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*“Caret periculo, qui etiam cum est tutus, cavet”*

*Publius*

# NEWSLETTER – SEA PIRACY

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Last week brought high pirate activity. Two incidents were reported in Horn of Africa region, five in South East Asia, one on Indian Subcontinent and one off west coasts of Africa.

New Operation Commander of EU NAVFOR.

EU NAVFOR trains Yemeni Coast Guard.

Piracy forecast for next week.

We wish you a pleasant read,

Maritime Safety & Security Team

## 1. Pirates activity 11 – 18 June 2010

### EAST AFRICA – INDIAN OCEAN

#### 1. GULF OF ADEN.

TIME: 13.06.2010: 1230 UTC

POSITION: 13:24N – 049:35E

Pirates in a skiff chased a chemical tanker underway. The master made evasive manoeuvres, increased speed, sent SSAS alert and contacted authorities for help. The pirates attempted to hook on the aluminum ladder on to ship's rail but due to evasive manoeuvres and anti piracy measures this failed and the boarding was prevented.



### RED SEA

#### 1. RED SEA, north of Bab el Manded.

TIME: 15.06.2010: 0530 UTC

POSITION: 13:26N – 042:41E

Three skiffs with six pirates in each chased a tanker underway. The tanker increased speed, sounded ship's horn and enforced anti piracy measures and warned all ships by VHF Ch. 16. Later pirates aborted the attack.



### WEST AFRICA

#### 1. IVORY COAST, Abidjan anchorage.

TIME: 14.06.2010: 0030 LT

POSITION: 5:13.2N – 4:2.6W

About four to five robbers armed with knives boarded an anchored container ship. They threatened the deck watchmen who retreated into the accommodation. Robbers stole ships and stores and escaped.



## INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

1. BANGLADESH, Chittagong anchorage.

TIME: 15.06.2010: 0430 LT

Anti piracy watch onboard an anchored chemical tanker spotted six robbers armed with knives on the aft deck. Duty watch entered the accommodation, locked all doors and informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped.



## SOUTH EAST ASIA

1. SOUTH CHINA SEA, 20nm NE of Pulau Mangkai Island.

TIME: 12.06.2010: 2000 UTC

POSITION: 03:21.3N-105:48.2E



About 10–12 pirates armed with knives in a speed boat boarded a container ship underway. They entered the bridge and took the duty officer hostage. They then entered the captain's cabin and stole ship's cash and ship's properties and escaped. Later the vessel sent SSAS alert.

2. SOUTH CHINA SEA, 9 nm NW of Pulau Mangkai Island.

TIME: 13.06.2010: 1535 UTC

POSITION: 03:13.5N-105:29.4E



Six pirates armed with knives in fishing boat boarded a tanker underway. They stole crew cash and personal belongings and ship cash and properties and escaped.

3. SOUTH CHINA SEA, Off Pulau-Pulau Subi Besar.

TIME: 15.06.2010: 0415 LT

POSITION: 02:59.5N - 108:11.0E

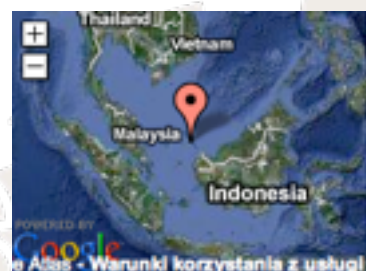


Eight robbers armed with knives boarded a container ship underway from a speed boat. They took hostage duty officer and entered captain's cabin and stole cash, crew and ship properties and escaped.

4. SOUTH CHINA SEA, 35 nm west of Subi Besar Island.

TIME: 16.06.2010: 0245 LT

POSITION: 03:01.9N - 108:15.75E



Six pirates armed with knives in a speed boat boarded a container ship underway from the stern. They entered the master's cabin and stole ships cash and crew personal properties. They took hostage the master and purser during the attack. Pirates later escaped.

5. CHINA, Dalian Anchorage No.1.

TIME: 16.06.2010: 0100 LT

POSITION: 38:56.8N - 121:43.3E

Alert crew onboard an anchored general cargo ship sighted a robber on the forecastle deck. Seeing the alert crew the robber escaped. Ship reported to Dalian port authorities and enhanced look-out.



## 2. Anti-piracy measures

### EU NAVFOR conducts regional training with the YEMENI Coast Guard - June 18, 2010

Yemeni Coast Guard being instructed in boarding and small boat operations.

EU NAVFOR ship HNLMS JOHAN DE WITT conducted a training package for 50 members of the Yemeni Coast Guard. The training programme was a combination of classroom theory and practical exercises.



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The programme commenced with a tour of the ship and her capabilities before moving onto more practical and specialist topics. The specially tailored training programme covered Fire Fighting, Store keeping, engine maintenance and small boat operations which was of particular benefit to the Yemenis as well as the conduct of operations and operation management.

JOHAN DE WITT is ideal for training tasks and the capacity building of regional navies and coastguards, the combination of her embarked landing

craft that can be used for practical exercises and the extensive facilities onboard make her an ideal platform. Only last year one of her main tasks was to conduct training with regional maritime units off the west coast of Africa.

The Commanding Officer of HNLMS JOHAN DE WITT, Captain Ben Bekkering said: “The Yemeni’s were enthusiastic and open minded, and we learnt from their local knowledge and experience of the area. It is obvious that maritime safety and stability is an international matter that everyone has to participate in.”

### 3. Other news

#### **New Operation Commander – June 14, 2010,**

On 14 June 2010, Rear Admiral Hudson Peter Hudson CBE handed over the responsibility of Operation Commander of the European Union Naval Force Somalia, Op ATALANTA to Major General Buster Howes OBE. The handover was conducted in the Operational Headquarters in Northwood near London.

Rear Admiral Hudson, who joined the operation in June 2009, has been instrumental in the ongoing success of EU NAVFOR and the execution of the Op ATALANTA mission. Rear Admiral Hudson leaves EU NAVFOR to continue his appointment as Commander United Kingdom Maritime Force (COMUKMARFOR) in Portsmouth.



*The outgoing Operation Commander Rear Admiral Peter Hudson CBE (left) hands over to the new Operation Commander Major General Buster Howes OBE.*

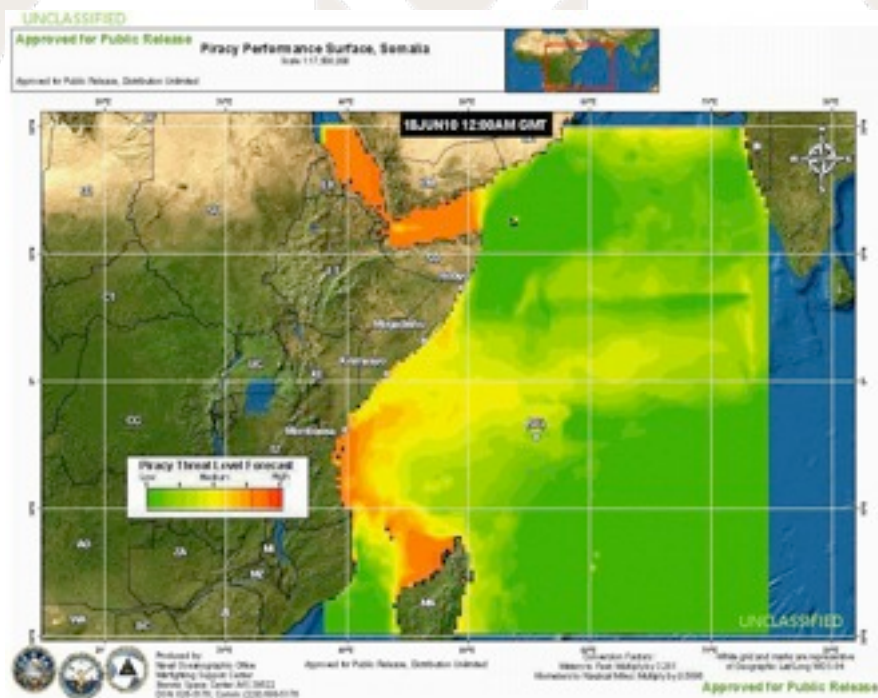
Major General Howes has extensive operational experience within the United Kingdom Amphibious Force and the multi-national environment. He served with the US Marine Corps in the First Gulf War and with the Rapid Reaction Force Operations staff of UNPROFOR in Bosnia. In 2007, he served as Chief Joint Coordination and Effects in HQ ISAF X in Kabul. His staff experience has

been gained exclusively within the Joint and Naval Staffs, where he held the appointment as the 1-Star Director of the Naval Staff.

### Piracy forecast

**GULF OF ADEN:** Next 72 hours: wind speeds at 5–15 knots and associated wave heights of 4–6 feet (FNMOOC).

**INDIAN OCEAN:** Next 72 hours: wind speeds of 20–25 knots with associated wave heights of 7–12 feet (FNMOOC).



Naval Oceanographic Office Warfighting Support Center

### List of ships in captivity (4.06.2010)

Name of Vessel	Incident	Flag	Crew	Vessel type
QSM DUBAI	2.06.2010	Panama	24	General cargo
NORTH SPIRIT	16.05.2010	St. Vincent & Grenadines	nd	General cargo
PANEGA	11.05.2010	Bulgaria	15	Bulk carrier
MARIDA MARGUERITE	8.05.2010	Marshal Islands	22	Chemical Tanker
TAI YUAN 227	6.05.2010	Taiwan	24	Fishing vessel
VOC DAISY	21.04.2010	Panama	21	Bulk carrier
RAK AFRIKANA	11.04.2010	St. Vincent & Grenadines	26	Bulk carrier
SAMHO DREAM	05.04.2010	Marshal Islands	24	VLCC
ICEBERG 1	29.03.2010	Panama	24	RO RO
FRIGIA	23.03.2010	Malta	21	Bulk carrier
SAKOB	9.03.2010	Kenya	16	Fishing vessel
UNT OCEAN	5.03.2010	Marshal Islands	21	Chemical Tanker
AL NISR AL SAUDI	1.03.2010	Saudi Arabia	14	Tanker
AL MAHMOUD 2	18.12.2009	Yemen	16	Dhow
NEFEYA	18.12.2009	India	13	Dhow

## **Maritime Safety & Security presents – Complex Ship Security Service CSSS.**

System includes:

- 1. Analysis of possible threats during trip**
- 2. Training of crew on our course: “Maritime terrorism and piracy. Defense and crisis management of hostage situations in maritime environment”.**
- 3. Development of procedures for passage in high risk areas**
- 4. Logistical support**
- 5. Practical course for crew and officers during which they are able to train new procedures**
- 6. Help during negotiations**
- 7. Psychological support for families and psychological help for sailors after long lasting hostage situation**
- 8. Deployment of Vessel Protection Detachment – VPD**
- 9. Legal support during VPD operations outside Polish territorial waters**

Sources:

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BIMCO, Baltic and International Maritime Council, Denmark

DHS, U. S. Department of Homeland Security

DOJ, U. S. Department of Justice

DOS, U.S. Department of State

DOT, U. S. Department of Transportation

FP, Fairplay, London

IMB, International Maritime Bureau, London and Kuala Lumpur

IMO, International Maritime Organization, London

INFO, Informa Group, formerly LLP, Llp Limited, London

LAT, Latitude38.com website

LL, Lloyd's List, daily, London

LM, local media

MARAD, Maritime Administration, US

MDN, Military Daily News

MS&S, Maritime Safety & Security- <http://www.maritime-security.eu/>

MSC, Maritime Security Council, US

MSCHOA, Maritime Security Centre - Horn of Africa <http://www.mschoa.eu/>

NATO, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Brussels

NGA, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Navigation Safety System

ONI, Office of Naval Intelligence analysis and comment

Operator, owner or operator of affected vessel

OSAC, Overseas Security Advisory Council

USCG, United States Coast Guard

RAN, Royal Australian Navy

ReCAAP ISC, Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center <http://www.recaap.org>

REUTERS, Reuters

Risk Intelligence/MaRisk, Maritime Security Risk Solutions

RNZN, Royal New Zealand Navy

SAP, Seafarers' Assistance Program, Kenya

STATE, U. S. Department of State

TW, Tradewinds

UKMTO, United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization

UPI, United Press International

