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## INS GODAVARI FOILS PIRACY ATTEMPT



INS Godavari zeroes on to the Pirates Skiff

INS *Godavari* has successfully foiled a piracy attempt on a Greek ship MV *Elinakos* in the Gulf of Aden. Eight Somali pirates attempted to hijack the Greek ship in the early morning of 16 Jul. INS *Godavari* was escorting four other ships at the time in the Gulf of Aden, when she received the distress call. INS *Godavari* was quick to launch a helicopter to locate the skiff being used by the pirates. She subsequently launched marine commandos to board the pirate boat. On being approached by the naval boat, they dumped their arms, ammunition and other piracy triggers. A German naval ship, the *Niedersachsen*, also coordinated with *Godavari* in the operation. INS *Godavari* continued with her escort mission, on completion of the operation.

INS *Godavari* has been deployed in anti-piracy escort operations in the Gulf of Aden since 25 May 11, and has safely escorted 219 ships of various countries since then. Last week, INS *Godavari* escorted a Pakistani ship, the MV *Islamabad*, with an all-Pakistani crew of 38. The Indian Navy has been deploying ships since 2008 in the Gulf of Aden for escorting merchant vessels and Indian Naval ships have escorted 1,665 ships successfully.



**Naval Helicopter and MARCOS in the Boat during Anti Piracy operations**



**Pirates Skiff after Piracy attempt was foiled by INS Godavari**