

# IN THIS ISSUE Command Overview

1. UKMTO has issued no Advisories and no Warnings this week.

2. Tensions in the Gulf dominate the regional press this week with a number of media articles reporting on initiatives to assist and offer guidance to commercial shipping transiting the Northern Gulf of Oman and the Strait of Hormuz (see media articles).

3. The U.S Maritime Administration issued two Maritime Alerts this week, U.S. Maritime Advisories 2019-007 and 2019-008 can be view at: <u>www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI</u>

4. A photograph of the four Iranian crew members from MV Siraj held hostage in Somalia since 2015, was released recently. The photo was kindly provided by the Hostage Support Programme (see page 3).

5. Cdre Dean Barrett RN superseded Cdre Steve Dainton RN this week to become the new Deputy Commander Combined Maritime Forces (DCCMF) and United Kingdom Maritime Component Commander (CUKMCC). 6. Open Source Media Articles of interest. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

a. 23 Jun 19 - UAE - Business as usual for sea traders despite tension between US, Iran (NENEFN): <u>http://bit.ly/2NIxf2V</u>

b. 24 June 19 - U.S. Launches Maritime Security initiative for Strait of Hormuz (Maritime Executive): <u>https://bit.ly/2xaBKCl</u>

c. 25 Jun 19 - Indian Navy provides armed escorts to oil carriers passing through Gulf of Hormuz (India Today): <u>http://bit.ly/2Xj6pgs</u>

d. 26 Jun 19 - Handover of Deputy Commander of Combined Maritime Forces takes place in Bahrain (CMF): <u>http://bit.ly/2FQvRPF</u>

e. 26 Jun 19 - Kuwait Naval Forces hands over to Republic of Korea Navy in CTF 151 Change of Command Ceremony (CMF): <u>http://bit.ly/2XfCrtB</u>

f. 28 Jun 19 - ISS: Can we afford to drop the guard against piracy? (DefenceWeb): http://bit.ly/31WKSIW





## ATTACKED, BOARDED OR HI-JACKED

(1) Attacked

No incidents to report.

- (2) Boarded
- No incidents to report.
- (3) Hijacked

No incidents to report.

SHIPS BRIEFED				
Date	Location	Vessel		
23/06/2019	JEBEL ALI	ASTIR LADY		
23/06/2019	JEBEL ALI	UACC SHAMS		
00/00/0040		MAERSK		
23/06/2019	JEBEL ALI	PRINCESS		
24/06/2019	JEBEL ALI	AMSTERDAM		
24/06/2019	JEBEL ALI	NEW CONFIDENCE		
		ESHIPS		
25/06/2019	JEBEL ALI	PROSPERITY		
25/06/2019	JEBEL ALI	BASRAH		

VESSELS & PERSONS UNDER PIRATE CONTROL				
Details of Vessel	No. Vessels held	No. Souls held	Date Taken	
Merchant Vessels	0			
Fishing Boats	0			
Dhows	0	4	26/03/15	
Total	0	4		

## FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
19 - 20 Nov 2019	SHADE	Bahrain
28 Nov 2019	MIEVOM	Dubai

#### LIAISON AND VISITS

Visitors to the Dubai Office this week were:-

28 Jun 19 - Col John Steed MBE, UNODC Maritime Trafficking Advisor and Preben Hilliger, Law Enforcement Adviser UNODC.

29 Jun 19 - 5 Indian Navy personnel from INS SUNAYNA.

If anyone wishes to visit our Dubai office or to arrange a briefing from UKMTO please contact Lt Cdr Chris Long e-mail: <u>Dubai-oic@ukmto.org</u>

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION 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 NATO Maritime Command (MARCOM) www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org





#### WARNINGS

No Warnings issued.

#### ADVISORIES

No Advisories issued.

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.

# Iranian crewman from MV SIRAJ taken hostage in 2015









