

UKMTO Weekly Report

9 - 15 Aug 2020

Command Overview

1. On the 14th Aug the UK Department for Transport (DfT) released DfT Maritime Security Notification 2020-22 - Strait of Hormuz boarding, to British flagged shipping. The purpose of this security notice is to confirm the latest details concerning the recent reported boarding of the MV WILA in the vicinity of the south-eastern approaches to the Strait of Hormuz (see Advisory below).
2. US Maritime Alert 2020-005 was released this week. The Alert can be viewed at: <https://www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI>
3. US Maritime Alert 2020-006 was released this week. The Alert can be viewed at: <https://www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI>
4. US Maritime Advisory 2020-014 was released this week. The Advisory can be viewed at: <https://www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI>
5. Commercial shipping companies and ship's masters can receive the latest UKMTO Maritime Security Brief 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) remains fully operational throughout the duration of the global pandemic and can be contacted as usual using the details promulgated in BMP5.

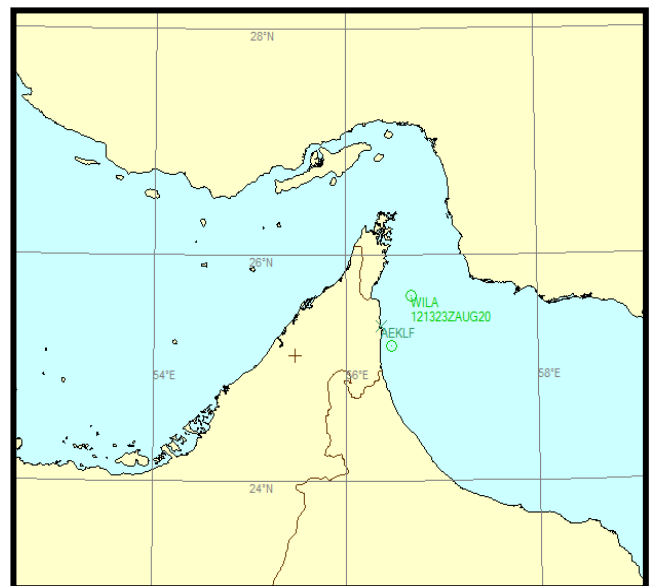
Warnings, Advisories & Notices

ADVISORY NOTICE 001/AUG/2020

1. **Category: BOARDING**
2. **Description:** It has been reported to UKMTO that MV WILA, Liberian flagged, Greek owned products tanker was boarded in position 2538N 05641E on 12 AUG 20 at 1323 UTC by Iranian Naval Forces.

The vessel was then reported to have returned to anchor in the Khor Fakkan anchorage. The vessel and crew are safe. All vessels in the vicinity are to stay vigilant and to report any incidents to UKMTO.

VESSELS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN TRANSITING THE AREA



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	

Maritime Security Briefing (Telephone)

Date	Vessel
15 Aug 20	MARSOL DRAGON

Future Events

Date	Event	Location
3 - 5 Nov 2020	SHADE	Bahrain
12 Nov 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.

- 15 Aug 20 - Robot boat completes three-week Atlantic mission (BBC News): <https://bbc.in/3kLUwaC>
- 14 Aug 20 - IMSC statement on the incident with MT Wila (dvids): <https://bit.ly/3at4Boj>
- 14 Aug 20 - In diplomatic doubleheader, US seizes Iranian fuel from ships headed to Venezuela (New York Times): <https://nyti.ms/320s0d3>
- 14 Aug 20 - Danish ambassador appointed new senior civilian representative for the European-led maritime awareness mission in the Strait of Hormuz, EMASOH (MoFA Denmark): <https://bit.ly/3kN8dGs>
- 10 Aug 20 - Seafarers invited to take part in global research mapping health and wellbeing during pandemic (Nautilus): <https://bit.ly/3at5CwD>
- 10 Aug 20 - Coalition Task Force Sentinel moves to new headquarters (Naval Technology): <https://bit.ly/2PQNCTk>
- 10 Aug 20 - HMS Montrose Patrolling the IRTC for Maritime Security (Hellenic Shipping News): <https://bit.ly/2E2xrja>

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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