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**Subject:** Fw: Turkish Ferry Hijacked in Gulf of Izmit (SBU)

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Not good news if it was indeed Kurdish militants.

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