

# UKMTO Weekly Report

14 - 20 June 2020

## Command Overview

1. A number of media articles this week report on the situation regarding the Oil Storage Facility FSO Safer moored off the Yemen Red Sea coast, amid fears that lack of maintenance could lead to an environmental catastrophe (see media articles a and b).
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.

- 15 Jun 20 - Yemen, Britain warn against 1 Mn barrel oil leak in Red Sea from Safer tanker (Asharq Al-Awsat): <https://bit.ly/2BextD9>
- 15 Jun 20 - Yemen's Houthi rebels must allow UN access to tanker, British ambassador says (The National): <https://bit.ly/2URH8GQ>
- 15 Jun 20 - Surge in Maritime Cyber Attacks Reported (MarineLink): <https://bit.ly/3hCI24Q>
- 16 Jun 20 - As ports slowly open, ships look to replace exhausted seafarers (Bloomberg): <https://bit.ly/3fvcbQy>
- 17 Jun 20 - Djibouti offers crew change support for all ships passing through Bab el Mandeb strait (Port News): <https://bit.ly/3fKn6Gk>
- 18 Jun 20 - Oman Is building the largest oil storage facility In the Middle East (Oil price): <https://bit.ly/2YYqNkl>
- 19 Jun 20 - EU NAVFOR monitors world food programme vessel JUIST on her way to deliver aid to Somalia (EUNAVFOR): <https://bit.ly/37KdtEw>

## 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/MSC/](http://www.marad.dot.gov/MSC/)

[NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)

[www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org](http://www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org)

[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)



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