



# WEEKLY REPORT



05/06/19

Maritime Security | Underwater Services | Operations Support | Agency Services

London | Lomé | Cotonou | Lagos



## Contents

Maritime Security Incidents	Page
• Nigeria	2
• Recent History & Trends	3
<b>Militancy, Community Conflict and Industrial Action</b>	4
<b>West Africa Shipping News</b>	5

## Africa Risk Compliance

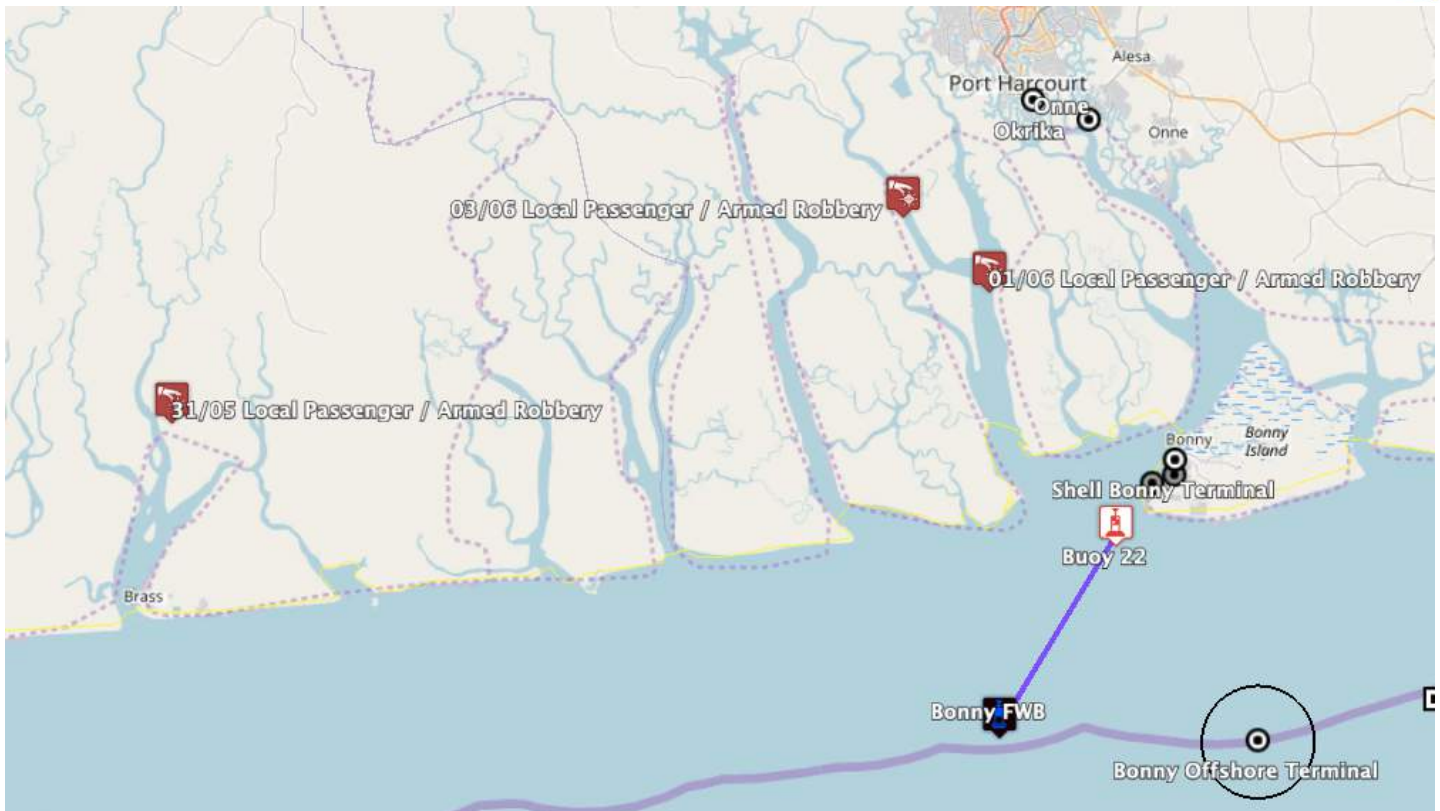
Headquartered in London, UK and with branch offices in Lomé, Togo, Cotonou, Benin and Lagos, Nigeria, Africa Risk Compliance Limited (ARC) was established to bring together a team of Africa experts to address challenges faced by those operating in Africa. With roots in the security sector, our key service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

Visit Us:



# Maritime Security Incidents - Nigeria



## Reports

- **31 May 2019. Armed Robbery (successful). Between Cawthorne and Nembe Creeks, Rivers, Nigeria.** Whilst sailing between Cawthorne and Nembe Creeks in Rivers state, an NPDC crew change personnel passengers boat was attacked by approximately 15 armed men, which exchanged gunfire with the security escort. 1 soldier was fatally wounded and 2 others, including a security staff member of SPDC, were wounded. The attackers then fled.
- **1 June 2019. Armed Robbery (successful). New Calabar River, Rivers, Nigeria.** A speed boat carrying passengers was attacked by robbers. Passengers had money, phones and valuables stolen and were then abandoned in a nearby mangrove.
- **2 June 2019. Armed Robbery (unsuccessful). New Calabar River, Rivers, Nigeria.** Attempted attack on passenger boat by robbers.
- **3 June 2019. Armed Robbery (successful). New Calabar River, Rivers, Nigeria.** 5 passenger boats were attacked by sea robbers. 2 passengers wounded by gunshots and 1 killed. Money, phones and valuables stolen and passengers abandoned in nearby mangrove. Victims reported that robbers were dressed in military uniform.

## Analysis

Creeks and small rivers across the Niger Delta regularly see incidents against local passenger and commercial craft. Usually it is opportunistic criminality, however certain speedboats can be targeted for their high-power outboard engines, and if high-value targets are known to be on board (local chiefs, government officials or employees or contractors of oil companies) they may be targeted for kidnapping.

**Current Threat Level: HIGH**

To request a quote, please email [operations@arcafrica.com](mailto:operations@arcafrica.com)



## 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)	25
Since start of 2019	77
Since start of 2018	238

### Crew & Passengers Kidnapped

This month (last 30 days)	11
Since start of 2019	50
Since start of 2018	245

### 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%

To request a quote, please email  
[operations@arcafrica.com](mailto:operations@arcafrica.com)



## Militant Activity

### Statements & Threats

A militant group called the “Niger Delta Republic Fighters” or “The Network of Niger Delta Republic Fighters” (depending on source) that threatened to declare a Niger Delta Republic on 1st June 2019 if oil companies did not leave the Delta region have issued no further statements or threats, despite claiming they would in the original threat.

### Attacks

Nothing to report.

## Community Conflict

A Niger Delta group, the Ifalibobou Revolutionary Movement (IRM) says safety concerns over the state of an oil rig deployed to oilfields at Koluama coastal communities in Bayelsa are being addressed. The group said that efforts were being made by leadership of the Koluama communities Rural Development Board to respond to their concerns and explain recent developments in the area. The group had on 7 May 2019 issued an ultimatum to First Exploration and Petroleum Development Company (First E&P) to clarify the safety records of the rig within 72 hours to avoid a repeat of the 2012 rig disaster in the area.

## Industrial Action

Nothing to report.

**Current Militant Threat Level: MEDIUM**

**Current Community Threat Level: MEDIUM**

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

To request a quote, please email  
[operations@arcafrica.com](mailto:operations@arcafrica.com)



An explosion hit Cameroon's only refinery in Limbe on 31 May 2019 in the anglophone region which has seen serious unrest over the last 18 months. According to a statement from the National Oil Refinery (SONARA), there was serious damage and production stopped. However, there was no loss of life or injuries. The refinery has declared force majeure, and as yet no reason has been given for the explosion, with government denying separatists were involved.

Switzerland has appealed to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in order to force Nigeria to release the tanker MT *San Padre Pio* which has been detained off Port Harcourt for a year and a half after being arrested in January 2018.

On 3 June 2019, Nigerian Police shut down the head office of Oanda PLC in Lagos after the Securities and Exchange Commission appointed an interim management team and ordered the group's CEO and other board members to resign.

Ghana plans to host the regional chiefs of the Navy from coastal countries in West Africa for a "strategic gathering" aimed at "addressing critical issues such as interdicting regional maritime security threats, inter-agency cooperation as well as identifying the key solutions and partners required to achieve greater stability on the Gulf of Guinea". The conference will take place in Accra, Ghana, on 24th and 25th July 2019.

Maersk has conducted a study into why shippers and importers prefer to call at Onne port over Port Harcourt port. The study showed that Onne has a combination of better security at Onne, more reliable port operations (including a smoother customs process and less interference from other government agencies), a larger draft level and a larger storage area.



The guidance and advice in reports issued by Africa Risk Compliance Limited is based on information received from sources at the time of publication. Africa Risk Compliance limited shall not be held liable for any damages, costs or injuries that arise out of the provision of reports, and assumes no liability for the accuracy of the information provided.

This report is copyright of Africa Risk Compliance Limited © 2019. All rights reserved.

If you wish to use the information provided in this report, express written permission must be received from Africa Risk Compliance Limited and Africa Risk Compliance Limited must be identified as the source of the information.

**+44 203 (0) 151 0170**

**info@arcafrica.com**

**AFRICA RISK COMPLIANCE LIMITED**

**LONDON | LOME | COTONOU | LAGOS**