



UKMTO

Weekly Report

22 – 28 Oct 16

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

IN THIS ISSUE

## Command Overview

1. On 25 Oct 16 an MV reported coming under attack 5nm from the southern entrance of the Bab el Mandeb TSS. The MV reports being approached by x 1 small boat with x 3 occupants and fired upon with small arms. The motive for this incident and those who may have been involved are the subject of ongoing investigations. The vessel continued its voyage towards Suez, crew are safe (UKMTO Advisory 7 and updates, page 3).

2. After 4½ years in captivity 26 crew members of the fishing vessel Naham 3 were released this week having been hijacked close to the Seychelles in March 2012. John Steed MBE describes those involved in securing the release in footage provided courtesy of Oceans Beyond Piracy (a). Shen Jui-chang, a Taiwanese captive gives a harrowing account of his time in captivity along with emotional scenes of his return home (b).

3. On 26 Oct 16 the Pakistan Navy assumed command of Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) Combined Task Force 151 (CTF 151) from the Republic of Korea, 'it's principle mission to disrupt piracy and armed robbery in the Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden, Somali Basin and Southern Red Sea' (d), Business Insider takes a 'look back on how Somali pirates disrupted world shipping a few years ago' (e), Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) senior officials meet to agree a Concord on maritime security and other priorities (f) whilst the Royal Navy task force passes through Suez to conduct operations and exercises in the Middle East (g).

4. Open Source Media Articles of interest:

a. 26 Oct 16 - 'Somalia Pirates' Hostages Freed After Nearly Five Years in Captivity' (Oceans Beyond Piracy - video): <http://bit.ly/2dT3uPE>

b. 26 Oct 16 - 'Emotional return for 'forgotten' pirate hostages' (BBC News - video): <http://bbc.in/2eFqqsx>

c. 26 Oct 16 - 'Islamic State in Somalia claims capture of port town' (The Daily Mail): <http://dailym.ai/2eX0KTY>

d. 27 Oct 16 - 'Republic of Korea handover to Pakistan at CTF 151 Change of Command Ceremony' (Combined Maritime Forces): <http://bit.ly/2eOnQeB>

e. 27 Oct 16 - 'These maps show how devastating Somali pirates used to be' (Business Insider): <http://read.bi/2eMnlSg>

f. 27 Oct 16 - 'Indian Ocean nations set guidelines on maritime security' (The Jakarta Post): <http://bit.ly/2eRfPIE>

g. 27 Oct 16 - 'Royal Navy task force passes through Suez' (Royal Navy): <http://bit.ly/2eZd2eh>

### 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**

See Advisory 007 and updates.

**(2) Boarded**

No incidents to report.

**(3) Hijacked**

No incidents to report.

**Vessels/Crew under pirate control**

Merchant Vessel	0	Personnel
Dhows/Fishing Vessels	10	Personnel
Other crew still held	0	Personnel
Total	10	

Vessel name		Date taken
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
24/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	SCF PRUDENCIA
24/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	GULF JUMEIRAH
24/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	BATAM TRADER
25/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	HENRICUS J
25/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MAULE
26/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	ELISABETH SCHULTE
26/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	NORTHERN
26/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	HEILAN JOURNEY
27/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MSC DANIT
27/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	SWARNA KAMAL
27/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	APL COLUMBUS
27/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	ORIENTAL JASMINE
27/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK TAIKUNG
27/10/2016	TELEPHONE BRIEF	MEIN SCHIFF 1
28/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	ELEONORA MAERSK
28/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK TUKANG
28/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MSC BEIJING
28/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MSC PARIS
28/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	SVENNER
28/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	JAG PRABHA
28/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	STOLT BASUTO

**Advisory 007/Oct/16**

1. Category: Attack
2. Description: MT attacked by a small boat in psn 12-32.6N 043-32.8E at 1000 UTC. Vsl approached MT and fired RPG, damage is unknown at this time. All crew are safe and MT has continued with her passage.
3. Source: Reported to UKMTO by vessel via email

**Advisory 007/Oct/16 – Update 1**

1. Category: Update to Advisory 007/OCT/16
2. Description: The incident is still being investigated at this time, as is the alleged use of RPG. Further updates will be issued in due course.
3. Source: N/A

**Advisory 007/Oct/16 – Update 2**

1. Category: 2nd Update to Advisory 007/OCT/16
2. Description: The incident reported on 25 Oct 16 (Advisory 007/Oct/16) and subsequently updated remains the subject of ongoing investigation. Indications are an MV was fired upon with small arms from occupants of 1 skiff whilst underway 5nm from the southern entrance to the Bab el Mandeb TSS. There is a continuing naval presence in the Bab el Mandeb, an area known for small boat activity. The motive for the incident or those involved are unknown at this time. The vessel and crew are safe. Merchant Vessels are advised to remain at a heightened state of vigilance when transiting the SRS/Bab El Mandeb. Further updates to follow.
3. Source: N/A