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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

- **20 June 2019. Armed Robbery (successful). Calabar River, Nigeria.** A passenger boat was attacked by 6 armed men in a speed boat coming from Obong Nim Camp in Effiat district. Some passengers were injured.

Analysis

The waters on the Cameroon-Nigeria border, the Bakassi Peninsular and Calabar River have seen a number of incidents this year. Unrest in the area caused by the internal conflict in Cameroon between the Anglophone-speaking region on the border with Nigeria and the Francophone majority has been a major reason for increased criminality in the area due to increase in refugees coming across from Cameroon and the presence of criminal gangs in the area.

Further details have been released on the attack on a cargo vessel on 10th June 2019. 4 Cameroonian crew members (Captain, Chief Mate, Chief Engineer and 2nd Engineer) were kidnapped.

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	6
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 Lighter Terminal, Onne	3
Federal Ocean 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	1	4
Takoradi	0	1	1
Conakry	0	2	2
Abidjan	0	1	1
Cotonou	1	2	3
Dakar	1	1	1
Lomé	1	1	1
Freetown	1	1	1

Piracy Statistics

Vessels Attacked

This month (last 30 days)	12
Since start of 2019	79
Since start of 2018	240

Crew & Passengers Kidnapped

This month (last 30 days)	7
Since start of 2019	57
Since start of 2018	252

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

The *Reformed Niger Delta Avengers*, a spin-off group from the *Niger Delt Avengers*, and a coalition of nine other militant groups called on President Buhari to pay the Niger Delta communities the 13% Derivation Fund direct to communities rather than via State Governors, who they accused of mismanaging the money.

Attacks

Nothing to report.

Community Conflict

Nothing to report.

Industrial Action

Members of the Izomba clan in Oguta LGA, Imo state, barricaded the offices of Seplat Oil Company on 22 June 2019, claiming that the oil company had started operations in the area without any agreement with the local community. The group warned that if the company did not halt operations and enter negotiations with the community then the violence that the area saw in 2006 "may repeat itself".

The Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria has issued a two-week strike ultimatum to the Nigerian Federal Government to force international oil companies to pay all outstanding bills to dockworkers, who are owed over a years' wages.

Current Militant Threat Level: LOW

Current Community Threat Level: MEDIUM

Current Strike/Industrial Action Threat Level: MEDIUM

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A pipeline explosion in Komkom community, Oyigbo, Rivers state has killed about 20 persons dead and created a fire that lasted several hours. NNPC and SPDC officials stated that the explosion was due to a faulty valve. Many of the victims were people who had gone to the faulty pipeline to scoop up fuel.

Lekoil, the oil explorer with interests in Nigeria and Namibia, published results on 19 June 2019, and showed that the company is struggling to perform. Reasons cited included high executive pay and failing to meet licensing obligations in Nigeria, where the company is currently in a legal dispute over a 22.86% stake in OPL 310 which the Nigerian federal high court has ruled was invalid as it failed to secured ministerial consent.

Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation will resume searching for oil in the Chad basin, following suspension of activities when personnel were kidnapped in 2017.

The Nigerian Navy have unveiled the country's first indiginously produced nautical chart since 1976.

President Buhari of Nigeria has appointed a new head of the country's state oil company, NNPC. Mele Kolo Kyari, a geologist from Borno state, will take over as group managing director from Maikanti Baru.

Switzerland has demanded a UN tribunal to order the release of a Swiss-owned tanker, the MT *San Padre Pio*, which has been detained with senior crew in Nigeria since January 2018 for allegedly transporting illegal oil product cargo.

Angola is once again increasing fuel production after a slump last year to a decade low. The increase is due to reforms to the country's economy lead by President Joao Lourenco and has been welcomed by oil companies

Namibia has commissioned a new naval base on Impalila Island in the Zambezi region.



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