



UKMTO

Weekly Report

11 – 17 Feb 17

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

IN THIS ISSUE

Command Overview

1. UKMTO released one Advisory this week (see page 3). This incident is assessed as non-piracy related but most likely connected to other criminal maritime activity in the region, it does however, highlight the potential threat posed to commercial shipping who choose not to transit the IRTC using the Group Transit scheme in the Gulf of Aden.
2. Merchant ships are reminded of the need for increased vigilance as they transit the Southern Red Sea as fighting intensifies around Yemeni ports in that area (a) and (b).
3. The International Defence Exhibition (IDEX) incorporating the Naval Defence and Maritime Security exhibition takes place in Dubai 19 - 23 Feb 17 (c). Republic of Korea warship 'Chi Young' joins EU NAVFOR Somalia - Operation Atalanta (d).

4. Open Source Media Articles of interest:
 - a. 17 Feb 17 - 'Warring factions in Yemen fight over strategic port' (Voa News): <http://bit.ly/2kyALrX>
 - b. 17 Feb 17 - 'Indian Ocean piracy under control but Yemeni conflict danger to shipping' (Defence Web): <http://bit.ly/2kVtcdj>
 - c. 17 Feb 17 - 'International Defence Exhibition Dubai': <http://bit.ly/2kIR14s>
 - d. 16 Feb 17 - 'The EU welcomes Republic of Korea warship' (EUNVOR): <http://bit.ly/2ItNHPf>

REPORTED TO UKMTO

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



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	8	Personnel
Other crew still held	0	Personnel
Total	8	

Vessel name		Date taken
Dhow Siraj	8	26/03/15

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
25 – 27 April 17	SHADE	Bahrain
18 May 17	MIEVOM	Dubai

LIAISON AND VISITS

Nil

ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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

SHIPS BRIEFED

Date	Location	Vessel
13/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	CHEMROAD QUEST
13/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	FAIRCHEM YUKA
13/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	NORD TRUST
12/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	NAVIG8 TOURMALINE
12/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	RIO CHARLESTON
14/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	EBBA MAERSK
14/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	CITY OF XIAMEN
14/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	ARDMORE CHIPPEWA
15/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	PACIFIC CEBU
15/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	ANDROMEDA
15/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	AS CARINTHIA
15/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	ABOUDI VI
15/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	HC LARA
16/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	NICOLINE MAERSK
16/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	BOCHEM CHENNAI
16/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	BAYERN S
17/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	MANDARIN HANTONG
17/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	TAROKO
17/02/2017	JEBEL ALI	CMA CGM OKAPI

ADVISORIES

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Category: Suspicious Approach

Description: On 12 February 2017 at 0530 UTC in position LAT-15° 06.57' N LONG- 052° 28.85' E, an MV reported being followed by a skiff with 6 Armed POB. The skiff approached from the Port side and crossed the vessels Bow to the Starboard side. The Captain reported sighting an RPG and heavy weapons. The MV sounded alarm, increased speed, and activated hoses. AST showed their weapons to the skiff, who then altered their course and moved away. MV is safe.

NOTES

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

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