

UKMTO Summary Report: 13-19 Apr 2024

UKMTO Alerts and Notices

Please see below for a list of all recent and extant UKMTO alerts and notices. Full details can be found on the website: [UKMTO](https://www.ukmto.org). UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.



UKMTO Alerts

Incident No.	Category	Remarks
063	Boarding	<p>130250UTC Apr 24 - MSC ARIES. IMO: 9857169.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UKMTO received a report of an incident 50NM northeast of Fujairah, United Arab Emirates. The Portuguese flagged container vessel MSC ARIES which had been transiting with AIS switched off, in position of 25^o 43' 00"N - 056^o 41' 00" E and whilst transiting outbound of the Strait of Hormuz was reported to have been boarded by unknown personnel. The personnel were reported to have been inserted onto the MSC ARIES by helicopter. It was subsequently confirmed that the MSC ARIES had been seized by regional authorities, had altered course northbound into Iranian Territorial waters and all communication with the vessel had ceased. No further information is known by UKMTO at this time. For further details on this incident see: CMF-JMIC InfoNote 13/04/01
	Security Notification	<p>190315UTC Apr 24 - UKMTO Security Notification Advisory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UKMTO has been made aware of media reports of an Israeli military strike against Iran. Vessels transiting the Arabian Gulf and Western Indian Ocean may observe increased UAS activity in the region. There are currently no indications that commercial maritime vessels are the intended target. Masters are requested to report any suspicious activity, and UAS activity, to UKMTO and are advised to follow industry guidance on loitering munitions: Loitering Munitions – The Threat to Merchant Ships The security notification is valid for a 72-hour period from time stated. In the event that the increased threat endures past a 72-hour period, an update will be released.

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Issue date	Remarks
	There are no notices for this period.

CMF - Combined Task Force 151 (CTF151) - Counter - Piracy (CP)

Focused Operation "Mare Liberum IV" will run from 28 Apr 24 to 02 May 24. The aim of this operation is to focus CP efforts in the deterrence of illicit, non-state use of the high seas, develop regional leadership capacity and reassure the international community, to maintain enduring maritime security within the CTF 151 area of responsibility, and, uphold rules based order.

CMF - Joint Maritime Information Centre (JMIC)

CMF - JMIC Products. The CMF - JMIC Weekly Dashboard and CMF - JMIC Information Notes (InfoNotes) products are promulgated on behalf of CMF - JMIC on UKMTO's website at 'JMIC Products'. Please click [here](#) for the most recently issued CMF - JMIC Weekly Dashboard.

CMF - JMIC Flyer

JMIC Flyer. The CMF's JMIC has been established alongside UKMTO to share accurate and timely information with interested stakeholders relating to attacks on shipping in the South Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (i.e. non-piracy). The JMIC has issued an 'Information Flyer' articulating its role alongside UKMTO. The JMIC Information Flyer can be found [here](#) on UKMTO's website at 'JMIC Products'.

US Maritime Advisory 2024 - 005

Effective Date: 04/16/2024 - 10/12/2024

This Advisory updates U.S. Maritime Advisory 2023-015 and [replaces Advisories 2023-012 and 2023-013].

This Advisory provides updates to maritime security resources, websites, and information. Significant updates are [bracketed]. Advisory details can be found by clicking [here](#).

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Open Source Media Articles

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- Iran seizes Israel-linked container ship near Hormuz Strait.
- 13 Apr - gulfnews.com
- Somali Pirates Release Ship after Ransom Paid.
- 14 Apr - marinelink.com
- Canadian-led CTF 150 seize nearly 2,000kg of narcotics in two interdictions in a single day.
- 14 Apr - combinedmaritimeforces.com
- Canadian-led CTF 150 conducts third drug interdiction in a week.
- 15 Apr - combinedmaritimeforces.com
- The Bangladesh flagged merchant vessel ABDULLAH has been released.
- 15 Apr - eunavfor.eu
- Indian Navy Carries Out First Drug Interdiction as CMF Member.
- 16 Apr - combinedmaritimeforces.com
- Indian crew member from MSC Aries seized by Iran returns home.
- 18 Apr - straitstimes.com

Ships Maritime Security Briefings - Jebel Ali

Jebel Ali Port Briefs

Due to bad weather conditions in Dubai this week, no Ships briefs were conducted.

Office Visits, Briefings and Maritime Security Updates

To contact our Dubai office, arrange an office visit, request a briefing on UKMTO or request a regional maritime security brief, please email the OiC. **Note:** Emails received between 13:00 (UTC) on Friday and 04:00 (UTC) on Monday, may not be actioned before 04:00 (UTC) on Monday. For urgent or short notice briefing requirements, security officers and masters should contact the Duty UKMTO (Dubai) Officer on: +971 (0)50 189 8389 who will be able to arrange urgent briefings that fall outside of the above times.

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Additional Sources of Information

[United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations \(UKMTO\)](#)

[Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa \(MSCHOA\)](#)

[International Maritime Security Construct \(IMSC\)](#)

[International Maritime Bureau \(IMB\) Live Piracy Reports](#)

[United States Dept of Transportation Maritime Administration](#)

[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)

[Maritime Global Security](#)

[Oil Companies International Marine Forum \(OCIMF\)](#)

[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)

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