

# United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

## Weekly Report: 11 to 17 Jul 2021

1. This week, the UK Carrier Strike Group (CSG21) entered the Indian Ocean. The strike group, consisting of the HMS Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier and other ships from the UK, US and Netherlands, conducted joint exercises with the US aircraft carrier, USS Ronald Reagan, as well as with the Japanese destroyer Setogiri. Media articles [b.](#) refers.
2. CTF-150 had their command changeover ceremony earlier this week as the Royal Canadian Navy handed over command of the task force to the Royal New Zealand Navy. The ceremony marked the end of a very successful tour for the Canadian command with interdictions of illicit narcotics over the period worth \$160m. See media article [f.](#)
3. UKMTO issued its first quarterly report on its website this week. The report which covers the second quarter of 2021, details the incidents that have been reported to UKMTO over the last three months and highlights figures such as reporting percentages. The report was first released on the UKMTO twitter page [@UK\\_MTO](#) and then emailed to those on our mailing list. You can access the report at the following link. <https://bit.ly/UKMTO2QRT21TWIDIR>

## 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 and Advisories	
No Warnings or Advisories issued this week.	

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
008/FEB/2021	<a href="#">Transiting the Strait of Hormuz</a>	In force until further notice
004/JUN/2021	<a href="#">Military Exercise</a>	Cancel 301800UTC JUL 2021

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## Open Source Media Articles

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### **a. 52% rise in Frequency of Cyclones in Arabian Sea over Two Decades: Study**

The frequency and intensity of cyclones developing over the Arabian Sea has increased in the last two decades, while fewer such storms have been seen over the Bay of Bengal, researchers have found in a paper that underlines the increasing risk of disasters hitting the west coast of India if the trend continues to hold over the years.

18 July 21 - INDIA NEWS: <https://bit.ly/3kxpoy2>

### **b. UK's Carrier Strike Group Conducts Exercises and Drills with Regional Partners as she Enters the Indian Ocean**

HMS Queen Elizabeth, the British aircraft carrier and her strike group, consisting of UK, US and Dutch ships have conducted an interoperability exercise with the USS Ronald Reagan, as well as anti-piracy drills with the Japanese Navy. The strike group will carry out further exercises with the Indian Navy later this month.

17 July 21 - City Today News: <https://bit.ly/3z5p3Xe>

13 July 21 - The Japan Times: <https://bit.ly/3wN2k0S>

13 July 21 - Military.com: <https://bit.ly/3xQd53x>

12 July 21 - DVIDS: <https://bit.ly/36GT1EP>

### **c. Fears Of Red Sea Environmental Disaster Grow As UN-Houthis Talks On Safer Tanker Fail**

The UN will continue talks with Iran-backed Houthi rebels until they agree to allow its experts to begin a vital assessment of the floating oil tanker Safer.

17 July 21 - Eurasia Review: <https://bit.ly/3hM67qQ>

### **d. Global piracy down, Gulf of Guinea still a concern**

Incidents of international piracy and armed robbery are at their lowest level in 27 years, according to International Maritime Bureau (IMB) statistics, with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) specialist facility warning risks to seafarers remain, especially off West Africa.

13 July 21 - defenceWeb: <https://bit.ly/3hNcTfT>

### **e. Cunard Will Make Its Full Return to Sailing this Fall**

Starting in October, Cunard will launch a series of its "Grand Escape Voyages," more than 40 new sailings that will roll out from October 2021 through May 2022. Highlights of the program include Cunard's iconic Transatlantic Crossing; European itineraries with overnight calls in Amsterdam, Lisbon, and more; and sailings to Dubai, the Caribbean, and Asia.

15 July 21 - travelmarketreport: <https://bit.ly/3evmV3w>

### **f. Royal Canadian Navy Hands Over Command of CTF-150 to Royal New Zealand Navy**

Commodore Dan Charlebois of the Royal Canadian Navy turned over command of Combined Task Force 150 (CTF-150) to Capt. Brendon Clark of the Royal New Zealand Navy in a ceremony at Naval Support Activity Bahrain, July 15.

17 July 21 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3xTrJao>

### **g. Two years of Operation Sankalp: Warships deployed in Gulf region for safe passage of merchant ships**

Operation Sankalp began in June 2019 to protect merchant vessels and ensure their safe passage in the Gulf region and through the Strait of Hormuz.

14 July 21 - India News: <https://bit.ly/3Bf23XU>

## Engagement and Visits

No visits took place 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](mailto: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](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org)

Date	Location	Vessel
12/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	BLACK OCEAN
13/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	STAR MARIELA
13/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	PANAMAX NOSTOS
14/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	SAYSIAT BENEFIT
14/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	CYPRESS ARROW
15/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	YANGTZE SHANGHAI
15/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	IMPERIAL FORTUNE
16/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	MSC QINGDAO
16/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	CENTAURUS LEADER
17/07/2021	TELEPHONE BRIEF	CMA CGM LEO

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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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