India navy rescues two hijacked vessels off Somalia coast in two days

Indian naval forces have rescued two hijacked vessels off Somalia's coast as fears grow over a possible resurgence in piracy in the area.

The rescues by the warship INS Sumitra came within 36 hours of each other.

Just days earlier, Seychelles defence forces reported freeing a group of fishermen from pirates.

The waters off the Somali coast were previously a hotbed for piracy, but it had all but stopped after international forces stepped up patrols.

India, for example, has helped patrol the area constantly since 2008.

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