

UKMTO Weekly Report

24 - 30 May 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 or Advisories have been issued.

UKMTO Notice 001/May/2020

Industry can be reassured that UKMTO remains fully operational during the COVID 19 global pandemic. Commercial shipping companies and ship's masters are still able to receive the latest UKMTO Maritime Security updates and briefs via telephone or by e-mail using the following contact details contained within the Maritime Security Chart (Q6099) and/or directly from Dubai-oic@ukmto.org or +971 43094268/4462



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
27 May 20	MARITIME KELLY ANNE

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.

- 30 May 20 - Secure at Sea: Is your vessel ready for IMO's Cyber Security compliance?: <https://bit.ly/2yOS4x9>
- 29 May 20 - Photos: How the Royal Marines Board a Ship (Maritime Executive): <https://bit.ly/2zM2iie>
- 29 May 20 - French Navy FREMM Frigate 'Languedoc' now under EMASOH command (Naval News): <https://bit.ly/2AluFDZ>
- 28 May 20 - Ship crews stuck at sea are facing a 'Humanitarian Crisis' (gCaptain): <https://bit.ly/3dlecXV>
- 26 May 20 - Pandemic forces virtual safety checks for oil tankers (gCaptain): <https://bit.ly/2yJHY0w>
- 26 May 20 - Estonia wants to join US-led mission in Strait of Hormuz (ERR News): <https://bit.ly/2X6PL1y>
- 25 May 20 - French Navy LHD and Frigate Join Operation Atalanta (Naval News): <https://bit.ly/2B9JQQY>

Additional sources of Information

www.ukmto.org

[MSCHOA](#)

[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)

[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

www.marad.dot.gov/MSC/

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

www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org

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



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