Coping with the consequences of piracy - MRHRP

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MPHRP
Maritime Piracy Humanitarian Response Programme
- **MPHRP**
- **Activities and outputs**
  - Humanitarian response, including
    - assisting released seafarers and their families
    - assisting families of hostages still held
MPHRP is a pan-industry alliance of ship owners, managers, manning agents, insurers, maritime unions, professional and welfare associations working together with governmental organisations "to assist seafarers and their families with the humanitarian aspects of a traumatic incident caused by a piracy attack, armed robbery or being taken hostage".

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Seafarers and families affected by Maritime Piracy

Since 2007 Somali pirates have

- held nearly 4,000 seafarers hostage
- been responsible for the deaths of nearly 70 seafarers

Annually off the Somali coast:

- approximately 20,000 different ships transit
- 300,000+ seafarers face the risk of a piracy attack
- more than 1,000,000 family members share their anxieties

In 2013 to date:

- Somalia: 10 attacks, 2 hijackings / West Africa: 28 attacks, 2 hijackings

Every day globally:

- about 100,000 seafarers are sailing in or towards piracy-infested waters
Focus is on all three phases of any incident (such as an attack, a citadel situation, or a hijacking)

- **BEFORE** - Being prepared, planning and training
- **DURING** – Managing the plan and sharing information
- **AFTER** – Repatriation, homecoming and recovery

The open sharing of experiences and first-hand feedback from companies, seafarers and families, responders and others, has enabled MPHRP and its partners to develop Good Practice and Training Guides and to put in place support networks.
MPHRP Activities

- **Good Practice Guides***
  - for shipping companies and manning agents
  - for welfare responders

- Training – Piracy Awareness Guides, Courses and seminars
  - pre-departure piracy awareness for seafarers (including train the trainers course)
  - for welfare and care providers
  - for shipping companies and manning agents

- 24 Hour Piracy Helpline – international toll-free, multilingual

- Support Networks – primary and secondary care

- Courses and workshops

- (Limited) Direct Support for seafarers and families

- Partnering with CGPCS on seafarer welfare & support

* Available at www.mphrp.org
Assisting at the release, repatriation, homecoming and beyond

Iceberg 1
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1. IDENTITY PARTICULARS

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Family Name: TEWARI
Family Name in the Original Script or Chinese Telegraphic Code: N/A
Family Name at Birth: N/A
Forenames: Dheeraj Kumar
Date and Place of Birth: 31 October 1985
in Naraina Rohtas, Bihar, India
Sex: Male
Nationality: INDIAN (CONFIRMED)
For some seafarers and their families freedom means moving

“From the hell of captivity to the hell of release”

**Homecoming (for some):**
- Malnourished – health problems (mental & physical)
- In debt – not paid during captivity
- Dispossessed – personal effects stolen and not replaced
- Family break-up
- Future job prospects limited / family against resuming career
Providing post release support

– *when required and when able*

Examples include:

- Assistance with counselling and medical treatment
- Advice on recovery of unpaid wages & compensation claims
- Assistance to widows
- Help in securing future employment
As of 17 September 2013

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### MISSING / UNACCOUNTED FOR

Albedo(4)/Iceberg 1(1)

Sources: IMB, UNPOS, Interpol, Other
Those still held

Naham 3
> 530 days

Albedo
> 1000 days

Asphalt Venture
> 1100 days

Prantalay 12
> 1250 days
and the families that wait
Dear Somali Brothers & Sisters,

We, the unfortunate families of M.V. Albedo, have been separated from our loved ones since the time, Albedo ship was taken over by some Somali men on 29 November 2010.

The families have to undergo huge amount of emotional stress, trauma since last 31 months. The Owner did not arrange money as demanded… We appealed to everyone in this world to pay money towards the release of our people. But no one listened to us. We have tried our best but we are very poor people. We even do not have any money to pay for medicines, school fees or to buy food for our children.

The vessel has now sunk and the Owner has no interest to pay money and rescue the crew. Our 4 crew members are missing from the ship and nobody knows about them......

Now, at least release them on humanitarian grounds else they will die in your hands. What will you tell to Allah? You will be punished by Him for taking the life of innocent poor people.

With all our hands folded, we appeal to you to please release our men.

July 2013
The families that wait and wait......
Prompted by the needs of seafarers affected by Piracy MPHRP has, with its partners in the insurance and maritime industry, launched a Fund which will help by providing small, but effective, grants to seafarers and their families for expenses such as:

• assistance with medical care / counselling
• travel costs to get help
• school fees for their children
• rent when the family is faced with eviction
• and in extreme cases food to keep them alive

plus assisting widows/bereaved families
www.mphrp.org

If you can help, would like more information or to contact anyone in the programme please email: response@mphrp.org

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