

UKMTO Weekly Report 27 May – 2 Jun 17

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

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Command Overview

1. UKMTO released two Warnings and one Advisory this week (see page 3).

2. On 31 May a Marshall Islands registered oil tanker was attacked with small arms and RPG off Perim Island in the Bab-el-Mandeb straight. There is much media speculation surrounding this incident however, UKMTO in line with other regional authorities think it unlikely that this is a piracy related incident. It is thought that this event is most probably linked to the ongoing conflict in the Yemen (a), Masters and CSOs are therefore reminded of the guidance given to ships transiting the area in UKMTO Advisory 006/MAY/2017.

3. On 1 June another Marshall Islands registered oil tanker reported being attacked approximately 100 miles SE of Muscat. The ship complied with BMP4 measures and the crew and ship were later reported as safe (b).

4. The continuing 'International' effort to combat acts of piracy and other maritime threats in the region is illustrated this week in three media articles (c, d and e). 4. Open Source Media Articles of interest. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting:

a. Yemen - 'Oil tanker fired on off Yemen' (Gulf News): <u>http://bit.ly/2rj7ZwZ</u>

b. Gulf of Oman - 'Two ships fired upon off East Africa coast' (defenceWeb): <u>http://bit.ly/2rPAgwN</u>

c. Somalia - 'Italy delivers patrol boats to Somalia (MIDNIMO): <u>http://bit.ly/2s47UhQ</u>

d. Middle East - 'Canada extends maritime security mission in Middle East' (CBCnews): http://bit.ly/2rPzyPA

e. Somalia - 'Spanish Aircrew Get Ready for Counter-Piracy Patrols off Coast of Somalia (EUNAVFOR): <u>http://bit.ly/2rBUPf8</u>





ATTACKED, BOARDED OR HI-JACKED

(1) Attacked

Two incidents of merchant vessels being attacked were reported.

(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 Siraj		8	26/03/15
	Total	0	8	

FUTURE EVENTS

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

LIAISON AND VISITS

No visits/visitors to report this week.

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 www.ukmto.org

SHIPS BRIEFED

Date	Location	Vessel
28/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK STADELHORN
28/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	LUDWIGSHAFEN EXPRESS
29/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC DESIREE
29/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	OEL EMIRATES
29/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	NORTHERN DEPENDANT
29/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK KALMAR
29/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	EVER URBAN
29/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC SEATTLE
29/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	PROSPER
29/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	JOLLY VANADIO
30/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	GLADIATORSHIP
31/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	CMA CGM JAMAICA
31/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	MID FORTUNE
31/05/2017	JEBEL ALI	BOMAR RADIANT
01/06/2017	JEBEL ALI	NORTHERN GENERAL
01/06/2017	JEBEL ALI	OOCL KUALA LUMPUR
01/06/2017	JEBEL ALI	COSCO HELLAS
01/06/2017	JEBEL ALI	GUNHILDE MAERSK
01/06/2017	JEBEL ALI	APL GWANGYANG
01/06/2017	JEBEL ALI	ITAMI
02/06/2017	JEBEL ALI	MSC RACHELE
02/06/2017	JEBEL ALI	MCP FAMAGUSTA
02/06/2017	JEBEL ALI	RICKMERS ANTWERP
02/06/2017	JEBEL ALI	UNION FORTUNE
02/06/2017	ABU DHABI	MICHALAKIS
02/06/2017	ABU DHABI	JIA TAI
02/06/2017	ABU DHABI	BBC OCEAN

WARNINGS

004/May/2017

Description: Merchant Vessel attacked in Psn 123347N 0432924E at 310715UTC. Vessel is SAFE Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution

001/Jun/2017

Description: A Merchant vessel was attacked in position 2332N 06026E on 01 JUNE 17 at 0430Z. VESSEL IS SAFE. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

ADVISORIES

006/MAY/2017

Category: Security Notice **Description:** Following the Attack of a Merchant Vessel in the Bab el Mandeb 31 May 2017 (UKMTO Warning 004/May/2017). The vessel suffered some damage, the Crew are safe and the vessel has continued on its passage. UKMTO wishes to remind Masters and Mariners of the extant Guidance, (US Maritime Alert 2017-002A) that on transiting the Bab el Mandeb straight, they should increase their vigilance, maintain the farthest possible distance from the Yemen coast, transit during daylight hours and use the Western TSS. Companies, CSOs and masters are advised to adhere to the guidance in BMP4, especially when approached by small crafts. UKMTO will provide further updates as appropriate.

NOTES

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

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