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1 Horizon News Channel Broadcast from March 24th, 2024 at 8:30am:  
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4 trusted source for breaking news and in-depth analysis. This  
5 morning, we bring you special coverage as geopolitical tensions  
6 reach a boiling point between the Crawn Republic and Harpany, two  
7 neighboring nations embroiled in a potential armed conflict that  
8 has captured the world's attention. The dispute, centered around  
9 a series of incidents in the maritime domain, has escalated to  
10 the forefront of international legal scrutiny, raising questions  
11 about the intricacies of the Law of the Sea.  
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15 took a critical turn when it was revealed that these missiles  
16 came dangerously close, within 10 miles, of a Crawn Republic  
17 military ship navigating in international waters. Harpany has  
18 said that the missile launch was routine and had no prior  
19 knowledge of the Crawn Republic's presence. The Crawn Republic,  
20 however, contends that the proximity of the missiles violated the  
21 principles of safe navigation.  
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24 ship without warning, alleging suspicions of Harpany's illicit  
25 military ship sales to civilians. The captured vessel's cargo was  
26 seized, further escalating tensions. Harpany vehemently denies  
27 these allegations, claiming the captured vessel was a civilian  
28 merchant ship and that the Crawn Republic unlawfully confiscated  
29 its cargo without proper legal justification.  
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32 Republic of violating its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The  
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34 within their EEZ for non-allowable purposes, challenging the  
35 delicate balance of maritime rights and obligations. The Crawn  
36 Republic counters, having said that their presence in the alleged  
37 EEZ was legitimate and in accordance with international law.  
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50 information meets the horizon of tomorrow.  
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MARCH 24TH, 2024

# DAILY UPDATE

## UNRAVELING TENSIONS: CRAWN REPUBLIC AND HARPANY ON THE BRINK OF MARITIME CONFLICT

In a stunning turn of events, the Crawn Republic and Harpany, two neighboring nations with a history of diplomatic relations, find themselves entangled in a complex web of maritime incidents, sparking fears of a potential armed conflict. The incidents, marked by missile launches, merchant ship captures, and accusations of Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) violations, have escalated to the forefront of international legal scrutiny, leaving the world on edge.

### MISSILE LAUNCH INCIDENT

The tension began when Harpany, under the guise of a routine "training exercise," launched missiles into the sea. The situation took a critical turn when it was revealed that these missiles came dangerously close, within 10 miles, of a Crawn Republic military ship navigating in international waters. Harpany contends that the missile launch was a standard exercise with no prior knowledge of the Crawn Republic's presence. However, the Crawn Republic insists that the proximity of the missiles posed a grave threat, violating the principles of safe navigation under the Law of the Sea.

### MERCHANT SHIP CAPTURE

Simultaneously, the Crawn Republic military captured a merchant ship without providing any warning. The Crawn Republic justifies its actions by asserting that the captured vessel did not resemble a typical merchant ship, raising suspicions of Harpany's alleged practice of selling military ships to civilians. Harpany vehemently denies these allegations, claiming that the captured vessel was indeed a civilian merchant ship and that the Crawn Republic unlawfully confiscated its cargo without proper legal justification.

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As the tension escalates, both nations stand firm in their positions, setting the stage for a complex legal battle that will explore the nuances of the Law of the Sea in the context of missile launches, maritime captures, and territorial claims.

## HIGH STAKES PRESENTATION: LEADERS TO ADDRESS THE WORLD

In a bid to address the intensifying maritime dispute, the heads of state from the Crawn Republic and Harpany, accompanied by their respective support staff, are set to engage in a high-stakes presentation to a continental news source. With global attention fixated on the escalating tensions, both leaders will navigate a nuanced dialogue, aiming to articulate their nations' perspectives on the missile incident, merchant ship capture, and EEZ violation. The world watches with bated breath as these presentations unfold, offering a glimpse into the strategic maneuvering and diplomatic finesse of the parties involved.

As the international community holds its breath, the unfolding crisis in the maritime domain raises questions about the future of diplomatic relations between the Crawn Republic and Harpany. The world watches closely, hoping for a peaceful resolution to avoid the specter of armed conflict and maintain stability in the region.



Gonzalez, Brenden <gonzalez@crawnrepublic.gov>  
To: Crawn Republic Ambassador & Support Staff

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Sun 03/24/2024 8:40 AM

Our respective Ambassador and Support Staff,

Executive Summary:  
This report provides a comprehensive analysis of the recent maritime incidents involving the Crawn Republic and Harpany. The purpose is to offer a detailed assessment of the situation, highlighting key aspects that impact national security and providing strategic recommendations for future actions.

I. Missile Launch Incident:  
The Harpany missile launch, under the pretext of a training exercise, poses a direct threat to Crawn Republic military assets. Despite Harpany's claim of no prior knowledge of our presence, evidence suggests a deliberate breach of international norms. The proximity of the missiles to our military ship in international waters is a clear violation of the Law of the Sea. Our military vessel's safety was compromised, warranting a robust response.

II. Merchant Ship Capture:  
The seizure of the merchant ship and cargo by Crawn Republic forces requires careful scrutiny. While suspicions of Harpany's involvement in illicit military sales must be addressed, the lack of a warning before capturing the vessel raises legal and diplomatic concerns.

III. EEZ Violation:  
Harpany's accusation of the Crawn Republic violating its Exclusive Economic Zone demands a strategic response. Verification of the legitimacy of our military ship's presence within the claimed EEZ is crucial to dispel any claims of wrongdoing.

IV. High-Stakes Presentation:  
The upcoming presentation to the continental news source requires meticulous preparation. The Crawn Republic's head of state and support staff must articulate our nation's stance clearly, emphasizing our commitment to international law while asserting our right to defend national security interests.

Conclusion:  
The Crawn Republic must navigate this complex maritime dispute with a strategic and diplomatic approach. By upholding principles of international law and presenting a strong, evidence-based case, we can influence global opinion and ensure the world recognizes our commitment to maintaining regional stability.

# BOAT BILL OF SALE

## 1. LOCATION OF SALE.

This bill of sale was created on the 10 day of February, 20 24 in the County of Luminburg, State of Harpany.

## 2. THE PARTIES.

**Buyer's Name:** Alfred P. Sloan with a mailing address of 289 Elm St. Luminburg, Harpany ("Buyer").

**Seller's Name:** Harpany with a mailing address of Naval Headquarters ("Seller").

The Buyer and Seller hereby agree as follows:

## 3. THE EXCHANGE. (check one)

☒ - **Cash Payment.** The Buyer agrees to pay \$ 1,550,000 (Harpanian dollars) to the Seller.

☐ - **Trade-in.** The Buyer agrees to pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and trade-in their boat described as (trade-in boat):  
Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Title Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hull ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Odometer: \_\_\_\_\_ (hours)

☐ - **Gift.** The Seller is giving the boat as a gift to the Buyer. The value of the boat is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (US Dollars).

The above-checked selection is in exchange for the possession and ownership of the Boat described in Section 4.

## 4. THE BOAT.

Item #1: H.S. Leahy, Frigate (CG-16), Nickname "Sweet 16," Commissioned: 4 August 1972

Item #2: H.S. Wadsworth, Frigate (FFG-9), Nickname "Thomasina," Commissioned: 2 April 1980

Item #3: H.S. Arleigh Burke, Destroyer (DDG-51), Nickname "The Immortal," Commissioned: 4 July 1991



## Radio Logs for Thomasina Merchant Vessel

The following was the radio calls received from the Merchant Vessel Thomasina, a ship registered under the state of Harpany. These radio calls were received at the date and time indicated below. No other radio calls to and from the Thomasina were received during this time.

24 March 2023

0135 "Crawn Marine 3, this is Thomasina. Reply 68."

0136 "I repeat - Crawn Marine 3, this is Thomasina. Reply 68."

0139 "Crawn Marine 3, this is Thomasina. Our data shows your trajectory will collide with our ship within 5 minutes. Reply 68."

0140 "Crawn Marine 3, this is Thomasina. Our data shows your trajectory will collide with our ship within 4 minutes. Reply 68 or change course."

0145 "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday. This is Thomasina, a merchant ship from Harpany. Our position is 180 nautical miles south of Harpany City. We have been intercepted by a military ship from Crawn - Crawn Marine 3. Request assistance immediately. We have 10 people on board."

0147 "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday. Again, this is Thomasina, a merchant ship from Harpany. Our position is 180 nautical miles south of Harpany City. We have been intercepted by a military ship - Crawn Marine 3. Military personnel have boarded our vessel. They are armed and threatening us. Request assistance immediately. We have 10 people on board."

0149 "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday. Again, this is Thomasina, a merchant ship. Our position is 180 nautical miles south of Harpany City. We have been intercepted by a military ship from Crawn - Crawn Marine 3. Military personnel have boarded our vessel and forced a number of crew overboard. They are armed and dangerous. Request assistance immediately. We have 7 people on board and 3 in the water."

0152 "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday. Again, this is Thomasina, a merchant ship. Our position is 180 nautical miles south of Harpany City. We have been captured by armed military members from Crawn. Request assistance immedia . . ."  
[sound of a gun shot]

# OFFICIAL MARCH LOG BOOK

NAME OF SHIP	OFFICIAL NUMBER	PORT OF DEPARTURE	DATE OF DEPARTURE	CAPTAIN	DESTINATION	PURPOSE OF TRAVEL
THOMASINA	20040515	LUMINBURG	02 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLOAN	HARPANY CITY	TRADE
THOMASINA	20040515	HARPANY CITY	06 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLPAN	LUMINBURG	TRADE
THOMASINA	20040516	LUMINBURG	12 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLOAN	LEXIRIA	
THOMASINA	20040515	LEXIRIA	18 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLAAN	LUMINBURG	
THOMASINA	20040515	LUMINBURG	11 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLOAN	LEXIRIA	
THOMASINA	20030515	LEXIRIA	16 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLOAN	LUMINBURG	TRADE
THOMASINA	20040515	LUMINBURG	20 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLOAN	HARPANY CITY	
THOMASINA	20040515	HARPANY CITY	22 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLOAN	NORTICO	TRADE

LOG BOOK MAINTAINED BY:

JAMES COOK

RECORDER:

ALFRED P. SLOAN

## **Crawn Republic Arrest Report**

### **Arrested Vessel Details:**

- Name of Vessel: Thomasina
- Vessel ID #: 20040515
- Point of Origin: Harpany City
- Intended Destination: Unknown
- Name of Captain: Captain James Hook

### **Details of Arrest:**

- Arresting Officials:
  - Captain Thurston Howell III
  - Commander Eunice Wentworth
- Location: Carau Ocean, Latitude 39.33; Longitude -74.41
- Time/Date: 0300/24 March 2024
- Crew Detained During Arrest of Vessel:
  - Captain Alfred P. Sloan
  - First Officer James Cook
  - Second Officer Henry Morgan
  - Recorder: Alfred P. Sloan
  - Deckhands: Sam Ken, John Legg, Douglas McKechnie
  - Navigator: William Austin
  - Logistics: Terry Coulter
  - Cabin Boy: Shawn McKelvy

### **Inventory of Cargo Seized:**

- 50 crates of Coconuts
- 50 crates of Bananas
- 25 pallets of bamboo
- N.B - 1 radio was listed on the S.S. Minnow's cargo manifest, but was not found during the arrest and subsequent search

**Narrative (Captain Howell):**

At 0200, my crew gave the call that another ship had been sighted. My command team thought that was odd since we were intentionally travelling outside of designated commercial lanes to avoid encountering any merchant ships during our exercise. I gave the order for our ship to move closer to the unknown vessel to gather more information.

I was concerned that this ship may be one of those "merchant" ships that Harpany had been selling to civilians involved in the conflict up north. I had recently read some reports of these ships traveling through our waters on their way around the continent due to the southern storms during this time of the year.

With that in mind, we drew closer to a vessel that was now identified as the Thomasina. It was a smaller ship and appeared harmless enough.

However, after observing the ship for a few minutes, we saw that their crew had finally spotted us. They seemed to trip over themselves in an effort to reverse course and steer their boat away from ours. I thought that was odd since most merchant ships are in a rush to meet their deadlines and deliver their cargo before it spoils. Especially for a small ship like the Thomasina, one lost delivery could spell disaster for their operation.

With these contradictions in mind, I ordered us to move even closer to the Thomasina. This caused the crew to panic even more and they started throwing coconuts at my beautiful ship despite our signals that we meant no harm. I couldn't stand for that and was even more convinced than ever that this ship was hiding something.

At 0230, I gave the order to board the Thomasina and was the first to step on board. I first set eyes on a mighty sailing man, who must have been the first mate. He was introduced to me as James Cook. He tripped up the stairs while leading me to Captain Hook, a man who struck me as brave and sure despite his unfortunate name. First Mate Cook lost the fight with gravity and fell overboard. The crew rolled their eyes and said that this happened all the time. Two of them jumped overboard with floatation devices to rescue their clumsy first mate.

After the rescue operation was underway, I informed Captain Hook that his crew would be detained while I searched their vessel for contraband. Captain Hook immediately objected and observed that I had no right to detain his crew or search his ship. I asked him where his ship was bound, and he equivocated. The law of the sea requires that any merchant captain provide their destination when asked. Given his blatant violation of this simple rule, not to mention his abhorrent lack of courtesy, I knew I was entitled to search his ship and confiscate the cargo, if necessary.

My own first mate, Commander Wentworth, went below deck and immediately discovered that a priceless radio was missing from the cargo. Again, I knew that the Thomasina's crew was up to no good, how could they lose such a valuable item? Imagine if they were shipwrecked and had no radio? I thought that they must have hidden the component parts in the rest of their cargo, some coconuts and bananas, so that they could deliver the valuable technology to civilian rebels in the north. Based on my well-founded suspicion, I knew that I was within my rights to confiscate the cargo and that I must report my findings to my superiors.

Not that it's important, but as of yet, my crew have found no radio parts hidden in the shipment.



# New Crawnic Vessel Leaves You Under a Spell

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FRYE  
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The Crawn Republic's Navy unveiled a powerful and capable cruiser to its expanding armada of medium-weight vessels - the CRS SEA WITCH. In addition to being equipped with the usual compliment of subsonic missiles and direct fire weapons, the SEA WITCH is also equipped with a more powerful engine and lighter keel design. The SEA WITCH is capable of more than 40 knots under full steam and is supported by a crew of 90 enlisted sailors and 12 officers.

"She's a beautiful vessel - top of the line and ready for anything," says CAPTAIN Bar Nuckle, the first to Captain the new ship. "She has all sorts of secret technology that is far more advanced than other ships of her type, including a new sonar system that is capable of mapping the ocean floor to a greater degree than previously available." CAPTAIN Bar Nuckle is an experienced sea warrior, but he has come under criticism in the past for risky maritime maneuvering that has embarrassed the Crawn Republic on the world stage.

The CRS SEA WITCH is set for her first voyage in the coming weeks after the CRS Navy completes the retrofitting of a new exhaust system that is designed to ensure the SEA WITCH's emissions are clean and do not contribute to global warming. "One effect of the new system," says CAPTAIN Bar Nuckle "is that if you mix a little water with the new exhaust system, it creates a hell of a smoke cloud. Very fitting for a vessel like the SEA WITCH."

In recent years, the Crawn Republic has expanded its Naval armada to ensure it can protect its territorial and economic rights on the high seas.

## HARPANY NAVAL SERVICE SITUATION REPORT

From: Admiral Forge Callahan, Officer in Charge, Harpany Naval Service

To: Harpany National Security Council

Subj: HARPANY NAVAL SERVICE SITUATION REPORT

1. This is a Naval Situation report. At 0300 local time, during training operations associated with OPERATION KRAKEN, HNS SWIFT detected an unidentified vessel at location 12U UX 84L63 778Q9 bearing 10 knots East. HNS SWIFT was operating within Harpany's Exclusive Economic Zone.
2. Location 12U UX 84L63 778Q9 is approximately 198 nautical miles from Harpany territorial waters. The unidentified vessel continued its course. The unidentified vessel was armed with cruise missile launching devices, 50 caliber machine guns, and a 57 millimeter cannon. The vessel was equipped with multiple sensing and communication devices.
3. HNS SWIFT ordered battle stations for all hands and requested permission to temporarily suspend OPERATION KRAKEN training operations. Upon approval of this request, HNS SWIFT made intercept course at Flankspeed to the unidentified vessel, bearing 20 knots. HNS SWIFT transmitted a "STOP and PREPARE TO BE BOARDED" message on open source radio at the unidentified vessel.
4. The unidentified vessel executed a port turn and sailed away from Harpany territorial waters, bearing 30 knots West North West. The unidentified vessel expelled smoke from a specially designed smoke emitter in an apparent attempt to obscure its appearance. Prior to the smoke, some members of the HNS SWIFT command deck observed flags associated with the Crawn Republic and markings on the vessel that included the word "Witch." HNS SWIFT's signals intelligence collection device also detected underwater echolocation signals associated with seabed mining operations coming from the general vicinity of the unidentified vessel.
5. The unidentified vessel steamed out of visual range and radar range. HNS SWIFT's unmanned ISR assets were 300 nautical miles away from the area, participating in OPERATION KRAKEN training operations, and were not available to pursue and identify the vessel.
6. HNS SWIFT returned to the OPERATION KRAKEN area of operations and resumed training exercises. Nothing additional to report.

# Close Call: CRS Sea Witch Encounter Raises Concerns

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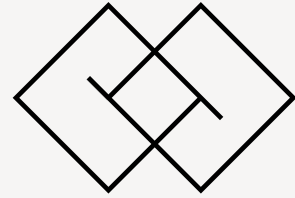
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As my loyal readers are well aware, for the last three months I have had the honor and privilege to be the journalist-in-residence on the intrepid cruiser the CRS Sea Witch. When I took this assignment, I expected to learn much about the day-to-day experiences of our sailors and the dangers they face every day to safeguard our security and sovereignty. Little did I know that I would experience these dangers firsthand.

On what should have been the last day of my voyage with the CRS Sea Witch, as we cruised in international waters in the Carau Ocean, we noticed three Harpony destroyers loitering. Commander Hornflower was surprised to see three military vessels in international waters, remarking to me that military exercises are usually publicized beforehand to avoid any unfortunate confusion. Just then, we heard a piercing shrill whistle. Commander Hornflower yelled “RED ALERT MISSILE DEPLOYED” and the entire crew scrambled to take evasive action and prepare for impact. Luckily, the missile missed.

Although Harpany alleges that it was merely conducting a military exercise and that the CRS Sea Witch was in no danger, that was not this journalist’s feeling hearing the wailing shriek of the missile. Either Harpany attempted a cowardly sneak attack on the CRS Sea Witch or behaved with deplorable and reckless negligence in failing to publicize a military exercise and then engaging in an exercise in international waters where Crawnic ships routinely cruise through.

# PRESS RELEASE



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## HARPANY PARTICIPATES IN EXERCISE IN CARAU OCEAN

In the early hours this morning, Harpany conducted routine military exercise "Operation Kraken" in the Carau Ocean. Approximately 900 servicemembers and three P-class destroyers participated in Operation Kraken. The focus of this exercise was on regional security, counterterrorism, and anti-piracy maneuvers. As part of Operation Kraken, the destroyers engaged in field training exercises, which included the deployment of missiles. All missiles were deployed in international waters and posed no threat to other vessels. Although one foreign vessel passed close to the area where Operation Kraken was conducted, the operation proceeded seamlessly within the expected parameters and did not impact the safety or passage of the foreign vessel.

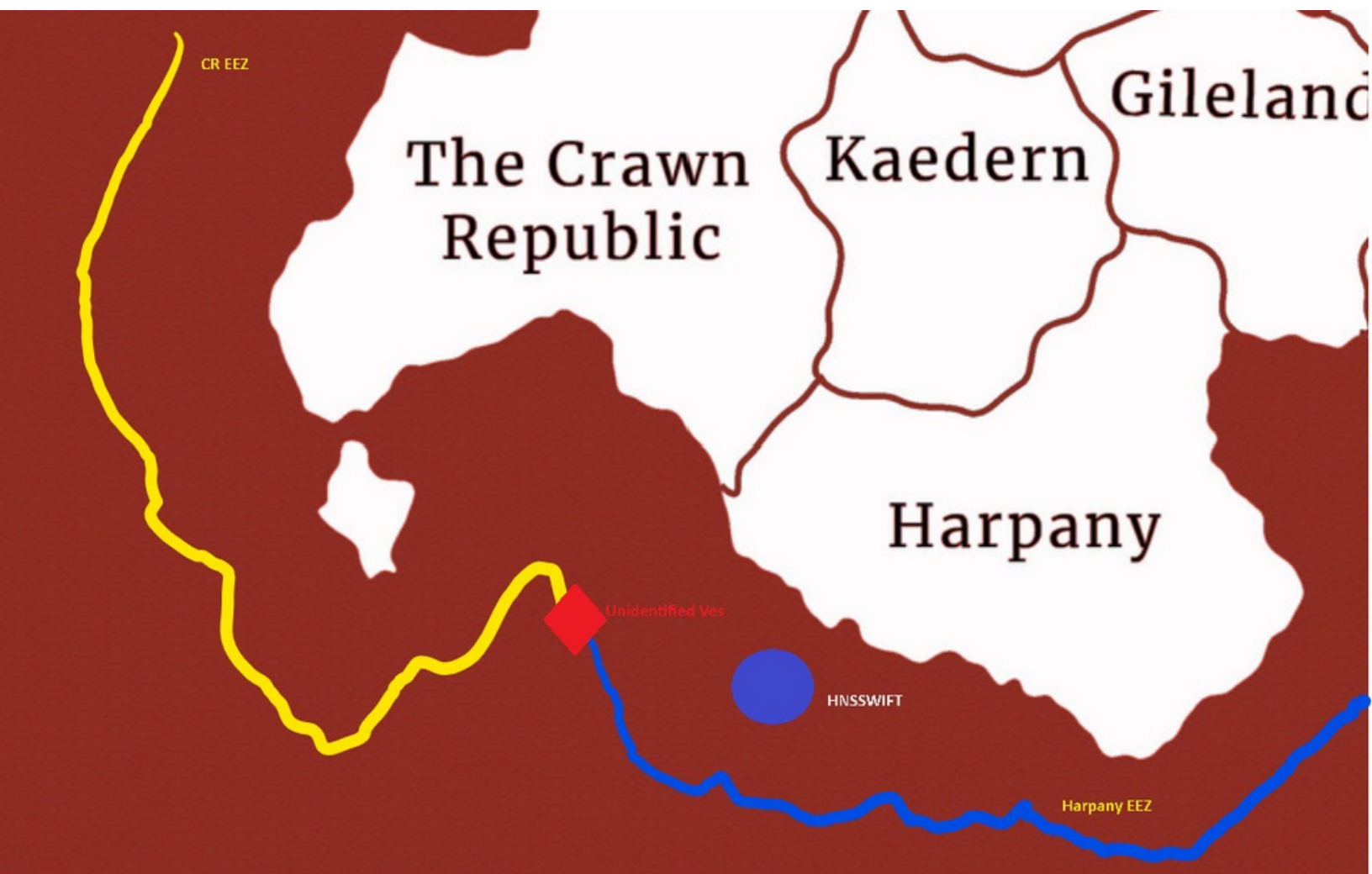
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1 Horizon News Channel Broadcast from March 24th, 2024 at 8:30am:  
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3 Good morning, and welcome to Horizon News Channel (HNC), your  
4 trusted source for breaking news and in-depth analysis. This  
5 morning, we bring you special coverage as geopolitical tensions  
6 reach a boiling point between the Crawn Republic and Harpany, two  
7 neighboring nations embroiled in a potential armed conflict that  
8 has captured the world's attention. The dispute, centered around  
9 a series of incidents in the maritime domain, has escalated to  
10 the forefront of international legal scrutiny, raising questions  
11 about the intricacies of the Law of the Sea.  
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13 In a shocking turn of events, Harpany conducted a missile launch  
14 under the guise of a "training exercise." However, the situation  
15 took a critical turn when it was revealed that these missiles  
16 came dangerously close, within 10 miles, of a Crawn Republic  
17 military ship navigating in international waters. Harpany has  
18 said that the missile launch was routine and had no prior  
19 knowledge of the Crawn Republic's presence. The Crawn Republic,  
20 however, contends that the proximity of the missiles violated the  
21 principles of safe navigation.  
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23 Simultaneously, the Crawn Republic military captured a merchant  
24 ship without warning, alleging suspicions of Harpany's illicit  
25 military ship sales to civilians. The captured vessel's cargo was  
26 seized, further escalating tensions. Harpany vehemently denies  
27 these allegations, claiming the captured vessel was a civilian  
28 merchant ship and that the Crawn Republic unlawfully confiscated  
29 its cargo without proper legal justification.  
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31 Adding another layer to the dispute, Harpany accuses the Crawn  
32 Republic of violating its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The  
33 claim asserts that one of the Crawn Republic's military ships was  
34 within their EEZ for non-allowable purposes, challenging the  
35 delicate balance of maritime rights and obligations. The Crawn  
36 Republic counters, having said that their presence in the alleged  
37 EEZ was legitimate and in accordance with international law.  
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39 As tensions escalate, both nations prepare to engage in an  
40 exclusive presentation to HNC. The heads of state from the Crawn  
41 Republic and Harpany, accompanied by their respective support  
42 staff, will navigate a nuanced dialogue aiming to articulate  
43 their nations' perspectives on the missile incident, merchant  
44 ship capture, and EEZ violation. The world watches with bated  
45 breath as these presentations unfold, offering a glimpse into the  
46 strategic maneuvering and diplomatic finesse of the parties  
47 involved.  
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49 Stay tuned to Horizon News Channel, where the horizon of  
50 information meets the horizon of tomorrow.  
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MARCH 24TH, 2024

# DAILY UPDATE

## UNRAVELING TENSIONS: CRAWN REPUBLIC AND HARPANY ON THE BRINK OF MARITIME CONFLICT

In a stunning turn of events, the Crawn Republic and Harpany, two neighboring nations with a history of diplomatic relations, find themselves entangled in a complex web of maritime incidents, sparking fears of a potential armed conflict. The incidents, marked by missile launches, merchant ship captures, and accusations of Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) violations, have escalated to the forefront of international legal scrutiny, leaving the world on edge.

### MISSILE LAUNCH INCIDENT

The tension began when Harpany, under the guise of a routine "training exercise," launched missiles into the sea. The situation took a critical turn when it was revealed that these missiles came dangerously close, within 10 miles, of a Crawn Republic military ship navigating in international waters. Harpany contends that the missile launch was a standard exercise with no prior knowledge of the Crawn Republic's presence. However, the Crawn Republic insists that the proximity of the missiles posed a grave threat, violating the principles of safe navigation under the Law of the Sea.

### MERCHANT SHIP CAPTURE

Simultaneously, the Crawn Republic military captured a merchant ship without providing any warning. The Crawn Republic justifies its actions by asserting that the captured vessel did not resemble a typical merchant ship, raising suspicions of Harpany's alleged practice of selling military ships to civilians. Harpany vehemently denies these allegations, claiming that the captured vessel was indeed a civilian merchant ship and that the Crawn Republic unlawfully confiscated its cargo without proper legal justification.

### EEZ VIOLATION

Adding another layer to the dispute, Harpany accuses the Crawn Republic of violating its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Harpany contends that one of the Crawn Republic's military ships was within their EEZ for non-allowable purposes, further straining the delicate balance of maritime rights and obligations. The Crawn Republic counters this claim, arguing that their presence in the purported EEZ was legitimate and in accordance with international law.

As the tension escalates, both nations stand firm in their positions, setting the stage for a complex legal battle that will explore the nuances of the Law of the Sea in the context of missile launches, maritime captures, and territorial claims.

## HIGH STAKES PRESENTATION: LEADERS TO ADDRESS THE WORLD

In a bid to address the intensifying maritime dispute, the heads of state from the Crawn Republic and Harpany, accompanied by their respective support staff, are set to engage in a high-stakes presentation to a continental news source. With global attention fixated on the escalating tensions, both leaders will navigate a nuanced dialogue, aiming to articulate their nations' perspectives on the missile incident, merchant ship capture, and EEZ violation. The world watches with bated breath as these presentations unfold, offering a glimpse into the strategic maneuvering and diplomatic finesse of the parties involved.

As the international community holds its breath, the unfolding crisis in the maritime domain raises questions about the future of diplomatic relations between the Crawn Republic and Harpany. The world watches closely, hoping for a peaceful resolution to avoid the specter of armed conflict and maintain stability in the region.





Gilbreath, Troy <tgilbreath@harpany.gov>

To: Harpany Ambassador & Support Staff)



Sun 03/24/2024 8:40 AM

Our respective Ambassador and Support Staff,

#### Executive Summary:

This report offers an in-depth analysis of recent maritime incidents involving Harpany and the Crawn Republic. The objective is to provide a strategic overview of the situation, assess potential threats to national security, and offer recommendations for navigating the current geopolitical challenges.

#### I. Missile Launch Incident:

The missile launch, framed as a routine training exercise, has ignited tensions with the Crawn Republic. While we maintain that there was no prior knowledge of their military vessel's presence, the proximity of the missiles demands a careful diplomatic response.

#### II. Merchant Ship Capture:

The capture of a merchant ship by Crawn Republic forces is a concerning development. Despite vehement denials of illicit activities, the lack of a warning before seizing the vessel necessitates a swift and measured response.

#### III. EEZ Violation:

The accusation of the Crawn Republic violating our Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) requires a robust response. Verification of their military ship's presence within our claimed EEZ is critical to our narrative.

#### IV. High-Stakes Presentation:

The impending presentation to the continental news source is an opportunity to present Harpany's perspective on the incidents. The head of state and support staff must navigate this complex situation with finesse, asserting our commitment to peace and adherence to international law.

#### Conclusion:

Harpany must approach the current geopolitical challenges with a commitment to diplomatic solutions and adherence to international norms. By presenting a coherent and evidence-backed stance, we can foster understanding and mitigate the risk of further escalation.

# BOAT BILL OF SALE

## 1. LOCATION OF SALE.

This bill of sale was created on the 10 day of February, 20 24 in the County of Luminburg, State of Harpany.

## 2. THE PARTIES.

**Buyer's Name:** Alfred P. Sloan with a mailing address of 289 Elm St. Luminburg, Harpany ("Buyer").

**Seller's Name:** Harpany with a mailing address of Naval Headquarters ("Seller").

The Buyer and Seller hereby agree as follows:

## 3. THE EXCHANGE. (check one)

☒ - **Cash Payment.** The Buyer agrees to pay \$ 1,550,000 (Harpanian dollars) to the Seller.

☐ - **Trade-in.** The Buyer agrees to pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and trade-in their boat described as (trade-in boat):  
Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Title Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hull ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Odometer: \_\_\_\_\_ (hours)

☐ - **Gift.** The Seller is giving the boat as a gift to the Buyer. The value of the boat is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (US Dollars).

The above-checked selection is in exchange for the possession and ownership of the Boat described in Section 4.

## 4. THE BOAT.

Item #1: H.S. Leahy, Frigate (CG-16), Nickname "Sweet 16," Commissioned: 4 August 1972

Item #2: H.S. Wadsworth, Frigate (FFG-9), Nickname "Thomasina," Commissioned: 2 April 1980

Item #3: H.S. Arleigh Burke, Destroyer (DDG-51), Nickname "The Immortal," Commissioned: 4 July 1991

## Radio Logs for Thomasina Merchant Vessel

The following was the radio calls received from the Merchant Vessel Thomasina, a ship registered under the state of Harpany. These radio calls were received at the date and time indicated below. No other radio calls to and from the Thomasina were received during this time.

24 March 2023

0135 "Crawn Marine 3, this is Thomasina. Reply 68."

0136 "I repeat - Crawn Marine 3, this is Thomasina. Reply 68."

0139 "Crawn Marine 3, this is Thomasina. Our data shows your trajectory will collide with our ship within 5 minutes. Reply 68."

0140 "Crawn Marine 3, this is Thomasina. Our data shows your trajectory will collide with our ship within 4 minutes. Reply 68 or change course."

0145 "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday. This is Thomasina, a merchant ship from Harpany. Our position is 180 nautical miles south of Harpany City. We have been intercepted by a military ship from Crawn - Crawn Marine 3. Request assistance immediately. We have 10 people on board."

0147 "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday. Again, this is Thomasina, a merchant ship from Harpany. Our position is 180 nautical miles south of Harpany City. We have been intercepted by a military ship - Crawn Marine 3. Military personnel have boarded our vessel. They are armed and threatening us. Request assistance immediately. We have 10 people on board."

0149 "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday. Again, this is Thomasina, a merchant ship. Our position is 180 nautical miles south of Harpany City. We have been intercepted by a military ship from Crawn - Crawn Marine 3. Military personnel have boarded our vessel and forced a number of crew overboard. They are armed and dangerous. Request assistance immediately. We have 7 people on board and 3 in the water."

0152 "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday. Again, this is Thomasina, a merchant ship. Our position is 180 nautical miles south of Harpany City. We have been captured by armed military members from Crawn. Request assistance immedia . . ."  
[sound of a gun shot]

# OFFICIAL MARCH LOG BOOK

NAME OF SHIP	OFFICIAL NUMBER	PORT OF DEPARTURE	DATE OF DEPARTURE	CAPTAIN	DESTINATION	PURPOSE OF TRAVEL
THOMASINA	20040515	LUMINBURG	02 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLOAN	HARPANY CITY	TRADE
THOMASINA	20040515	HARPANY CITY	06 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLPAN	LUMINBURG	TRADE
THOMASINA	20040516	LUMINBURG	12 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLOAN	LEXIRIA	
THOMASINA	20040515	LEXIRIA	18 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLAAN	LUMINBURG	
THOMASINA	20040515	LUMINBURG	11 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLOAN	LEXIRIA	
THOMASINA	20030515	LEXIRIA	16 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLOAN	LUMINBURG	TRADE
THOMASINA	20040515	LUMINBURG	20 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLOAN	HARPANY CITY	
THOMASINA	20040515	HARPANY CITY	22 MARCH 2024	ALFRED P. SLOAN	NORTICO	TRADE

LOG BOOK MAINTAINED BY:

JAMES COOK

RECORDER:

ALFRED P. SLOAN

## **Crawn Republic Arrest Report**

### **Arrested Vessel Details:**

- Name of Vessel: Thomasina
- Vessel ID #: 20040515
- Point of Origin: Harpany City
- Intended Destination: Unknown
- Name of Captain: Captain James Hook

### **Details of Arrest:**

- Arresting Officials:
  - Captain Thurston Howell III
  - Commander Eunice Wentworth
- Location: Carau Ocean, Latitude 39.33; Longitude -74.41
- Time/Date: 0300/24 March 2024
- Crew Detained During Arrest of Vessel:
  - Captain Alfred P. Sloan
  - First Officer James Cook
  - Second Officer Henry Morgan
  - Recorder: Alfred P. Sloan
  - Deckhands: Sam Ken, John Legg, Douglas McKechnie
  - Navigator: William Austin
  - Logistics: Terry Coulter
  - Cabin Boy: Shawn McKelvy

### **Inventory of Cargo Seized:**

- 50 crates of Coconuts
- 50 crates of Bananas
- 25 pallets of bamboo
- N.B - 1 radio was listed on the S.S. Minnow's cargo manifest, but was not found during the arrest and subsequent search

**Narrative (Captain Howell):**

At 0200, my crew gave the call that another ship had been sighted. My command team thought that was odd since we were intentionally travelling outside of designated commercial lanes to avoid encountering any merchant ships during our exercise. I gave the order for our ship to move closer to the unknown vessel to gather more information.

I was concerned that this ship may be one of those "merchant" ships that Harpany had been selling to civilians involved in the conflict up north. I had recently read some reports of these ships traveling through our waters on their way around the continent due to the southern storms during this time of the year.

With that in mind, we drew closer to a vessel that was now identified as the Thomasina. It was a smaller ship and appeared harmless enough.

However, after observing the ship for a few minutes, we saw that their crew had finally spotted us. They seemed to trip over themselves in an effort to reverse course and steer their boat away from ours. I thought that was odd since most merchant ships are in a rush to meet their deadlines and deliver their cargo before it spoils. Especially for a small ship like the Thomasina, one lost delivery could spell disaster for their operation.

With these contradictions in mind, I ordered us to move even closer to the Thomasina. This caused the crew to panic even more and they started throwing coconuts at my beautiful ship despite our signals that we meant no harm. I couldn't stand for that and was even more convinced than ever that this ship was hiding something.

At 0230, I gave the order to board the Thomasina and was the first to step on board. I first set eyes on a mighty sailing man, who must have been the first mate. He was introduced to me as James Cook. He tripped up the stairs while leading me to Captain Hook, a man who struck me as brave and sure despite his unfortunate name. First Mate Cook lost the fight with gravity and fell overboard. The crew rolled their eyes and said that this happened all the time. Two of them jumped overboard with floatation devices to rescue their clumsy first mate.

After the rescue operation was underway, I informed Captain Hook that his crew would be detained while I searched their vessel for contraband. Captain Hook immediately objected and observed that I had no right to detain his crew or search his ship. I asked him where his ship was bound, and he equivocated. The law of the sea requires that any merchant captain provide their destination when asked. Given his blatant violation of this simple rule, not to mention his abhorrent lack of courtesy, I knew I was entitled to search his ship and confiscate the cargo, if necessary.

My own first mate, Commander Wentworth, went below deck and immediately discovered that a priceless radio was missing from the cargo. Again, I knew that the Thomasina's crew was up to no good, how could they lose such a valuable item? Imagine if they were shipwrecked and had no radio? I thought that they must have hidden the component parts in the rest of their cargo, some coconuts and bananas, so that they could deliver the valuable technology to civilian rebels in the north. Based on my well-founded suspicion, I knew that I was within my rights to confiscate the cargo and that I must report my findings to my superiors.

Not that it's important, but as of yet, my crew have found no radio parts hidden in the shipment.

# New Crawnic Vessel Leaves You Under a Spell

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The Crawn Republic's Navy unveiled a powerful and capable cruiser to its expanding armada of medium-weight vessels - the CRS SEA WITCH. In addition to being equipped with the usual compliment of subsonic missiles and direct fire weapons, the SEA WITCH is also equipped with a more powerful engine and lighter keel design. The SEA WITCH is capable of more than 40 knots under full steam and is supported by a crew of 90 enlisted sailors and 12 officers.

"She's a beautiful vessel - top of the line and ready for anything," says CAPTAIN Bar Nuckle, the first to Captain the new ship. "She has all sorts of secret technology that is far more advanced than other ships of her type, including a new sonar system that is capable of mapping the ocean floor to a greater degree than previously available." CAPTAIN Bar Nuckle is an experienced sea warrior, but he has come under criticism in the past for risky maritime maneuvering that has embarrassed the Crawn Republic on the world stage.

The CRS SEA WITCH is set for her first voyage in the coming weeks after the CRS Navy completes the retrofitting of a new exhaust system that is designed to ensure the SEA WITCH's emissions are clean and do not contribute to global warming. "One effect of the new system," says CAPTAIN Bar Nuckle "is that if you mix a little water with the new exhaust system, it creates a hell of a smoke cloud. Very fitting for a vessel like the SEA WITCH."

In recent years, the Crawn Republic has expanded its Naval armada to ensure it can protect its territorial and economic rights on the high seas.

## HARPANY NAVAL SERVICE SITUATION REPORT

From: Admiral Forge Callahan, Officer in Charge, Harpany Naval Service

To: Harpany National Security Council

Subj: HARPANY NAVAL SERVICE SITUATION REPORT

1. This is a Naval Situation report. At 0300 local time, during training operations associated with OPERATION KRAKEN, HNS SWIFT detected an unidentified vessel at location 12U UX 84L63 778Q9 bearing 10 knots East. HNS SWIFT was operating within Harpany's Exclusive Economic Zone.
2. Location 12U UX 84L63 778Q9 is approximately 198 nautical miles from Harpany territorial waters. The unidentified vessel continued its course. The unidentified vessel was armed with cruise missile launching devices, 50 caliber machine guns, and a 57 millimeter cannon. The vessel was equipped with multiple sensing and communication devices.
3. HNS SWIFT ordered battle stations for all hands and requested permission to temporarily suspend OPERATION KRAKEN training operations. Upon approval of this request, HNS SWIFT made intercept course at Flankspeed to the unidentified vessel, bearing 20 knots. HNS SWIFT transmitted a "STOP and PREPARE TO BE BOARDED" message on open source radio at the unidentified vessel.
4. The unidentified vessel executed a port turn and sailed away from Harpany territorial waters, bearing 30 knots West North West. The unidentified vessel expelled smoke from a specially designed smoke emitter in an apparent attempt to obscure its appearance. Prior to the smoke, some members of the HNS SWIFT command deck observed flags associated with the Crawn Republic and markings on the vessel that included the word "Witch." HNS SWIFT's signals intelligence collection device also detected underwater echolocation signals associated with seabed mining operations coming from the general vicinity of the unidentified vessel.
5. The unidentified vessel steamed out of visual range and radar range. HNS SWIFT's unmanned ISR assets were 300 nautical miles away from the area, participating in OPERATION KRAKEN training operations, and were not available to pursue and identify the vessel.
6. HNS SWIFT returned to the OPERATION KRAKEN area of operations and resumed training exercises. Nothing additional to report.



# Close Call: CRS Sea Witch Encounter Raises Concerns

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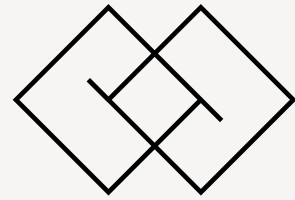
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As my loyal readers are well aware, for the last three months I have had the honor and privilege to be the journalist-in-residence on the intrepid cruiser the CRS Sea Witch. When I took this assignment, I expected to learn much about the day-to-day experiences of our sailors and the dangers they face every day to safeguard our security and sovereignty. Little did I know that I would experience these dangers firsthand.

On what should have been the last day of my voyage with the CRS Sea Witch, as we cruised in international waters in the Carau Ocean, we noticed three Harpony destroyers loitering. Commander Hornflower was surprised to see three military vessels in international waters, remarking to me that military exercises are usually publicized beforehand to avoid any unfortunate confusion. Just then, we heard a piercing shrill whistle. Commander Hornflower yelled “RED ALERT MISSILE DEPLOYED” and the entire crew scrambled to take evasive action and prepare for impact. Luckily, the missile missed.

Although Harpany alleges that it was merely conducting a military exercise and that the CRS Sea Witch was in no danger, that was not this journalist’s feeling hearing the wailing shriek of the missile. Either Harpany attempted a cowardly sneak attack on the CRS Sea Witch or behaved with deplorable and reckless negligence in failing to publicize a military exercise and then engaging in an exercise in international waters where Crawnic ships routinely cruise through.

# PRESS RELEASE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 24, 2024

## HARPANY PARTICIPATES IN EXERCISE IN CARAU OCEAN

In the early hours this morning, Harpany conducted routine military exercise "Operation Kraken" in the Carau Ocean. Approximately 900 servicemembers and three P-class destroyers participated in Operation Kraken. The focus of this exercise was on regional security, counterterrorism, and anti-piracy maneuvers. As part of Operation Kraken, the destroyers engaged in field training exercises, which included the deployment of missiles. All missiles were deployed in international waters and posed no threat to other vessels. Although one foreign vessel passed close to the area where Operation Kraken was conducted, the operation proceeded seamlessly within the expected parameters and did not impact the safety or passage of the foreign vessel.

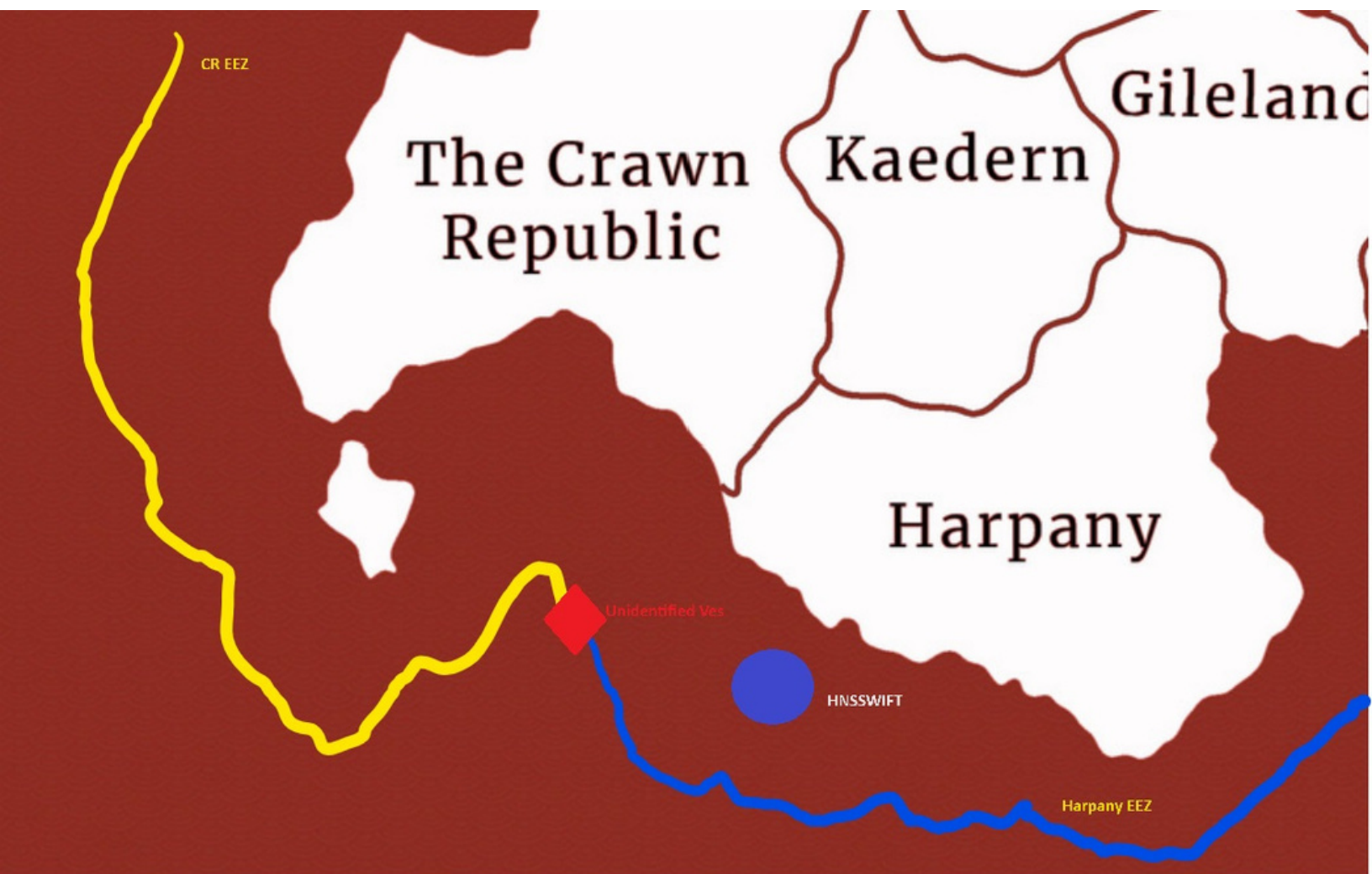
Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Avery Green". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Avery" and "Green" being capitalized and prominent.

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