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Information Gathering Activities by the SDF Necessary for Ensuring the Safety of Japan -Related Vessels in the Middle East (MAR 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, receiving information that “YAMILAH Ⅲ”, Liberian tanker operated by UAE company, was being followed by several small vessels equipped weapons in the Arabian sea on March 21, we immediately dispatched P-3C from our counter-piracy enforcement to the site, and communicated with the boat and confirmed the safety of the crew and the vessel. The information was provided to the Combined Task Force 151, which is in charge of counter-piracy missions.

2. JS SAZANAMI (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: 193 ships (Accumulated Total (AT): 90,577 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: 496 ships (AT: 82,686 ships)



A JS “SAZANAMI” crew member on duty



P-3C crew members identifying navigating vessels