

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

Weekly Report: 2 to 8 May 2021

1. UKMTO Dubai will be restarting face to face vessel briefs in Jebel Ali port from Monday 10 May. We will continue to offer virtual briefs for ships. To request a virtual brief please get in touch with Lt Cdr Sam Yee via dubai-oic@ukmto.org.
2. The MIEVOM calling notice has been issued. The conference will be held at the Dubai International Seafarers Centre on Thursday 10 June. This will be a hybrid event with the ability to join in person or virtually. Sign up to the event using this [Eventbrite link](#).
3. CMF celebrated another series of successful drug interdictions this week. [Media story b.](#) refers.
4. The command handover ceremony of 5th fleet was held this week, with Vice Adm Samuel Paparo USN handing over to Vice Adm Brad Cooper USN. [Media story c.](#) refers.

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		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/MAY/2021	Suspicious Approach	Red Sea west of Hudaydah
001/MAY/2021	Suspicious Approach - Update 001	Incident complete

Advisories
No Advisories issued this week.

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
008/FEB/2021	Transiting the Strait of Hormuz	In force until further notice
010/FEB/2021	UKMTO (Dubai) Vessel Briefings	In force until further notice
011/APR/2021	Military Exercise	Cancel 311800UTC MAY 2021

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. 'Operation Sankalp': Safeguarding India's maritime trade routes

Post attacks on merchant ships in the Gulf of Oman, Indian Navy had commenced Maritime Security Operations, code-named 'Operation Sankalp', in the Gulf Region on June 19, 2019 to ensure safe passage of Indian Flag vessels transiting through the Strait of Hormuz.

8 May 2021 - News Meter: <https://bit.ly/3ey1OxT>

b. Royal Canadian Navy make four drugs busts in three days

HMCS Calgary has intercepted four suspicious dhows off the coast of Oman during a string of high-tempo operations, leading to the seizure of illicit narcotics worth over \$14.4 million in just three days.

7 May 2021 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3bcGEDk>

c. Combined Maritime Forces bids farewell to Vice Admiral Paparo

Vice Adm. Samuel J. Paparo has formally handed over command of the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) to Vice Adm. Brad Cooper in a ceremony held at Naval Support Activity Bahrain, May 5.

6 May 2021 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3vRTKxO>

d. Opinion: The World's Navies and Merchant Fleets Need a Stronger Bond

In his authoritative tome *Seapower*, Geoffrey Till observes that navies "have to work alongside rather than regard themselves as distant from and somehow superior to many other maritime stakeholders with their grubby little concerns." Mariners indeed need to be "all of one company," as Drake recommended.

6 May 2021 - Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3nXz2ti>

e. 48th SHADE Conference 26-27 May 2021

A key forum for stakeholders fully committed to maritime security. The Working Groups take place on Wednesday 26 May with the Plenary Sessions on Thursday 27 May 2021.

5 May 2021 - EU NAVFOR: <https://bit.ly/3h7KuS1>

f. Crew Welfare Charities Launch Fund to Help Indian Seafarers Amid Surging Virus Cases

A group of the leading seafarer welfare charities and other shipping industry stakeholders have launched a \$1 million emergency relief fund to support seafarers and their families impacted by the rampant COVID-19 outbreak in India.

5 May 2021 - gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/2R0aeFb>

g. Retail Brands Pledge Supply Chain Audit to Help Seafarers Stranded by COVID-19

Unilever Plc and other big retail brands are among consumer giants adopting a toolkit to audit their shipping supply chains in an effort to help bring seafarers stuck on commercial vessels back home and eliminate human rights risks.

5 May 2021 - Bloomberg: <https://bit.ly/3f3zOAX>

h. British Royal Marines testing jetpacks that can reach speeds of 80 mph

Without the benefit of stunt wires, green screen and CGI, the British Royal Marines recently experimented with a jetpack that can reach speeds of 80 mph and climb to 12,000 feet.

5 May 2021 - Fox News: <https://fxn.ws/3hf2OZd>

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
7 May 2021	Telephone Brief	SKANDI AFRICA
Face to face briefings are currently paused due to Covid		

Future Events

Date	Event	Location
26-27 May 2021	SHADE	Virtual
10 Jun 2021	MIEVOM	Dubai International Seafarer's Centre

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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 \(IMSC\)](#)

[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)

[Maritime Global Security](#)

[International Maritime Bureau \(IMB\) Live Piracy Reports](#)

[United States Department of Transportation Maritime Administration](#)

[Oil Companies International Marine Forum \(OCIMF\)](#)

[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)

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