

UKMTO Weekly Report

31 May - 06 June 2020

Command Overview

1. UKMTO has received information regarding the recent hailing of a merchant ship on VHF by an unidentified vessel in the Strait of Hormuz (SOH). Vessels from coalition forces and other state actors do routinely call merchant ships in the SOH but if any commercial ship has concerns or requires guidance about this situation please contact UKMTO using the details in BMP5 or at the bottom of this page.
2. Commercial shipping companies and ship's masters can 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.
3. The current International Maritime Organization (IMO) advice to seafarers and shipping in response to the COVID-19 pandemic can be found via the following link: <https://bit.ly/2Wm4FAV>

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	

Maritime Security Briefing (Telephone)

Date	Vessel
No Ships briefed	

Future Events

Date	Event	Location
20 Nov 2020	SHADE	Bahrain
To Be Confirmed	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 June 2020 - Can Yemen's oil industry make a comeback? (Oilprice.com): <https://bit.ly/375EqIZ>
- 4 June 2020 - Pakistan's naval chief talks regional security and tech wish list (DefenseNews): <https://bit.ly/2ALPfnQ>
- 5 June 2020 - Ocean shipping shrinks as pandemic pummels retailers (Reuters): <https://reut.rs/3dFvSop>
- 6 June 2020 - The problem of piracy in Somalia (MENAFN): <https://bit.ly/2zZyKxP>
- 7 June 2020 - Piracy and time travel (ersi): <https://bit.ly/2Myhh1Y>
- 7 June 2020 - Arab Coalition facilitates sail of WFP-chartered ship to Hodeida Port (Saudi Gazette): <https://bit.ly/2MypGCJ>

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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