



UKMTO

Weekly Report

1 – 7 Oct 16

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

IN THIS ISSUE

## Command Overview

1. This week's report reflects on events in the Bab el Mandeb last Saturday. There is much open source reporting of an attack against the UAE flagged vessel 'MV Swift 1' (d, e) which occurred in the early hours of 1 Oct 16. UKMTO's Advisory (001/Oct/16) informed of an MV on fire not far from the Yemen coast and for vessels to proceed with caution and heightened vigilance. UKMTO released an update on 6 Oct 16 (003/Oct/16) advising 'indications were this incident is linked with the Yemen conflict and was a targeted attack from ashore on a specific UAE flagged vessel'. This update also included precautions for masters to consider when transiting the straits. Guidance has also been posted by shipping associations on their websites ([OCIMF](#)) ([BIMCO](#)) ([INTERTANKO](#)) (some log-ins reqd).

2. The South West monsoon appears to have fully abated. The level of small boat activity generally increases in the 'transition' period leading up to the North East monsoon. As a reminder, 'It is strongly recommended that BMP is applied throughout the High Risk Area' and the 'three fundamental requirements of BMP are followed', namely, register with MSCHOA, report to UKMTO and apply Ship Protection Measures (source: BMP4).

3. On 4 Oct 16 the Somali Deputy Prime Minister delivered an address to Chatham House on 'Maritime Safety and Security for Africa and Somali waters' (c).

4. Open Source Media Articles of interest:

a. Oct 16 - 'Updated Tanker White Paper on BWM Convention and OPEC production cuts' (Seatrade-Maritime): <http://bit.ly/2dDknQq>

b. 3 Oct 16 - 'French Warship La Fayette Joins Atalanta To Conduct Counter-Piracy Operations' (EUNAVFOR): <http://bit.ly/2dprfkK>

c. 4 Oct 16 - 'Somalia: M.Omer Arteh's Chatham House speech on Maritime Security' (Geeska Africa): <http://bit.ly/2dqQPtt>

d. 5 Oct 16 - 'UAE Foreign Ministry: Attack on Emirati ship a violation of international charters' (The National): <http://bit.ly/2dssPWF>

e. 5 Oct 16 - 'Yemen conflict: UAE says Houthis attacked civilian ship' (BBC News): <http://bbc.in/2dtoLmq>

f. 6 Oct 16 - 'Counter-piracy measures still needed' (IMO): <http://bit.ly/1Vat83h>

### EVENTS REPORTED TO UKMTO

(Numbers after incidents refer to the Advisory number, see page 3 for this week's Warnings/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	36	Personnel
Other crew still held	0	Personnel
Total	36	

Vessel name		Date taken
FV Naham 3	26	03/03/12
Dhow Siraj	10	26/03/15

**FUTURE EVENTS**

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

**LIAISON AND VISITS**

Nil

**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](#)  
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

**SHIPS BRIEFED**

Date	Location	Vessel
03/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MSC BARI
03/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	CARDIFF
03/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	NAUTIC
04/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	KARIN
04/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	HANDY STRANGER
04/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	STAR COSMO
04/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	OEL KHALEEJ
04/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	PALENA
05/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	EMIRATES SANA
05/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	FRANBO PROGRESS
05/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK DANUBE
05/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	UACC CONSENSUS
06/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MSC ROSA M
06/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MSC FEDERICA
06/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MOL COSMOS
07/10/2016	ABU DHABI	INCE ANADOLU
07/10/2016	ABU DHABI	MATSUSHIMA
07/10/2016	ABU DHABI	LOCH SHUNA
07/10/2016	ABU DHABI	RAK ANA

### Advisory 001/Oct/16

**1. Category:** Maritime Security Incident/SOLAS

**2. Description:** Merchant Vessel owners/operators are advised that on 1 Oct 16 at 0102 UTC an MV was reported to be on fire in the Bab El Mandeb straits approx. 8nm off the Yemen coast in posn 13 06N, 043 08E. Merchant vessels nearby rendered assistance until arrival of military assets, crew have been rescued and are safe. Investigations are ongoing as to the cause of the fire. Merchant Vessels should proceed with caution and heightened vigilance when transiting near Yemen TTW reporting any similar incidents to UKMTO.

**3. Source:** Reported to UKMTO by telephone.

### Advisory 002/Oct/16

**1. Category:** Suspicious Approach

**2. Description:** On 3 Oct 16 at 0650 UTC in position 14 01.37N 042 49.63E. An MV reported one skiff approached to 2 cables. The skiff had a black hull with 6 POB wearing black and white clothing, 3-4 weapons sighted. MV's security team showed presence and skiff moved away. Vessel is Safe.

**3. Source:** Reported to UKMTO by email.

### Advisory 003/Oct/16

**1. Category:** Maritime Security Incident/SOLAS - Update

**2. Description:** On 1 Oct 16 UKMTO advised of a vessel on fire at 0102 UTC in posn 13 06N, 043 08E (Bab el Mandeb straits). Indications are this incident is linked with the Yemen conflict and was a targeted attack from ashore on a specific UAE flagged vessel. Masters can expect to see an increased coalition warship presence in the Bab el Mandeb straits and as a precaution, should consider the following: maintain the farthest possible distance from the Yemen coast, transit the Bab el Mandeb straits during daylight hours, use the western TSS, increase speed, maintain vigilance and report any unusual activity to UKMTO.