



UKMTO

Weekly Report

21 – 27 Jan 17

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

IN THIS ISSUE

Command Overview

1. There are no significant events to report this week.
2. Despite an overall drop in the total number of global pirate incidents reported in 2016, some parts of the world have witnessed a rise in violent attacks. With the suppression of piracy around the coast of Somalia, focus has shifted to West Africa and the waters of the Far East where Pirate Action Groups may be more ideologically motivated than those acting in the pursuit of individual gain (a). The impact felt by the victims of Somali piracy is reflected upon in a recent article which reports on the difficulties faced by some hostages as they return to their homes after, for many, years of captivity (b).
3. Led by the Pakistani Navy, the Combined Maritime Force's counter piracy unit CTF 151 are currently conducting a Focused Operation (FO) in the Gulf of Aden. FO 'HILAL' will centre its efforts in the Internationally Recognised Transit Corridor (IRTC) by projecting, presence, deterrence and reassurance through interaction with local fisherman and merchant ships transiting the area.
4. Open Source Media Articles of interest:
 - a. 25 Jan 17 - 'what do pirates want?' (The Washington Post): <http://wapo.st/2jTQQEM>
 - b. 23 Jan 17 - 'Somali hostage living in hope' (Khymer Times): <http://bit.ly/2jzt3t2>



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](#)
- [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
22/01/2017	JEBEL ALI	DALI
22/01/2017	JEBEL ALI	ARDMORE ENGINEER
23/01/2017	JEBEL ALI	SCYTHIA GRAECA
23/01/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC PINA
23/01/2017	JEBEL ALI	INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION
24/01/2017	JEBEL ALI	SAN FELIPE
24/01/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC BETTINA
25/01/2017	MINA SAQR	MARIANNA
25/01/2017	MINA SAQR	PAN CLOVER
25/01/2017	MINA SAQR	IDOMENEAS
25/01/2017	MINA SAQR	AEGIS FORTUNE
26/01/2017	JEBEL ALI	NORTHERN PRACTISE
26/01/2017	JEBEL ALI	WAN HAI 613
26/01/2017	JEBEL ALI	THOR BREEZE