

# News Release



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## **NATO Commander meets Task Force counterpart in Gulf of Aden**

**London:** Yesterday, Commodore Christian Rune, commander of the NATO Task Force operating in the counter piracy mission Operation Ocean Shield, met with the Republic of Singapore Rear Admiral Bernard Miranda. He is commander of the Combined Task Force 151 who are also involved in a counter piracy mission. The meeting took place on board the NATO flagship, HDMS Absalon.

The two Commanders met the day after NATO Forces rescued the MV Ariella. Danish specially trained forces, as part of the NATO Task Force, boarded and took back control of the ship. During this operation, there was strong cooperation between the different battle force commanders in the area.

“The coordination and cooperation between Task Forces is a real asset. At the operational level, monthly meetings are conducted for the benefit of the higher level planning. However, coordination at the tactical level is as important as we are the On Scene Commanders. The example of yesterday’s successful intervention is proof of this. Hence I was very glad to meet my counterpart in Task Force 151,” said CDRE Rune.

### **Notes to editors**

1. The NATO task force TF 508 is one out of three coalition task forces operating in the fight against piracy. TF 508 consists presently of three ships:
  - HDMS ABSALON (flagship, Royal Danish Navy)
  - USS BOONE (United States Navy)

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- HMS CHATHAM (Royal Navy)
2. The Combined Task Force 151 consists presently of:
- USS FORREST SHERMAN
  - USS FARRAGUT
  - TCG GÖKOVA

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