

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

Weekly Report: 25 to 31 Jul 2021

1. Investigations are still underway regarding a non-piracy incident affecting a vessel in the Gulf of Oman on Thursday 29 July. [Media articles a. refers.](#)
2. On Friday 30 July 2021 the UK Department for Transport released Maritime Security Notice Ref:011/CSO/2021 relating to a security incident in the Arabian Sea.
3. On the same day the US Department for Transport Maritime Administration released Maritime Advisory 2021-008A: Threat to Commercial Vessels in Arabian Sea. You can access this via <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/msci/2021-008a-arabian-sea-threat-commercial-vessels>.

Warnings, Advisories and Notices

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Warnings		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/JUL/2021	Non Piracy Incident	In force until further notice

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/JUL/2021	Attack - Non Piracy	In force until further notice

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
008/FEB/2021	Transiting the Strait of Hormuz	In force until further notice
003/JUL/2021	Military Exercise	Cancel 311800UTC AUG 2021

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. Two dead in attack on Israel-linked oil tanker off Oman

An attack Thursday on an oil tanker managed by an Israeli-owned company killed two members of the crew when the vessel was apparently struck by an explosive drone, the ship's management company and a U.S. official said.

31 July 21 - The Independent: <https://bit.ly/3xgN2Si>

30 July 21 - France 24: <https://bit.ly/3j5uKya>

30 July 21 - The Sydney Morning Herald: <https://bit.ly/2VoTf0Y>

30 July 21 - The Washington Post: <https://wapo.st/3iml2r7>

b. Reviving Port of Berbera: Why India & UAE can be partners in Western Indian Ocean

Last month, on June 24, a new container terminal was inaugurated at the port of Berbera in the self-governing territory of Somaliland. The port of Berbera is located along the southern coast of the Gulf of Aden and is being developed by DP World.

30 July 21 - The Weekend Leader: <https://bit.ly/37fqxCp>

c. Oil leaking from abandoned tanker damages nature reserve in Yemen: gov't official

An oil leakage from a long-abandoned oil tanker in Yemen started damaging the country's nature reserve in the southern port city of Aden, a government official told Xinhua on Wednesday.

30 July 21 - Hellenic Shipping News: <https://bit.ly/3je99na>

d. Maritime security exercise Cutlass Express 21 begins

Maritime forces from East Africa, West Indian Ocean nations, Europe, North America, and several international organizations began the multinational maritime exercise Cutlass Express 2021 with an opening ceremony at the Bandari Maritime Academy in Mombasa, Kenya, on 26 July.

29 July 21 - defenceWeb: <https://bit.ly/3zW1Cjl>

e. Africa and Europe rally to contain Islamic insurgency in Mozambique

In recent days, military advance teams from South Africa and Botswana began to deploy to northern Mozambique to support governments forces in their fight against a growing Islamist insurgency. They will join Rwandan combat troops and military training contingents from Europe and the United States.

29 July 21 - The Interpreter: <https://bit.ly/3lirguV>

f. UN Remains Disappointed Two Years After Warning of Yemen FSO Danger

Days after the sinking of a small tanker off Yemen renewed the focus on the dangers of an environmental disaster in the war-torn region UN officials again expressed their ongoing disappointment that an agreement can not be finalized with the rebel forces to inspect a floating storage tanker anchored off the port of Ras Issa.

26 July 21 - The Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3C3FOok>

g. USS Halsey and USS Iwo Jima Transit the Strait of Hormuz

USS Halsey of the Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group, and amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima, of the Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group and 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, completed a scheduled transit through the Strait of Hormuz into the Arabian Gulf, July 26.

26 July 21 - DVIDS News: <https://bit.ly/3if8VNf>

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

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
29/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	RONG MAY
29/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	PHOEBE

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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 \(MENAS\)](#)
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