

# Report on Somalia

*Detailed Weekly Piracy Report and On-the-Ground Analysis*



*Piracy - At Sea - On Land - Domestic News - International Developments*

## Report on Somalia ~ SUMMARY

August 19 – 25, 2013 (Week 34)



*Follow us on Twitter @ MS Risk\_Security for regular updates on topical security events and issues.*

### At Sea:

- Throughout this reporting period, there was no activity reported in the High Risk Area. Nevertheless as water conditions begin to improve in the coming weeks, pirate action group's (PAG's) will increasingly begin to monitor the waters in the Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, off the Somali coast and further out to sea in an attempt to attack and hijack a vessel. Although the region has seen no successful hijackings in over a year, sightings and attacks have continued. Therefore vessels transiting these waters are reminded that the threat remains high and therefore vigilance is required. PAG's operating in the region will be observing vessels transiting the area, and will examine whether security precautions and armed security teams are in place. Those vessels with lax security protocols onboard will be easy targets for pirate attacks and hijackings. Consequently all vessels in the region are reminded to keep their safety and security protocols at a high level and to remain alert at all times.

#### Key Statistics

- Hijacks: 0
- Attacks: 0
- Sightings: 0
- Releases: 0

### Updates:

- **20 August 2013** - A report released on Tuesday has indicated that Four Italian marines, who were summoned to provide evidence in the trial of two fellow marines over the shooting deaths of two Indian fishermen, have refused to travel to India where the trial will take place.

### Piracy Related News:

- **22 August 2013** - Early on Thursday, a Spanish Maritime Patrol Aircraft from the EU Naval Force overflew the pirate controlled fishing vessel FV Naham 3 and observed that the vessel had moved from its sea anchorage to a Somali beach in the Galmuduug region of Somalia.
- **19 August 2013** - According to judiciary sources, twelve Somali nationals who were arrested off the coast of Somalia for alleged acts of piracy in January of this year will be tried in Mauritius in October.

### Weather Analysis:

- The weather throughout the following week will continue to be affected by the Southwest Monsoon. Throughout the following week, small skiffs and boats will experience decreased mobility in the Gulf of Oman and off the coasts of Somalia. Conditions off the southern coast of Somalia are expected to improve by the end of the week. In the Gulf of Aden and into the Red Sea water conditions will be favorable for pirate activity to occur. Further out to sea, water conditions will remain variable in some areas. Waters off Mozambique will continue to have calmer seas. Consequently, this region will likely see a number of pirate skiffs over the coming week.

## On Land:

- **22 August 2013** - African troops in Somalia announced on Thursday that they had thwarted an attack by al-Shabaab fighters on their base in the southern port city of Kismayo.
- **21 August 2013** - In the latest attack to hit the capital, gunmen on Wednesday killed two men and wounded a Swedish politician Ann-Margarethe Livh, 64, after firing on their vehicle.

## Domestic News:

- **22 August 2013** - Nearly one year into its mandate, the internationally-backed government in Somalia continues to struggle as it's first anniversary in power approaches.
- **21 August 2013** - On Wednesday, the Somali government vowed to deliver justice in a case that involves a local woman who was allegedly raped by African Union troops and Somali soldiers.

## International Developments:

- **24 August 2013** - On Saturday, the Italian coastguard confirmed that it had rescued more than 200 migrants off Sicily, increasing the ranks of the thousands of boat people who have made the crossing recently due to the calmer summer waters.

## About MS Risk

## Report on Somalia

August 19 – 25, 2013 (Week 34)

### At Sea:

- Throughout this reporting period, there was no activity reported in the High Risk Area. Nevertheless as water conditions begin to improve in the coming weeks, pirate action group's (PAG's) will increasingly begin to monitor the waters in the Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, off the Somali coast and further out to sea in an attempt to attack and hijack a vessel. Although the region has seen no successful hijackings in over a year, sightings and attacks have continued. Therefore vessels transiting these waters are reminded that the threat remains high and therefore vigilance is required. PAG's operating in the region will be observing vessels transiting the area, and will examine whether security precautions and armed security teams are in place. Those vessels with lax security protocols onboard will be easy targets for pirate attacks and hijackings. Consequently all vessels in the region are reminded to keep their safety and security protocols at a high level and to remain alert at all times.

#### Key Statistics

- Hijacks: 0
- Attacks: 0
- Sightings: 0
- Releases: 0

### Updates:

- 20 August 2013** - A report released on Tuesday has indicated that Four Italian marines, who were summoned to provide evidence in the trial of two fellow marines over the shooting deaths of two Indian fishermen, have refused to travel to India where the trial will take place. According to reports, the four marines were issued the summons by India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) which requested that the act as witnesses. The marines were aboard the Italian vessel *Enrica Lexie* when their colleagues, Massimiliano Latorre and Salvatore Girone, allegedly shot dead two fishermen in February off the southern Indian coast of Kerala. Official Indian sources have quoted that the four marines have indicated that in response to the summons from the NIA, which is probing the case, they are not ready to come to India in order to be witnesses. Instead, they have reportedly indicated that willing to appear through video conferencing or that a team from the NIA could visit them in Italy in order to question them. However Indian sources have indicated that none of the proposals provided by the four marines was acceptable to the NIA investigators. The Home Ministry has stated that this issue could delay the trial of the two Italian marines, who have been at the Italian embassy in New Delhi awaiting hearings for the case. In April, officials in India told Italy that preparations to set up a special court to try the marines, who are facing murder charges over the deaths, were at "an advanced stage." Since their arrest, the Italian government has been worried that the trial of the two men would be bogged down because of India's slow legal system. The charges stem from an incident which involved the two marines who were guarding an Italian oil tanker when they opened fire on a fishing boat, killing the two fishermen on board. Throughout the case, the two marines have maintained that they mistook the fishing boat for a pirate vessel. Italy has insisted that the pair should be prosecuted in their home country as the shootings involved an Italian-flagged vessel in international waters. However officials in India have maintained that the killings took place in waters under its jurisdiction.

### Piracy Related News:

- 22 August 2013** - Early on Thursday, a Spanish Maritime Patrol Aircraft from the EU Naval Force overflew the pirate controlled fishing vessel *FV Naham 3* and observed that the vessel had moved from its sea anchorage to a Somali beach in the Galmuduug region of Somalia. The patrol aircraft

sighted armed men on board the vessel however no hostages were seen in or near the vessel. Recent aerial photographs have shows that pirates have wielded their weapons onto the upper deck of the FV Naham 3. The FV Naham 3 has been under the control of armed pirates since it was hijacked in the Indian Ocean on 26 March 2012. For several months, the vessel was tethered to the MV Albedo which was hijacked by Somali pirates in November 2010. However with the sinking of the MV Albedo on 7 July of this year, the FV Naham 3 has been sighted either sailing up and down the coast or anchored. It is understood that in an attempt to secure the safe release of the hostages, negotiations are currently on-going between the hostage support programme and the pirates who hijacked the vessel. At this time, he whereabouts of the hostages cannot be verified by the EU Naval Force.

- **19 August 2013** - According to judiciary sources, twelve Somali nationals who were arrested off the coast of Somalia for alleged acts of piracy in January of this year will be tried in Mauritius in October. Sources have indicated that Abdoulakader Mohamed Ali (22); Said Mohamed Hassan (23); Ahmed Mohamed Ishmaël (27); Shafil Mohamed Osman (22); Hassan Salad Omar (25); Said Omar Farah (22); Abdilahi Ahmed Mohamed (45); Ali Hassan Mohamed (21); Abdi Mohamed Kidiy (37); Abdi Ahmed Yussouf (20); Abdillahi Mohamed Ahmed (24) and Mahad Mohamed Ibrahim (21), will be tried from 7 until 27 October 2013. The men were arrested during an operation that was launched by the European Union Naval Force. Mauritius is one of several countries in East Africa and the Indian Ocean region which is able to conduct trials as Somalia lacks the legal infrastructures which is necessary to carry out such trials.

## Weather Analysis:

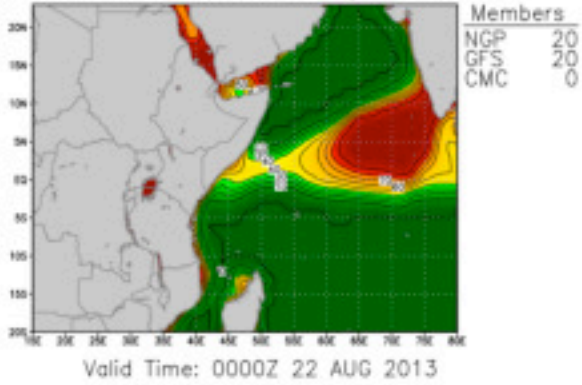
- **Gulf of Aden** - Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 3 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 3 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
  - **Extended Forecast** - Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 3 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf, with southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Gulf of Oman** - Southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and 3 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 3 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
  - **Extended Forecast** - Southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 3 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 3 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.
- **Somali Coast** - Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 5 - 7 feet; with southwest winds of 20 - 25 knots and seas of 8 - 10 feet in the vicinity of the Horn of Africa.
  - **Extended Forecast** - Southwest winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 5 - 7 feet; with southwest winds of 20 - 25 knots and seas of 8 - 10 feet in the vicinity of the Horn of Africa.
- **Arabian Sea** - Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet.
  - **Extended Forecast** - Southwest winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet.
- **Central African Coast/Indian Ocean** - Southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 5 - 7 feet.
  - **Extended Forecast** - Southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet.
- **Mozambique Channel** - East-southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 8 - 10 feet in the northern Channel; with east-southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 8 - 10 feet in the southern Channel.
  - **Extended Forecast** - East-southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the northern Channel; with east-southeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 5 - 7 feet in the southern Channel.
- **Surface Currents** - The northern Arabian Sea and GOA currents are variable with most areas having average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable, having an average speed of 2 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali basin are northeasterly averaging between 1 - 2 knots.
- **Synoptic Discussion** - The northern and western Indian Ocean areas are under the influence of the southwest monsoon season, with low pressure producing partly to mostly cloudy skies with rain showers and thunderstorms. The Mozambique Channel will be under the influence of low pressure. Expect partly to mostly cloudy conditions throughout most central African coastal areas.



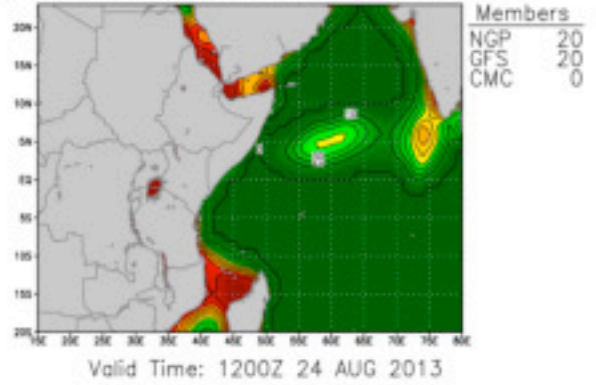
## Sea Conditions For This Week:

### 10-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast, DTG: 2013081912

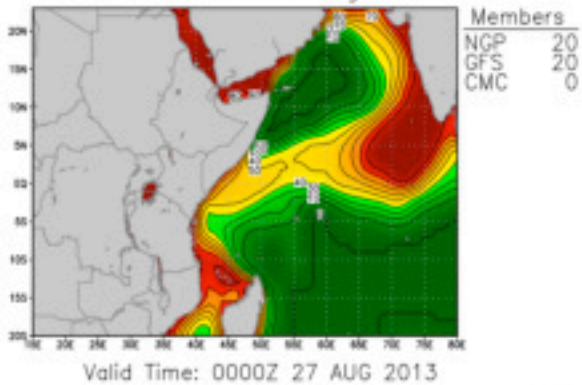
Winds < 15.0 kts and Wave Heights < 5.0 ft



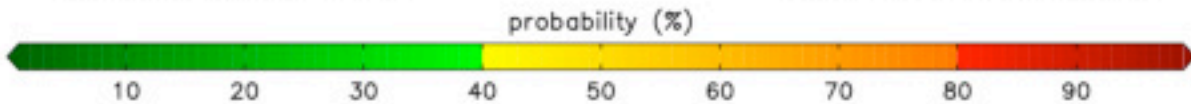
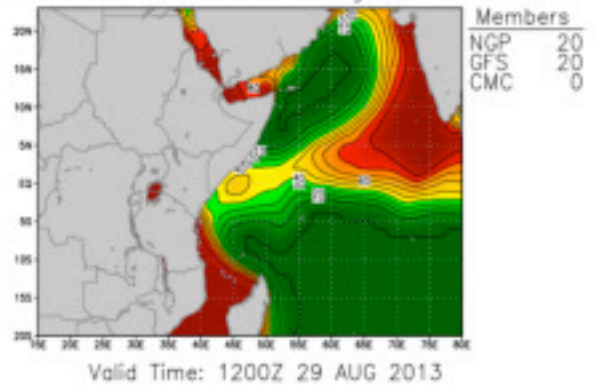
Winds < 15.0 kts and Wave Heights < 5.0 ft



Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



Winds < 17.0 kts and Wave Heights < 7.0 ft



\*\*\* In this graphic, the green shading represents a reduced likelihood of small boats and skiffs operating in the area due to harsh sea conditions, while the red indicates a higher likelihood of favorable sea conditions for skiffs and smaller boats \*\*\*

## On Land:

- **22 August 2013** - African troops in Somalia announced on Thursday that they had thwarted an attack by al-Shabaab fighters on their base in the southern port city of Kismayo. According to a statement released by officials, African Union troops had repelled al-Shabaab militants when they first attempted to launch an attack on Wednesday evening. The statement further indicated that in the early hours of Thursday, “the militia returned to attack...but were engaged before they disembarked from their vehicle.” The statement also noted that al-Shabaab had “suffered several casualties.” AMISOM also noted that the vehicle which was used by the assailants, which is the type of four-wheel drive that is favored by NGO’s and which is mounted with a machine gun, was destroyed.
- **21 August 2013** - In the latest attack to hit the capital, gunmen on Wednesday killed two men and wounded a Swedish politician Ann-Margarethe Livh, 64, after firing on their vehicle. According to eyewitness accounts, the three officials were shot at as they were travelling to visit a university. The attack took place around the K4 roundabout, which is a busy intersection in the heart of Mogadishu. The two men who were killed in the attack are believed to be a Somali translator and a police officer who was acting as a bodyguard. According to police officer Capt Ali Hussein, Ms. Livh is being treated at a hospital that is run by the African Union force in Mogadishu. Her party’s spokeswoman, Aasa Mattsson, confirmed the attack, indicating that “Ann-Margarethe Livh, group leader of the Left Party in Stockholm, suffered a gunshot wound in Mogadishu today.” Swedish Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Lena Tranberg has stated that arrangements are being made to transfer Ms. Livh to neighboring Kenya where she will undergo treatment for her injuries. Reports indicate that Ms. Livh is “injured but able to speak.” The motive of the attack remains to be unclear however witnesses reported that the gunmen were in a car and attempted to block the vehicle that was carrying the politician and the two men. Police have also indicated that this attack may have been an attempted kidnapping. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack, however al-Shabaab have carried out a series of bombings, attacks and killings in recent months in which foreigners have been targeted. In June of this year, al-Shabaab suicide commandos carried out a brazen daylight attack on a fortified United Nations compound while last month, a suicide car bomber attacked a Turkish embassy complex in Mogadishu.

## Domestic News:

- **22 August 2013** - Nearly one year into its mandate, the internationally-backed government in Somalia continues to struggle as it’s first anniversary in power approaches. Al-Qaeda-inspired fighters, breakaway regions, coupled with rival clans and an ongoing climate of insecurity are the continuing threats that are jeopardizing the current government’s initiatives of concluding decades of anarchy. Although the current government was the first to attain global recognition since the collapse of the hardline regime in 1991, and has since seen billions in foreign aid being poured into the country, officials within the country have struggled to maintain security. Somalia has taken steps forward, particularly in the coastal capital city of Mogadishu, which is now busy with laborers rebuilding after al-Shabaab fighters fled their city two years ago. However the situation throughout the rest of the country continues to remain bleak. Outside the city, the weak central government continues to maintain minimal influence as much of the country is fractured into autonomous regions, including the self-declared northern Somaliland. Earlier this month, the northeast region of Puntland cut ties with the central government while in the far south, self-declared leaders in the Jubbaland region continue to defy Mogadishu’s authorities. In turn, multiple armies are fighting for control of southern Somalia, including rival warlords, Islamist extremists and a national army that is backed by the 17,700-strong African Union (AU) force. Al-Shabaab too remain powerful, despite losing a string of key towns and leaders, the terrorist group continues to carry out attacks. A suicide attack on a UN compound in June of this year demonstrated al-Shabaab’s ability to strike at



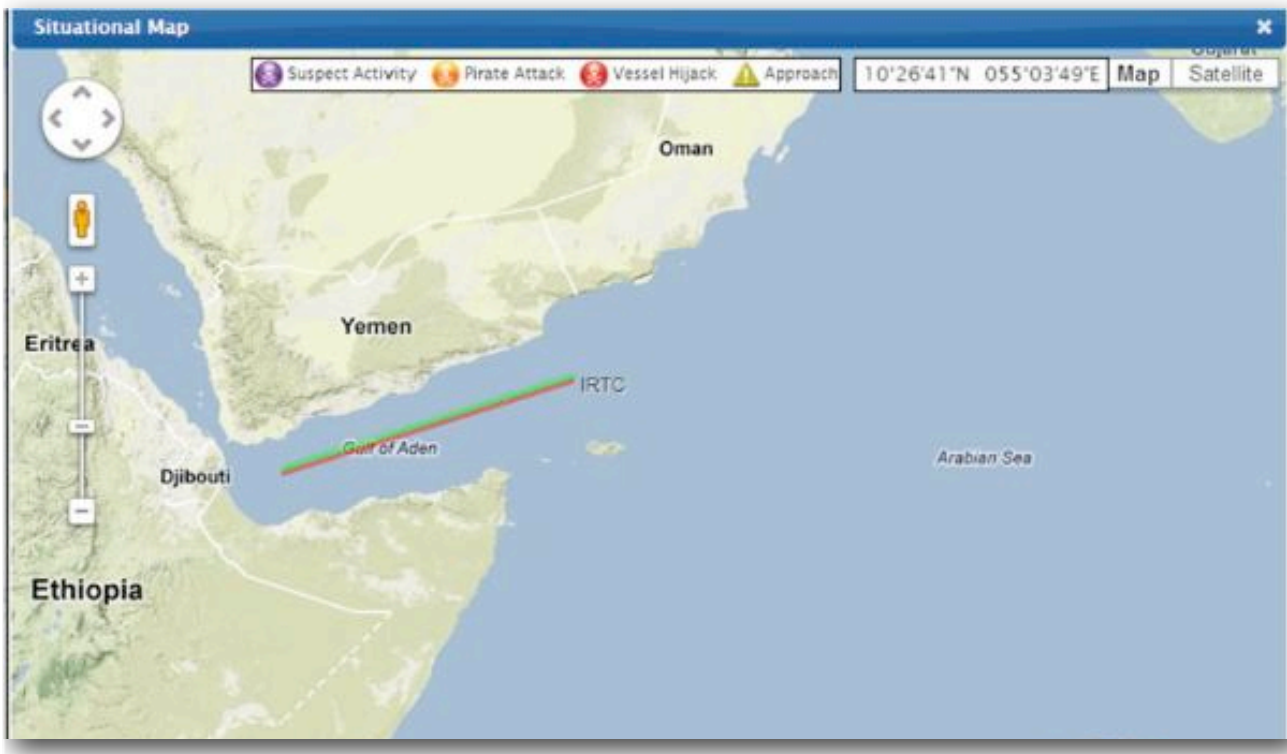
the heart of the capital's most secure areas. Last month, a report released by the UN Monitoring Group estimated that al-Shabaab still have some 5,000 militants within its group and that they remain the “principal threat to peace and security in Somalia.” Aid workers are struggling to contain a dangerous outbreak of polio, with the UN warning that while more than one hundred cases have been recorded, there are “probably thousands more with the virus.” Compounding the problem is an almost impossible environment for aid workers. In a major blow this month, Doctors Without Borders (MSF), an aid agency used to working in the world’s most dangerous places, pulled out of Somalia after two decades of providing aid in the country. The agency cited that it could no longer put up with a “barrage of attacks,” including kidnappings, threats, lootings and murder. Over a million Somalis are refugees in surrounding nations and another million are displaced inside the country, often in terrible conditions, with the UN warning of “pervasive” sexual violence.

- **21 August 2013** - On Wednesday, the Somali government vowed to deliver justice in a case that involves a local woman who was allegedly raped by African Union troops and Somali soldiers. In a statement that was released on Wednesday, Somalia’s minister for Human Development, Maryan Qasim, stated that “my team and I are committed to getting to the bottom of this case, and all other allegations of sexual violence.” The statement went on to state that “we want perpetrators of crimes to be brought to justice and to build a society where the rights of every citizen are protected.” The release of the statement comes one week after a Somali woman alleged that she was kidnapped by three soldiers from the national army, blindfolded and forced into a car before being handed over to African Union troops who repeatedly raped her. The unnamed woman, who is in her late 20’s, has stated to Somali media that she was unconscious during the attack and that she does not know how many men raped her. Although both the Somali national army and AMISOM have condemned the attacks, this is not the first time that the two army’s have been accused of rape and violence. Both armies have indicated that they have launched an investigation into the matter.

## International Developments:

- **24 August 2013** - On Saturday, the Italian coastguard confirmed that it had rescued more than 200 migrants off Sicily, increasing the ranks of the thousands of boat people who have made the crossing recently due to the calmer summer waters. According to the coastguard, a group of 116 people, most of them Somalis, were drifting in the Canal of Sicily on a small rubber dinghy when they were spotted by a navy vessel. They were later taken by the coastguard to the island of Lampedusa. Another 100 were picked up by a vessel of the European Union border control agency Frontex. They were also handed over to the Italian coastguard and later moved to Portopalo, which a Sicilian port located south of Syracuse. During this week, around 1,000 migrants crossed the Mediterranean from North Africa and landed in Italy. Most of the thousands of economic migrants and refugees who have landed in Italy in recent months had arrived in Libya, which is located 300 kilometers (185 miles) south of Lampedusa, from other parts of Africa. The currently calmer weather conditions coupled with the growing unrest that is occurring in north Africa have led to a surge in migrant arrivals in recent weeks. Italy’s interior minister indicated that over the twelve-month period between 1 August 2012 and 1 August 2013, 24,277 migrants had landed in Italy.

Map:





## About MS Risk

MS Risk is a privately owned company domiciled in the Isle of Man. It is underwritten by syndicate 2525 of Lloyd's of London for special risks case management in all jurisdictions. It also acts as retained advisors to syndicates in the Lloyd's of London specialty risk insurance markets: kidnap for ransom, extortion, hijack, illegal detention, illegal war tax, malicious product tamper, terrorism, political and war risk.

MS Risk is always mindful and compliant to legislation and guidelines on the use of private security services including, but not limited to the US FCPA (1977), UK Bribery Act (2010), Canadian Bill C-48 (2007), ASX 8 Corporate Governance Principles, and the World Bank/IFC Voluntary Principles on the Use of Government and Private Security Forces. MS Risk is a signatory of the Swiss government's International Code of Conduct. It is transparent and compliant to market expectations on legal and ethical conduct in the performance of services.

MS Risk has a dedicated team of researchers, a 24/7 hotline service and a pool of trained and experienced consultants to support client needs.

MS Risk supports clients in a variety of business sectors with the following services:

- Security Consulting
  - Risk assessments and intelligence reporting
  - Planning and management
  - Due diligence and investigations.
- Project Management
  - Interim security
  - Training
  - Special assignments
- Crisis Response
  - Crisis management
  - Business continuity management
  - Hostile operations support to commercial interests
- Virtual Security Director service for clients lacking a full time security executive.

References are always available.

More information is found at [www.msrisk.com](http://www.msrisk.com)

24 hr Contact Information:

Email: [operations@msrisk.com](mailto:operations@msrisk.com)

Telephone: +44 162 462 6400

---

MS Risk Limited, South Suite, Ragnall House, 18 Peel Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 4LZ.

Tel: +44 1624 626400

Directors: S.J. Bingham, V.K. Prentice, P.O.J. Tracy.

Registered in the Isle of Man No 007435V

---

24 hr Global Contact: +44 207 754 3555  
[www.msrisk.com](http://www.msrisk.com)