



11/17/09 - EU NAVFOR supports Spanish Fishing Vessel Alakrana ? released today



EU NAVFOR warship CANARIAS This afternoon the hijacked Spanish Fishing Vessel Alakrana was released by pirates after spending 7 weeks in pirate captivity. EU NAVFOR understands from the Spanish Government that earlier today, Alakrana got underway from the Somali coast and made her way to open sea, calling upon Spanish warships Mendez Nunez and Canarias who were patrolling in the area. Alakrana stated in her call that all pirates had disembarked the ship and that she had sufficient fuel. The Captain also reported that the crew of 36 were in good health. The Spanish warships will escort Alakrana to safety.

The Spanish Fishing Vessel Alakrana was hijacked 2 October in the Indian Ocean 360 nautical miles off the Somali east coast.