

EU NAVY CHIEF: PIRACY STILL A THREAT

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The European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) has expressed concern about the growing perception that piracy attacks off Somalia are decreasing. At a recent meeting in Brussels, EUNAVFOR Operation Commander, Admiral Duncan Potts, expressed his alarm that this notion was an opinion that flies in the face of official figures which show that pirate attacks have actually increased, although successful hijackings have significantly decreased. EUNAVFOR's primary concern is that this perception, fueled by media reports, is misleading and inaccurate.