



2,000 Somali pirates  
are hijacking the  
world's economy



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Over 800 seafarers are currently held hostage in appalling conditions by armed gangs of Somali pirates. Subjected to physical and psychological abuse for months at a time, they are held ransom for millions of dollars.

Merchant ships are being attacked daily and run a gauntlet of gunfire and rocket propelled grenade attacks.

Apart from the human cost, piracy is strangling key supply routes and costing the global economy \$12 billion a year.

The lawlessness has spread right across the Indian Ocean - through which half the world's oil supply passes. A hijacked tanker with 2 million barrels of oil represents 20% of daily oil imports to the USA.

We all rely on freedom of the seas for the safe delivery of 90% of our food, fuel, raw materials and manufactured goods. This freedom is threatened.

Even when caught red handed, 80% of pirates are released to attack again. Why? Because the world's politicians don't realise the severity of the crisis.

You can help stop this evil trade in human hostages and help restore the freedom of the seas. Visit [www.SaveOurSeafarers.com](http://www.SaveOurSeafarers.com) - you'll find letters to email to your government demanding action.



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