Yemen National Security Strategy

Yemen Coast Guard Strategy 2010-2020
Agenda

• Maritime Security Threats in the Gulf of Aden

• Efforts of Yemen in compacting Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships

• Yemen Coast Guard Strategy.2010-2020

• Conclusion
Maritime Security Threats and Challenges

- Piracy and armed robbery against ships
- Smuggling (weapons, goods, drugs, etc)
- Human Trafficking (Human Smuggling)
- Terrorist Transportation Network
Piracy and armed robbery against ships
Confiscated drug and weapons

Smuggling (weapons, goods, drugs, etc)

21 ton, 4 boats, 51 smugglers
Human Smuggling

2007 = 29232 migrant
2008 = 50091 migrant
2009 = 79500
2010 till September = 78400
Terrorist Transportation Network

USS Cole - 2000

Limburg (French oil tanker) - 2002
Efforts of Yemen in compacting Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships

Type of effort

Diplomatic Efforts

Technical Efforts
1. The Diplomatic Efforts

Political Stability of Somalia

President meeting with IMO Secretary General in 2004

Efforts of Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs Authority with IMO

Conducting:
- Sana’a Seminar on April, 2005.
- The Follow-up Workshop on Muscat, January 2006.
- Dar-AlSalam Workshop April – 2008
- Djibouti Meeting January – 2009
Complemented Diplomatic Efforts

- Cairo Meeting of Foreign Ministers of Countries Boarding Red Sea
  20 Nov. 2008

- International Conference on Piracy around Somalia Nairobi
  Dec. 2008

- Sana’a Summit Meeting
  Khartoum Dec. 2008

- Meetings with EU

- Contact Group
  On piracy off the coast of Somalia

- Riyadh meeting
  2009
2. The Technical Efforts

Efforts of Maritime Affairs Authority

- Fulfilling the Legal Framework of DCC
- Call for Signing the Djibouti CC

Efforts of Yemen Coast Guards

- Establishing VTS System
- Escorting Ships
- Patrolling

National Plan for Combating Piracy

- Establishing Coastal Bases
- Sharing Information

GMDSS stations
- Hodeidah & Aden

Establishing ReMISC
Completing the Construction Phase in 2008.

Communicating the Role of this Center to All Relevant National Agencies.

Integrating the Function of this Center in the National Plan of Combating Piracy.

Conducting meetings with the IMO and EU for providing equipment for the Center.
ReMISC Building in Sana'a
The objectives of the center are:

- Secure the international maritime route which is close to the Yemeni territorial waters
- Fighting piracy and armed robbery against ship
- Showing clear positive overview to the international community about the procedures taken by our country in fighting piracy and armed robbery in accordance with the available capabilities.
- Attract the attention of the international community in order to assist Yemen in fighting piracy and armed robbery against ships
Countries participating in regional center for Combating piracy and armed robbery against ships

- Sudan
- Saudi Arabia
- Eritrea
- Djibouti
- Somalia
- Oman

- Mediterranean
- Arabian Sea
- Indian Ocean
The Yemen Coast Guard (YCG) is now in its eighth year of operations safeguarding the territorial and economic waters of Yemen. As such it has grown out of all expectations and is now a vital agency in the combating of illegal actions at sea and ashore. Answerable to the Ministry of the Interior, the YCG works in close co-operation with the relative Ministries, all of whom have agreed to this strategy paper and its requirements to ensure its growth in the next ten year period.
• The cadre is selected from the Navy and the Police as well as accepting the civilians with the skills and specialties

• Manpower is about (3000) personnel and this figure is increased

• The YCG has variety boats different size and kind

• Area of responsibility is divided into three districts: Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and the Arabian sea

• Established in July 2002 by republican decree.
• The YCG headquarter is located in Sana’a
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The main goal of the National Security Strategy is the continued application of the YCG’s duties and responsibilities as stipulated by the presidential decree, through the continuous patrols, activities and operations of YCG assets at sea and ashore, as detailed at Annex A. To achieve these responsibilities and to move forward into the next decade, a number of objectives have been identified. These are:
1. Completing infrastructure and training institution including:
   a. Human resources
   b. Infrastructure - implement review of establishments, bases and individual units. Survey future sites for exploitation YCG bases
   c. Organization
   d. Operational - review operational practices and training

2. Continue work to improve the logistic support to operations and review the procedures offered by new technology

3. Establishment of a Intelligence organization (C2)
Given the importance of an effective Yemeni Coast Guard to regional maritime security we do believe the need of implementation of national security strategy.

Setting up a clear-cut strategy and vision for the YCG is an urgent priority and necessary if the needed infrastructure and constructions are to be in place to allow the YCG to take control over all territorial and economic waters of Yemen. The YCG’s utmost goal during the coming phase must be the implementation of this strategy.

In its Third Five-year Plan and during the foundational phase, the Coast Guard Authority gave emphasis to accomplishing the first phase (infrastructure phase) of the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea Districts within a specific period of time.
### BASIC PROPOSED NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NSS: 2010-2020

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Manpower of Yemen Coast Guard

2008

Officers 238

Brigadier 5

Colonel 50

Lt. Col. 24

Major 50

Captain 27

1st Lieutenant 64

2nd lieutenant 18

On Contract Basis 11

Non-commissioned officer 503

Personnel 2545

Civil 147

Personnel 2042

2946

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YCG future Plans to enhance the maritime Security

- Completion of bases & infrastructure.
- Compromise the Training Strategy
- Vessel Traffic System implementation
- Procurement of larger patrol vessels and activate the new operational bases.
- Increase the qualified manpower to 7000 personnel
- Establish security cooperation with the regional countries and international community
Yemen Coast guard missions

• Maritime security
  – Human Migration interdiction
  – Smuggling interdiction
  – Fighting Piracy
  – Fighting Terrorism

• Maritime safety (Search & Rescue)

• Fishery protection (EEZ)

• Protection of the maritime environment (MARPOL)
Training

• Local training: (YCG training institute – Aden city with UK assistance)

• International training:
  • USN, USCG, RNA, MAL, FR, PK, TK, Japan, etc..

• Joint exercise with the Coalition: (CTF150, CJTF-HOA)

• European Union: (OPS ATALANTA)

• UNHCR (international law for refuge, safety & SAR)
• First Phase: 500 km from Khokha till Shuqra

• Second Phase: 500 km from Shuqra till Mukala

• Third Phase: 300 km from Medi till Alkhokha

• Forth phase: 600 km from Mukala till Alghaudah
First Phase

National Yemeni VTS System
Conclusion

- YCG is new maritime law enforcement authority for 8 years.
- YCG has limited assets and lack of infrastructure in the area of responsibility (Gulf of Aden, Red Sea, Arabian Sea) so it cannot cover and conduct full maritime security operations in the area of responsibility.
- Supporting and backing up the role of the Yemeni Coast Guard will enhance the maritime security and play an active role in protecting the international navigation in the region.
- It is very important to establish joint regional and international Maritime Security Cooperation in order to secure the international maritime routes since the security is the responsibility of the whole international community.
Yemen will continue to be an effective partner with the international community in its fight against terrorism & Piracy and is therefore looking forward to the future to find ways to work more closely with the international community at large.
Role of (ReMISC) in combating Piracy and armed robbery against ships
Thank You