

Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS)
Strategic Meeting

Piracy Survivors Family Fund (PSFF)

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International Seafarers' Welfare & Assistance
Network (**ISWAN**)



ISWAN – Who we are

- International NGO/charity based in the UK
- Object is to promote the welfare of seafarers worldwide including those held in captivity of pirates (MPHRP).
- We run programmes and projects on health and wellbeing
- We work with partner organisations
- Administers CGPCS Piracy Survivors Family Fund (PSFF)

Total Ships/Hostages GOA+Soma lia	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	Total
Ships attacked	3	13	2		10	15	75	237	219	215	111	31	931
Ships hijacked		3			0	2	14	28	49	47	42	12	197
Hostages		39			0	34	244	470	1016	867	815	197	3682
Kidnapped					0			10	11				21
Killed					0		6	10	7				23

Credit – IMB - ICC



FV Siraj



Ship was hijacked
on 23 March
2015

Longest ordeal
suffered by 3
Iranian crew,
released from
captivity of
pirates after
close to 2000
days!



Mr. Ibrahim Baloch, Mr. Abdollah Nohani, Mr. Jamal Dihvari
(L to R)

Visit of an ex-hostage to meet families of 3 crew



Ongoing rehabilitation activities for Capt Panahendeh – Siraj vessel



Repair of house, psychological and physical health support,
continuation of education to children, medicals to elderly at home

Way forward

- Continue to provide with humanitarian support to those affected by maritime piracy incidents at sea.
- Training and briefing of seafarers on piracy awareness and coping with stress should be encouraged and made mandatory across globe.
- Sensitise seafarers to be vigilant while transiting through piracy prone areas and to follow Best Management Practices.
- Support initiatives to assist partner organisations to debrief seafarers released from captivity.
- Perpetrators of crime, especially pirate kingpins to be booked and brought to justice.
- Money trails involving such illicit crimes continue to be traced.

Thank You

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