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Information Gathering Activities by the SDF Necessary for Ensuring the Safety of Japan -Related Vessels in the Middle East (NOV 2025)

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, on November 6, upon receiving information that the Maltese-flagged tanker “HELLAS APHRODITE” was being boarded by pirates in waters of Indian Ocean, off the coast of Somalia, the P-3C of the counter-piracy unit was immediately dispatched to the area. The P-3C conducted information gathering on the tanker, including taking photographs, and provided the information to Combined Task Force 151, which is tasked with counter-piracy operations.

2. JS HARUSAME and OONAMI (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: 175 ships (Accumulated Total (AT): 97,047 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: 439 ships (AT: 92,916 ships)



A shipboard helicopter taking off from the shipboard JS "OONAMI"



P-3C crew on duty