

# UKMTO Weekly Report

5 - 11 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. The effect COVID 19 is having on the shipping industry dominates media reporting this week, see page 2.

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	

## Ships Briefed

Date	Location	Vessel
7 Apr 20	Telephone Brief	SEABOURN ENCORE
No Vessels visited 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](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org)

## Open Source Media Articles

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

- a. 9 Apr 20 - Saudi-led ceasefire in Yemen begins, lifting hopes for peace (Reuters): <https://reut.rs/39T3QTy>
- b. 7 Apr 20 - Shipping Industry urges free movement of crews to keep trade moving (gCaptain): <https://bit.ly/3b35G5G>
- c. 7 Apr 20 - Ship crews stuck in lockdown strain global supply chains (Bloomberg): <https://bit.ly/2Xnx1eL>
- d. 7 Apr 20 - Cyber security amid a global pandemic (Hellenic shipping News): <https://bit.ly/34gEo9k>
- e. 6 Apr 20 - Lost at sea: The cruise passengers still stranded and searching for safe harbour (The Telegraph): <https://bit.ly/2UOHloW>
- f. 4 Apr 20 - Australia completes successful 8th rotation of command of CTF150 (Defence Connect): <https://bit.ly/2UQpQKH>
- g. 2 Apr 20 - Eleven years of German-Spanish co-operation - strong partnership against piracy (EUNAVFOR): <https://bit.ly/2yC7mVj>

## Additional sources of Information

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

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



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