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**USS Boxer Fire Injures Two Sailors**

From Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command Public Affairs

USS BOXER, At Sea - A fire broke out on the flight deck of USS Boxer (LHD 4) at approximately 4:15 p.m. yesterday while refueling an AH-1W Super Cobra in the Gulf of Aden.

Two Sailors sustained injuries during the incident and are being treated by the ship's medical department. They are in stable condition and are expected to make a full recovery within the week. No other Sailors or Marines were injured during the fire.

The cause of the fire is under investigation and no further details are available at this time.

The helicopter is assigned to the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 163 (Reinforced) with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked aboard Boxer.

Boxer is conducting Maritime Security Operations in the Gulf of Aden as part of Coalition Task Force (CTF) 151. Home ported in San Diego, Calif., Boxer assumed the role as flagship for CTF 151 March 8, after arriving in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations as part of a regularly-scheduled deployment.

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