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## **Spanish fishing vessel hijacked in Somali Basin**

During the early morning of October 2nd 2009 the Spanish Fishing Vessel ALAKRANA was hijacked in the Indian Ocean by pirates at some 360 nautical miles off the east coast of Somalia.

On first indication of an attack an EU NAVFOR patrol aircraft, based in the Seychelles was tasked to investigate the situation. The aircraft confirmed the hijack of the fishing vessel and did not detect any other vessel in the vicinity, indicating the pirates operated from the skiff with an extensive load of fuel now towed behind the ALAKRANA.

After the latest monsoon this is the first successful hijack since the beginning of August.



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