

EU anti-piracy mission seizes Somali pirates



- **Puntland:** Regional home to Somali pirates
- **Pirate bases**

European naval forces have captured more than 40 suspected pirates and seized four mother ships off Somalia. Pirates are currently holding 14 vessels and 245 crew members for ransom

Combined Task Force 151 (CTF 151): Ships from 14 nations patrol Gulf of Aden.

About 24,000 ships transit region each year

Operation Atalanta: European Union's first naval operation includes ships and reconnaissance aircraft from Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and UK.

Area of operation up to 930km from coast

Ships currently held by Somali pirates

■ **AL KHALIQ:** Seized Oct 22 west of Seychelles. Panamanian-registered ship with 26 crew

■ **LYNN RIVAL:** Oct 23. British couple, Paul and Rachel Chandler, abducted from yacht between Seychelles and Tanzania. \$7m ransom demanded

■ **THERESA VIII:** Nov 16. Kiribati-flagged chemical tanker with 28 crew. Captain shot dead

■ **NESEYA:** Dec 18. Indian dhow with 13 crew

■ **SOCOTRA 1:** Dec 25. Yemeni-owned ship with six crew seized in Gulf of Aden

■ **AL MAHMOUD 2:** Dec 28. Yemeni-owned cargo vessel with 16 crew seized in Gulf of Aden

■ **ST JAMES PARK:** Dec 28. UK-flagged chemical tanker with 26 crew captured in Gulf of Aden

■ **NAVIOS APOLLON:** Dec 28. Panama-flagged Greek cargo vessel with 19 crew

■ **MV PRAMONI:** Jan 1. Singaporean-flagged tanker with 24 crew hijacked in Gulf of Aden

■ **ASIAN GLORY:** Jan 2. British-flagged vehicle carrier with 25 crew

■ **AL NISR AL SAUDI:** Jan 29. Saudi tanker with 14 crew taken in Gulf of Aden

■ **MV RIM:** Feb 2. Libyan-owned, North Korean-flagged cargo ship with 17 crew

■ **AL-SHURA:** Feb 20-25. Yemeni dhow, nine crew

■ **UBT OCEAN:** Mar 5. Norwegian tanker with 21 crew seized off Madagascar, en route to Tanzania

