

# UKMTO Weekly Report

7 - 13 June 2020

## Command Overview

1. The plight of commercial seafarers unable to return their homes during the COVID-19 pandemic was raised during a virtual meeting organized by the IMO this week (see media article d.).
2. The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) COVID-19 guidance to ship operators for the protection of the health of seafarers is available via the following link: <https://bit.ly/30ANIoO>
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>
4. 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.

### 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>	

### 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](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org)

## **Open Source Media Articles**

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

- 11 Jun 20 - Somalia: Investor of pirates invades Galmudug (Suna Times): <https://bit.ly/37oSgat>
- 10 Jun 20 - HMS Montrose resumes Gulf Security Mission (Forces Net): <https://bit.ly/2MWpEEB>
- 10 Jun 20 - HMS Chiddingfold sets sail for three-year Gulf deployment (Forces Net): <https://bit.ly/2YqJ3Dh>
- 09 Jun 20 IMO: Act on seafarer crew changes to avert humanitarian crisis (marine insight) <https://bit.ly/2B1uoWZ>
- 09 Jun 20 - Seeing the World through points (CIMSEC): <https://bit.ly/2YIYFYo>
- 07 Jun 20 - INS Airavat escorts merchant ship transporting 3,000 tonnes of food supplies in Somalia (Outlook India): <https://bit.ly/2N4qDTD>
- 06 Jun 20 - The problem of Piracy in Somalia (MENAFN): <https://bit.ly/30GYoIX>

### 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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