



## Stop piracy!

Innocent seafarers on commercial cargo ships are being held to ransom for millions of dollars by armed gangs of Somali pirates.

[www.SaveOurSeafarers.com](http://www.SaveOurSeafarers.com) is calling for unified government action around the globe to:

- 1 Reduce the effectiveness of the easily identifiable motherships
- 2 Authorise naval forces to hold pirates and deliver them for prosecution and punishment
- 3 Fully criminalise all acts of piracy and intent to commit piracy under national laws
- 4 Increase naval assets available in the affected areas
- 5 Provide greater protection and support for seafarers
- 6 Trace and criminalise the organisers and financiers behind the criminal networks

## Oppose kidnap and torture of innocent seafarers and stop disruption to world shipping

Somalian piracy is affecting everyone, from the seafarers and their families to consumers. The cost is both human and economic.

### The human cost

- The piracy threat places great stress on seafarers and their families. There are more than 100,000 seafarers at any one time either travelling or preparing to go through the Gulf of Aden. Taking their families' feelings into account, you have half a million people gripped by fear due to Somalian piracy.
- Attacks have become increasingly violent towards seafarer hostages. Around a quarter of those held captive report abusive treatment and even torture.
- On release, some hostages are unable to recover from the trauma of the experience and are unable to return to sea, losing their income and livelihood.

### The economic cost

- International piracy is emerging as a market in its own right, and costs the global economy as much as \$12 billion a year.
- Efforts to contain the problem are having little impact, and the costs of lost cargo and ransom money is likely to double within a few years. These costs will affect the entire supply chain and push up prices of all transported goods.
- Surrounding countries also suffer economically from the loss of trade and tourism. Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, Seychelles and Yemen have lost an estimated US \$1.25 billion.

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