



UKMTO

Weekly Report

24 Feb - 2 Mar 2018

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# Command Overview

1. UKMTO have issued no Warnings and one Advisory this week, see page 3 for details.
2. On 01 Mar 2018 a Merchant Vessel in the Bab el Mandeb Straits was approached by 4 skiffs to within 0.5nm, each with up to 5 POB on-board with potential sighting of ladders reported. The ship took measures in line with BMP4 and skiffs aborted their approach. See Advisory 001/MAR/2018 for further details. Vessel and crew are SAFE.
3. A study of maritime security conducted by Cardiff University has resulted in a new toolkit being released. This is not meant to be a “blueprint” as best practices have to be adjusted to specific situations but does advocate international cooperation. More details in article (a).
4. This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the international cooperation against Somalian piracy. Article (b) discusses how successful the investment made in the region has been in reducing the piracy threat.
5. Kenya have received six boats from the US to assist with maritime security operations, see article (c) for more details. Kenya are also looking to increase the powers of the coastguard in order to counter piracy and other criminal activity, article (d) expands.
6. Open Source Media Articles of interest. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting:
  - a. 02 Mar - Piracy Perk: Somalia ‘Crucible of Innovation’ Guides Maritime Strategies - <http://bit.ly/2GZozXE>
  - b. 01 Mar – After Somali piracy, is sailing the Western Indian Ocean safe again? - <http://bit.ly/2HTw5ox>
  - c. 27 Feb – US gives Kenya six boats to help boost war on terrorism - <http://bit.ly/2H2zLmD>
  - d. 25 Feb – Bill proposes an armed force to fight terrorism, maritime crime - <http://bit.ly/2ET90UM>



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**ATTACKED, BOARDED OR HI-JACKED****(1) Attacked**

No incidents to report.

**(2) Boarded**

No incidents to report.

**(3) Hijacked**

No incidents to report.

**VESSELS & PERSONS UNDER PIRATE CONTROL**

Details of Vessel	No. Vessels held	No. Souls held	Date Taken
Merchant Vessels	0		
Fishing Vessels	0		
Dhows	0	8	26/03/15
Total	0	8	

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Date	Event	Location
17/18 Apr 18	SHADE	Bahrain
22 Apr 18	MIEVOM	Dubai

**LIAISON AND VISITS**

25 Feb - Presentation to OSAC.  
 25 Feb - Lt Cdr Rob Graham RANR SO2 MTO.  
 27 Feb - Brian Province, Maersk Line.  
 27 Feb - Andrew Merton, Neptune P2P.  
 28 Feb - Russell Pegg, OCIMF.  
 01 Mar - Representatives of UNVIM & DFID.  
 Should anyone wish to visit our office in Dubai or arrange a briefing from UKMTO 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
26/02/2018	JEBEL ALI	YANKUL SILVER
26/02/2018	JEBEL ALI	BW SEINE
26/02/2018	JEBEL ALI	EVELYN MAERSK
26/02/2018	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK KAMPALA
26/02/2018	JEBEL ALI	THETIS
26/02/2018	JEBEL ALI	ORIENTAL FREESIA
27/02/2018	JEBEL ALI	OOCL EGYPT
27/02/2018	JEBEL ALI	KOTA CEMPAKA
27/02/2018	JEBEL ALI	ORIENTE GLORIA
27/02/2018	JEBEL ALI	QUEEN SAPPHIRE
28/02/2018	JEBEL ALI	HHL AMUR
28/02/2018	JEBEL ALI	PROSPER
28/02/2018	JEBEL ALI	SAFMARINE NGAMI
28/02/2018	JEBEL ALI	HERMES
28/02/2018	JEBEL ALI	JONATHAN SWIFT
01/03/2018	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK HORSBURGH
01/03/2018	JEBEL ALI	STOLT FOCUS
01/03/2018	JEBEL ALI	NEW LEGEND SAPPHIRE
02/03/2018	JEBEL ALI	MSC MARIA LAURA
02/03/2018	JEBEL ALI	QI LIN ZUO
02/03/2018	JEBEL ALI	SM TACOMA
02/03/2018	JEBEL ALI	BW TIGER
02/03/2018	JEBEL ALI	MOONBEAM
02/03/2018	ABU DHABI	NPS OCEAN STAR
02/03/2018	ABU DHABI	PACIFIC BRIGHT



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**WARNINGS**

No Warnings issued.

**ADVISORIES**

**001/MAR/2018**

**Category:** Suspicious Approach  
**Description:** 01 Mar 2018 - An MV in POSN 1305.6N 043.05E (Bab el Mendeb Strait) was approached by 4 skiffs, 3 white 1 blue to within 0.5nm. 4-5 POB each. Ladders and drums potentially sighted. Vsl and crew are safe. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

**NOTES**

For further information or queries regarding any UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices ring: 0044 2392 222060. 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.



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