



A European naval force frigate hands over eleven suspected pirates to the Kenyan authorities

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Organization (APO)/ — An EU NAVFOR-ATALANTA vessel handed over eleven presumed pirates along with their weapons and vessels to the Kenyan authorities in Mombassa this morning, 8 May. The operation led by a French frigate, the Nivôse, is in accordance with the agreement of 6 March between the European Union and Kenya which enables the latter to initiate legal action against pirates captured at sea.

The French surveillance frigate, the Nivôse, intercepted these eleven pirates and their vessels (two skiffs and a “mother ship”) on the morning of 3 May. The operation took place some 500 nautical miles (900 Kilometres) east of Mombasa.

Eleven ships and two maritime patrol aircraft are currently participating in the operation EU NAVFOR ATALANTA. They will be joined by three Swedish vessels next week.

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