



# WEEKLY REPORT



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# Maritime Security Incidents - Nigeria



## Reports

- No incidents to report from 13th to 20th March 2019

## Analysis

Following the successful kidnapping from the vessel *MV E Francis* last week, there has been the usual lull in maritime security incidents following a successful kidnap of crew.

As mentioned in last week's report, the events surrounding the attack on the *MV E Francis* should be studied by those deploying and employing armed escort vessels, particularly the following questions:

- What happens if the client vessel is attacked by two pirate boats, and which should the escort vessel engage first?
- Could the crew on board the client vessel have done more to protect themselves? In particular, did the crew muster in the citadel fast enough, and was the citadel secure enough?
- Does the escort vessel provide sufficient ballistic protection to the security personnel on board? Cheaper escort vessels likely do not carry ballistic protection.
- Could more be done to secure the client vessel, such as alternative security options, such as embarked armed and unarmed personnel?
- Could the client vessel sail a different route further offshore or away from areas that pirates have been continuously reported for the last week?

Current Threat Level: **HIGH**

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# Maritime Security - Recent History and Trends



## Port Security Statistics

### Number of incidents in last 6 months

Lagos	9
Takoradi	5
Onne	3
Conakry	2
Pointe Noire	2
Lomé	2
Abidjan	1

### Terminals and Anchorages with highest number of incidents in last 6 months

Secure Anchorage Area, Lagos	5
Takoradi Anchorage	5
STS and Main Anchorage, Lagos	3
Federal Lighter Terminal, Onne	2
Conakry Anchorage	2
Pointe Noire Anchorage	2

## Stowaway Statistics

	Last 3 months	Last 6 months	Last 12 months
Lagos	1	3	5
Takoradi	1	1	1
Conakry	2	2	3
Abidjan	1	1	1
Dakar	0	0	1
Douala	0	0	1
Freetown	0	0	1

## Piracy Statistics

### Vessels Attacked

This month	5
Since start of 2019	31
Since start of 2018	191

### Crew & Passengers Kidnapped

This month	13
Since start of 2019	30
Since start of 2018	225

### Incidents involving security forces and merchant vessels since start of 2018

Embarked Navy Guards	21
Armed Escort Vessel	7

### Success rate since start of 2018 (no crew kidnapped and vessel not hijacked)

Embarked Navy Guards	100%
Armed Escort Vessel	85%

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## Militant Activity

### Statements & Threats

17 March 2019. A group of Niger Delta activists have warned Buhari to listened to "the will of Rivers people" following governorship elections 10 days ago. Spokesperson "General" Izon Ebi criticised the handling of the elections and use of the Nigerian Army during the political process. The statement included the threat that "anything short of the people's will would lead to a full-blown oil war on the Nigerian economy".

19 March 2019. The Nigerian Navy handed over to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission the vessel *MV Swordfish 5* (IMO 9572408) and its crew for carrying illegally bunkered diesel.

### Attacks

No incidents to report

## Community Conflict

14 March 2019. 7 passengers, including an injured Nigerian Navy officer, kidnapped from a bus in Ikwerre LGA, Rivers State were released through intervention from the Commander of the anti-kidnapping unit.

16 March 2019. 6 persons killed by members of the Icelanders cult group in Khana LGA, Rivers State. The victims are believed to be members of the Deebam cult group.

18 March 2019. 3 National Youth Service Corps members working in Delta State were shot and wounded by gunmen during an armed robbery.

## Industrial Action

No incidents to report.

**Current Militant Threat Level: MEDIUM**

**Current Community Threat Level: HIGH**

**Current Strike/Industrial Action Threat Level: MEDIUM**

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## Shipping News

Retired Nigerian Navy Admiral Dele Ezioba has stated that piracy attacks have been linked to off-duty crew members that lead others to attack their own vessels, and also stated that the Nigerian Navy should be the "lead agency in the fight to combat piracy", and that the lack of an efficient regulatory body is responsible for lapses in Nigerian waters. The admiral also claimed that the \$195 million maritime security contract awarded to HIL Security Systems and Technologies would fail.

Shell has stated that its operations in Nigeria could be impacted if the business environment in Nigeria deteriorates, citing the recent claim from Nigeria for payment of unpaid taxes.

Total have been awarded the exclusive right to begin oil exploration in 3 blocks (7,8 and 11) within the Nigeria and Sao Tome and Principe Joint Development Zone.

Eni has made a major discovery in Block 15/06 in Angolan waters, estimated to contain up to 650 million barrels of light oil.

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