

In fall of 2020, a group of unknown fishing vessels were visible in satellite imagery operating off the coast of Somalia. These vessels were not consistently broadcasting a AIS signals but appeared to match positions of part of the LAIO DONG YU fleet. In February 2021 these vessels were observed in satellite imagery anchored close to shore off Xaafuun, Somalia. Further open source investigations confirmed the identity of this fleet

- These are part of the China-flagged LIAO DONG YU fleet, and some sailed from Singapore in late August 2020
- This fleet transshipped with China-flagged cargo vessels LU RONG YUAN YU YUN 777 and LU RONG YUAN YU YUN 177.
- Based on the fishing equipment visible in pictures and the types of fish caught, these vessels appear to be engaging in bottom trawling, which is illegal in this area
- 2 fishermen were recently killed in an accident on board on of these vessels
- Another group of at least 12 fishermen are being made to work and are unable to go home despite their contracts expiring. Publicly available posts show multiple forced labor indicators are present here.
- A group of fishermen are currently on shore near Bandarbeyla, without their passports, and are in need of assistance.

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Please help us.. who is in Somali ocean...

It's been 6 months from completing our contract not being sent home. Pt we closed PT RCA and from pT Novarica Agatha..

We are being hunted down by our agents and PT people.

After stop working.. they disappear and partially block our phone number..

PLEASEEEEEEEEEEE

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Brayend Tewu is with Didin Guntiel and 13 others in Somalia.

January 20 · 🕙

Selamat malam Pak John Albert Iff.

Saya menulis ini Atas persetujuan dari teman-teman.

Kami semua yang ada disini tidak ada niat untuk menjatuhkan pihak manapun.

kami hanya ingin bercerita sedikit tentang kelukesa kamu semenjak kami dimutasi ke Kapal TROLL yang beroperasi di laut Somalia.

Masalah yang kami hadapi mungkin lebih banyak daripada yang kami ingat,

Dari masalah gaji dan pengirimannya yang tidak tepat waktu/terlambat sampai masalah kepulangan kami yang sudah menyelesaikan kontral terus di tunda dengan alasan yang terlalu "berbelit-belit". Bukan hanya itu saja, makanan, pakaian sampai perlengkapan kerja yang seharusnya menjadi hak kami tapi kami harus membelinya.

Good night Sir Albert John.

I wrote this On the approval of friends.

All of us here have no intention to bring down any party.

We just want to tell you a little more about your family since we were mutated to the TROLL Ship operating in the Somali sea.

The problems we face may be more than we remember,

From salary issues and inappropriate / late delivery to our homecoming issues that have resolved contrals continue to be postponed for overly " convoluted " reasons.

Not only that, food, clothing to work supplies that should be our right but we have to buy it.

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- Some of the fishermen tagged in the original post appear to have made it home, but others remain stuck at sea
- Conditions described in subsequent comments appeared to include food being withheld for refusing to work, having to purchase food and other supplies, and improper payment
- Source:

https://www.facebook.com/nuryanto.com/lposts/143345274527797



Previous permit post Min.. 🙏

Please help us.. who is in Somali ocean...

It's been 6 months from completing our contract not being sent home. Pt we close PT RCA Raja Crew Atlantic and from pT Novarica Agatha..

We are being hunted down by our agents and PT people.

After stop working.. they disappear and partially block our phone number..

Even we can't do much here.

My friend was hit by the captain for being sent home.

Padaha you Sudan finished contract.

Already contacted Kemenlu and kbri.

From your own self not responding to us.

And from the Embassy has successfully contacted agents in China but cannot do much.

PLEASEEEEEEEEEEE



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- A similar plea was also posted to another page for Indonesian fishermen on foreign vessels.
- This post alleges abuse by a captain, and other comments outline conditions similar to the other post
- Source:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/302178120813474/posts/53 1785717852712/

## Over Contract dan Kerap Dikasari Kapten Kapal, 12 ABK WNI di Somalia Minta Dipulangkan

26 Jul 2021 23:24:38 WIB | Syafii | dibaca 944







Ket: Foto kapal Liao Dong Yu 535

Coto I DMI IKT

Dunia, LiputanBMI - Sebanyak 12 Warga Negara Indonesia di Perairan Somalia, Afrika Timur yang berprofesi sebagai Anak Buah Kapal (ABK) meminta bantuan kepada pemerintah Indonesia untuk bisa memulangkan mereka ke Tanah Air.

Para ABK tersebut mengadukan permasalahannya kepada Asosiasi Pekerja Perikanan Indonesia (AP2I) melalui pesan WhatsApp tentang keinginan bisa pulang karena sudah menyelesaikan kontrak kerja serta adanya tindakan kapten kapal yang kerap melakukan kekerasan di atas kapal, Sabtu (24/7/21).

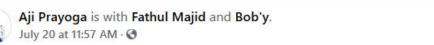
Menurut Wakil Ketua Umum AP2I, Ade Irawan, ke 12 ABK tersebut direkrut dan ditempatkan oleh beberapa perusahaan di Indonesia, diantaranya dua orang dari PT Novarica Agatha Mandiri "NAM", tiga orang dari PT Gigar Marine Internasional "GMI", dan tujuh orang dari PT Raja Crew Atlantik "RCA".

Lanjut, kata Ade, mereka dipekerjakan pada kapal yang berbeda-beda serta dipindah-pindah. Informasi terakhir mereka saat ini berada di atas kapal Liao Dong Yu 535, 571, 572, 576, dan 577.

 This group of fishermen are also talked about in this article, which confirms the involved vessels are LIAO DONG YU 535, 571, 572, 576, and 577

## Source:

https://www.liputanbmi.com/bac a/4106/over-contract-dankerap-dikasari-kapten-kapal-12abk-wni-di-somalia-mintadipulangkan



Selamat tinggal kawan smoga amal ibadah kalian di terima oleh Allah SWT aminnnnn. 🛣 🛣

Bagi teman teman tau dengan keluarga mereka tolong sampaikan kabar in Bob'y

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Memorial post for the 2 deceased crew linking to Facebook accounts for both.

## Source:

https://www.facebook.com/aji.prayoga.98622/posts/981402089288314

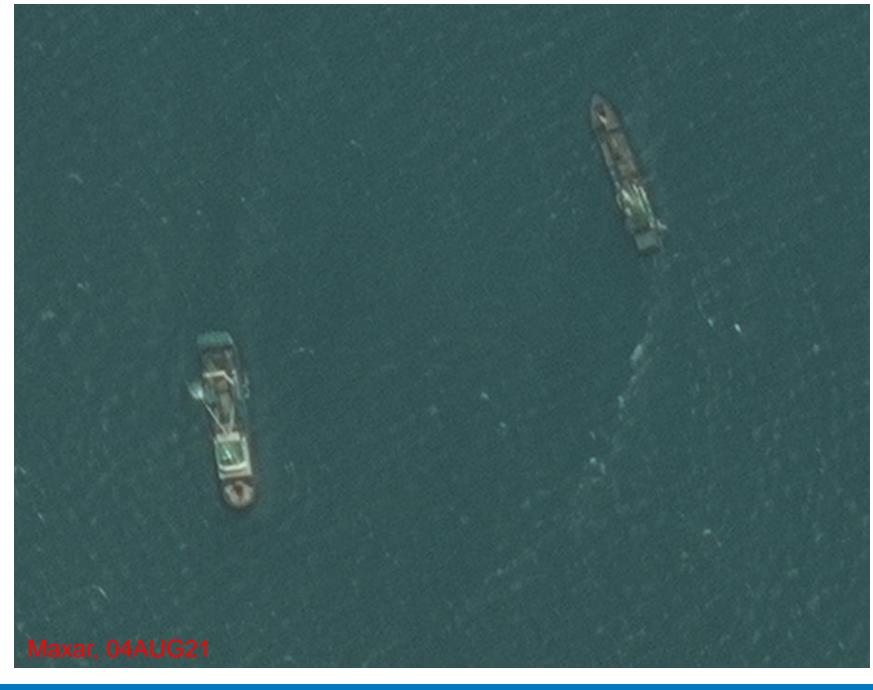
**Current Location and Activity** 



On 15AUG21, 1 fishing vessel and the cargo vessel are visible anchored ~1 mile off the coast of Bandarbeyla. The timing and location matches when the 4 fishermen were put on shore. These 2 vessels again appear to be isolated from the rest of the fleet.

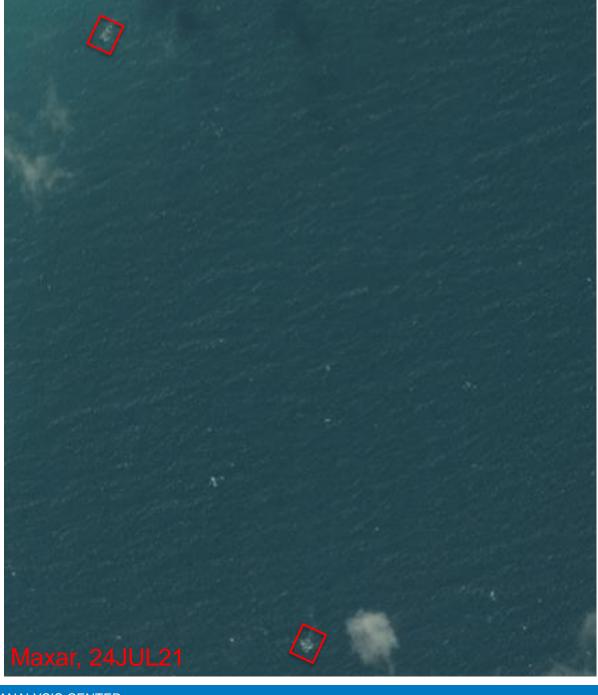
Coords: 9.499, 50.831

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On 04AUG21, 2 vessels are visible north of Xaafun, approximately 1 mile from shore. This area is a substantial distance from where other vessels in the fleet appear to be fishing. One of the vessels here appears to be the cargo vessel that has been observed travelling with this fleet.

Coords: 10.508, 51.276



2 vessels are visible fishing near Bandar Beyla here approximately 2 miles from shore near Bandar Beyla on 24JUL21. 2 more vessels are visible approximately 10 miles south, and other maybe obscured by cloud cover in the area.

Coords: 9.378, 50.822





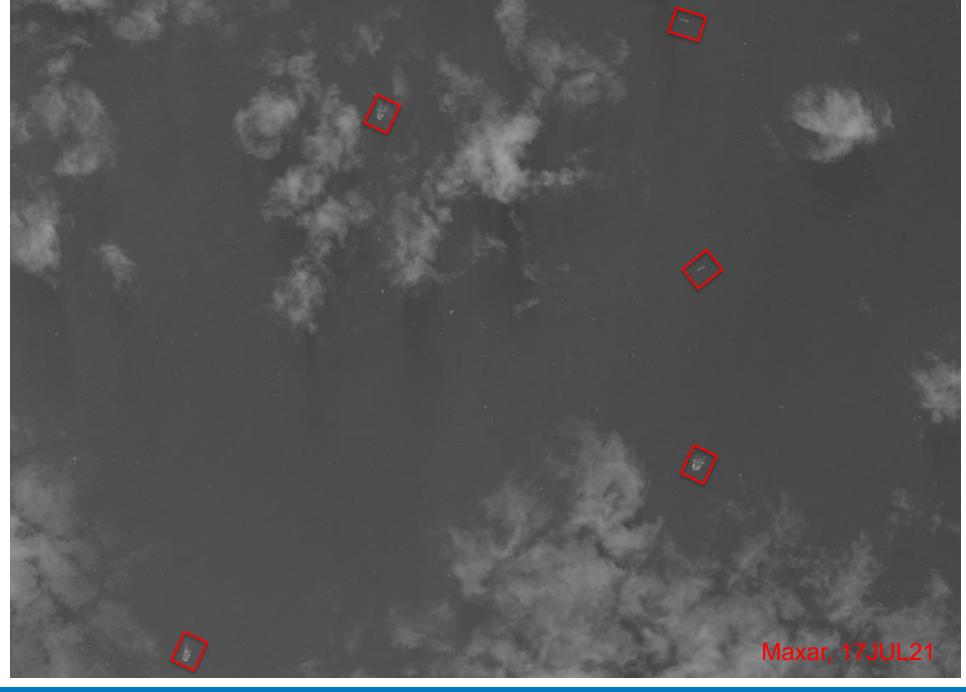
On 22JUL21, 2 vessels are visible fishing near Bandarbeyla here approximately 5 miles from shore. There is heavy cloud cover in the area and it is possible the rest of the fleet is also present.

Coords: 10.067, 50.956; 10.129, 50.989

Maxar, 22JUL21

 $\bullet \bullet \bullet$ July 19 at 3:15 PM ⋅ 🕙 orang lain; sibuk bikin rencana buat malam takbiran aku; tetap kerja 💪 😔 See Translation CITY Bandarbeyla, Somalia 11 Comments

This post from a known crewmember indicates the fleet as near Bandarbeyla, Somalia on 19JUL21



6 vessels are visible fishing here approximately 5 miles from shore near Bandar Beyla on 17JUL21. A 6<sup>th</sup> vessel is present to the north, and others may be obscured by cloud cover.

Coords: 9.698, 50.881



A video posted to Instagram on 23JUN21 shows 8 of the vessels anchored off the shore of Bandarbeyla, Somalia.

## Source:

https://www.instagram.c om/p/CRMiHTxpqo2



8 of these vessels are visible fishing of Somalia on 02JUN21. A 9<sup>th</sup> vessel is visible ~23 miles south of Bandarbeyla.

Coords: 9.1466, 50.8279





12 vessels are visible here between Cadayo and Xaafun on 01OCT20

Coords: 10.7597, 51.3593

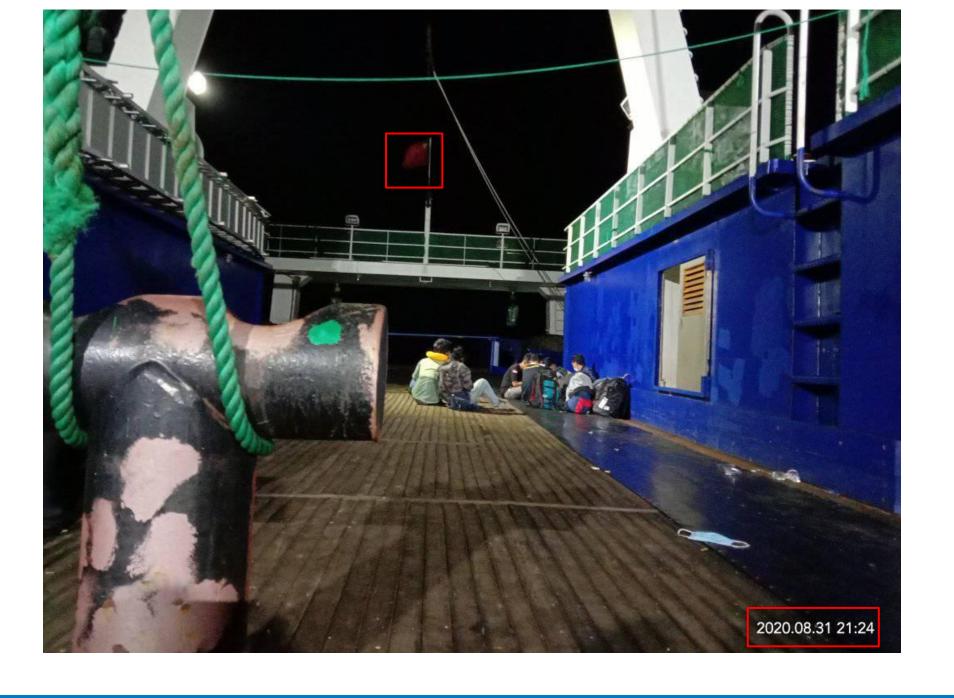
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3 vessels are visible offloading at the dock in Djibouti on 08SEP20

Coords: 11.606, 43.132

# Fleet Information



Wahai para penghuni liao dong yu, ada diantara kalian yg hari ini berpesta?, ada yg berharap pesta itu akan tiba?. Mungkin ada yg hanya B aja.

Apa kabar penghuni liao peng yu, kawan seperjuangan yg berbeda tempat? Adakah pesta disana ?

Dear residents of liao dong yu, there are some of you who are partying today?, some hope that the party will arrive?. Maybe there are some who are just B.

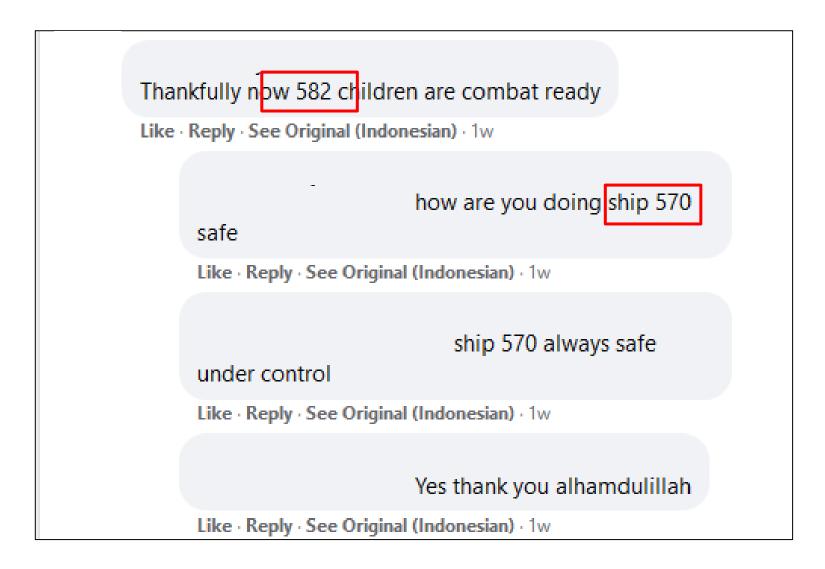
How are the residents of liao peng yu, friends in arms who are different places? Is there a party there?

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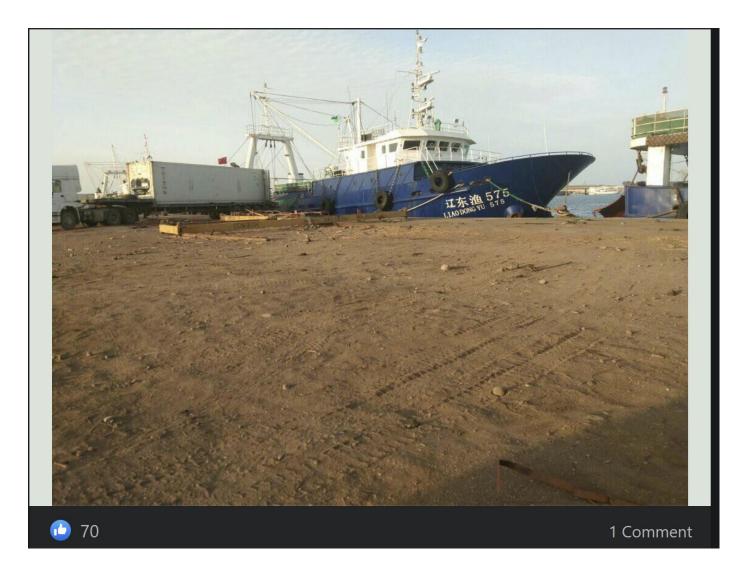


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Facebook post from crewmember indicating vessels in the fleet are named Liao Dong Yu and Liao Peng Yu



Facebook post from crewmember indicating vessels in the fleet are numbered 570 and 582



Vessel LIAO DONG YU 575 docked with another vessel in Djibouti on 04FEB21



Lifeboat container for LIAO DONG YU 575





- The vessel on the left has been visible with the fleet throughout its time in Somalia. This vessel appears to match photographs of vessel LIAO DONG YU 526. The role of this vessel is unclear
- Source: <a href="https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:488269/mmsi:412211197/imo:0/vessel:LIAODONGYU\_526/">https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:488269/mmsi:412211197/imo:0/vessel:LIAODONGYU\_526/<a href="https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:488269/mmsi:412211197/imo:0/vessel:LIAODONGYU\_526/">https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:488269/mmsi:412211197/imo:0/vessel:LIAODONGYU\_526/">https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:488269/mmsi:412211197/imo:0/vessel:LIAODONGYU\_526/">https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:488269/mmsi:412211197/imo:0/vessel:LIAODONGYU\_526/">https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:488269/mmsi:412211197/imo:0/vessel:LIAODONGYU\_526/">https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:488269/mmsi:412211197/imo:0/vessel:LIAODONGYU\_526/">https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:488269/mmsi:412211197/imo:0/vessel:LIAODONGYU\_526/">https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:488269/mmsi:412211197/imo:0/vessel:LIAODONGYU\_526/">https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:488269/mmsi:412211197/imo:0/vessel:LIAODONGYU\_526/">https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:488269/mmsi:412211197/imo:0/vessel:LIAODONGYU\_526/">https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:488269/mmsi:412211197/imo:0/vessel:LIAODONGYU\_526/">https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:488269/mmsi:412211197/imo:0/vessel:LIAODONGYU\_526/">https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:488269/mmsi:412211197/imo:0/vessel:LIAODONGYU\_526/">https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/shipid:488269/mmsi:488269



- Vessel LIAO DONG YU 567 fishing in Angola in 2015. Note this vessel closely matches others in the fleet currently off Somalia
- Source: https://web.archive.org/web/20161101074154/http://www.panoramio.com/photo/117969292

