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## NCIS ASSISTS IN \$158.5 MILLION HEROIN SEIZURE

On Nov. 17, multinational naval task force Combined Task Force 150, with assistance from a Special Agent (SA) out of the Middle East Field Office (MEFO), intercepted an Iranian dhow northeast of Dar Salaam, Tanzania, and seized 388.4 kilos of heroin, worth approximately \$158,467,000, concealed in hidden compartments. At the time, the SA was serving a patrol assignment aboard the HMAS Toowoomba, a Royal Australian Navy frigate, as part of NCIS' Operation Dirty Dhow, providing law enforcement expertise to the commanding officer of the frigate. The RAN initially observed the dhow in international waters, and, because it appeared to be without a national flag or documentation, searched the dhow, revealing the suspected heroin. The seizure is the third in a two-month timespan in which the MEFO participated, with all three seizures totaling 6,019.4 kilos of narcotics worth \$249,772,800. On Sept 18, a MEFO SA participated in a seizure of 5,588 kilos of hashish worth \$73,761,600. On Oct. 30, two MEFO and Southwest Field Office SA participated in the seizure of 43 kilos of heroin worth \$17,544,000.