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STATEMENT BY COMMANDANT ALOK NEGI, COAST GUARD AIR ENCLAVE
KOCHI, 19 FEBRUARY 2012

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Statement given by Alok Negi, Commandant No. 0422J, Coast Guard Air Enclave Kochi.

I am working as the staff observer in Air Enclave Kochi under CGD H2-4. I fly Dornier Air Craft belonging to Coast Guard stationed at INS Garuda. Normally I do routine patrolling on Dornier Air Craft in our sea as directed by CGD H2-4 on regular basis. On 15.2.12 at 17.50 hrs. while I was at Squadron (base), I received a message from CGD H2-4 to stand by ready for a launch. It was also informed that a fishing boat was fired by a merchant vessel at sea at 18.10 hrs. I was directed to conduct search for suspected vessel between Kollam and Kadungalloor. At 19.20 hrs. we got the name and type of vessel involved in the firing. At 19.35 hrs. I along with Assistant Commandant Mayank Varma and Rajyasree Rathore as crew took off from INS Garuda in CG 760. The Dornier Air Craft at 19.50 hrs. We located the vessel ENRICA LEXIE in the Position 09°51.6″N and 075°37.5″E. We encircled the vessel and contacted it over VHF in channel 16 and 10. We asked them about whether any firing incident was there at about 16.30 hrs.

in the sea. The vessel replied that at about 16.00 hrs. (ship time) one light blue coloured boat ride to approach their vessel at close quarters, and on being fired by the armed guards of the ship ENRICA LEXIE, the boat turned and proceeded to South-East directions. When asked again about the firing, the vessel confirmed the firing at a boat by the security guards on the vessel who belong to Italian Navy. [We directed them to amend the course and proceed to Kochi harbour and informed to be in channel 16 and 10. We contacted them continuously over VHF. The ship altered the course towards Kochi and we shadowed it to Kochi anchorage till 22.30 hrs]. At 21.25 hrs. we came into communication with ICGS Lakshmibai which was also engaged in the searching operation. Lakshmibai contacted the vessel over VHF at 21.30 hrs. Lakshmibai intercepted the vessel and escorted to Kochi anchorage at 22.35 hrs.] ENRICA LEXIE anchored at Position 09°56.19″N 076°07.06″E. We maintained over it till 23.15 hrs. and landed back in INS Garuda at 23.30 hrs.

Read over to the witness and admitted by him to be correct.

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Asst. Commissioner of Police

DCRB, Kollam City

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