



UKMTO

Weekly Report

22 - 28 Sep 2019

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## Command Overview

1. This week UKMTO issued no advisories or warnings.
2. Vessel operators and ships masters are reminded to register their ships transits of the Strait of Hormuz (SoH) at least 72hrs ahead of their passage. Registering SoH transits with UKMTO and remaining cognisant of the latest Industry, Government and Military guidance remains vital to mitigate against potential risks in the area.
3. The U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) released Advisory 2019-013 reporting instances of significant GPS interference in the Mediterranean Sea and Suez Canal, highlighting concentration near Port Said, Egypt. The Advisory is available at: <http://bit.ly/2olHFDx>
4. The British Flagged MV Stena Impero was finally released on the morning of Friday 27 Sep 19. The vessel and 16 remaining crew members arrived safe and well in Dubai on Saturday afternoon 28 Sep 19. See articles 9.a. and 9.b.
5. The Iranian fisherman held hostage for over four years, released last week on humanitarian grounds, arrived in Tehran on Tuesday to an emotional welcome. See articles 9.c. and 9.d.
6. Major General Antonio Planells Palau assumes command of EUNAVFOR Operation Atalanta on 1 Oct 2019. Article 9.e. has details.
7. CTF 151 carried out focused operation 'King Crab' in the Gulf of Aden this week, while Commander CTF 150 Commodore Ed Ahlgren RN met with Commander of the Western Fleet Rear Admiral Sager Mohammed AL-Harbi in Jeddah. Respective articles 9.f. and 9.g. have more detail.
8. HMS Duncan returned home to Portsmouth on completion of her recent deployment that included providing security to merchant vessels traversing the Strait of Hormuz. See article 9.h.
9. Open Source Media Articles of interest. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.
  - a. 29 Sep 19 - Seized British tanker safe at Port Rashid in Dubai (Khaleej Times): <http://bit.ly/2ok8qYX>
  - b. 28 Sep 19 - British-flagged tanker docks in Dubai after Iran release (AFP): <http://bit.ly/2olC1kV>
  - c. 24 Sep 19 - ISWAN arranges urgent medical support for seafarer held captive by pirates (Hellenic Shipping News): <http://bit.ly/2mzGb7X>
  - d. 24 Sep 19 - Iranian sailor returns home after 4 years in captivity - Video (MEHR News): <http://bit.ly/2m8UsZi>
  - e. 25 Sep 19 - EU NAVFOR Operation Atalanta: new Operation Commander appointed (Hellenic Shipping News): <http://bit.ly/2nuGIYU>
  - f. 28 Sep 19 - EU NAVFOR Somalia MPRAs Fly In Support of CTF 151 Focused Operation (EUNAVFOR): <http://bit.ly/2nB6GKs>
  - g. 28 Sep 19 - Commander of CTF 150 recently visited the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (CMF): <http://bit.ly/2mALSml>
  - h. 28 Sep 19 - Royal Navy destroyer returns from defending British shipping in Hormuz Strait (Country Press): <http://bit.ly/2ocUobp>



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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 HELD CAPTIVE**

Details of Vessel	Vessels held	Souls held	Date Taken
Merchant Vessels	0		
Fishing Boats	0		
Dhows	0	3	26/03/15
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	

**FUTURE EVENTS**

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

**LIAISON AND VISITS**

22 Sep 19: Jonathan McConnell, Meridian Security visited the Dubai Office.

24 Sep 19: Cdr Jeremy Bachelier, IFC Singapore, Lt Cdr Nicolas Flury, IFC Madagascar, OCdt Thibault Guibert & CPO Olivier Frimas, Marsec Alindien Abu Dhabi visited the Dubai Office.

If anyone wishes to visit our Dubai office or to arrange a briefing from UKMTO please contact Lt Cdr Chris Long E-mail: [Dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:Dubai-oic@ukmto.org)

**ADDITIONAL 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.gov/MSCI](http://www.marad.gov/MSCI)
- [NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)
- [www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org](http://www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org)

**SHIPS BRIEFED**

Date	Location	Vessel
22/09/2019	JEBEL ALI	CHAO HU
22/09/2019	JEBEL ALI	SC NEPTUNE
22/09/2019	JEBEL ALI	PO YANG HU
22/09/2019	JEBEL ALI	PIS PARAGON
23/09/2019	JEBEL ALI	HAMMONIA VIRGINIA
23/09/2019	JEBEL ALI	VIL DARDANELLES
23/09/2019	JEBEL ALI	COLETTE

**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.

