



# UKMTO

## Weekly Report

### 18 - 24 Nov 17

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## Command Overview

1. This week UKMTO has issued one warning with an update and 4 advisories, one of which also included an update, see page 3 for details.
2. A MV was attacked by 4 skiffs on 21 NOV 17, Ref WARNING NOTICE 001/NOV/ 2017 and subsequent update. The ship's company managed to secure themselves within a citadel and it was reported that the local authorities, from Mukulla port, boarded and secured the vessel. The ship and crew are all safe.
3. As mentioned in last week's report a MV was attacked by 1 skiff however the attempted boarding was unsuccessful due to BMP4 measures being adhered to, such as manoeuvring and the deployment of razor wire. Advisory 002/NOV/2017 and subsequent update 004/NOV/2017 refer. Shortly following this incident a suspicious approach took place in the same region, full details in Advisory 003/NOV/2017. The armed security team on-board fired warning shots and the skiff withdrew. Vessel and crew are safe.
4. In response to the two incidents off the Somalian Coast, EUNAVFOR declared that there was a Pirate Action Group in the area and deployed the Italian ship, VIRGINIO FASAN, to investigate. The ship was successful in locating and detaining the Pirates who were handed over to the legal authorities in the Seychelles for prosecution. See articles (a), (b), (c) and (d) refer.
5. On 19 Nov near the eastern end of the IRTC a vessel reported sighting a skiff, with a ladder on board, which closed to within 1 nm, for full details see 005/NOV/2017. Vessel and crew safe with no additional reports of a suspicious skiff being seen in that area.
6. It was reported to UKMTO by the master of a MV that on 22 NOV 2017 the vessel was attacked by five skiffs, weapons were discharged and an attempted boarding made. Advisory 006/NOV/2017 and its update refer. The incident is still being investigated and UKMTO are waiting for the formal report from the ship.
7. Masters and CSOs of vessels are reminded to contact UKMTO by phone, as laid down in BMP4, immediately they are aware of any suspicious activity or they believe their vessel is under threat or attack. ALL details MUST be given in the initial phone call in order that an assessment of the situation can be made to ensure the appropriate action is taken to assist the ship.



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8. The next MIEVOM will be held this Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017, at the Dubai International Seafarer's Centre, al Mina Road, Dubai. As space at this venue is restricted, those wishing to attend should confirm their details to [Dubai-op1@ukmto.org](mailto:Dubai-op1@ukmto.org) by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

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

- a. 19 Nov 17 - EU NAVFOR's Italian ship VIRGINIO FASAN chases and captures suspected pirates - <http://bit.ly/2zQFyeS>
- b. 19 Nov 17 - Italian Marines Detain Six Suspected Pirates - <http://bit.ly/2jHqwlP>
- c. 23 Nov 17- 6 suspected Somali pirates transferred to Seychelles for possible trial - <http://bit.ly/2A7kWzk>
- d. 23 Nov 17 - 6 suspected Somali pirates transferred to Seychelles for possible trial - <http://bit.ly/2AuZ6Gn>

**ATTACKED, BOARDED OR HI-JACKED**

- (1) **Attacked**  
2 incidents.
- (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	26/03/1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Date	Event	Location
28 Nov 17	MIEVOM	Dubai

**LIAISON AND VISITS**

21-22 Nov 17 - OIC, MNLO & ILO attended SHADE Conference in Bahrain.

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**

[www.ukmto.org](http://www.ukmto.org)  
[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)  
[NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)

**SHIPS BRIEFED**

Date	Location	Vessel
20/11/2017	JEBEL ALI	MONICA
20/11/2017	JEBEL ALI	HEILAN BROTHER
20/11/2017	JEBEL ALI	WAN HAI 613
20/11/2017	JEBEL ALI	SABETTA
20/11/2017	JEBEL ALI	TORM SUPREME
20/11/2017	JEBEL ALI	MARE NOSTRUM
20/11/2017	JEBEL ALI	SEALADY
23/11/2017	JEBEL ALI	BW THAMES
23/11/2017	JEBEL ALI	NICOLINE MAERSK
23/11/2017	JEBEL ALI	STAR MERLIN
23/11/2017	JEBEL ALI	SABRINA VENTURE
24/11/2017	JEBEL ALI	RICKMERS ANTWERP
24/11/2017	JEBEL ALI	ARWA
24/11/2017	JEBEL ALI	TAIHUA SPIRIT

**WARNINGS**

**001/NOV/2017**

**Category:** Attack.  
**Description:** On 21 NOV 2017 at 1940 UTC. MV reported being under Attack by 4 Armed Skiffs in POSN 14-08.7N 048-57.3E (Near Mukulla Port).

**001/NOV/2017 – UPDATE**

**Category:** Attack.  
**Description:** POSN 14-08.7N 048-57.3E Incident now complete. Vessel and crew are safe.

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**002/NOV/2017**

**Category:** Sighting.  
**Description:** At 0917UTC on 17 November 2017, an MV in position 0155.9S 04756.8E (363NMs of the Somali Coast) reported that 1 skiff with 4 POB with Weapons, Approached the MV at speed to within 1.6NM. Skiff has subsequently withdrawn. MV is SAFE. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution when transiting this area.

**003/NOV/2017**

**Category:** Sighting.  
**Description:** At 0555UTC on 18 November 2017, an FV in position 0156.0S 04923.0E (380NMs of the Somali Coast) reported that 1 skiff with 4 POB Approached the FV to 1000 yards. AST Fired warning shots and Skiff withdrew. FV is SAFE. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution when transiting this area.

**004/NOV/2017**

**Category:** 002/NOV/2017 Upgraded to Attack.  
**Description:** Further information has been received on the approach to an MV in position 0155.9S 04756.8E, it is reported that an attempted boarding failed after which weapons were discharged at the ship.  
**Pirate Action Group:** Military sources have assessed that Potential Pirate Action Group(s) (PAG) are operating in an area centred on 0155.9S 04756.8E. Further details are available from EUNAVFOR MSCHOA website at the following link MSCHOA.

**005/NOV/2017**

**Category:** Suspicious Vessel.  
**Description:** At 190300UTC NOV 2017 an MV in position 1404N 05147E (near IRTC Point B) reports sighting a skiff with a ladder, which approached to 1nm. MV increased speed and is now safe.

**ADVISORIES**

**006/NOV/2017**

**Category:** Suspicious Approached.  
**Description:** On 22 NOV 2017, at 2030 UTC. An MV in position 2451N 05833E (100 miles east of Fujairah) was approached by five skiffs which carried out dangerous manoeuvres in close proximity to the vessel.

**006/NOV/2017 - Update 1**

**Category:** Upgraded to attack.  
**Description:** Further information has been received on the approach to an MV in position 2451N 05833E (100nm east of Fujairah). It is reported that an attempted boarding failed and weapons were discharged at the vessel.

**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.

