

Press Communiqué

Piracy case

Following an incident at sea on or about the 5th January 2013 at about 240 Nautical Miles off the coast of Somalia, 12 Somali citizens were apprehended in an operation carried out by the EUNAVFOR (European Union Naval Force).

Pursuant to the transfer agreement signed between EUNAVFOR and the Government of Mauritius on 14th July 2011, a request was made for the transfer of the suspected pirates for trial, to which Mauritius agreed. The handing over of the suspected pirates was effected at Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport on 24th January 2013.

The Police has submitted the file for advice and the Director of Public Prosecutions has advised that the 12 suspected pirates be prosecuted for **an act of piracy on high seas** (Breach of sections 3(1) (a), 3(3) and 7 of the Piracy and Maritime Violence Act 2011). The suspected pirates will be tried before the Intermediate Court of the Republic of Mauritius. The accused parties who are Somali nationals are:

1. Abdeoulkader Mohamed Ali, 22 years old ;
2. Said Mohamed Hassan, 23 years old ;
3. Ahmed Mohamed Ismael, 27 years old;
4. Shafi Mohamed Osman, 22 years old;
5. Hassan Salad Omar, 25 years old;
6. Said Omar Farah, 22 years old;
7. Mohamed Abdilahi Ahmed, 45 years old;
8. Ali Hassan Mohamed, 21 years old;
9. Abdi Mohamed Kidiye, 37 years old;
10. Abdi Ahmed Yussuf, 20 years old;
11. Abdillahi Mohamed Ahmed, 24 years old ;
12. Mahad Mohamed Ibrahim, 21 years old.

The Office of the

Director of Public Prosecutions

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