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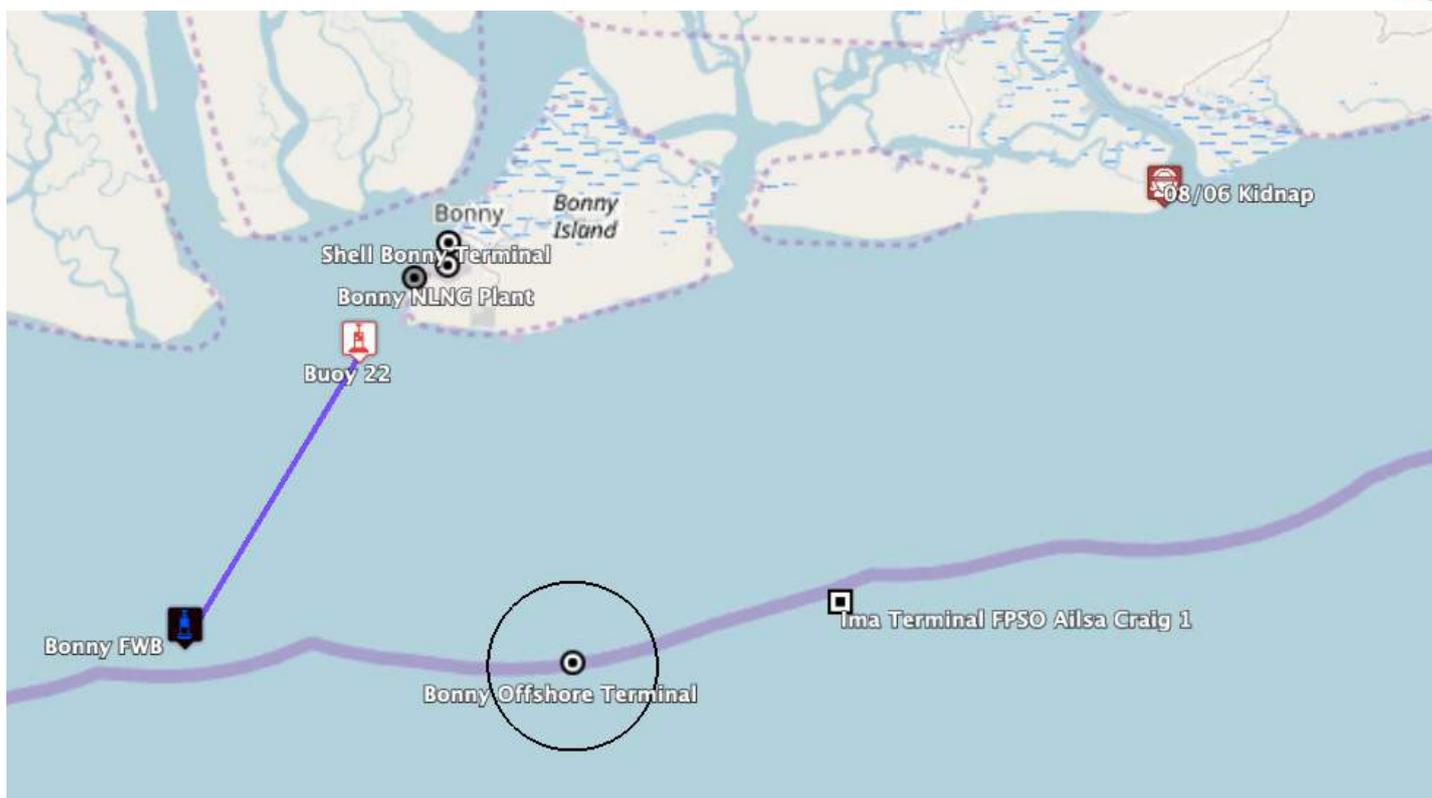
Headquartered in London, UK and with branch offices in Lomé, Togo, Cotonou, Benin and Lagos, Nigeria, Africa Risk Compliance Limited (ARC) was established to bring together a team of Africa experts to address challenges faced by those operating in Africa. With roots in the security sector, our key service offering is the management and arrangement of security in the complex jurisdictions of the nations around the Gulf of Guinea.

ARC's range of services in West Africa include Security, Underwater Services, Operational Support and Agency Services, acting on behalf of our clients to advise and guide on the options available, allowing improved and informed decision making. Our depth of knowledge and experience in West Africa has resulted in the development of our business offerings that go far beyond basic security, meaning that our clients can rest assured that their assets and people are safe when ARC are engaged. We take pride in the fact that on so many occasions and with any range of problems encountered, from maritime security to immigration, from hull cleaning to marine equipment procurement, we have always been positioned to support our clients need.

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Maritime Security Incidents - Nigeria



Reports

- **8 June 2019. Kidnap for Ransom. Inyong-Orong Waters, Andoni LGA, Rivers, Nigeria.** 3 Lebanese employees of Raffoul Nigeria Limited, a road construction company, were kidnapped from the company's dredging site at Inyong-Orong waters in Andoni LGA. The kidnappers attacked the site in speedboats and armed with GPMG and AK47 rifles. 2 armed security personnel on the site were overpowered and had their rifles stolen.

Analysis

Whilst there is currently a high level of robbery and kidnapping in the creeks and waterways of the Niger Delta region, there has not been a major piracy incident offshore Nigeria since early May. This pattern fits the usual quiet time of May and June, with the last 4 years showing the same pattern. Whilst the threat may be lower offshore, there is still a significant threat of attacks on vessels near to shore and navigating inland waterways.

Current Inland Waters Threat Level: HIGH

Current Offshore Threat Level: MEDIUM

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Port Security Statistics

Number of incidents in last 6 months

Lagos	9
Onne	7
Takoradi	3
Lomé	2
Conakry	1
Douala	1
Abidjan	1

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

STS and Main Anchorage, Lagos	5
Secure Anchorage Area, Lagos	3
Takoradi Anchorage	3
Federal Ocean Terminal, Onne	3
Federal Light Terminal, Onne	3
Lomé Anchorage	2
Douala Anchorage	1

Stowaway Statistics - Number of Incidents

	Last 3 months	Last 6 months	Last 12 months
Lagos	0	2	4
Takoradi	0	1	1
Conakry	0	2	2
Abidjan	0	1	1
Cotonou	1	1	2
Dakar	0	0	0
Douala	0	0	0

Piracy Statistics

Vessels Attacked

This month (last 30 days)	15
Since start of 2019	77
Since start of 2018	238

Crew & Passengers Kidnapped

This month (last 30 days)	14
Since start of 2019	53
Since start of 2018	248

Incidents involving security forces and merchant vessels since start of 2018

Embarked Navy Guards	25
Armed Escort Vessel	8

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

A new militant group called the *Akwa Ibom Avengers* has issued a statement declaring that they are "fighting for the liberation of the Oil Producing Areas and Akwa Ibom in general" due to the "oil operation, marginalisation and neglect of the oil-producing area by the Federal government of Nigeria and the multinational oil companies." The militant group issued a 3 month ultimatum to Exxon Mobil Nigeria to "staff all the indigenes of Akwa Ibom State...(and) return all their unprofessional foreigners". The demand was also made to Oriental Energy, Addax, Moni-Pulo, Chevron, Amni International, Universal Energy, Frontier Oil, Total, Mobil and "many others including their servicing companies should relocate their headquarters to Akwa Ibom".

It has been claimed that the militant group *Network of Niger Delta Republic Fighters* who threatened to declare Niger Delta independence in May removed their threat due to intervention from local traditional rulers and ex-militants who warned the group that they would lead security agencies to the group if they went ahead with their threat.

A coalition of militant groups led by "Major General" Johnmark Ezon-Ebi, as well as the national president of the Ijaw Peoples Development Initiative Mr Eric Omare, stated that "high-ranking officials of government and security agencies were the major illegal oil bunkerers, who steal crude oil from the Niger Delta and sell overseas through proxies". This follows recent statements from the Governor of Rivers State, Nyesom Wike, which accused the Nigerian Army of running illegal bunkering operations in the region.

Attacks

Nothing to report.

Community Conflict

The communities near an Chevron oil well that has been on fire since 18 April 2019 protested at the weekend and demanded that the state government should intervene to save them from "impending health risks". A local leader stated that the well-head fire had worsened since Monday when some Chevron contractors conducted works, "spreading the fire horizontally and releasing huge plume of smoke and soot over the community." Chevron has blamed the incident on "third party interference", usually used as a euphemism for attempts to illegally tap oil infrastructure.

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Industrial Action

Nothing to report.

Current Militant Threat Level: MEDIUM

Current Community Threat Level: MEDIUM

Current Strike/Industrial Action Threat Level: MEDIUM

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The Nigerian Government has begun the process to recover funds lost from oil majors through underpayment and tax avoidance. The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, Nigerian Agip Oil Exploration Company, Shell Petroleum Development Company and Nigeria Petroleum Development Company are being sued by the Nigerian Government. The oil companies are expected to have filed their responses to the government's legal action by 17 September 2019.

In an agreement with Angola's National Agency for Petroleum, Gas and Biofuels, Exxon Mobil intends to increase investment in Block 15 in Angolan waters to increase production by 40,000 barrels per day.

Nigerian state-owned refineries in Port Harcourt, Kaduna and Warri have lost over US\$638 billion in the last 4 years due to delays in planned repairs and time sitting idle.

The Nigerian Port Authority has approved a 10% discount on harbour dues at all concession ports in the Eastern Ports in Calabar, Delta and Rivers states in an attempt to increase vessel traffic calling at the ports and to ease the congestion at Lagos. The discount will not apply to vessels arriving in ballast, vessels calling at private jetties nor vessels carrying liquid bulk.

Nigerian oil and gas company Pelfaco has signed a production sharing deal with Republic of Congo's state energy firm on a 32 million barrel oil field.



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