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Dear Ali Anwar

I refer to your email of 13 September 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information about the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) deployment to assist in protecting Red Sea shipping.

The mandate for the NZDF deployment to support the protection of Red Sea shipping is extended until 31 January 2025. This has been reported by various news agencies and was announced on the NZDF website¹.

The NZDF does not discuss the specific details of ongoing operations. This is in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA, as to do so would be likely to prejudice the security and defence of New Zealand and the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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¹ <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/media-centre/news/red-sea-deployment-extension>