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### **Recent change in government in Somalia**

In the year up to April 2006 there were 19 actual and 45 attempted ship hijackings but since June 2006 - as the Somali capital Mogadishu came under control of the Islamic government (Union of Islamic courts (UIC)) - the number of attacks had dramatically decreased. But with the recent change in government in Somalia there could be an upsurge in piracy. The advice for seafarers to avoid the port of Mogadishu and to stay at least 200 nautical miles off the coast of Somalia is still valid.

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### **Links**

- [IMO resolution A.979\(24\) Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia](#)
- [IMO MSC circular 623 Piracy and armed robbery against ships](#)
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