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Company provides anti- piracy training for security forces

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Against a background of increasingly daring piracy on the high seas, the first batch of students on an anti-piracy course in Israel completed their training on Thursday.

An Israeli security training academy, International Security Academy, runs the course, which trains maritime security personnel in anti-piracy manoeuvres.

The course runs for around six weeks and the first batch of students numbered 120, comprising people employed in maritime security industry from around the world.

On Thursday, men and women in full protective gear could be seen in training on a ship in the port of Haifa - some running around and shooting as other men dressed as **pirates** approached the ship.

The simulation of a **pirate** attack was the final practical exercise of the course.

International Security Academy CEO David Mirza said the course was being offered due to high demand from security companies - both civilian and governmental - from around the world, as maritime security has become a growing concern due

SHOTLIST

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1. Pan from Haifa port to ship where final exercise of anti-piracy training course is taking place
2. Exercise participants wearing protective gear and carrying weapons
3. Close pan two participants
4. Travelling shot of participants simulating response to attack by **pirates**, running to deck, shooting towards sea
5. *SOUNDBITE* (English) David Mirza, CEO of International Security Academy:

"This is the final practical exercise of the maritime protection course in which we will be able to simulate real attacks on board, not (necessarily) on board... real attacks on the ships and in case of escalation that we meet the **pirates** on board also."
6. Various of trainee and instructor filling weapons with ammunition
7. Mid of instructor explaining the exercise to trainees
8. *SOUNDBITE* (English) Roland (no last name given), security guard from Switzerland:

"The reason why I am coming here, I am already working in the security industry as a close protection officer, it seems like there is a bigger demand going on now around the world for the maritime security and that's the

to frequent **pirate** attacks on ships, especially off the coast of **Somalia**.
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Roland, a security guard from Switzerland, said he chose to do his training in Israel because he said the "country has a long tradition of protection experience."

Piracy in the Gulf of Aden off **Somalia's** coast has emerged recently as the biggest threat to global merchant shipping, according to industry reports.

So far this year, **pirates** operating in and around the Gulf of Aden have attacked at least 81 ships and hijacked 29 of them, despite the waters being patrolled by international navy task forces.

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(Question: "Why especially Israel?")

"I think this country has a long tradition of protection experience, the training models were on very high level."

9. Trainers simulating **pirates** climbing on board ship

10. Trainees responding to attack, running and shooting

11. Pan of course participants watching exercise from deck

12. Close of sign reading: (English)
"International Security Academy"

13. Zoom out from Israeli flag on ship, to ship in port

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