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**SMALL BOATS, WEAK STATES, DIRTY MONEY:
THE THREAT OF PIRACY AND MARITIME TERRORISM IN THE MODERN
WORLD**

The Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments announces the release of *Small Boats, Weak States, Dirty Money: Piracy and Maritime Terrorism*, a new book written by the Center's Senior Fellow Dr. Martin Murphy.

Although piracy is currently a low-level threat, it feeds off of political upheaval. Murphy's most significant revelation is the way in which maritime criminality may disguise insurgent and terrorist activity, allowing such actors greater freedom to maneuver. Before they can evolve into a truly powerful and dangerous force, however, maritime terrorists and insurgents will have to overcome significant operational and technical issues. Murphy concludes that if terrorists are to capture the attention of an international audience they must engineer atrocities at sea that are as devastating as those committed on land while insurgent use of the sea for movement supply is a problem now and one that might expand into area denial operations in the future.

Martin Murphy, who joined CSBA in September 2008, specializes in maritime irregular warfare. He is also the inaugural research fellow at the Corbett Centre for Maritime Policy Studies at King's College, University of London. He has advised the UK Ministry of Defence on maritime irregular warfare and related criminal activity at sea, and has published widely on both piracy and maritime terrorism.

There have been a number of books on modern piracy, yet no work compares to Martin N. Murphy's comprehensive and scholarly research. His will stand as the definitive reference on the subject for years to come.

John S. Burnett, author of *Dangerous Waters: Modern Piracy and Terror on the High Seas*

This is not a sensationalist book - Johnny Depp doesn't even get a look-in...but its sobriety and scope make it essential for professionals.

Stephen Fidler, *South Sea Trouble*,
Financial Times

The book is published by Columbia University Press and is available nationwide in March 2009. **For more information**, contact Peter Barrett, Publicist at Columbia University Press, pb2272@columbia.edu, 212-459-0600, ext 7133

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