarm was raised, SSAS activated and crew reached to the citadel. Pirates opened fire, then the security team onboard returned fire. Pirates succeeded to board the vessel, before leaving her two hours later.

**MDAT-GoG Comment:**

This event refers to ADVISORY 005/NOV/16 and NAVAREA 344/16 – 345/16.

At the same place and a very close time, another incident would have occurred. Investigations are ongoing by MDAT-Gog concerning this irregular activity.

**5 – CONGO (Pointe Noire):  
Boarding attempt against a merchant  
vessel (04°44.00S / 011°47.00E)**



On **24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 around 21:00 UTC,**

A merchant vessel anchored off Pointe Noire has been victim of a boarding attempt. Watchman detected three men climbing up by anchor chain. Once they knew they were spotted, men jumped into the sea, escaped to their boat and left. Port control has been informed.

**MDAT-GoG Comment:**

This event refers to Advisory 006/NOV/16 and NAVAREA II 349/16

| ATTACKED, BOARDED OR HI-JACKED                                 |  |           |
|--|--|-----------|
| <b>(1) Attacked:</b>   |  |           |
| Two incidents: See details on P2 and P3.                       |  |           |
| <b>(2) Boarded:</b>  |  |           |
| Nil incidents  |  |           |
| <b>(3) Hijacked:</b>   |  |           |
| Nil Incidents  |  |           |
| <b>(4) Robbery/Sea theft:</b>                                  |  |           |
| Nil incidents.   |  |           |
| <b>(5) Suspicious approach/Sighting/Irregular activity:</b>    |  |           |
| One irregular activity. Investigations are ongoing by MDAT-Gog |  |           |
| Vessels / Crew under pirate control                            |  |           |
| Merchant vessel  |  | Personnel |
| Fishing vessel   |  | Personnel |
| Other crew still held  |  | Personnel |
| Total  |  | Personnel |

## WARNINGS

One warning has been issued this week

003/NOV/16: Boarding attempt against a merchant vessel (19NOV16)

## ADVISORIES

Three advisories have been issued this week

003/NOV/16: Attack against a security boat (19NOV16)  
 004/NOV/16: Boarding attempt against a merchant vessel (20/NOV/16)  
 005/NOV/16: Irregular activity around Agbami field (23NOV16)  
 006/NOV/16: Boarding attempt against merchant vessel (25/NOV/16)

## CONTACT

Contact the MDAT-GoG:  
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 Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 88 88 (emergency)  
 Phone : +33 (0) 2 98 22 13 02 (exercise)  
**Phones and mail are monitored 24/7.**

## NOTES

Any queries regarding these Advisory Notices ring:  
 0033 298 22 88 88 only, for further information.

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