

Somalia Coastal Guards

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Piracy off the Somali coast has been a threat to international shipping since the beginning of Somalia's civil war in the early 1990s, which has rendered almost a third of the entire population poor. Little has been done by Somali's coastal guards, while the international community has not staged any crackdown to halt the crime.

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Piracy has been on the increase off the Somali coast, with the resultant effects being rise in shipping costs and blockage of food aid shipments to millions of starving Somalis. Not even the presence of international allied forces in the Indian Ocean has deterred these relentless bandits from causing mayhem in the troubled waters.

In this story, we interview some of Somali government's coastal guards who are charged with the now seemingly difficult and intricate job of keeping the bandits out of ships sailing in the Indian Ocean waters.

How do they see piracy, what is it that has to be done to grind to a halt the mayhem and what is the responsibility of the international community warships at sea, considering that they have, so far, failed to prevent if not stop the bandits?

Reporter: How do you see the future of piracy? What are the different scenarios? Give us two scenarios, one positive, one negative, what has to be done to halt piracy?

Interview, 1st Coast Guard (Somali)

“We hope it will not happen again, that’s our future.

Day and night we are on standby for protecting them or for fighting against this sea piracy.”

Reporter: What is your point of view how the problem of piracy can be solved. What is the responsibility of the international community?

Interview, 2nd Coast Guard (Somali)

“I think that sea piracy will become less if we put all our efforts on protecting them with the assistance of our community. Also with the assistance of the military near our territorial waters that are against the terror.

These warships in the sea, they assist us when they flee away from us then they prevent the pirates from the international waters. They will hit them or hurt them easily and that is the way they support us.”

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