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<Abstract>

**Somali Piracy and Maritime Security**

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This research analyses the reasons presented as justification for the current international response by using the framework of traditional security theory and securitization theory. The main argument of this research is that Somali piracy has recently gained the status of an international security issue primarily due to its direct effects on the oil supplies to Western states, and not due to any of the alternative reasons.

To advance this argument, this research commences by outlining the conceptual framework of the traditional security theory and the Copenhagen securitization theory, and continues by describing the modernized version of piracy that has emerged since the 1990s. After demonstrating that piracy has become a major security concern for the failed Somali state and the region, the paper explains two potential paths through which the issue of piracy along the Somali coast can be considered as an international security threat.

First, it can be securitized by the potential dangers that the Somali failed state can present as a breeding ground for terrorism. Second, the issue can be presented as a threat to human security because of increasing attacks on vital international deliveries being shipped for needy Somalis through the Gulf of Aden. Third, piracy has emerged as a serious threat to international trade in particular the global shipping of oil. By analyzing the impact that Somali piracy has recently had on major trade relations, this article supposes that Somali piracy has gained the status of an international security issue because of its damaging impact on oil supplies to Western states and not because of its relationship with state failure in Somalia, the region, breeding