

UKMTO Weekly Report

29 Mar - 4 Apr 2020

Command Overview

1. In line with UAE Ports Authority and UAE Government advice, UKMTO has suspended port visits until further notice. Commercial shipping companies and ship's masters can still receive the latest UKMTO Maritime Security update via telephone or by e-mail using the contact details at the bottom of this page. UKMTO Dubai and the Maritime Trade Information Centre (MTIC) will remain fully operational throughout the duration of the global pandemic and can be contacted as usual using the details promulgated in BMP5.
2. COVID-19, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and World Health Organization (WHO) have published specific advice for the Maritime Shipping Industry via their websites. The WHO guidance to commercial shipping can be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/2xla6pp>. The IMO advice can be obtained via the following link: <https://bit.ly/39c8l5l>.
3. Shipping Industry organisations supported by government and military organisations have produced a new publication that will assist mariners to enhance maritime security when operating off the coast of West Africa. Best Management Practices West Africa (BMP WA) can be downloaded at <https://bit.ly/2X8qHry>. See media article (d).
4. On the 3rd April 2020 the UK Department of Transport (DfT) issued Maritime Security Guidance for British (REG) flagged ships operating off the coast of West Africa (BMP WA). DfT Ref 2020/13 refers.

Warnings, Advisories & Notices

No Warnings, Advisories or Notices have been issued.



For further information or queries regarding UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices ring: 0044 2392 222060.
This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region.
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Vessels and Persons Held Captive

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

Ships Briefed

Date	Location	Vessel
No Vessels briefed this week See note below		

Future Events

Date	Event	Location
27 - 28 May 2020	SHADE	Bahrain
11 June 2020	MIEVOM	Dubai

Liaisons and Visits

With current restrictions due to COVID-19, all visits to our office and ships visits by Briefing Officers have been cancelled until further notice.

If anyone wishes to contact our Dubai office or to arrange a telephone briefing from UKMTO, please contact Lt Cdr Chris Long at +971 (0)50189 8389 or email dubai-oic@ukmto.org

Open Source Media Articles

UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of these open source media articles of interest.

- 3 Apr 20 - First confirmed COVID-19 cases on a container ship (Maritime Executive): <https://bit.ly/3bV06T3>
- 2 Apr 20 - Australian Navy seizes drugs in the Gulf of Aden (DefenceWeb): <https://bit.ly/2x0qEDm>
- 2 Apr 20 - IMO Secretary-General calls for "Key Worker" designation for seafarers (gCaptain): <https://bit.ly/2wa2rdo>
- 2 Apr 20 - Carriers start to look at the Cape route to Europe (Splash 247): <https://bit.ly/3dVNGfl>
- 31 Mar 20 - New publication offers updated maritime security guidance for mariners operating off West Africa and the Gulf of Guinea (BIMCO): <https://bit.ly/2x2e070>
- 31 Mar 20 - Message from Tim Lowe CBE, CEO, UK Hydrographic Office on COVID-19 (gCaptain): <https://bit.ly/2UFaCb7>

Additional sources of Information

www.ukmto.org
[MSCHOA](#)
[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI
[NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)
www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)



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