



# UKMTO

## Weekly Report

### 29 Jul - 4 Aug 17

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## Command Overview

1. This week UKMTO issued one Advisory, see page 3 for full details.
2. It was reported to UKMTO on 29 Jul 17 that a skiff approached a vessel 3 times at high speed near Point B of the IRTC. Warning shots were fired by the AST, Ref ADVISORY NOTICE 002/JUL/2017. Ship and crew are safe.
3. There are numerous reports of a UAE ship being attacked in the port of Mocha with firm details still to be independently verified. Articles (a) and (b) refer.
4. Whilst focus, understandably, tends to be on piracy in the region and security of shipping in the Bab-EI-Mandeb straits area, the recent drugs seizure by the Indian navy reminds us that there is other criminal activity currently ongoing. Articles (c) and (d) refer. All shipping is requested to report any suspicious activity to UKMTO.
5. The judicial work to counter piracy continues with the closer cooperation between India and Somalia being demonstrated with the signing of a pact on prosecuted pirates. 15 Somali pirates arrested in 2011 were convicted and sentenced this week. Articles (e) and (f) refer.
6. Open Source Media Articles of interest. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting:
  - a. 31 Jul 17 - Houthi Rebels In Yemen Attacked Another UAE Ship and That's All We Know For Certain - <http://bit.ly/2uUtF4z>
  - b. 02 Aug 17 - Yemen rebels target key port with boat bomb: coalition - Remotely guided vessel exploded without causing any injuries or damage - <http://bit.ly/2vmzLez>
  - c. 31 Jul 17 - Coast Guard makes record 1,500 kg heroin haul from vessel off Gujarat coast - <http://bit.ly/2tQbqde>
  - d. 31 Jul 17 - Drug-smuggling route reveals itself again - <http://bit.ly/2uiBjlx>
  - e. 02 Aug 17 - Somalia signs pact on convicts - <http://bit.ly/2vr5vj6>
  - f. 03 Aug 17 - 15 Somali Pirates Arrested In 2011 Get 7 Years In Jail - <http://bit.ly/2v4xCIH>



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**ATTACKED, BOARDED OR HI-JACKED**

- (1) **Attacked**  
No incidents to report.
- (2) **Boarded**  
No incidents to report.
- (3) **Hijacked**  
No confirmed incidents

**Vessels & persons under pirate control**

Details of Vessel	No. Vessels held	No. Souls held	Date Taken
Merchant Vessels	0		
Dhows/Fishing Vessels	0	0	0
Dhow		8	26/03/15
Total	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	

**SHIPS BRIEFED**

Date	Location	Vessel
31/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	EMIRATES SANA
31/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	INCE ANADOLU
01/08/2017	JEBEL ALI	VAN PHONG 1
01/08/2017	JEBEL ALI	CORRIENTES
01/08/2017	JEBEL ALI	KSL CHAOYANG
01/08/2017	JEBEL ALI	HONG HAI 6
02/08/2017	JEBEL ALI	UMM AD DALKH
02/08/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC HAMBURG
03/08/2017	JEBEL ALI	TEATRALNY BRIDGE
03/08/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC VERONIQUE
03/08/2017	JEBEL ALI	ELEOUSSA
04/08/2017	ABU DHABI	HONG PROSPERITY
04/08/2017	ABU DHABI	KOZA

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Date	Event	Location
21-22 Nov 17	SHADE	Bahrain
30 Nov 17	MIEVOM	Dubai

**LIAISON AND VISITS**

No visits to report this week.

Should anyone wish to visit our office in Dubai please contact Lt Cdr Beaton E-mail: [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org)

**ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

- [NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)
- [MSCHOA](#)
- [Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)
- [Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)
- [United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)
- [IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)
- [www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI](http://www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI)
- [www.ukmto.org](http://www.ukmto.org)

**WARNINGS**

No warnings issued this week.

**ADVISORIES**

**002/JUL/2017**

**Category:** Suspicious Approach.

**Description:** On 29JUL17 between 16.30UTC – 17.30UTC , a Merchant Vessel in psn 14 16N 051 08E (In the vicinity of point B IRTC) was approached on 3 occasions by 1 skiff travelling at 25Kts on the MV's starboard side . The closest the skiff approached the MV was 1 cable. The embarked AST fired warning shots and the skiff turned away.

Vessel and crew are SAFE. Mariners are reminded to exercise caution whilst transiting this area.

**NOTES**

Any queries regarding these Advisory Notices ring: 0044 2392 222060 only, for further information.

**THESE ADVISORIES** are **not** Classified as a Maritime Security Events and have **not** been verified by UKMTO. This information is provided to Inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

