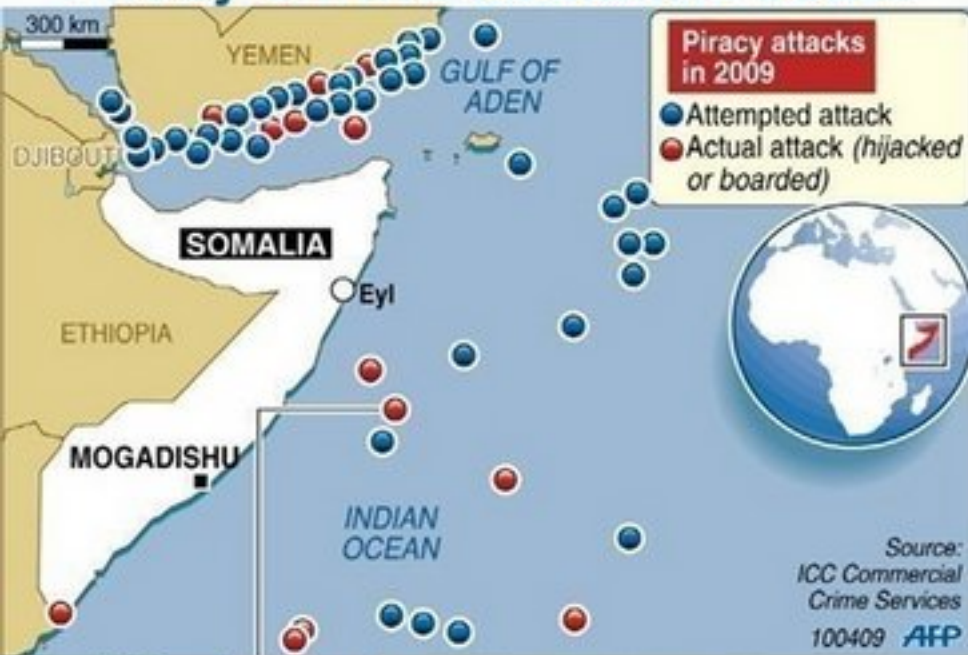


# Piracy off the Somalian coast



**Maersk Alabama**



- ▶ 17,500-tonne container ship
- ▶ Seized April 8 but unarmed American crew overpowered Somali hijackers
- ▶ Hijackers escaped with American captain as hostage