Mission Management Success Stories

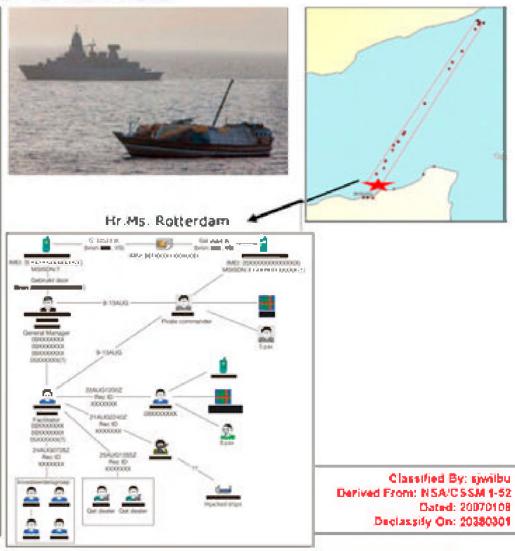
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operation to board a Pakistani vessel hijacked by Somali pirates, capture the pirates, and rescue the crew. On 13 August 2012, the Dutch HMS Rotterdam (the flagship for the NATO anti-piracy operation OCEAN SHIELD), in cooperation with two ships from the EU anti-piracy operation ATALANTA, boxed in the hijacked vessel and launched the special operation.

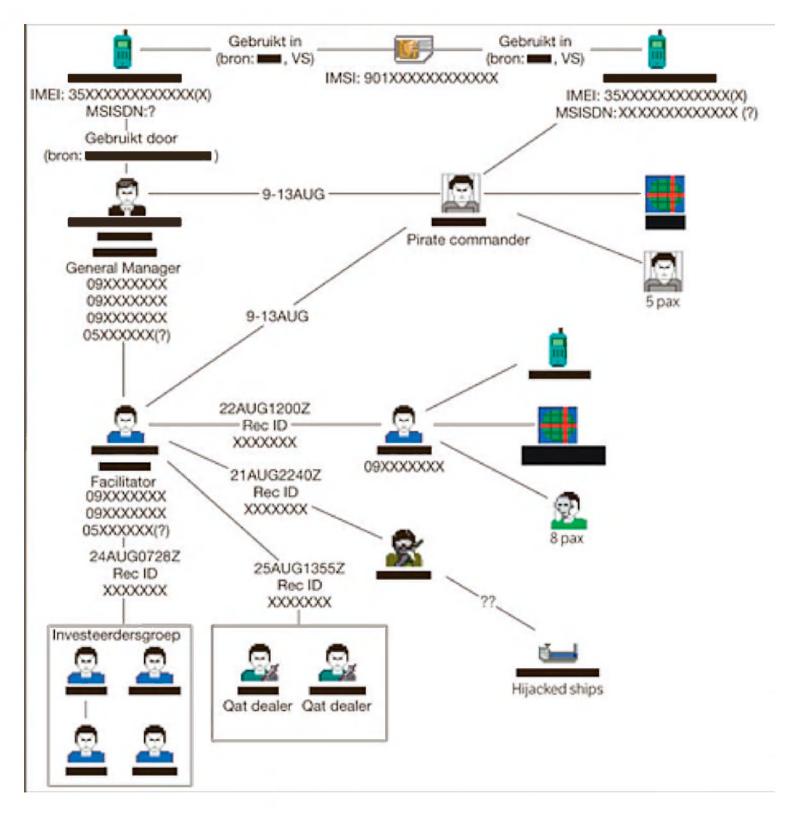
 (S//SI//RELTO USA, NLD) At the beginning of August, the Dutch Defense Intelligence and Security Service (MIVD) alerted the Rotterdam about a piracy-related intercept. During the week of 6 August, MIVD continued to update the Rotterdam on the hijacked vessel's course and the pirates' intentions. Meanwhile, the Rotterdam intercepted communications regarding reactions and activities. The Dutch were abie to communications because NSA agreed to provide then

participation in OCEAN SHIELD.

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FAD Success Stories Sample

Each FAD success story should have the 4 sections: Title, Problem, Solution, and Impact. See below for sample.

- (U) Title: (TS//SI//NF) Capability Provided to Dutch Assists in Capture of Somali Pirates and Mapping of Piracy-Related Network
- (U) Problem: (TS//SI//NF) NSA access to Somali pirate communications has dropped, partly because of the success of anti-piracy operations but also because many pirates have switched to land-based operations, and NSA does not have access to Somali communications.

(U) Solution: (S//SI//REL TO USA, NLD) In early 2012, the Dutch Defense Intelligence and Security Service (MIVD) informed NSA that it was secretly placing a SIGINT team on the Dutch vessel *HMS Rotterdam*, the flagship for the NATO anti-piracy operation OCEAN SHIELD. At MIVD's request, NSA agreed to provide duration of the *Rotterdam's* participation in OCEAN SHIELD so that the Dutch could **Communications** collection during the operation.

(U) Impact: (S//SI//REL TO USA, NLD) The collection of Somali communications aided a Dutch special operation launched from the *Rotterdam* to board a Pakistani vessel hijacked by Somali pirates, capture the pirates, and rescue the crew. On 13 August 2012, the *Rotterdam*, in cooperation with two ships from the EU anti-piracy operation ATALANTA, boxed in the hijacked vessel and launched the special operation. In early August, MIVD had alerted the *Rotterdam* about a piracy-related **1** and then continued to provide updates on the hijacked vessel's course and the pirates' intentions. Meanwhile, the *Rotterdam* was able to intercept **1** communications **1** In the wake of the special operation. **2** collection in the Netherlands and **1** in Somalia led to the identification of **1** selectors and the mapping of a piracy-related network around **1**

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