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SOMALI PIRACY AND THE POLISH CRIMINAL LAW
BY THE EXAMPLE OF TAKING CONTROL OVER A SEA VESSEL

SUMMARY

The authors start with describing the phenomenon of sea piracy, which has historically been present since the beginning of shipping. They also try to distinguish it from the phenomenon of terrorism and the armed seizure of ship, and analyse the Somali piracy by defining its character and presenting its repercussions in international scene. Subsequently, the authors locate the phenomenon of piracy in the Polish law context, and deliver their interpretation of the crime of taking control over the sea vessel in the light of the art. 166 of the Polish Penal Code.

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