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Title: Need to take adequate security measures to check the presence of Somalian pirates near Minicoy islands in Arabian sea.

SHRI HAMDULLAH SAYEED (LAKSHADWEEP): I would like to draw the kind attention of Government towards the presence of Somalian pirates in the Arabian Sea. Minicoy island of Lakshadweep is hardly 53 nautical miles from Maldives. It is an international boundary and strategically very crucial for our country.

On 3 May 2010, 3 Somalian nationals in a boat were caught in Minicoy Island by Lakshadweep Local Police on alarm raised by the locals and after information was passed to the Lakshadweep Police, 8 more Somalian Nationals in a mother vessel were caught by the Indian Coast Guard about 100 Nautical miles away from the coast of Kavaratti. The people in this far flung island are terrified. I Request the Government to take stern action to check any untoward incident in the form of terrorism or sea piracy