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A Maritime Security Patrol Area (MSPA)

A Maritime Security Patrol Area (MSPA) has been established in the Gulf of Aden. A force of Coalition Navy warships is patrolling the area, and aircraft are flying in the airspace above.

The coordinates of the security corridor through the Gulf of Aden are:

Waypoint: 12 15N 045E

Waypoint: 12 35N 045E

Waypoint: 13 35N 049E

Waypoint: 13 40N 049E

Waypoint: 14 10N 050E

Waypoint: 14 15N 050E

Waypoint: 14 35N 053E

Waypoint: 14 45N 053E

While Coalition ships have previously conducted routine operations as part of a continual presence in this region, the establishment of the MSPA will focus efforts to counter destabilizing activities and improve security in support of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) ongoing efforts for a long term solution.

Commodore Bob Davidson (Canadian Navy), commander Combined Task Force 150, is in command of naval forces in the patrol area.