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Information Gathering Activities by the SDF Necessary for Ensuring the Safety of Japan -Related Vessels in the Middle East (JUN 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 “SUMMER LADY”, the merchant ship operated by a Greek company, was being followed by a small vessel in the Gulf of Aden on June 17, we immediately dispatched P-3C from our counter-piracy unit to the site, and communicated with the ship and conducted surveillance around the ship. The P-3C confirmed that there was no damage to the ship and that the surrounding area was safe. After providing the information to the Combined Task Force 151, which is in charge of counter-piracy missions, the P-3C returned to its duties.

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: 584 ships (Accumulated Total (AT): 91,637 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: 682 ships (AT: 84,219 ships)



A JS "SAZANAMI" crew member on duty



A P-3C crew member during maintenance