



UKMTO

Weekly Report

8 - 14 Jul 17

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

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## Command Overview

1. This week UKMTO has released one Warning (see page 3), the Warning reported that a container vessel was approached at speed by a skiff with two POB in psn N 25°31.08 / E 057°25.71, weapons were sighted. The MV sounded the piracy alarm system but the skiff continued to approach resulting in the ship's armed protection team firing three warning shots. The skiff broke off its approach and left the vicinity. MV and crew are reported as safe. This incident took place close to the location of two Warnings issued in May 2017.

2. All three incidents (para 1) took place in an area not previously associated with piracy and information released last week by the International Maritime Bureau Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC), may offer some explanation for these events.

3. The IMB PRC report quotes the Iranian Maritime Safety and Marine Protection Directorate who say, 'Regarding the alleged piracy situation on 7 May 17 between the ship MV NAVIOS HIOS (IMO: 9254733) and an Iranian fishing vessel off the Iranian coast of Chabahar. The fishing vessel had laid fishing nets in the area and had approached the ship in order to ask her to divert her route and prevent her from destroying the nets by passing through them.'

The ship however, had misunderstood the approach of the fishing vessel as an attempt for piracy and contacted relevant authorities. An Iranian naval vessel had immediately been deployed to the scene and admonished the fishing vessel for having laid fishing nets in the International shipping route, warning her of penalties and legal consequences if that action were repeated in the future. I would therefore like to assure you that the situation was a mere misunderstanding, and has been completely resolved'.

4. Open Source Media Articles of interest. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting:

- a. 8 Jul 17 – 'Piracy continues to decrease while focus shifts to maritime kidnapping' - <http://fxn.ws/2tS7tbe>
- b. 10 Jul 17 – 'Somali pirate kings are under investigation for helping ISIS and Al-shabaab' - <http://cnn.it/2ulFokz>
- c. 13 Jul 17 – 'Pirates and Terrorists working together in Somalia' - <http://bit.ly/2uVyU1B>
- d. 14 Jul 17 – 'How security experts protect superyachts from pirates and cyber-attack' - <http://on.ft.com/2tdoKwc> (subscription required).

**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>	

**FUTURE EVENTS**

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

**LIAISON AND VISITS**

12 Jul 17: Visit by Mr Clive Jachnik, UK Regional Stabilisation Adviser Yemen Office British Embassy Sana'a.

Should anyone wish to visit our office in Dubai please contact Lt Cdr Beaton.

**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)

**SHIPS BRIEFED**

Date	Location	Vessel
10/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC TASMANIA
10/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	TEAM SAMBA
10/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC VALERIA
10/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	IMABARI QUEEN
10/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	CHIOS TRINITY
10/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	YASA SPARROW
11/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	KOTA KAMIL
11/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	ATLANTIC CLOVER
11/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	BLACK PEARL 110
11/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	ABU DHABI III
11/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	PHOENIX HOPE
11/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	OOCL EGYPT
11/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	DIYAA B
12/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	U NOBLE
12/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	MARIE DELMAS
12/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC LAURENCE
12/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	KOTA BISTARI
12/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	BLUMENAU
13/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	SEASPAN LUMACO
14/07/2017	PORT RASHID	ASPHALT ALLIANCE
14/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC BRUXELLES
14/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC IRENE
14/07/2017	JEBEL ALI	THORSTAR

**WARNINGS**

**WARNING 001/JUL/2017**

Description: Suspicious Approach

On 11 July 17 at 1120 UTC. A merchant vessel was approached by 1 yellow metal hulled skiff. There were 2 x POB with weapons. The skiff approached vessel midships to within 1 cable in position 2531N 05725E. AST fired warning shots and the skiff withdrew. Vessel and crew are safe, vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.



**ADVISORIES**

No Advisories released this week

**NOTES**

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

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