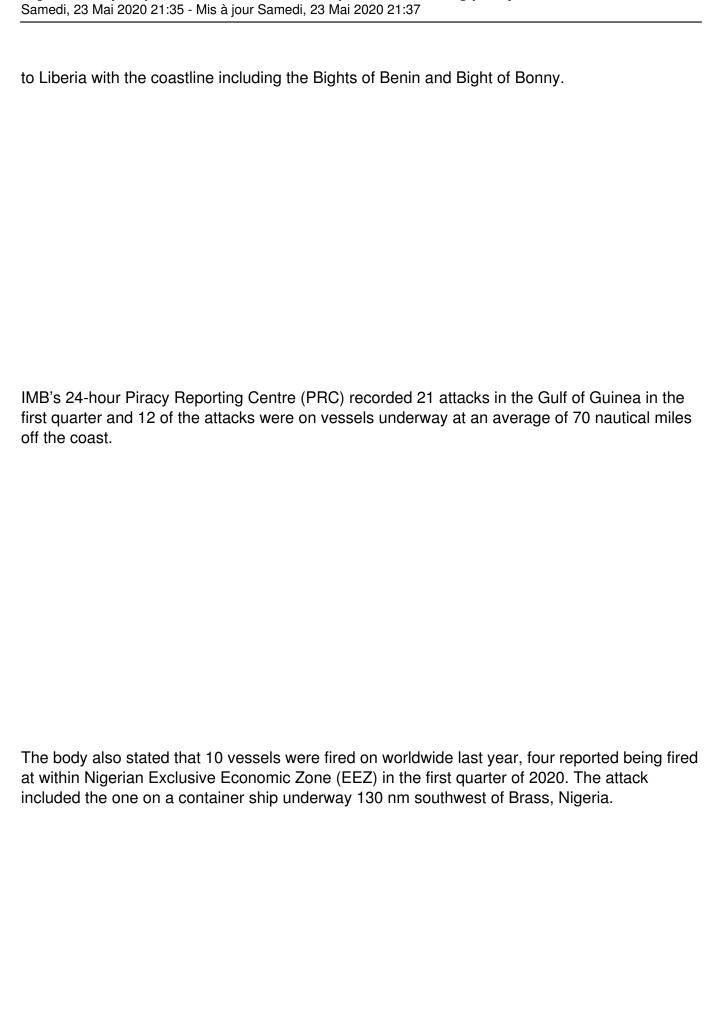
Nigerian Navy acquires boats, vessels, helicopter for combating piracy Samedi, 23 Mai 2020 21:35 - Mis à jour Samedi, 23 Mai 2020 21:37 Ibas, represented by Rear Admiral Ifeola Mohammed, Chief of Policy and Plans at Naval Headquarters, spoke to journalists on Friday in Abuja as part of the activities marking the Nigerian Navy's 64th anniversary from May 25 to June 1. The Naval Chief said the Service had also invested in local content development through the local construction of Seaward Defence Boats (SDB). Ibas said that the second locally built SDB, NNS KARADUWA, was inaugurated in 2016 while a third locally built SDB is programmed to join the Service this year.

In its renewed emphasis on fleet renewal, the Nigerian Navy also acquired three whaler boats that are also expected to join the fleet this year.
"Other acquisitions under this ambitious fleet renewal effort are the acquisition and deployment of 11 houseboats for the Choke Point Management and Control operations. One houseboat is also expected to be deployed in 2020. One tug boat has been inducted into the service, while 2 others are expected to join the fleet in 2020," Ibas said.
"Similarly, one water barge and one fuel barge are expected in 2020. The Nigerian Navy equally committed enormous resources to equipment availability to support its operations. Accordingly, the Nigerian Navy took delivery of a total of 168 outboard engines with requisite spares. As part of the Ministry of Defence's critical intervention, the Nigerian Navy just took delivery of one Leonardo AW139 helicopter and is currently being inducted."



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