THE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF MARITIME PIRACY IN SOMALIA

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ABSTRACT

Maritime piracy in Somalia in particular and the Horn of Africa in general constitutes a major security challenge to the continent's security as a whole. The crime of maritime piracy has inflicted economic, political, social and strategic consequences on the continent and its peoples. Therefore, piracy threatens the entire fabrics of the continent’s overall security architecture. The increase in the number of maritime piracy is serious because the damage done to the continent hampers progress, peace, stability, prosperity and development. Maritime piracy affects the environmental, humanitarian, commercial, energy, and food security of the Horn of Africa. Despite global efforts made to curb piracy in the Horn of Africa, the ugly trend continues. This paper considers the causes and consequences of maritime piracy. It equally considers what needs to be done to eradicate maritime piracy in the Horn of Africa.

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