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# Intelligence Report

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## A. North Africa

### *Gun battles in Benghazi...*



Following a State of Emergency for 48 hours announced last week in Libya, clashes have erupted between armed militias, notably Ansar al-Sharia, and the Libyan troops. The gun battle happened on Monday in the eastern city of Benghazi between the two groups and has killed at least nine people and wounded at least 47. The army has now declared a state of alert in Benghazi. The fighting broke out as a result of an army Special Forces unit chasing a suspect into an area of the city, where Ansar al-Sharia operates its own checkpoints. Locals have been told to stay indoors.

Prime Minister Ali Zeidan is currently in London meeting the US Secretary of State John Kerry and the British Foreign Secretary William Hague, who have both vowed to support Libya.

On Tuesday, oil workers and civil servants went on strike in the Libyan port city of Benghazi, protesting about this deterioration in security following the deadly clashes between militia and the army. Many schools, shops and businesses have closed down following the strike

### *Army depot in Southern Libya targeted...*



Over 40 people were killed on Thursday, following an explosion at an army depot in the southern city of Brak al-Chati, after 43 locals and African entered the depot to steal ammunition. This incident highlights the problems that the Libyan army are having trying to secure their resources in a country that has become very unstable and awash with well-armed militia.

### *African immigrants deported from Libya...*



Addressing the issues of armed militia, and the influx of refugees and Islamic militants, Libya deported more than 500 African immigrants on Wednesday to Niger, in the hope of regaining control of the instability rocking the country. Weak border controls and a small army lacking training and equipment have turned Libya into a weapons smuggling route for al-Qaeda in sub-Saharan countries and a transit route for Islamist fighters heading to Syria's civil war. At present, 4,875 illegal immigrants of various nationalities were being held in detention centres in Libya.

### *Egypt issue new law that introduces need for permission to protest...*



On Wednesday, the interim Prime Minister of Egypt announced a new law which requires citizens to apply for permission at least six hours in advance, before they can march in peaceful protests. This in itself has prompted further protests against the law, which the government says is necessary.

### *15 Egyptian females sentenced to 11 years in jail...*



In the same week, the government is making an example of those who choose to protest, by handing out an eleven year jail sentence each, to a group of 21 girls and women, who took part in a peaceful protest in Alexandria against the ousting of president Morsi. Some of the girls are only 15 years old and they will stay in a detention centre until they reach the age where they can be transferred to an adult prison.

Also Six men, described by prosecutors as Muslim Brotherhood leaders, were sentenced to 15-year terms, accused of being members of a "terrorist organisation."

These sentences seem extremely harsh and will do nothing to bring stability to the region or deter those determined to protest. Furthermore, the unfairness of the sentence for the peaceful protestors and the Muslim Brotherhood leaders will not go unnoticed.



**Prominent Egyptian blogger arrested...**



Following the new law regarding protesting, Alaa Abdul Fattah, a prominent activist, has been arrested, accused of calling people to protest in defiance of the new law. The arrest took place on Thursday night, after police raided his Cairo home. Reports say that his wife was beaten during the arrest and his laptop computer was seized.

**B. East/West Africa**

**\$50m of cocaine seized off Guyana...**



A Guyana-registered ship, MV Atiyah, was seized off the Guyana coast last week, containing 400kg of cocaine, with a value of \$50m, by the Guyana navy. The five on-board, four Guyanese and a Ghanaian have this week pleaded guilty to the charges of engaging in a criminal conspiracy and transportation of narcotics without authority.

The vessel was monitored at sea after leaving South America and detained by anti-narcotics officers working with the Ghana navy once it entered territorial waters. In recent years, Latin American drug cartels have increasingly used West Africa's weak coastal

states, including Ghana, as transit points for drugs being smuggled to the lucrative European market.

### *France sends 1,000 troops to the Central African Republic...*



Urgent action is called for by the UN as the Central African Republic (CAR) descends into chaos. Jan Eliasson urged the Security Council to strengthen the African Union-led force in the country, and to turn it into a UN peacekeeping operation. As a result, France has said that they are prepared to contribute 1,000 troops to the region. The UN has warned that a cycle of violence between the Muslim minority, now in power, and the Christian majority could become a genocide. It is not known how many people have been killed in the conflict this year because it is too

dangerous to access the rural areas where most killings occur. The country has little in the way of schools and hospitals that are functional and regularly recruit child soldiers, said to be in the region of around 3,500. The crisis has caused at least 10% of the 4.6 million population to flee the country. Armed gangs, mainly former Seleka rebels, who are mostly Muslim, now control most of the landlocked country, despite the group being formally disbanded.

## **C: Asia**

### *Tension in the East China Sea...*



Tensions are once again escalating between China and Japan over the disputed islands, known as Diaoyu in China and Senkaku in Japan, after China announced an air defence zone over the East China Sea, encompassing the disputed islands at the weekend. This is being seen as 'unnecessarily inflammatory' by the Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Both countries have carried out actions that have seemed provocation for retaliation by the other over the past year particularly. Over the past year, Chinese ships have been sailing in and out of Japanese territorial waters, and Japan has

scrambled fighter jets in response to Chinese military aircraft flying into Japanese air space with alarming frequency. In recent weeks, China accused Japan of "dangerous provocation" after Japanese naval and air patrol got too close to a Chinese live ammunition drill. Beijing was left fuming after Japan placed missiles on the islands as part of a huge military drill. Some are warning of an impending war between the two countries if a suitable agreement is not reached over the territory, which has huge natural resources.



Following this re-designation, China monitored two US bombers that flew across its newly declared 'air defence identification zone' on Wednesday, much to the annoyance of the American's, who side with Japan on this issue. Japan says China's new zone is "invalid" and has asked its airlines not to provide flight information to the Chinese. The US flight is being seen as a clear signal that the US will not recognise Chinese control over its newly-declared zone. The military tension is building in this area and close attention will be given to any further actions by both

sides. By Thursday of this week, both Japan and South Korea had flown planes through the zone without gaining permission, both saying that they were carrying out routine surveillance activities.

### *Protests in Thailand...*



Four days of protests in Thailand have forced the closure of the top crime fighting agency. The protestors are wanting the government to step down, amid accusations that the government are still being controlled by the Prime Minister's brother, Thaksin Shinwatra, who is in self-imposed exile after fleeing before the end of a corruption trial in 2008. His sister, Yingluck Shinawatra lead the Pheu Thai party to a general election win in 2011, mainly thanks to a large rural vote, but many urban and middle-class voters are bitterly opposed to them, as they see the corruption continuing. The protests are being led by

former opposition Democrat Party lawmaker Suthep Thaugsuban, for whom police have issued an arrest warrant. Reassurance has been given that the military will not be used to end the protests, as the police have everything under control.

Yingluck Shinawatra survived a vote of no-confidence in parliament on Thursday and she made an appeal to the protestors to stop their sit-ins in government buildings. Whether this will appease the protestors remains to be seen.



## D: Indian Ocean

### *Death penalty recommended for the Italian marines...*



The National Investigation Agency (NIA) in India, has recommended that the two Italian marines accused of killing the two Indian fishermen, whilst working as security guards on board an Italian-flagged oil tanker, be charged under an Act that carries a mandatory death penalty. The lawyers of the marines, Massimiliano Latorre said that their clients mistook the fishermen for pirates and fired warning shots into the water. The two marines do not admit killing anyone or aiming directly at the fishing boat. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) are keen to resolve the issue and ensure that the

two marines are not prosecuted under the Act. This case has gone backwards and forwards for some time now, with no signs of a resolution.

## E: South America

### *Trouble between the Dominican Republic and Haiti...*



The hostility between the Dominican Republic and Haiti has deepened this week, as two Dominicans were killed last week in the town of Neiba during what appears to be a burglary and a Dominican mob retaliating by killing a Haitian man.

As a result, the authorities have expelled at least 350 Haitians and people of Haitian descent and others have fled fearing mob violence by Dominicans. This fear is very real, as tensions have been building for some time.

On Wednesday, a rescue operation was underway in the Bahamas, after a 12m (40ft) vessel carrying Haitian migrants ran aground and capsized, with up to 30 people known to have drowned. It



is not known whether the sudden migration of so many Haitians are related to the recent troubles, but it would come as no surprise to find out that they are fleeing, fearing for their lives.

### *World Cup venues string of disasters...*



This week has been a difficult week for the preparations for the World Cup in Brazil.

On Tuesday, the Arena Pantanal in Cuiaba, saw plastic foam, being used for insulation purposes, catching fire sending black smoke billowing from the nearly completed stadium.

Sources report that the infrastructure of the stadium was not damaged, but organisers are still worried that the 44,000 seats required in the stadium, will not be fitted by the 31<sup>st</sup> December deadline set by FIFA.

Only a day later, at the Sao Paulo stadium, which is due to host the opening ceremony of the World Cup, three construction workers were killed, when a crane collapsed into part of the stands, causing a portion of the roof to collapse.

### *World record for longest rickshaw journey...*



Two British men have broken the world record for the longest journey in a tuk-tuk, after setting off from London in 2012 in their 395cc rickshaw. They crossed 37 countries and covered over 23,300 miles before reaching Lima, Peru. They had to pull their rickshaw the last 43 miles and still intend to continue on to Chile, where they will have travelled the length of the circumference of the earth.

## F: Rest of the World

### *Radical Islamist arrested in Moscow...*



On Wednesday, a group of radical Islamists have been arrested in the Russian capital Moscow. They are thought to belong to the Egyptian group, At-Takfir Wal-Hijra and were captured during an early morning raid at tower blocks in the east of the city. It is said the security forces found three home-made bombs, detonators and fuses, hand grenades and guns.

### *Ali Mohamad Ali found not guilty of piracy...*



A US court has found Ali Mohamad Ali, not guilty of piracy after a much publicised case, where he acted as a negotiator for pirates in 2008, when they took over a Danish merchant ship in the Gulf of Aden. Ali has spent over two and a half years in jail, before the trial, which was questioned on numerous occasions by the chief prosecutor. He must now wait to see the verdict on the two lesser charges of hostage-taking and conspiracy to commit hostage-takers.

## Piracy Incidents by Region

### RED SEA/ HIGH RISK AREA

No reported incidents.

### INDONESIA

#### ***Boarding...***



On the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, whilst berthed in Dumai Port, Indonesia, 1°42'0"N - 101°32'0"E thieves boarded a Product Tanker unnoticed during cargo operations. They stole engine spares and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds by the duty crew.

#### ***Boarding...***



On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, whilst anchored at Belawan anchorage, Indonesia, 03°55'N - 098°45'E, the Duty Officer on the bridge noticed one thief escaping from the vessel. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the thieves had managed to get access to the forecastle store and had stolen ship equipment.

#### ***Attempted boarding...***



On the 24<sup>th</sup> November, whilst at anchor in Dumai anchorage, Indonesia, 01°42'N - 101°29'E a wooden boat approached a Chemical Tanker at anchor. The thieves attempted to board the vessel via the poop deck and were spotted by alert crew, who raised the alarm and started the fire pump. When the thieves realised they had been spotted, they aborted the attempt to board and moved away.



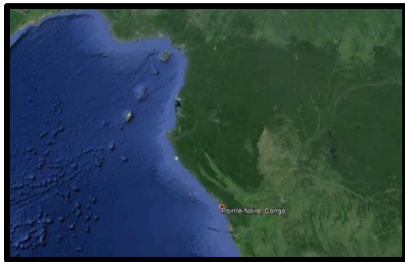
## EAST/WEST AFRICA

No reported incidents.



## GULF OF GUINEA

### ***Boarding...***



On the 24<sup>th</sup> November, whilst anchored offshore from Pointe Noire, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), in position 04°45'6"S - 011°49'9"E a Tug was boarded by thieves. The alert Duty Watchman spotted the would-be thieves and alerted the Duty Officer, who raised the alarm. When the thieves realised they had been seen, they jumped overboard and escaped with some ship's supplies. All of the crew are safe.



## SOUTH CHINA SEA

No reported incidents.



## SOUTH AMERICA

No reported incidents.



## Advisory Reports

No advisory reports this week.





## Anti-Piracy Measures/ Best Management Practices

**High Risk Area (HRA)** The area defined in this report is the area defined by the Joint War Committee at Lloyd's of London. The waters are enclosed by the following boundaries:

On the North-West, by the Allmode strongly recommend that all vessels transiting the HRA implement BMP4. The three fundamental requirements of BMP4 are:

**1. Register at MSCHOA:** Ensure that a 'Vessel Movement Registration Form' has been submitted to MSCHOA prior to entering the HRA.

**2. Report to UKMTO:** On entering the UKMTO Voluntary Reporting Area – an area bound by Suez to the North, 10S and 78E – ensure that a UKMTO 'Vessel Positioning Reporting Form – Initial Report' is sent. Vessels are strongly encouraged to report daily to the UKMTO by email at 0800 GMT whilst operating in the HRA.

**3. Implement Ship Protection Measures (SPM):** The measures described in BMP4 are the most basic that are likely to be effective. If pirates are unable to board a ship they cannot hijack it. Allmode is able to provide advice on request.

**4. Enhanced Watch keeping:** Additional, briefed lookouts should be used for each watch, and careful Radar Watch should be maintained. A sufficient number of anti-glare binoculars should be available for the enhanced Bridge Team. Masters should consider a shorter rotation of the watch period in order to maximise alertness of the lookouts, and the utilisation of night vision optics.

- Red Sea, south of Latitude 15°00 N
- On the West of the Gulf of Oman by Longitude 58°00 E
- On the East, Longitude 78°00E
- On the South, Latitude 12°00 S



## Attack Types

Definitions of attack type vary between the different piracy reporting centres. The definitions used in this report are as follows:

- **Hijacked Vessel:** Vessel which pirates board and take control of against the will of the crew.
- **Boarded and Robbed:** Vessel which pirates board and rob, but do not take control of.
- **Fired Upon:** Vessel which is fired upon by pirates using small arms or RPG.
- **Attempted Boarding:** Vessel which pirates have attempted to board, or have boarded but failed to secure.
- **Suspicious Approach:** Suspicious small craft, e.g.: a craft containing non-fishing equipment such as ladders, which makes a definite course alteration towards the vessel.
- **Suspicious Activity:** Small craft behaving suspiciously such as sailing on the same course or speed for an uncommon period and distance, not in keeping with normal fishing trends.
- **Disruption:** Any incident where a pirate vessel at sea is prevented from conducting piracy operations due to direct engagement or interdiction by coalition forces.
- **Internationally Recognised Transit Corridor (IRTC):** The IRTC was established in the Gulf of Aden in February 2009. This enables Vessels to transit the corridor, if necessary in arranged convoys, and the IRTC is patrolled and supported by a strong naval presence.
- **Pirate Action Group:** Any group engaging in pirate activity consisting of a mother-ship accompanied by at least one attack skiff, or two or more attack skiffs operating independently.
- **Pirated Vessel:** A vessel captured by pirates which will be used to demand a ransom. Pirates remain on board the vessel in full control of both the vessel and the crew, can also be used as a mother-ship

**Moon Calendar December**












Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1  1% visible	2  New moon	3  2% visible	4  8% visible	5  15% visible	6  24% visible	7  35% visible
8  46% visible	9  First quarter	10  67% visible	11  77% visible	12  85% visible	13  91% visible	14  96% visible
15  99% visible	16  99% visible	17  Full moon	18  97% visible	19  93% visible	20  87% visible	21  80% visible
22  72% visible	23  63% visible	24  53% visible	25  Last quarter	26  32% visible	27  23% visible	28  14% visible
29  7% visible	30  2% visible	31  1% visible				

Image	Moon	Description
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	<b>New Moon</b>	The lighted side of the Moon faces away from the Earth. This means that the Sun, Earth, and Moon are almost in a straight line, with the Moon in between the Sun and the Earth. The Moon that we see looks very dark.
	<b>First Quarter</b>	The right half of the Moon appears lighted and the left side of the Moon appears dark. During the time between the New Moon and the First Quarter Moon, the part of the Moon that appears lighted gets larger and larger every day, and will continue to grow until the Full Moon.
	<b>Full Moon</b>	Full Moon: The lighted side of the Moon faces the Earth. This means that the Earth, Sun, and Moon are nearly in a straight line, with the Earth in the middle. The Moon that we see is very bright from the sunlight reflecting off it.
	<b>Last Quarter</b>	Sometimes called Third Quarter. The left half of the Moon appears lighted, and the right side of the Moon appears dark. During the time between the Full Moon and the Last Quarter Moon, the part of the Moon that appears lighted gets smaller and smaller every day. It will continue to shrink until the New Moon, when the cycle starts all over again.
	<b>Waxing Crescent</b>	This is known as a Waxing Crescent Moon. This Moon can be seen after the New Moon, but before the First Quarter Moon. The crescent will grow larger and larger every day, until the Moon looks like the First Quarter Moon.
	<b>Waxing Gibbous</b>	This Moon is known as a Waxing Gibbous Moon. This Moon can be seen after the First Quarter Moon, but before the Full Moon. The amount of the Moon that we can see will grow larger and larger every day. ("Waxing" means increasing, or growing larger.)
	<b>Waning Gibbous</b>	This Moon is called a Waning Gibbous Moon. This Moon can be seen after the Full Moon, but before the Last Quarter Moon. The amount of the Moon that we can see will grow smaller and smaller every day. ("Waning" means decreasing, or growing smaller.)
	<b>Waning Crescent</b>	This Moon is called the Waning Crescent Moon. This Moon can be seen after the Last Quarter Moon and before the New Moon. The crescent will grow smaller and smaller every day, until the Moon looks like the New Moon.





## Night Vision Devices

Visual acuity from night vision devices provides a vast improvement over human night vision, however it is far from perfect. As with direct sight, higher levels of acuity are associated with closer, slower moving targets.

The visual acuity offered by image intensification rapidly diminishes for objects over 400 feet away. This distance is further reduced, the faster the target is moving, a number of environmental factors can also reduce the acuity of image intensification systems. Rain, clouds, mist, dust, smoke, fog all affect performance.



## Maritime News

### Are your crew ready for the new legislation?

Coming into effect in January 2014, and related to all vessels over 500 gross tonnage.

- **Proficiency in Security Awareness – New Certification Required**

ALL seafarers who **do not** have specific security-related duties on board are required to hold a Proficiency in Security Awareness Certificate ([PSA](#)) and will need to take an approved course approx. 4 hours in length.

- **Proficiency in Designated Security Duties –New Certification Required**

All seafarers with **designated** security duties stipulated in the ship security plan will be required to hold a certificate of Proficiency in Designated Security Duties ([PDSD](#)) and will need to take an approved course approximately 10 hours in length.

**Allmode are currently one of the few accredited companies in the UK, who can offer the above courses.**



## About Allmode



### COMPANY OVERVIEW

Allmode is a market-leading provider of security services to the Maritime Industry. We are dedicated to meeting the needs of our clients operating in high risk regions around the world. Our consultants are predominantly drawn from British Forces and are qualified with a number of recognised industry qualifications. In addition, Allmode offers cost effective solutions across a wide spectrum of Maritime Services and our operational capability is worldwide, which is enhanced by careful liaison with International Maritime Security Forces.



### MARITIME SERVICES

Allmode has extensive experience in providing security and maritime solutions to a global market, our key services are:

- Armed/Unarmed Vessel Security
- Fleet/Vessel Security Assessment & Consultancy
- Fleet/Vessel Journey Management & Tracking
- Vessel Hardening – in line with industry guidelines
- Intelligence Updates & Piracy Analysis
- Vessel Recovery
- ISPS Regulated Vessel Audits & Ship Security Plans
- Incident & Emergency Management with 24 hour shore side support
- Crew & Staff Security Training Packages
- Super-yacht Security Including Close Protection Services



### INTELLIGENCE SERVICES

- Allmode High Risk Area (HRA) reporting
- Weekly intelligence reporting
- Spot reporting
- Advisory reporting
- Passage risk assessments (PRA)
- Operational risk assessments (ORA)

## PORT & FACILITY SECURITY CONSULTANCY

- ISPS Port Facility Assessments (PFSA)
- ISPS Port Facility Plan (PFSP)
- Vulnerability Assessment of the Physical Protection Systems
- Gap Analysis

## HOSTILE & COMPLEX ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

Many companies globally are faced with operating in hostile and complex environments. This is particularly true of the natural resources sectors. Often businesses lack the in-house capability to manage their security requirements adequately.

Allmode deploys their consultants, embedding them in the clients' operations, to not only manage the security plan and advise on risk management issues, but provide professional advice, tailoring strategies and aiming to add value throughout the task, helping clients to operate in difficult environments so they can concentrate on their core business.

Most businesses need a security partner. Allmode is well placed to provide bespoke solutions for companies who require support and solutions in several critical areas:

- Close protection details
- Armed protection teams in very high risk environments
- Security awareness training
- Market entry assessments and scoping visits
- Incursion and intrusion testing
- Technical surveillance countermeasures
- Life support solutions and facilities/ camp management
- Major event security
- Crisis management planning
- Research and Intelligence

When operating in challenging or hostile environments, having a comprehensive but concise security plan in place enables our clients to both mitigate the risks to their projects and react effectively to incidents.

Our modular approach to security planning makes our solutions flexible and adaptable to many different environments.

Our aim is to protect lives, protect assets, maintain all stakeholder relationships, and minimise any potential reputational harm.



## CLOSE PROTECTION SERVICES

Allmode provides close protection services to high wealth individuals and corporate clients. Because we understand the risks facing clients are unique and fluid, we aim to provide a bespoke protective capability that mitigate these risks, thus providing a secure and none intrusive environment for the client to conduct their business and personal lives. Close Protection Officers employed by Allmode, are carefully interviewed, trained and selected for each task. All our Close Protection Officers are highly qualified, experienced and fully licensed.



## BESPOKE TRAINING COURSES

We provide first class education, training and consultancy to the international shipping and offshore oil industries. Allmode has the capability to conduct training worldwide and can offer a number of tailored courses to suit your needs.



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