

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

Weekly Report: 19 - 25 Dec 2021

From everyone in UKMTO, we wanted to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! And for our last weekly report of 2021, we also wish you a healthy and safe 2022. Happy New Year!



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. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

Warnings		
No Warnings were issued this week.		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
No Advisories were issued this week.		

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
008/FEB/2021	Transiting the Strait of Hormuz	In force until further notice
006/NOV/2021	Military Exercise	311800UTCDEC21
004/DEC/2021	Firing Practice	281200UTCDEC21
005/DEC/2021	Firing Practice	302359UTCDEC21

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. U.S. Navy seizes weapons cache from stateless fishing vessel in Arabian Sea

U.S. Navy ships this week seized approximately 1,400 AK-47 assault rifles and 226,600 rounds of ammunition from a stateless fishing vessel during a flag verification boarding in the North Arabian Sea on December 20, the Navy's 5th Fleet said in a statement.

23 Dec 21 - gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/3JmzKuO>

b. How 2021 showed the importance of the Maritime Transportation System

With 90 percent of trade traveling via maritime conveyance, the supply chain heavily relies upon the maritime transportation system. According to the U.S. Committee on the Maritime Transportation System, the system is the complex network of "waterways, ports, and intermodal landside connections that allow various modes of transportation to move people and goods to, from, and on the water."

23 Dec 21 - Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/33NxADU>

c. Container shortage sparks experiment to ship coffee in bulk

A break-bulk vessel named Eagle has wound its way from Lampung in Sumatra, through the Mediterranean and is now headed for New Orleans. Transporting robusta coffee bags stacked in its hold to the U.S. — where roasters are starved of supply — it's one of the first shipments of this kind in over 20 years.

22 Dec 21 - Bloomberg: <https://bit.ly/3qslO8y>

d. Contact Group on piracy off the coast of Somalia (CGPCS) friends of the Chair meeting

Progress of the work for the formulation of a strategic plan, which aims to map out the future of the Contact Group on piracy off the coast of Somalia (CGPCS) for adoption by its Plenary session was one of the key agenda of the CGPCS Friends of the Chair meeting, held on Thursday 16 December 2021 in Mauritius. The adoption of the CGPCS Strategic plan will eventually be brought to the United Nations Security Council meeting for consideration.

21 Dec 21 - African Business: <https://bit.ly/33KOPpo>

e. India's latest destroyer kicks off maiden trials in Arabian Sea

The navy is focused on strengthening its capabilities amid changing power dynamics in the Indian Ocean Region. Last month, it also inducted a French-designed Kalvari class diesel-electric attack submarine, Vela.

19 Dec 21 - Hindustan Times: <https://bit.ly/3qjnF0o>

Engagement and Visits

There were no visitors this week.

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
23/12/2021	TELEPHONE BRIEF	CLEAN VISION

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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 \(OCIMF\)](#)
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