

## Annex 2.8: Maritime attack on a vessel off-shore from an Al-Shabaab controlled area

The Panel received information that the Passenger/Ro-Ro Anatolian vessel (IMO 9005869), registered in Turkey and operated by Mavi Deniz Tasimaciligi, was victim of an attack by a skiff off the coast of Somalia, on 13 August 2021, while on its way from Fethiye, Turkey to Mogadishu, Somalia. According to its captain the vessel was shot at from a skiff with RPGs and small arms (see figure 4).

The Panel noted that the vessel's automatic identification system (AIS) track showed that the vessel was almost stationary for about 24 hours less than 1,000 meters off the Somali coast in an area controlled by Al-Shabaab. That area is not patrolled by Somali security forces and Al-Shabaab has a stronghold 30 kilometres inland in a locality named Ali Gaudud (coordinates: 3°10'42"N, 46°26'9"E). The Panel sent an official correspondence to the vessel's operating company seeking clarification on the circumstances of the attack and the reasons behind its position close to an area controlled by Al-Shabaab.

Figure 1: Track between 2 and 17 August 2021.

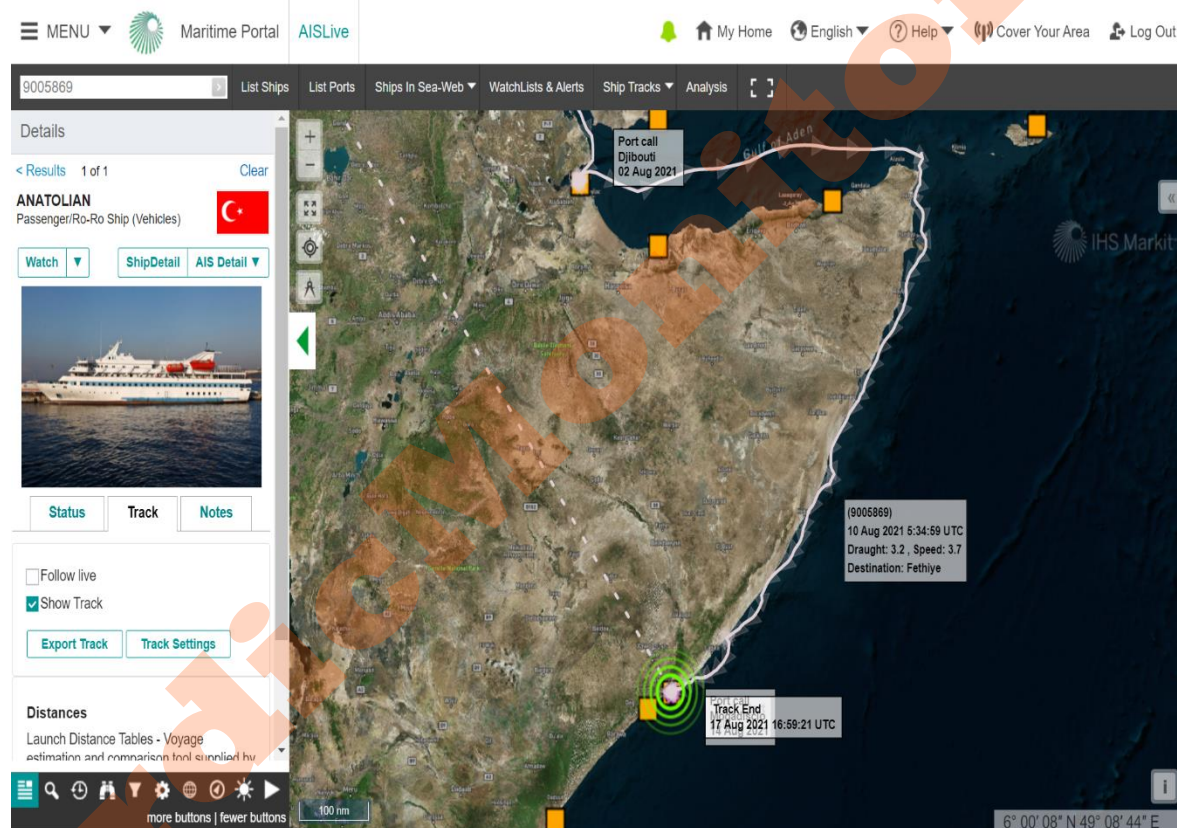


Figure 2: Position of the vessel on 12 August 2021 at 6:31 UTC.

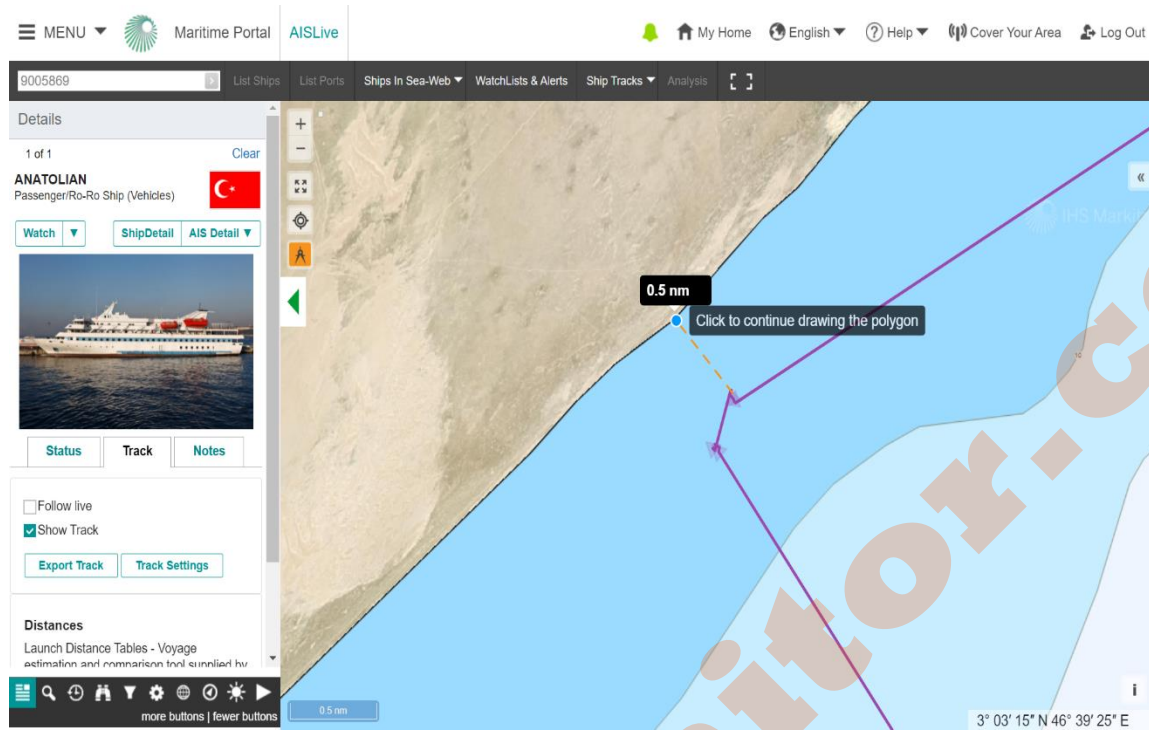


Figure 3: Position of the vessel on 12 August 2021 at 6:31 UTC and 13 August 2021 at 4.58 UTC.

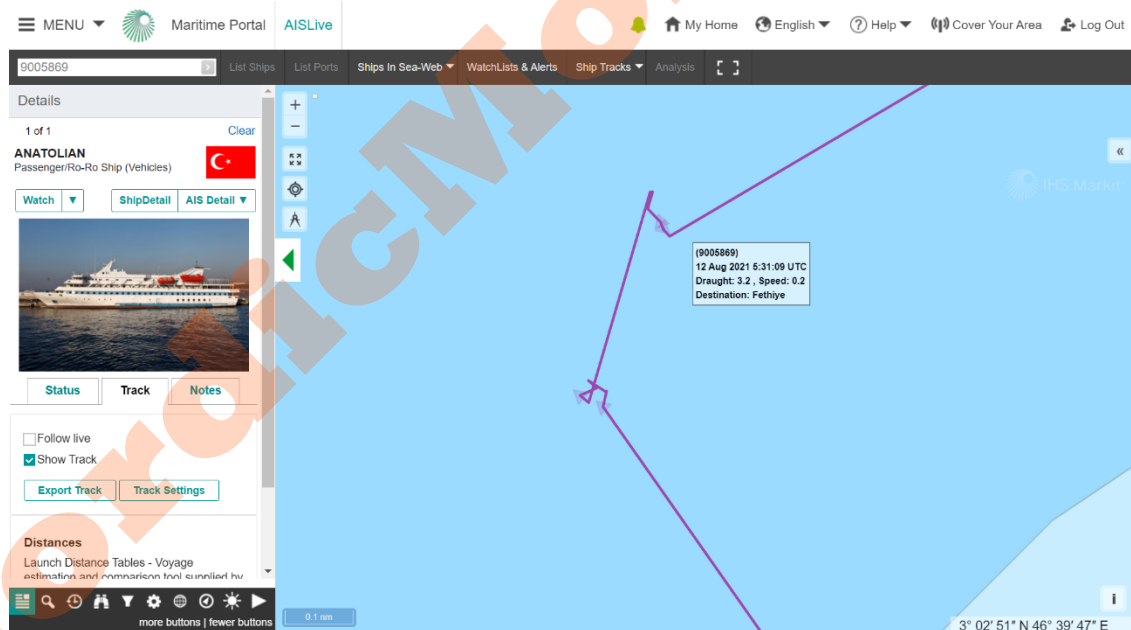


Figure 4: RPG's impact on the vessel.



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