

# JOINT STAFF PRESS RELEASE



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Escort operations performed by MSDF units (Deployed Maritime Units) off the coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden

Record of Mission (As of August, 2016)

## 1. Direct Escort

(1) Number of direct escort operations: 6 times (739th – 744th)

(The 698th – 703th escort operation under Japan's Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

(2) Number of escorted vessels: 8 vessels

(AT of 3,717 escorted vessels since the start of operations under Japan's Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

[Breakdown]

– Japanese-registered ships: 0 (AT: 17)

– Foreign ships operated by Japanese shipping companies: 1 (AT: 667)

– Foreign ships other than above: 7 (AT: 3,033)

\*The above record does not include the 1st – 41st escort operation performed as Maritime Security Activities.

(3) For more details of each mission, see the attached file.

## 2. Zone Defense

(1) Number of days: 23 (AT: 790 days)

(2) Number of commercial vessels confirmed: Approx. 80 (AT: 13,400 vessels)

## 3. Supplement

The facts regarding the activity of Japan Self-Defense Forces which are described as response to one of the attempted attacks in the IMB first-half of 2016 year report (released at the end of July) is as follows:

— On May 16th, 2016, after having received an emergency signal from a Panama-flagged commercial vessel indicating that it was being chased by multiple skiffs, the destroyer Yudachi, which was in duty of zone defense in the Gulf of Aden, immediately dispatched a ship-borne helicopter to the site.

When the ship-borne helicopter arrived on site, nothing suspicious was observed on the sea around the commercial vessel, and the after having notified the vessel that nothing suspicious skiffs were confirmed, helicopter terminated its activity.

(That is the reason why Joint Staff didn't include this case in the press release as a response of SDF.)

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(JS "INAZUMA" and JS "SUZUTSUKI" )

Mission No. (Mission No. under Japan's Anti-Piracy Measures Law)	739 (698)	740 (699)	741 (700)	742 (701)	743 (702)	744 (703)					(Total)
Date and time (JST)											/
start	AUG. 5, PM	AUG. 10, PM	AUG. 12, PM	AUG. 18, PM	AUG. 23, PM	AUG. 27, PM					
end	AUG. 7, AM	AUG. 12, AM	AUG. 14, AM	AUG. 20, AM	AUG. 25, AM	AUG. 29, AM					
Total Number	1	1	2	1	2	1					8
Japanese-registered ships	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Tanker											
Container											
LPG Tanker											
LNG Tanker											
General cargo ship											
Exclusive cargo ship											
Pure car carrier											
Passenger ship											
Foreign ships operated by Japanese shipping companies	0	0	0	0	1	0					1
Tanker											
Container											
LPG Tanker											
LNG Tanker											
General cargo ship					(1)						(1)
Exclusive cargo ship											
Pure car carrier											
Passenger ship											
Foreign ships other than above	1	1	2	1	1	1					7
Tanker		(1)		(1)							(2)
Container											
LPG Tanker	(1)				(1)						(2)
LNG Tanker											
General cargo ship			(2)			(1)					(3)
Exclusive cargo ship											
Pure car carrier											
Passenger ship											

※ Total numbers presented in the ( ) is the accumulated total of Japanese-registered ships, Foreign ships operated by Japanese shipping companies, and Foreign ships other than above.