

# United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

## Weekly Report: 1 to 7 Aug 2021

1. On Friday 6 August 2021 the UK Department for Transport released Maritime Security Notice Ref:012/CSO/2021 which replaces 011/CSO/2021 and is an update on Gulf Maritime Security, taking in to account the security incident on 3 August 2021.
2. UKMTO (Dubai) were delighted to welcome three visitors to our office this week. First we had the New Zealand Maritime Component Commander, Commodore Mathew Williams who was briefed on UKMTO's role in promoting maritime security in the region. Later in the week we were visited by Geoff Pearson from BW Group and then Anup Khan from Krsnagroup.

## Warnings, Advisories and Notices

Please see below a list of all recent and extant UKMTO warnings, advisories and notices. Full details can be found on the website [UKMTO](http://UKMTO). UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

Warnings		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/AUG/2021	<a href="#">Incident - Potential Hijack - Non Piracy</a>	In force until further notice
001/JUL/2021	<a href="#">Non Piracy Incident</a>	In force until further notice

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/JUL/2021	<a href="#">Attack - Non Piracy</a>	In force until further notice

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
003/JUL/2021	<a href="#">Military Exercise</a>	Cancel 311800UTC AUG 2021
008/FEB/2021	<a href="#">Transiting the Strait of Hormuz</a>	In force until further notice

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## Open Source Media Articles

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### **a. Deadly drone attack on tanker escalates Iran-Israel maritime tensions**

A one-way, explosive-laden drone made in Iran attacked an Israeli-operated merchant tanker last week off the coast of Oman, U.S. Central Command said on Friday. The delta-wing drone, similar in design to long-range unidentified, unmanned "kamikaze" drones developed for the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, flew into the pilothouse of the Merchant tanker Mercer Street on July 30, killing two crewmembers, according to a report from CENTCOM.

- 7 Aug 21 - Euronews: <https://bit.ly/37oN9ka>
- 7 Aug 21 - Reuters: <https://reut.rs/3ywHpkI>
- 6 Aug 21 - USNI News: <https://bit.ly/3xtzRNL>
- 6 Aug 21 - Sky News: <https://bit.ly/37oX3SV>
- 2 Aug 21 - CNN: <https://cnn.it/3IJQJ0y>

### **b. Abandoned Tanker in Red Sea Threatens Africa**

The Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) - a trade bloc representing eight African countries - has expressed concern over the potential environmental disaster posed to the Red Sea by the FSO Safer, an ageing vessel moored off Yemen. Experts say the Red Sea ecosystem will severely be affected if the rusting oil tanker, loaded with over a million barrels of crude oil, breaks up or explodes and catches fire. The East African reports that IGAD Executive Secretary Dr Workneh Gebeyehu says an oil slick would exacerbate existing economic and humanitarian crises in Yemen and the region, including IGAD member states on the western shores of the Red Sea. Djibouti, Eritrea and Somalia could be directly affected. Dr Workneh called on the international community to "take urgent steps to stabilise the oil tanker, particularly through undertaking urgent repairs, and thereafter offload the oil it carries".

- 6 Aug 21 - allAfrica.com: <https://bit.ly/2Vx8N2V>

### **c. Hijacking ends in Arabian Sea, says UKMTO, as Oman identifies tanker involved**

Oman provided first official confirmation that the Asphalt Princess tanker was involved in a hijacking in the Arabian Sea after Britain's maritime trade agency earlier reported the incident was over. Oman's Maritime Security Centre said on Twitter that it had received information about the Panama-flagged Asphalt Princess being subjected "to a hijacking incident in international waters in the Gulf of Oman" and that the sultanate's navy had deployed several ships to help secure international waters.

- 6 Aug 21 - Arab News: <https://bit.ly/3lIXhfK>
- 5 Aug 21 - Euronews: <https://bit.ly/3fGbJkQ>
- 4 Aug 21 - Reuters: <https://reut.rs/3yxw9nL>
- 4 Aug 21 - The Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3AIU0Hp>
- 3 Aug 21 - France 24: <https://bit.ly/3fKVt22>

## Engagement and Visits

There were three visits to the UKMTO (Dubai) team this week, the New Zealand (NZ) Maritime Component Commander, Commodore Mathew Williams and the NZ Defence Attaché Brigadier Roger Margetts, as well as visits from Geoff Pearson of BW Group and Anup Khan from Krsnagroup.

OIC UKMTO (Dubai) also met with Steven Harwood from Ambrey and Andrias Smith from NYK shipping during the week.

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## Maritime Security Briefs

Company Security Officers and Masters wishing to receive the latest regional maritime security brief should contact Lt Cdr Sam Yee email: [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org)

Date	Location	Vessel
02/08/2021	VIRTUAL BRIEF	DIAMOND PRINCESS
02/08/2021	VIRTUAL BRIEF	SAPPHIRE PRINCESS
03/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	MSC ANNA
03/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	GOLDEN PRINCESS
06/08/2021	TELEPHONE BRIEF	STENA IMAGINATION
06/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	ILLOVO RIVER

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## Additional Sources of Information

[United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations \(UKMTO\)](#)  
[Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa \(MSCHOA\)](#)  
[International Maritime Security Construct \(IMSC\)](#)  
[International Maritime Bureau \(IMB\) Live Piracy Reports](#)  
[United States Dept of Transportation Maritime Administration](#)  
[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)  
[Maritime Global Security](#)  
[Oil Companies International Marine Forum \(OCIMF\)](#)  
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)  
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)

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