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Belgian officials say pirates have captured a dredger. The vessel, the **Pompei**, had been en route to the Seychelles.

Crisis communication

Meanwhile, Belgium's government has told the BBC that a Belgian-registered ship has been captured by Somali pirates.

There had been no communication with the dredging vessel, the **Pompei**, since it sent two alarm signals early on Saturday.

“ We tried to have a contact with the ship but without success until now. We suspect it was hijacked by Somali pirates ” Peter Mertens Belgium government spokesman.

The ship, with 10 crew including two Belgians, was about 600 km (373 miles) from the Somali coast and heading for the Seychelles. Satellite pictures show that the ship is not moving.

"This morning we received through two different channels, a silent alert, that there was a problem on the boat, which is a Belgian boat on its way to the Seychelles," said Peter Mertens, a spokesman for the Belgian government's crisis centre.

"We tried to have a contact with the ship but without success until now.

Reuters quoted an unnamed pirate as confirming the hijack in a telephone call in which he said the attackers would take the ship to the Somali port of Haradheere.

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