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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS - NARRATIVE CCOI NORTH OF CI

191715I/K FEB 07 - Initial contact report received in HQJTF 639, from **s47E (d)** **s47E (d)** DEFCOMMSTA I3M of 190729Z FEB 07) of CCOI in position 190705Z Feb 07, 0824S-10607E, tracking 170T at 8 knots. Classification of CCOI based on sighting of more than 40 people sighted, tarpaulins rigged in a vessel approximately 26m LOA.

191726I/K Feb 07 - TELECON contents of initial sighting report passed to Commander Border Protection and **s34 (3)**

Initial tasking as follows **s47E (d)** tasked to covertly track and report CCOI, with HMAS SUCCESS positioning to intercept the CCOI within the CZ.

s47E (d) PLE was 191035Z, **s47E (d)** obtained photos of CCOI, with copies sent to HMAS SUCCESS **s34 (3)** and JOC.

191820I/K Feb 07 - HQJTF 639 issued SITREP (HQJTF 639 I3M ITJ IMK of 190850Z Feb 07) detailing contents of initial contact report and initial tasking.

191827I/K Feb 07 **s47E (d)** reported CCOI in position 0842S-10608E, tracking 186T at 10 knots. Vessel described as 28 m LOA, brown hull, grey superstructure.

192120I/K Feb 07 - Following direction from Commander Border Protection, CJTF 639 issued tasking to SUCCESS at CJTF 639 I3M IAL/LAD of 191150Z Feb 07 to position clear of the CI CZ in order to intercept to CCOI prior to entry into the CZ. SUCCESS instructed to warn the vessels master to return his passengers to ID.

192145I/K Feb 07 - SUCCESS detected radar contact in position 0930S-10554E tracking 172T at 7 knots, correlating with predicted position of CCOI, and commenced closing to investigate.

200050I/K Feb 07 - SUCCESS commenced to close the vessel to obtain visual ID (using searchlights), with vessel position 0938S-10552E. Soon afterwards, SUCCESS confirmed ID of CCOI, based on **s47E (d)** photo and observed presence of up to 60 PII, of which 10 were female (some wearing lifejackets). SUCCESS commenced to warn the Master of the vessel (utilising the loud hailer function of the LRAD) that he should return to Indonesia with his passengers. The message was passed in English and also Bahasa Indonesia (utilising embarked linguist). The message has been passed regularly since that time. The initial response from the PII was to wave some flags with the words "Sri Lanka" and "Sri Lanka Help", otherwise the PII appear to have remained calm to date.

200148I/K Feb 07 - HMAS SUCCESS reported weather in vicinity of CCOI as overcast, with thunderstorms in the area, SS2, wind 340T at 10 knots, swell from the SW at 1m.

200235I/K Feb 07 - HMAS SUCCESS further evaluated that the CCOI may have up to 80 PII embarked. The vessel stopped in the water, in position 0940S-10552E. The initial visual assessment is that the vessel appears seaworthy. There have been no

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indications to date that the PII appear to want to damage their vessel. HQJTF 639 SITREP 2 passed, as detailed HQJTF 639 I3M ITJ IML of 191705Z. Detailing SUCCESS's initial detection and assessment of the CCOI.

2002471 K Feb 07 - CCOI in position 0941S-10554E (22.3nm North of CI CZ). PII continue to remain outwardly calm, occasionally shouting in the direction of SUCCESS and displaying their banners.

2004091 K Feb 07 - HQJTF 639 SITREP 3 passed, as detailed HQJTF 639 I3M ITJ IML of 191839Z. Detailing SUCCESS passing warnings and PII's sporadic shouting.

2004511 K Feb 07 - OPREP from SUCCESS, indicating that it appears that PII have all gone quiet, assumed to have gone to sleep. Remains in position 0939.9S-10555.4E.

2005101 K Feb 07 - OPREP from SUCCESS, CCOI remains in position 0939.7S-10555.8E (23.3nm North of CI CZ), SUCCESS continues to monitor the CCOI and issue verbal warning. Verbal activity from the CCOI is sporadic.

2005301 K Feb 07 - HQJTF 639 SITREP 4 passed, as detailed HQJTF 639 I3M ITJ IML of 192000Z. Detailing SUCCESS continuing to pass warnings and PII's sporadic shouting.

2005481 K Feb 07 - OPREP from SUCCESS, sunrise 05591 K.

2007071 K Feb 07 - OPREP from SUCCESS, indicating CCOI remains stopped in position 0939S-10556E. SUCCESS continues to circle CCOI and thunderstorms are sweeping the area.

2007581 K Feb 07 - OPREP - SUCCESS, CCOI remains 24.43nm outside CI CZ in position 0939.1S-10557.14. SUCCESS continues to circle the vessel issuing warnings in accordance with CJTF639 directions.

2009201 K Feb 07 - OPREP - SUCCESS closed up at boarding stations 09101 K as personnel onboard CCOI were observed to light clothing on end of pole, which was then ditched into water. Subsequent to this two further poles were observed to be lit. Personnel on CCOI were observed to become more agitated, waving clothing in apparent signs of distress. SUCCESS in position 0938S-10558E 24.4nm North Of CI CZ. Advice from PSTF received via email/signal from HQJOCJCCOPS and then disseminated to SUCCESS via same time chat, reference CBPC Orders 19 2350Z FEB 07.

2009461 K Feb 07 - OPREP - SUCCESS- two personnel from CCOI were observed to jump into the water 09271 K. In position 0938S-10558E. As SUCCESS was already at boarding stations, [REDACTED] s47E (d) Whilst RHIB was being launched both persons were recovered by the CCOI using lines, SUCCESS closing up to SOLAS stations.

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2009551/K Feb 07 – OPREP – SUCCESS in position 0938S-10558E observed that the situation on the CCOI appeared calm and the vessel still appears outwardly seaworthy. SUCCESS relaxed at boarding stations and at mass SOLAS stations but will retain short notice readiness state.

2010101/K Feb 07 – OPREP – SUCCESS in position 0938S-10557E closing up to boarding stations and preparing to board CCOI. BPO will seek permission from Master to “Visit” and if permitted will attempt to garner information required as passed by STC. If not permitted will return to SUCCESS.

2010381/K Feb 07 - Tasking signal for SUCCESS issued following completion of AM PSTF 20 Feb 07 reference CJTF 639 200108z FEB 07.

2011201/K Feb 07 – OPREP from SUCCESS in position 0938S-10600E that persons in CCOI continue to light fires on sticks and then throw them overboard. BP and 1SE currently boarding RHIBS.

2011351/K Feb 07 – STC SUCCESS/J3 – RHIBS in water and preparing to transit to CCOI and request permission to board AT 11361/K.

2011511/K Feb 07 – OPREP and STC SUCCESS/WKPR – RHIBS alongside CCOI and asking permission to board at 11381/K. [REDACTED] s47E (d)

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[REDACTED] Received permission to board at 11421/K from person believed to be the master of the CCOI. BP fully embarked at 11441/K in position 0939.17S-10600.49E.

2011481/K Feb 07 – STC SUCCESS/WKPR – BP given permission to search the vessel. PII inform BP that they are from Sri Lanka and have been onboard for 10 days.

2011491/K Feb 07 – STC SUCCESS/WKPR – initial head count 83 persons.

2011551/K Feb 07 – STC SUCCESS/WKPR – CCOI has two engines, one serviceable, second unserviceable. Hull in good condition, PII has limited food and water on board.

2011571/K Feb 07 – STC SUCCESS/WKPR – PII have requested asylum, no response given by BP, [REDACTED] s47E (d)

[REDACTED] s47E (d) & 37 (1) (c)

2012071/K Feb 07 - HQJTF 639 SITREP 5 passed, as detailed HQJTF 639 13M ITJ-IML of 200237Z. Detailing BP alongside CCOI and seeking permission to board.

2012171/K Feb 07 – OPREP and STC SUCCESS/WKPR – Success in position 0939S-10600E. Vessel departed [REDACTED] s47E (d) 12 days ago, with crew

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and PII. BP assessed all (including crew) as being male and Tamil, their general state of health is good, though a few cases of seasickness have been reported. s47E (d)
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Hull in good shape, small leak in stern gland which should seal once the vessel gets underway. 1 of 2 engines are serviceable second engine unserviceable with wires and driving arm removed. BP marine technician making assessment of parts required, or whether a replacement engine is achievable. Small fuel leak observed. s47E (d)
s47E (d) There appears to be approximately 400 litres of fuel remaining, 2-3 litres of water and 2 days of rations consisting of dry noodles.

201237I/K Feb 07 - OPREP SUCCESS - Success in position 0939S-10601E. Water tank has been discovered with approximately 500 litres of fresh water, food stocks of several boxes of noodles and six cans of sardines, estimate two days of rations, no extra rations have been requested.

201219I/K Feb 07 - STC SUCCESS/WKPR - Communications established with ONSTA P3.

201224I/K Feb 07 - STC SUCCESS/WKPR - From J3S ONSTA P3 is to remain clear of CCOI.

201254I/K Feb 07 - OPREP SUCCESS - Success in position 0939S-10601E. CCOI master (also PII leader) has stated to BPO s47E (d) & s 37 (1) (c)
s47E (d) & s 37 (1) (c) Engineering repairs possible though will take 2-3 hours to rectify.

201313I/K Feb 07 - OPREP SUCCESS - Success in position 0939S-10601E. CCOI master (also PII leader) continues to s47E (d) & s37 (1) (c)
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s47E (d) & s 37 (1) (c) SUCCESS remains at SOLAS stations and is standing by.
s47E (d)

201358I/K Feb 07 - Initial CCOI Report - SUCCESS - passed as detailed SUCCESS I3M/ITJ/IML of 200428Z Feb 07. Detailing information of vessel and PII. SUCCESS in position 0939.17S-10600.49E, 26nm outside CI CZ.

As at 201400I/K Feb 07

201408I/K Feb 07 - Email from s47F RE Conversation with CBPC and s47F (DEPSEC PM&C) and referencing Telecon CBPC and COMNORCOM, re the s47E (d) & s37 (1) (c) and SUCCESS's projected response.

201408I/K Feb 07 - OPREP SUCCESS/STC - SUCCESS in position 0939.5S-10602.2E. s47E (d)

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2014131 K Feb 07 Tasking Order PSII Instructions for SUCCESS PM 20 Feb 07

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SUCCESS is to act accordingly in response to a SOLAS situation. At all stages SUCCESS is to ensure that the message that the Govt will not accept people arriving illegally in this country is passed.

2014311 K Feb 07 - HQJTF 639 OP RESOLUTION CCOI VOICE OPSUM 01 passed, as detailed HQJTF 639 13M 11J IME of 200501Z Feb 07. Detailing situation to date and answering some of the questions posed by CJTF 639 Tasking Order 200108Z regarding the CCOI.

2015281 K Feb 07 - Telecom SUCCESS WKPR BP extraction in 5mins.

2015231 K Feb 07 - OPREP SUCCESS - Success in position 0939S-10602E. Unserviceable engine in CCOI now appears to be serviceable with throttle control from Watchhouse.

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Mass SOLAS and boarding stations closed up. All precautions in place. BPO reports vessel is seaworthy and message passed to Master of CCOI.

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2015481 K Feb 07 -

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2015551 K Feb 07 - OPREP SUCCESS - SUCCESS in position 0939.58S-10603.23E. BP safely recovered to Port RHIB and now embarking in SUCCESS. Minimal response observed on board CCOI on disembarkation.

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Current as of 2016001/K Feb 07**Future Intent:**

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 TO: HMAS SUCCESS
 INFO: HQJOC
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 HQJTF 639
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SUBJ: TASKING ORDER SIEV 20 - 210845Z FEB 07

A. EMAIL BPC/COMNORCOM DATED 21FEB07

1. CJTF 639 CONCURS THAT SIEV 20 IS IN A SOLAS SITUATION AND THAT ITS SAFETY CANNOT BE MAINTAINED WITHOUT CONTINUOUS INTERVENTION BY SUCCESS PERSONNEL. [REDACTED] s47E (d)

2. SUCCESS IS TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN SIEV 20'S SEAWORTHINESS. THIS EFFORT IS AT ALL TIMES SUBJECT TO THE CO'S JUDGEMENT THAT THE SAFETY OF ADF PERSONNEL AND PII IS NOT COMPROMISED.

3. CO SUCCESS IS AUTHORISED TO EMBARK ANY OR ALL OF THE PII IN SUCCESS AS HE JUDGES APPROPRIATE FOR SAFETY AND MORE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE SITUATION. SUCH EMBARKATION SHOULD PREFERABLY BE BY INVITATION AND WITH CONSENT OF THE PII'S, [REDACTED] s47E (d)

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6. ROE BEING CONFIRMED, TO FOLLOW ASAP

7. POC J3 HQJTF 639, [REDACTED] s47F

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SUBJ: OP RESOLUTE SIEV 20 - OPSUM 16

s47E (d)



1. REPORTING PERIOD: 210930ZFEB - 211930ZFEB 07.
2. DUE TO A SOLAS SITUATION A DECISION WAS MADE TO EMBARK SIEV 20 PII ONBOARD HMAS SUCCESS. THE HMAS SUCCESS BPO QUOTE INVITED UNQUOTE PII TO TRANSFER TO HMAS SUCCESS. ALL PII ACCEPTED.
3. ALL PII WERE EMBARKED ONBOARD HMAS SUCCESS BY 211112Z FEB 07 AND MEDICAL SCREENING HAD COMMENCED. THE BP WAS RECOVERED AND A HOLDING PARTY REMAINS OVERNIGHT ONBOARD SIEV 20.
4. HMAS SUCCESS ADVISED THAT 85 PII HAD BEEN EMBARKED VICE THE 83 INITIALLY REPORTED TO BE ONBOARD SIEV 20. TWO OF THESE PII WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDONESIAN ALTHOUGH THEY DENIED BEING THE CREW OF SIEV 20.
5. THE TWO INDONESIAN PII HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN SEEN BY THE HMAS SUCCESS BP. POSSIBLY THEY HAD BEEN HIDDEN BY THE OTHER PII DURING PREVIOUS BOARDINGS/SEARCHES. THIS WOULD ALSO EXPLAIN WHY THE HEAD COUNT INCREASED FROM 83 TO 85 ON EMBARKATION OF PII TO HMAS SUCCESS.
6. FUTURE INTENT: EMBARKED LINGUIST IS ATTEMPTING TO GAIN FURTHER DETAIL FROM INDONESIAN PII. HMAS SUCCESS IS REMAINING IN LOCATION OF SIEV 20 OVERNIGHT AND PREPARING FOR TOW OF SIEV 20 AM 22FEB07 UNODIR.
7. CJTF 639 COMMENT: NFTR.
8. POC WATCHKEEPER HQJTF 639

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