

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

Weekly Report: 28 Nov - 4 Dec 2021

Captain Geoff Pearson, the Global Head of Fleet Security for BW Group visited the UKMTO (Dubai) office on Sunday 21 November. A regular visitor and friend of UKMTO, discussion focused on some of the recent incidents and the wider maritime security situation in the region. If you are interested in visiting the UKMTO (Dubai) office please email dubai-oic@ukmto.org.



Warnings, Advisories and Notices

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Warnings

No Warnings were issued this week.

Advisories

Number	Category	Remarks
No Advisories were issued this week.		

Notices

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. Naval Group Launches 'Bani Yas', the First Gowind Corvette for UAE Navy

French shipbuilder Naval Group announced that it has launched the first Gowind corvette for the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Navy. The launch ceremony took place today in presence of H.E. Sheikh Saeed bin Hamdan Al-Nahyan, Commander of the UAE Naval Forces.

4 Dec - Naval News: <https://bit.ly/3rHXrax>

b. Somalia: Security Council adopts resolution to keep pirates at bay

The UN Security Council on Friday adopted a resolution to combat the continuing threat of piracy off the coast of Somalia, as shipping and protection measures to keep vessels safe, have returned to levels not seen since before the COVID-19 pandemic. The Secretary-General's latest report on the situation in the country illustrates that joint counter-piracy efforts have resulted in a steady decline in attacks and hijackings since 2011. However, although piracy off the coast of Somalia has been "repressed", the ongoing threat of resurgence remains.

4 Dec - The Business Times: <https://bit.ly/3InVkoY>

4 Dec - AP News: <https://bit.ly/3Do3XoT>

3 Dec - UN News: <https://bit.ly/3rD1OTV>

3 Dec - reliefweb: <https://bit.ly/3Dq75kd>

3 Dec - VOA News: <https://bit.ly/3don9bl>

c. BIMCO launches security escort contract form

BIMCO's Documentary Committee has approved a new standard contract for security escort vessels (SEVs). The standard is a balanced contractual framework for SEVs that accompany merchant ships in high threat areas such as the Gulf of Guinea which has recently seen a rise in piracy activity as the dry season has begun.

3 Dec - ShipInsight: <https://bit.ly/3xX7xVZ>

d. Will the Omicron variant wreak havoc on the global supply chain?

The global supply chain and its many links may be headed for further disruption due to the new Omicron Covid-19 variant. The global supply chain in sectors like shipping and logistics has already experienced several major disruptions since 2020, not only from the pandemic but also labor shortages, shipment issues, and the Suez Canal blockage by the ship Evergreen earlier this year.

2 Dec - T_HQ: <https://bit.ly/335K8GF>

e. US Navy rescues Iranian sailors for third time since 2018

The US Navy has rescued two Iranian seamen who had been adrift for eight days on a fishing boat in Gulf waters. The men were in "good health and spirits" despite their ordeal, the navy said, reporting what is now almost an annual incident in rescuing Iranian civilian craft. While the Arabian Sea is not known for dangerous sailing conditions, despite the increasing frequency of cyclones, smaller ships can still encounter difficulty.

28 Nov - The National: <https://bit.ly/3pruJrE>

28 Nov - The Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/31mkEnW>

Engagement and Visits

We were visited by Capt Geoff Pearson from BW Group on Sunday 21 November. (omitted in previous weekly report)

To contact our Dubai office, arrange a visit or request a briefing please contact Lt Cdr Sam Yee by telephone: +971 (0)501 898 389 or email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org

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

Date	Location	Vessel
02/12/2021	JEBEL ALI	BBC DIAMOND
02/12/2021	JEBEL ALI	APL GULF EXPRESS
02/12/2021	JEBEL ALI	BROOKLANDS

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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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