



Port Security Advisory (9-09)

EXPECTED COURSES OF ACTION FOLLOWING ATTACKS BY PIRATES IN THE HORN OF AFRICA REGION

BACKGROUND

Following an attack by pirates in the Horn of Africa region, several outcomes are likely. For the benefit of **U.S. Flagged vessels**, this Port Security Advisory (PSA) attempts to differentiate between those outcomes and provides the expected courses of action for each as they relate to the vessel, its crew / master, and the vessel owner or operator. More than one outcome may result from any given attack and potential effects on the materiel condition of the vessel and/or cargo should be considered in all scenarios. This PSA is intended to apply to acts, or attempted acts, of piracy and/or armed robbery at sea in the Horn of Africa region. The post incident guidance provided within Maritime Security (MARSEC) Directive 104-6 (Rev. 2) applicable to U.S. flagged vessels, and Port Security Advisory (2-09) remains valid.

In most instances where U.S. government action is needed, the Maritime Operational Threat Response (MOTR) process will be initiated. This is a facilitated, collaborative process between federal departments and agencies that examines each situation and tailors the U.S. government response. Because each situation, and therefore each response, is unique, it is not possible to predict the actions to be taken in any given situation. However, the following provides some guidelines as to what vessels and companies should expect.

ANTICIPATED POSSIBLE EVENTS

- Vessel attacked or boarded by pirates;
- Pirate attack successfully thwarted;
- Pirate(s) capture vessel or crew
- Pirate(s) injured/killed aboard vessel;
- Pirate(s) injured/killed off the vessel;
- Pirate(s) captured or surrenders;
- Crewmember(s) killed/injured during pirate attack;

EXPECTED COURSES OF ACTION

Vessel Attacked or Boarded by Pirates

Vessel - The vessel should immediately activate emergency communications including the Ship Security Alert System (SSAS). The vessel should also immediately notify UKMTO (or MARLO if UKMTO is unavailable) and implement procedures established in the vessel's anti-piracy plan required by the MARSEC Directive 104-6 (Rev. 2). Exercise information control, limiting to only essential personnel or agencies



with a need to know. UKMTO will notify military units operating in the area which will in turn respond appropriately.

Company - While the incident is on-going, coordinate with U.S. government authorities through the USCG ATLANTIC AREA Command Center at 1-757-398-6700 or as otherwise directed. The Command Center will serve as the U.S. government liaison with the company until an initial MOTR conference. Exercise information control, limiting to only essential personnel or agencies with a need to know. After the event is resolved, follow up with USCG ATLANTIC AREA for debriefings and any additional actions needed. A Vessel Security Vulnerability Assessment may be initiated to identify any possible lessons learned.

As a result of an attack/boarding, the following scenarios may result and the below expected courses of action should follow:

Pirate Attack Successfully Thwarted:

The vessel should de-activate the SSAS after the threat of attack is over. Notify UKMTO, USCG ATLANTIC AREA Command Center at 1-757-398-6700, and the company. A Vessel Security Vulnerability Assessment may be warranted to identify lessons learned as a result of the incident.

No MOTR conference is anticipated under normal circumstances. There may be requests for informational briefings for those Federal departments and agencies that would typically participate in a MOTR.

Pirates Capture Vessel or Crew

If able, notify UKMTO (or MARLO if UKMTO is unavailable) and USCG ATLANTIC AREA Command Center at 1-757-398-6700. UKMTO will notify military units operating in the area which will in turn respond appropriately. The U.S. Government will initiate the MOTR process.

Companies should communicate with the U.S. Government as per above.

Pirate(s) Injured/Killed Aboard Vessel:

Provide first aid / medical care as able. Notify UKMTO and USCG ATLANTIC AREA Command Center at 1-757-398-6700. Simultaneously with the MOTR process, UKMTO will notify military units operating in the area which will in turn respond appropriately. Medical evacuation, if needed, should be coordinated through the appropriate Rescue Coordination Center (RCC), and the RCC should be notified that the patient is an unarmed, suspected pirate.

Pirate(s) Injured/Killed Off the Vessel:

If the injured or killed pirate is not aboard, notify UKMTO. There is no requirement to put the vessel crew at risk in order to provide aid to the suspected pirate(s). UKMTO will notify military units operating in the area which will in turn respond appropriately.



Pirate(s) Captured or Surrenders:

Notify UKMTO and USCG ATLANTIC AREA Command Center at 1-757-398-6700. Simultaneously with the MOTR process, UKMTO will notify military units operating in the area which will in turn respond appropriately.

Crewmember(s) Injured/Killed/ During Pirate Attack:

Provide first aid / medical care as able. Notify UKMTO and USCG ATLANTIC AREA Command Center at 1-757-398-6700. UKMTO will notify military units operating in the area which will in turn respond appropriately. Medical evacuation, if needed, should be coordinated through the appropriate Rescue Coordination Center.

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