

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SEYCHELLES

REPUBLIC

VS

1. ABDI ALI	5. ABDI AZIZ ABDI	9. MOHAMED NOOR
2. OMAR HAJI OMAR	6. MOHAMED FARAH	10. AHMED ISMAIL
3. AHMAD HUSSEIN	7. MOHAMED MAHMUD	11. ABDI SAMAD
4. AHMAD ABDI	8. HASSAN IBRAHIM	

Criminal Side No: 14 of 2010

Mr. J. Lloyd State Counsel for the Republic

Mr. F. Elizabeth for all the Accused

SENTENCE

Burhan J,

I have considered the submissions and mitigations on behalf of the accused. The accused are all foreigners many of them married individuals with families. There is no evidence before court that they have been convicted of an offence of a similar nature prior to this case. I will therefore consider them as first offenders. However, the seriousness of the offence is apparent, as such acts of piracy has have international and global repercussions.

I am therefore of the view that a custodial term of imprisonment must be imposed as a deterrent measure. However, considering the fact that this was an attempt at piracy, and there was no resulting death, injury or damage caused to any person or vessel and further as there was no retaliation on the part of the accused in this case

at the time of interception, this court sentences each of the accused to a period of 6 years imprisonment.

Time spent in remand to count towards sentence.

M. BURHAN

JUDGE

Dated this 3rd day of November 2010