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## GRAFT IN MARITIME SECTOR: GLOBAL BUSINESS NETWORK BERTHS IN NIGERIA

by Etop Ekanem

A global business network, termed Maritime Anti-Corruption Network MACN, comprising of over 130 companies, have come together to tackle corruption in the maritime industry in its Collective Action initiative in Nigeria. The initiative, also has the support of the Siemens Integrity Initiative.

The project will be implemented by MACN and the Convention on Business Integrity (Cbi) and run from 2020 to January 2023.

Throwing light on the initiative, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Convention on Business Integrity, Soji Apampa said, Siemens AG, Cbi and MACN will contribute to a stronger government and port authority compliance environment and encourage public-private oversight of compliance in ports and terminals. We believe this will lead to more effective seaports and terminals services, and improved corruption prevention practices that, ultimately, will benefit any business using seaports or terminals in Nigeria.

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## NIGERIAN PIRATES KIDNAP 6 CREW OFF COTONOU

by Jite Eriabie

Suspected Nigerian pirates have kidnapped five Korean and a Ghanaian national from a fishing vessel, Panofi Frontier at 61 nautical miles off Cotonou waters on Wednesday.

According to an advisory notice made available to clients by Dryad Global on Wednesday, the speed boat that attacked the 64.7 by 12 metres long fishing vessel was last seen heading towards Nigerian waters after a successful raid on the vessel.

According to Dryad, "Report indicates that the fishing vessel PANOFI FRONTIER has been attacked by several gunmen onboard one-speed boat 61nm South of Cotonou Port

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## COVID-19: NIMASA FLAGS 13 HIGH-RISK SHIPS HEADING TO NIGERIA

by Shulammitte 'Foyeku

The Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) has notified stakeholders about 13 vessels from five countries heavily affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It said eight of the vessels are expected to berth in Apapa, Lagos; four in Bonny, Rivers State; and one in Port Harcourt, Rivers State. Information about the vessels, expected to arrive the three Nigerian ports between June 23 and July 17, was received through the Command, Control, Communication, Computer, and Intelligence System (C4i) Centre under the NIMASA Deep Blue Project, also called the Integrated National Security and Waterways Protection Infrastructure.

Director-General of NIMASA, Dr. Bashir Jamoh, said the need to ensure stakeholders adhered strictly to the guidelines put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Nigeria informed the decision to red-flag the vessels.

"We are counting on the continued cooperation of frontline government agencies and private sector operators in this regard as we jointly wage the war against the COVID-19 pandemic," Jamoh stated.

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Director-General NIMASA, Bashir Jamoh

## N50 BILLION FLOATING DOCK TO COMMENCE OPERATIONS IN JULY

by Sulaimon Salau

Barring unforeseen circumstances, the N50 billion floating dry dock owned by the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), will begin operations by next month.

NIMASA had on June 11, 2018, taken delivery of the floating dock, which it said would boost ship repair capacity, generate wealth, and create employment for Nigerians. But the facility had since been lying fallow at the Naval Dockyard in Lagos.

The Managing Director of, Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Ms Hadiza Bala Usman, after a meeting with the management of NIMASA led by the Director-General, Bashir Jamoh, at the agency's Headquarters in Lagos, said arrangements are in place to berth the floating dock permanently for it to commence operations in July.

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## USS PREBLE RETURNS TO PORT WITH \$40M IN COCAINE

by THE MARITIME EXECUTIVE

The destroyer USS Preble has returned to Pearl Harbor after a successful surge deployment for counternarcotics operations in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific. In March, Preble and her crew departed Hawaii to participate in the long-running hunt for smuggling boats in the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility. On June 2, they intercepted a low-profile vessel carrying \$40 million in cocaine.

After a U.S. Navy maritime patrol aircraft spotted the suspected smuggling boat, Preble was vectored in for an intercept. When she was within range, Preble deployed one of her embarked helicopters to provide over watch and ensure compliance. An embarked Coast Guard law enforcement detachment conducted a boarding, and they recovered 100 bales of cocaine weighing more than 2,000 kilograms - an amount with an estimated wholesale value of \$40 million.

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## LNG AS MARINE FUEL: ABS ISSUES GUIDANCE

by Hellenic Shipping News Worldwide

The adoption of the 'Initial International Maritime Organization (IMO) Strategy on Reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions from Ships' by IMO Resolution MEPC.304(72) in April 2018 demonstrates IMO's commitment to support the Paris Agreement. The IMO strategy includes initial targets to reduce as compared to 2008 levels the average CO2 emissions per 'transport work' by at least 40 percent by 2030, aiming to pursue 70 percent reduction by 2050; and an ambition to reduce the total annual GHG emissions from shipping by at least 50% by 2050.

The information provided can support the decision-making process for future ship designs, propulsion systems, and fueling strategies. It is an overview of the key aspects considered for LNG as fuel, addressing bunkering, vessel arrangements, fuel containment, fuel gas supply systems, single gas and dual fuel main engines. The adaptation of LNG as fuel depends on case-specific requirements and therefore the information provided in this paper concentrates on the areas that apply broadly to LNG as fuel installations.

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