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Information Gathering Activities by the SDF Necessary for Ensuring the Safety of Japan -Related Vessels in the Middle East (JAN 2024)

1. Status of Activity Area

No abnormalities were confirmed during information gathering activities in the areas where the SDF operated.

As part of counter-piracy operations, having received information that “GIBRALTAR EAGLE” , a Marshall-Islands flagged American-owned cargo ship, was struck by an anti-ship ballistic missile in the Gulf of Aden on January 15, the shipboard helicopter of JS “AKEBONO” from our counter-piracy enforcement communicated with the vessel. The information gathered was provided to the Combined Task Force 151, which is in charge of counter-piracy missions.

2. JS AKEBONO (Deployment Surface Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement)

- (1) Area of Activity: the high seas of the Gulf of Oman and the high seas of the northern Arabian sea
- (2) Number of confirmed vessels: 510 ships (Accumulated Total (AT): 89,948 ships)

3. P-3C (Deployment Air Force for Counter-Piracy Enforcement)

- (1) Area of Activity: the high seas of Gulf of Aden and the high seas of the western part of the northern Arabian Sea
- (2) Number of confirmed vessels: 328 ships (AT: 81,772 ships)



JS "AKEBONO" crew members on duty



A P-3C crew member identifying navigating vessels