



# UKMTO

## Weekly Report

### 14 – 20 May 16

#### INCIDENT DISPOSITION

#### IN THIS ISSUE

## Command Overview

1. One Advisory released this week (001/May/2016).
2. This week's Advisory was reported from a position where groups of fishermen are known to transit or operate. It is not uncommon for large numbers of skiffs to work together, their behaviour can often look random or erratic as they chase pods of dolphins or shoals of fish. The NATO Shipping Centre web-site provides additional information on [fishing in the High Risk Area](#). Fishermen are also known to follow in the wake of vessels as it disturbs the water bringing nutrients to the surface which attracts the fish.
3. In the UK's Daily Mail this week, the shadow Defence Secretary, Emily Thornberry claims that 'a sharp reduction in pirate attacks off Somalia is "invertible proof" that European Union membership helps Britain achieve its security priorities'. Her comments came following a recent visit to the home of the EU's Counter Piracy Mission, Op Atalanta in Northwood, UK (a). In related news the EU has appointed Brig Robert Magowan CBE RM as operation commander for the EU Naval Force Somalia – EU NAVFOR Operation Atalanta taking over from MGen Martin Smith MBE (d).
4. Open Source Media Articles of interest:
  - a. 14 May 16 - 'Cut in Somalia piracy 'proof' of benefits of EU membership' (Belfast Telegraph): <http://bit.ly/1U3C5uM>
  - b. 14 May 16 - 'Asean waters must not become like Somalia: Indonesia's defense minister' (Antaran News): <http://bit.ly/1sFFDeI>
  - c. 17 May 16 - 'Yemen's gov't delegation suspends participation in UN-facilitated peace talks' (Xinhuanet): <http://bit.ly/22iLK4r>
  - d. 18 May 16 - 'EU appoints new Operation Commander for EU NAVFOR Somalia' (European Council): <http://bit.ly/2414BQC>
  - e. 19 May 16 - 'UN Security Council in Somalia in show of solidarity' (Garowe on-line): <http://bit.ly/1qA9mU6>
  - f. 20 May 16 - 'As the UN tightens the net around illegal fishing, now is the time to act' (The Guardian): <http://bit.ly/1OQt5dV>

#### EVENTS REPORTED TO UKMTO

(Numbers after incident refer to the Advisory number, see page 3 for this week's Advisories)



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**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 taken
FV Naham 3	26	03/03/12
Dhow Siraj	17	26/03/15

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Date	Event	Location
29 – 30 Nov 16	SHADE	Bahrain
8 Dec 16	MIEVOM	Dubai

**LIAISON AND VISITS**

15 May 16 – Visit by Cdr Justin Peltier + 3, EMIA FFEAU – ALINDIEN, Abu Dhabi.

**ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

- [NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)
- [NATO Shipping Centre – Alert Details](#)
- [NATO Shipping Centre – Piracy Update](#)
- [Best Management Practice \(BMP\)](#)
- [MSCHOA](#)
- [Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)
- [Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)
- [United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)
- [Maritime Trade Information Sharing Centre Gulf of Guinea](#)
- [IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

**SHIPS BRIEFED**

Date	Location	Vessel
15/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	SPOTTAIL
15/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	MOHAMMED H
15/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	ETC NEFERTARI
15/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	HAMBURG STAR
15/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	OEL KHALEEJ EXPRESS
16/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	AFRICA GRAECA
16/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	CMB CHIKAKO
16/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	HAYDEE
16/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK EUPHRATES
16/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	LOCH CRINAN
16/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	COSCO KOREA
17/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	FARA 1
17/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	CAPE CHRONOS
17/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	NINGBO EXPRESS
17/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	MSC BRUNELLA
17/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	TAI HU
17/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	SAGITTARIUS
18/05/2016	MINA SAQR	ALBERTA
18/05/2016	MINA SAQR	SANMAR PHOENIX
18/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	NAVE ESTELLA
18/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	MSC LAUREN
18/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	TORM REPUBLICAN
19/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	NISSUS CHRISTIANA
19/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	ALESSANDRA BOTTIGLIERI
19/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	DILIGENCE
19/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	MARSTAN
19/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	NASCO GEM
19/05/2016	JEBEL ALI	WAN HAI 613
20/05/2016	TELECON	OVATION OF THE SEAS

**ADVISORY**

**001/May/2016**

**Category:** Suspicious Approach

**Description:** On 16 May 2016 at 0512 UTC in position 14 45.0N 050 58.0E, an MV reported that five skiff's approached to 0.5 cables. Skiffs were black/brown in colour with between 3 to 5 POB, ladders were sighted. MV's security team fired warning shots and MV took evasive action. Skiffs then opened between 1 and 2.5 nm.

**Source:** Reported to UKMTO by phone.