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ASD – Armed Security Detail

Pemba, Moçambique, Africa

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Belford Dolphin Drillship

I never would have guessed that I would ever be in command of an Armed Security Detail on a Work Vessel in Moçambique, but here I am. These photos are from a drill for the marines only. Usually our drills are integrated, but the security consultants wanted to walk the Marines through first.















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Maputo, Moçambique (from Wikipedia)

Maputo, formerly Lourenço Marques, is the capital and largest city of Moçambique. A port on the Indian Ocean, its economy is centered on the harbour. It has an official population of approximately 1,244,227, but the actual population is estimated to be much higher because of slums and other unofficial settlements. Coal, cotton, sugar, chromite, sisal, copra, and hardwood are the chief exports. The city manufactures cement, pottery, furniture, shoes, and rubber. There is also a large aluminum smelting plant, Mozal. The city is surrounded by Maputo Province, but is administered as its own province.

Reported Pirate Activity, week ending 30 Dec 09, US Naval Intelligence (ONI), <http://www.nga.mil/portal/site/maritime>

- A. Sailing vessel robbed 26 Dec 09, Cartagena, Colombia.
- B. Catamaran (FRITZ THE CAT) robbed 11 Dec 09, Cartagena, Colombia.
- C. Sailing vessel (MARANO) reported suspicious approach 5 Dec 09, approximately 400NM southwest of the Canary Islands.
- D. Tanker robbed 29 Dec 09, Lagos anchorage, Nigeria.
- E. Bulk carrier fired upon 29 Dec 09, Lagos anchorage, Nigeria.
- F. General cargo ship fired upon, robbed 28 Dec 09, Lagos anchorage, Nigeria.
- G. Supply vessel fired upon 19 Dec 09, Ubit oil field, Nigeria.

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