



UKMTO

Weekly Report

2 – 8 Jan 16

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

IN THIS ISSUE

Command Overview

1. No significant events to report this week which could be due to the effects of the NE Monsoon season impacting upon small boat activity, particularly along the Somali coast which is prone to funnelling winds that can reach Beaufort Force 6 – 7 and swells of up to 2.5m.

2. Two interesting open source articles this week. The first asks 'who is protecting Somalia's fishermen'? As Somalia's waters have become less dangerous for international shipping they have become more dangerous for Somalia's fishermen as illegal fishing vessels, once wary of coming into Somali waters, are making a return. The article argues the need for a more unified national coast guard, improved maritime domain awareness and 'concerted effort between the Somali state and the shipping community in order to find a long term solution' (a). The second report written by Stephen Caldwell, discusses the rise and fall of Somali piracy and piracy's new business model, more prevalent in SE Asia and Gulf of Guinea and focused on the hijacking of ships for energy commodities rather than holding crew for ransom. The article, written against the backdrop of a recent NATO conference 'Current and Future Challenges to Energy Security in the Maritime Environment', goes on to talk about the escalating effects of the Yemen crisis to regional security, Dr Peter Chalk, presenting, concluded that "Should the situation in Yemen continue to worsen, security in the Gulf of Aden will drastically deteriorate, making the viability of the Suez Canal corridor increasingly questionable" (c).

3. Open Source Media Articles of interest:

a. 5 Jan 16 – 'Somalia: Who is protecting Somalia's fishermen' (Horseed Media): <http://bit.ly/1VS31hE>

b. 7 Jan 16 – 'Yemen seizes crucial port from Houthi militias' (Al Arabiya News): <http://bit.ly/1mJZp5C>

c. 8 Jan 16 – 'Maritime Security: Moving Targets' (Maritime Executive): <http://bit.ly/1mK4tqJ>



ATTACKED, BOARDED OR HI-JACKED

(1) Attacked

No incidents to report.

(2) Boarded

No incidents to report.

(3) Hijacked

No incidents to report.

Vessels, crew under pirate control

Merchant vessel	0	Personnel
Dhows/Fishing Vessels	43	Personnel
Other crew still held	0	Personnel
Total	43	
Vessel name		Date
FV Naham 3	26	03/03/12
Dhow Siraj	17	26/03/15

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
12-13 Apr 16	SHADE	Bahrain
21 Apr 16	MIEVOM	Dubai

LIAISON AND VISITS

5 Jan 16 – Alan Johnson, NYK Line.

Alternative Sources of Information (web links)

[NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)
[NATO Shipping Centre – Alert Details](#)
[Weekly Assessment](#)
[Best Management Practice \(BMP\)](#)
[MSCHOA](#)
[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)
[Maritime Liaison Office \(MARLO\)](#)
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)
[Maritime Trade Information Sharing Centre Gulf of Guinea](#)

SHIPS BRIEFED

Date	Location	Vessel
03/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	COSCO HONG KONG
03/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	NYK THESEUS
03/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	YM ORCHID
04/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK INDUS
04/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	ENERGY CENTURION
04/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	POSEIDON TRIUMPH
04/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	AURORA ONYX
04/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	JS PHOENIX
05/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	GAS FRIEND
05/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	NAVE ANDROMEDA
05/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	DIAMOND SEA
05/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	AENEAS
05/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	RICKMERS ANTWERP
05/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	MOREA
05/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	INDIRA GHANDI
05/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	RIO BRAVO
06/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	DENSA ALLIGATOR
06/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	NOBLE SW
06/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	MARINE ISTA
06/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	VANIA
06/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	MESSINI
06/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	NYK HELIOS
07/01/2016	MINA SAQR	NORDIC TIANJIN
07/01/2016	MINA SAQR	PACIFIC FUTURE
07/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	TG POSEIDON
07/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	SWARNA KAVERI
07/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	STAR MASAYA
08/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	MSC BETTINA
08/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK TUKANG
08/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	GULF COAST
08/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	BAO YUE
08/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	BOTTIGLIERI GIORGIO AVINO
08/01/2016	JEBEL ALI	BBC MISSISSIPPI