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INDIA- ITALIAN MARINES CASE SUFFERS ANOTHER DELAY

APPEAL AGAINST USE OF INDIAs NIA POLICE

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USPA NEWS - India's Supreme Court on Tuesday postponed a hearing in the case of two Italian marines facing possible trial for murder until July 1, after the summer recess.

Massimiliano Latorre and Salvatore Girone are appealing against the use of India's NIA anti-terrorism police to probe the case involving the shooting deaths of two fishermen who they allegedly mistook for pirates during an international anti-piracy mission in February 2012.
hey argue that the NIA no longer has jurisdiction over the incident after application of the SUA anti-terrorism act was dropped last year following an Italian appeal. In its July 1 hearing the Supreme Court will also consider an appeal from an elderly fisherman who was on the boat with those who died for the SUA Act to be reapplied.
The SUA Act calls for the automatic application of the death penalty in case of conviction for murder.

Tuesday's postponement is the latest in a long series of delays in the case that have strained diplomatic relations between the two countries, with Italy arguing that the marines should not be tried in India as the case falls outside its jurisdiction.
A special tribunal has been established in New Delhi to try the servicemen but hearings have been postponed pending the outcome of their Supreme Court appeal. Latorre is currently in Italy for medical treatment after suffering a stroke last summer and then undergoing heart surgery in January.
He is due to return to India on July 15.

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