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Dear Reader,

Here we are at the conclusion of yet another interesting week in which we've seen Spanish provocations, deaths in paradise, huge narcotics seizures and, to cap it all, the delightful irony of Rome accusing New Delhi of inefficient judicial process.

The latest in the MSR Viewpoint series focuses on the difficulties in forming an efficient Somali Coastguard.

Maritime Security Consultant James M. Bridger has analysed the problems over the past years and his account and conclusions make particularly interesting reading.

Searching for a Somali Coastguard

By James M. Bridger

The Somali pirate business model has been dealt a severe blow by the combined efforts of international naval operations, the shipping industry's implementation of best management practices, and the increased use of armed guards aboard vessels.

Having failed to hijack and ransom a commercial vessel in over 20 months, pirate gangs are now diversifying into other illicit ventures such as arms smuggling and protection services for illegal fishing fleets.

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Spanish incursion off Gibraltar

The Foreign Office is to issue a "formal protest" after a Spanish warship entered British-controlled waters around Gibraltar and disrupted a Royal Navy training exercise.



Narcotic seizure

Two warships operating under Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) have worked together to seize and destroy 1951 kilograms of cannabis resin from an illegal narcotics smuggler in the Arabian Sea.



N Korean ship returns to Cuba

The North Korean ship seized with undeclared Cuban weapons on board is returning to Cuba, says the Panamanian government, after a nearly \$700,000 (?425,000) fine was paid.



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