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COMBINED TASK FORCE 151

FOCUSED OPERATION "MARE LIBERUM III"

Combined Task Force 151 (CTF 151), the counter-piracy task force of Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), currently under Brazilian Navy leadership, will conduct the Focused Operations "Mare Liberum III", from January 5th to 9th. This combined operation has the objectives of increasing naval presence and informing the maritime community that, although the High Risk Area (HRA) will be removed on January 1st, 2023, piracy is not eradicated. Maritime Community should continue following the Best Management Practices 5 (BMP 5) instructions and navigate through the International Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC).



The HRA of the Indian Ocean was a designation created by shipping industry where it is considered to be a higher risk of piracy and within which self-protective measures are most likely to be required. The HRA is going to be removed on January 1st, 2023 reflecting the sentiment that the free flow of commerce has been re-established in this region.

It is an achievement of the CMF and EU NAVFOR on its objective of reassure the international community. However, this sense of security might represent a risk, because it can cause a relaxation in the BMP5 procedures by merchant vessels.

Therefore, during this period, CTF 151 will coordinate an effort of multinational assets, as vessels, aircrafts, unmanned elements, satellite systems and maritime organizations that will work together in an area which encompass some of the world's most important shipping lanes, in order to contribute to the free flow of navigation, develop capacity for regional leadership and reassure the international community.

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