

Russian Delegation meet NATO`s counter piracy task force.

On 30 April 2010 the Commander of NATO's Counter Piracy Task Force operating off Somalia met with a Russian delegation at sea in the Gulf of Aden. Commodore Steve Chick who is embarked in NATO flagship HMS CHATHAM met with Captain Yildar F. Akhmerof, the commander of the Russian Task Group in the region. Accompanying Captain Akhmerof on board HMS CHATHAM was Lt Cdr Andrey S Meschaninov, the Chief Officer for tactical Activities and Lt Dimitriy U Ubogov, an interpreter. During the visit the commanders talked about the importance of the increasing co-operation between maritime navies in the fight against piracy. Commenting after the NATO-Russian Navy meeting, which lasted 3 hours instead of the expected two, Commodore Chick said "I am very pleased that I was able to host Captain Akhmerof today on board my flagship. The meeting was conducted in an open-minded and friendly atmosphere. There is a genuine willingness to operate together to fight the scourge of piracy in an area of strategic importance"

For the photo the names from left to right:

CPO Cherry (RN) (HMS CHATHAM)

CDR Huntington (RN) (CO HMS CHATHAM)

Lt Dimitriy U. Ubogov (Interpreter)

LtCdr Andrey S. Meschaninov (Chief Officer for tactical activities)

Captian 1st Rank Y. Akhmerof (Commander Russian Task Group)

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