

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Norfolk Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

v.)

AHMED MUSE SALAD,)
a/k/a "Afmagalo,")

ABUKAR OSMAN BEYLE,)

SHANI NURANI SHIEKH ABRAR,)

MOHAMUD HIRS ISSA ALI,)
a/k/a "Sanadaaq,")
a/k/a "Sarin-daaq,")
a/k/a "Sanodaaq,")

MOHAMUD SALAD ALI,)
a/k/a "Juguuf,")

MOUNIR ALI,)
a/k/a "Muner Ali,")

JILANI ABDIALI,)
a/k/a "Ilkasse,")

SAID ABDI FOOLEY,)
a/k/a "Saed Abdi Fooley,")
a/k/a "Said,")

MUHIDIN SALAD OMAR,)
a/k/a "Muhiyaden Salad,")
a/k/a "Gurdan,")
a/k/a "Gardan,")
a/k/a "Gurden,")
a/k/a "Muhdin,")
a/k/a "Dudan,")

UNDER SEAL

CRIMINAL NO. 2:11cr 34

18 U.S.C. §§ 1651 & 2
Piracy under the Law of Nations
(Count 1)

18 U.S.C. § 1201(c)
Conspiracy to Commit Kidnapping
(Count 2)

18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c) & 2
Possess, Use, Carry, Brandish and Discharge
of a Firearm During a Crime of Violence
(Count 3)

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a/k/a "Mahdi,")
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BURHAN ABDIRAHMAN YUSUF,)
a/k/a "Burhan,")
a/k/a "Famah,")
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ABDI JAMA AQID,)
a/k/a "Abdi Mahad Jama,")
a/k/a "Dabid,")
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a/k/a "Ahmed Salah Ali,")
a/k/a "Ahmed Hindi,")
a/k/a "Ahmed Salah Ali Burle,")
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ALI ABDI MOHAMED,)
a/k/a "Basher,")
a/k/a "Garaad,")
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Defendants.)
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INDICTMENT

March 2011 Term – At Newport News, Virginia

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

COUNT ONE

(Piracy under the Law of Nations)

From on or about February 18, 2011, until on or about February 22, 2011, on the high seas, the defendants,

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and others known and unknown to the grand jury, aided and abetted by one another and others, committed the crime of piracy as defined by the law of nations, and were afterwards first brought into and found and arrested in the Eastern District of Virginia in the United States.

(In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1651, 3238 and 2).

COUNT TWO

(Conspiracy to Commit Kidnapping)

From on or about February 9, 2011, until on or about February 22, 2011, within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, the defendants,

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who were first brought to and arrested in the Eastern District of Virginia, and others known and unknown to the grand jury, did conspire with one another and others to unlawfully seize, confine, inveigle, kidnap, abduct and hold for ransom and reward United States citizens Scott Underwood Adam, Jean Savage Adam, Phyllis Patricia Macay and Robert Campbell Riggle, who were sailing an American yacht named the Quest, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1201(a)(2).

Overt Acts

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the illegal objects thereof, the following overt acts, among others, were committed:

1. On or about February 18, 2011, on the high seas, the defendants, armed with firearms and a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG), boarded an American sailing vessel named the Quest.
2. From on or about February 18, 2011, to February 22, 2011, the defendants on board the Quest held the four United States citizens (Scott Underwood Adam, Jean Savage Adam, Phyllis Patricia Macay and Robert Campbell Riggle) as hostages.
3. On or about February 21, 2011, defendant MOHAMUD SALAD ALI, a/k/a "Juguuf," transferred from the Quest to the USS Sterett to serve as a representative to the United States military for the defendants on board the Quest.

4. On or about February 22, 2011, at least one of the defendants fired a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) at the USS Sterett.

5. On or about February 22, 2011, at least three of the defendants on board the Quest intentionally shot and killed the United States citizens (Scott Underwood Adam, Jean Savage Adam, Phyllis Patricia Macay and Robert Campbell Riggle) without provocation before the hostages could be rescued by members of the military, who had been attempting to secure the release of the hostages through negotiations with the defendants.

6. On or about February 22, 2011, the defendants on board the Quest were found in possession of a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) launcher, three live RPG rounds and several AK-47 and FAL assault rifles.

7. On or about February 22, 2011, the defendants on board the Quest discarded additional weapons that they possessed by throwing them into the ocean.

(In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1201(c) and 3238).

COUNT THREE

(Possess, Use, Carry, Brandish and Discharge of a Firearm During a Crime of Violence)

On or about February 22, 2011, on the high seas and within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, the defendants,

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who were first brought to and arrested in the Eastern District of Virginia, and others known and unknown to the grand jury, aided and abetted by one another and others, did knowingly and unlawfully use, carry, possess, and discharge a firearm, that is a destructive device, specifically, a rocket propelled grenade, during and in relation to and in furtherance of the commission of a crime of violence for which they may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, namely: the crimes charged respectively in Counts One and Two of this indictment, which description of each said crime of violence is re-alleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.


(In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(iii) and (B)(ii), 3238 and 2).

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A TRUE BILL:

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