

From the Editor's Desk



"The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts." — MARCUS AURELIUS.

"We want that 'EDUCATION' by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased the intellect is expanded and by which one can stand on one's own feet." — VIVEKANANDA.

"The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively." — BOB MARLEY.

"Think positively and masterfully, with confidence and faith, and life becomes more secure, more fraught with action, richer in achievement and experience." — VIVEKANANDA.

"A positive state of mind is not merely good for you; it benefits everyone with whom you come into contact, literally changing the world." — THE XIV DALAI LAMA.

From the next issue we go digital, as announced six months back. We are constrained to stop printing owing to politicised state resulting to unfair trade practices going un-checked, increased costs of stationery; dye/ink and printing; publish, post and circulate individually. However, valued readers can avail of on-line viewing www.themarinewaves.com which is 'FREE'. The content of which would be the same as it appears in print. Hence, anyone could continue to avail browsing, while away from their homes in ports. You may therefore continue to keep yourself abreast with the changing maritime scenario. Please therefore spread the word and forward to all "Seafarers" new and old, more importantly to all those connected to sea. Readers' valued feedback very important to us. Please be free to e-mail: chandranpeechulli@gmail.com, or chandran.peechulli@yahoo.com, view anti-corruption forum www.linkedin.com/chandranpeechulli, www.facebook.com/chandranpeechulli

You don't have to be a "Writer", all you need to be yourself and pour-out your thoughts on Seafarers and their life and work out at sea. "Service to active Seafarers out at Sea" to be on top priority. Seafarers to be an awakened and enlightened lot, assert citizen's basic rights. Our citizenship to the land of origin matters though we are seaman, belonging to the sea while at work. Seafarers can change "India" by just sparing their valued few moments and spending few rupees, to build a greater INDIA and a new world. HOW? Whenever you see corruption / cheating / harassment / injustice etc., send us a letter or a line in brief. We at "MARINE WAVES" will make the necessary investigative reporting and act, to be of service to the real needy. Please do remember, that oral arguments directly with the concerned, may not work, owing to vested interests. WRITTEN COMPLAINTS work, or please do "inter-act, online". Avail your democratic rights by exposing the facts. GOD helps those who help themselves.

We made our vision to penetrate the maritime field from business angle and start ground work to implement our standards where age doesn't have any affect only knowledge, efficiency & know-how. One of the benefits of age is wisdom, although the old saw about there is no fool like an old fool is also true. Just because you are old does not mean you have no new ideas and/or are not willing to consider change. However, age does give you a better perspective on whether a new idea is feasible or not as long as you don't allow previous experience to bias your analysis. The problem today is that age and wisdom are not appreciated today. Many of the young are so impatient to get ahead that they are more biased than are we geriatrics. We stand in the way for these youngsters to move up in the system. However, under the current political climate, we older folks are going to have to work until we drop because we can't afford to retire. To do so we get double-taxed for things like Medicare, something the press does not mention because most of them don't qualify and quite frankly don't care. What are even more questionable are the notions the young have about Government. We oldsters know that Socialism has failed wherever it has been tried. Yet, the young, since they have no perspective (or interest) in history, think that they can make a flawed economic and political system work.

THE world is in the throes of the serious effects of constant conflicts and distrust, but the United Nations Alliance of Civilisations (UNAOC) at the weekend offered some hope that may turn into relief for nations and communities ravaged by inter-religious or ethno-cultural strife. The 5th UNAOC, which just ended in Vienna, Austria, also gave alternative recommendations for achieving peace in some of the world's current troubled spots, including Mali and Syria, as well as the ever-confounding Israel-Palestine. Leaders from around the world, including UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon; President Heinz Fischer of Austria; the Emir of Qatar, Shaikh Hamada Al Thani; Prime Minister Erdogan of Turkey; Romanian President Traian Basescu and Foreign Minister Margallo of Spain; Foreign Minister Salehi of Iran, and others, held closed door-deciding-meetings of the UNAOC in Vienna, addressing the issues of unrest in the world, as well as the future of sustainable development. They came up with what is to be known as the Vienna Declaration which, according to the UNAOC website, seeks in the main, to support the development of regional processes to increase cooperation among countries on intercultural dialogue. The declaration also endorsed a presentation of the 2nd Action Plan for the Mediterranean, the 2nd Action Plan for South Eastern Europe, the conclusions of the 2nd Regional consultation for Asia/South Pacific, the presentation of the Regional Strategy for Latin America, as well as the Roadmap for Mali. There was also the launch of a regional debate on the Danube and Black Sea Region, the Southern Caucasus and Central Asia-promoted by Austria, as well as the acceptance of the announcement by the League of Arab States of the intention of its member-states to develop their own regional strategy. The Vienna Declaration, indeed, is a document affirming the commitment of numerous governments and international organisations from around the world to advancing cross-cultural dialogue. In making the declaration, the leaders said they reaffirmed commitment to the purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as other relevant international instruments, such as the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity.

For instance, they affirmed that: "All cultures, civilisations and religions contribute to the enrichment of humankind in the conviction that the world's cultural diversity is a wealth to be cherished by all as a factor of peace and development and that the importance of respect and understanding for cultural and religious diversity embody the encouragement of tolerance, respect, dialogue and cooperation among different cultures, civilisations and peoples. We emphasise more specifically the importance of combating intolerance and discrimination based on ethnicity, race, colour, religion or belief."

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Farraah Hassan, were found guilty by a federal jury of engaging in piracy and committing other offenses pertaining to the attack on the Navy ship the USS Ashland. Neil H. MacBride, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and George Venizelos, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's New York



Field Office, made the announcement after the verdicts were accepted by United States District Judge Raymond A. Jackson. The five men are scheduled to be sentenced on July 1 and July 2, 2013. The maximum sentence for the convictions are as follows:

- Conspiracy to commit hostage taking carries a maximum sentence of life in prison
- Conspiracy to commit kidnapping carries a maximum sentence of life in prison
- Conspiracy to perform act of violence against persons on a vessel carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison
- Conspiracy involving firearm and a crime of violence carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison
- Piracy under the Law of Nations carries a maximum sentence of life in prison
- Attack to plunder vessel carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison
- Assault with a dangerous weapon on federal officers and employees carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison
- Act of violence against persons on a vessel carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison



- And use/possession of firearm during crime of violence carries a mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison and a maximum of life in prison if convicted of one count. A second or subsequent conviction adds an additional 25 years, making the prison term a minimum mandatory 35 years.

"These men were pirates-plain and simple," said U.S. Attorney MacBride. "They attacked a ship hoping to hold it ransom for millions of dollars. Few crimes are older than piracy on the high seas, and today's verdict shows that the United States takes it very seriously."

Assistant Director Venizelos said, "These defendants are headed where they belong: to federal prison. Let this send a clear message of deterrence to anyone who threatens those who traverse the high seas. I commend U.S. Attorney MacBride and the U.S. Navy for their diligence in the investigation and prosecution of this case."

Said, Jama, Cabaase, Osman, and Farah were charged in a second superseding indictment that was filed on August 8, 2012. According to court records and evidence at trial, they attacked the USS Ashland on April 10, 2010, and three of the defendants, Mohamed Ali Said, Mohamed Abdi Jama, and Abdicasiis Cabaase, had previously gone to sea in February 2010 for purposes of capturing another vessel but were instead intercepted by the HMS Chatham of the Royal Navy.

This investigation was conducted by the FBI and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Benjamin L. Hatch and Joseph DePadilla from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia and Trial Attorney Jerome Teresinski of the National Security Division of the Department of Justice.

Radiation Scare Disrupts Port Elizabeth:

The Maher Terminal at Port Elizabeth has been cleared for danger after a radiation scare prompted a security response.

Customs officials had suspicion about a shipping container that they were examining. An abnormally high radiation reading was detected, but CBP, FBI, the Port Authority of NY/NJ and other law enforcement officials initiated protocols to isolate and verify the source of the alarm.

According to New Jersey's Star-Ledger, a Port Authority official said the container was filled with recycled paper, and a metal wire that bound the paper was the source of a positive reading for Caesium-137, a radioactive isotope formed during nuclear fission.

After review and confirmation from CBP's Laboratories & Scientific Services, the container was deemed safe. The situation was resolved in less than two hours. Customs officials took control of the container and were moving it to a secure location.

Lengthy lines of trucks were at a standstill waiting to exit the port facility as the investigation was underway. At least 15 emergency response vehicles were on scene, along with various officers.

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