

PIRACY, SIMULATED ASSAULT ON JOLLY CRISTALLO IN THE GULF OF ADEN



(ANSA) – GENOA, AUGUST 10 – The Jolly Cristallo ship, ro-ro container carrier of the fleet of the Genoese company Ignazio Messina, was the protagonist, together with a unit of the Italian Navy, in a simulated piracy attack in the Gulf of Aden. The exercise took place inside the International Recommended Traffic Corridor, controlled and protected by the air and naval assets operating as part of the Eunavfor Somalia operation Atalanta mission. In the simulation, a group of pirates attempted to take control of the ship, but the alarm immediately raised to the command in chief of the naval team allowed the intervention of the frigate Fasan, with the team of the Marina San Marco Brigade being sent aboard. aboard a helicopter, thus preventing the attack. “These are exercises that now take place regularly – is the comment of Assarmatori, the association of Italian shipowners – and which are of great importance for the protection of crews, Italian ships and cargo on routes at risk”. The attack simulations conducted periodically by the Navy in support of shipping companies are part of the support activities for maritime security in particular areas such as the Gulf of Aden and that of Guinea where the phenomenon of modern piracy is concentrated. For Assarmatori, the presence of national military naval units “in an area of crucial strategic interest for the safeguarding of the country’s maritime interests” is particularly important and an “indispensable security garrison”. (HANDLE).