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## Honours and Awards

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### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St James's Palace, London SW1

16 January 2007

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards of The Queen's Gallantry Medal and for the publication in *The London Gazette* of the names of those shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Bravery.

#### **The Queen's Gallantry Medal**

Michael GROVES. Security and Safety Officer, Seabourn Cruise Lines.

#### **Queen's Commendation for Bravery**

Som Bahadur GURUNG. Gurkha Master-at-Arms, Seabourn Cruise Lines.

*For their actions repelling pirates who attacked a cruise ship which was cruising off the coast of Somalia.*

In November 2005 Michael Groves was woken, shortly before 0600 hours, and called to the deck to investigate two boats which were approaching the ship. He was unarmed. He saw that one boat carried six to seven males armed with rifles and a rocket launcher. He was immediately fired upon but he quickly unwound a high pressure hose and stood in full view of the attackers, aimed the jet at them and they withdrew. In the short respite that followed Mr Groves started to make ready

the Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD). As he pulled off its cover he came under fire from the second boat. A rocket was fired at Mr Groves, knocking him to the deck and causing injuries to his ears. In spite of this he radioed for assistance to his team of Master-at-Arms. Som Bahadur Gurung, and a colleague, arrived on the deck. Automatic rifle fire continued and a second rocket was launched at the ship. Mr Groves asked for a volunteer to operate one of the two pieces of equipment available to counter the attack. Mr Gurung volunteered to operate the LRAD, whilst Mr Groves returned to the hose. Both were fully exposed to fire from both boats. Mr Gurung ran across the exposed area of deck and reached the LRAD. The rail was of waist height, and the LRAD was mounted on it with no surrounding cover. Mr Gurung then stood to his full height to activate and direct the device to its target. He managed to insert the key in the LRAD, but before he could activate it he was hit by a bullet and shrapnel struck his upper body. He was knocked unconscious. Mr Groves dragged him to safety, returned to the LRAD and directed it towards the boats. The pirates tried to board the ship but Mr Groves continued to operate the LRAD. After about 30 minutes the attack stopped and the boats turned away.

#### **The Queen's Gallantry Medal**

Paul LEIGH, Sergeant, Lancashire Constabulary.  
Lukmann MULLA, Constable, Lancashire Constabulary.

*For their actions in dealing with a man wielding a firearm and other explosive devices.*

During the early afternoon in July 2005, Constable Mulla and two colleagues attended an address in Rawtenstall, Lancashire to question a man following a complaint of