

UKMTO Weekly Report

15 - 21 Mar 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/39c8I5l>.
3. A number of open source media articles released this week focus on the effects of COVID-19 on the shipping industry (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
Total	0	3	

Ships Briefed

Date	Location	Vessel
15/03/202	JEBEL ALI	BW AMAZON
15/03/202	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK GIBRALTAR
15/03/202	JEBEL ALI	HAFNIA AFRICA
15/03/202	JEBEL ALI	NORO

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

Open Source Media Articles

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

- a. 20 Mar 20 - HMS Defender returns to Portsmouth after seven-month deployment (Forces Net): <https://bit.ly/33BqfDf>
- b. 19 Mar 20 - ICS and ITF call on United Nations to keep ports open, facilitate crew changes (gCaptain): <https://bit.ly/2J3Qwkr>
- c. 19 Mar 20 - Thousands still trapped at sea as more ports turn away cruise ships (The Points Guy): <https://bit.ly/3a8JlmV>
- d. 19 Mar 20 - Carnival offers ships to help with Coronavirus response (gCaptain): <https://bit.ly/2UjKf9a>
- e. 18 Mar 20 - Counter-Piracy Operations by Japanese Self-Defense Force (SLD Info): <https://bit.ly/2UkJjI6>
- f. 16 Mar 20 - Column: My coronavirus odyssey, from Indian Ocean cruise to self-quarantine (WTOP News): <https://bit.ly/2xYc1AM>

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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