Piracy in History â€“ USNI History Conference

Description

Dr Martin Murphy opening the conference.Ã, His book, â€œSmall Boats, weak States, Dirty Money:Ã, Piracy and Maritime Terrorism in the Modern World,â€• is speaking.

When some one is called a â€œpirate,â€• ask: â€œIn whoâ€™s eyes?â€•

Piracy rises as a clash between military, political or economic issues,

Piracy has been around a long time, first noted in writing in 140 BC.

Piracy became a label for anyone who managed to interdict the current economic system of commerce, for Rome and the early days of England.

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The Muslim Wahhabi Sect was a group in history that practiced piracy about 1808.

The Barbary Pirates were more properly classified as privateers, as they were under the direction of countries.

The current day â€œpiratesâ€• are the ones weâ€™ve seen before: Organized, layered protection, brutal to maintain discipline, negotiation skills to extract money and the ability to range over ocean areas in small boats.

The argument of piracy in Somali of the area being over fished is not a valid rationale, as Somalis are fish eaters, but the story works well to justify their continued actions in the minds of the West.

â€œPolitics and piracy are rarely separable.â€• Politicians can benefit from allowing this to happen.

Piracy and religion is now linked today, as use in the service of Jihad. The influence of Wahhabism is on the rise in Somali.

Before labeling all piracy criminal, we need to review the context, and ask â€œunder whoâ€™s law?â€• It has itâ€™s rules and itâ€™s limits.

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