

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations



Weekly Report: 9 to 15 May 2021

1. The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) published a story about the plight of Yemeni fishermen on their website last week. Photos show the fishermen with orange life jackets and large iceboxes corresponding with sighting reports that we received last year. [Media story a.](#) refers.
2. 26 drug busts in under four months. An impressive tally from CTF-150 which lists their counter-narcotics seizures on the CMF website since Canada took command in 27 January 2021. They will hand over command to the Royal New Zealand Navy in July. See [media story b.](#)
3. UKMTO (Dubai) has now restarted ship briefs at Jebel Ali port, updating masters on the latest maritime security situation in the region. 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.
4. The Maritime Information Exchange Vessel Operators' Meeting (MIEVOM) will be held on Thursday 10 June, participants can [sign up to the event on Eventbrite](#) and attend either in person or virtually.

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
No Warnings issued this week.		

Advisories		
No Advisories issued this week.		

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
008/FEB/2021	Transiting the Strait of Hormuz	In force until further notice
011/APR/2021	Military Exercise	Cancel 311800UTC MAY 2021

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a. Fishing in the middle of a war

The ongoing conflict in Yemen has decimated the country's Red Sea fishing industry. Fishing boats, ports and processing sites have been destroyed or damaged. Fishermen have been killed and injured. A polluted marine environment has destroyed the artisanal fishing sector and displaced thousands of fishermen along with their families.

14 May 2021 - Norwegian Refugee Council: <https://bit.ly/3foAdOV>

b. Royal Canadian Navy led task force making an impact on regional smuggling

Since Canada assumed command of CTF-150 on 27 January, 2021, the task force's counter-narcotics efforts have been substantial. In partnership with navies from the United States, the United Kingdom, France and Canada, CTF-150 has led a total of 26 drug busts.

13 May 2021 - Combined Maritime News (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3eOljCp>

c. Omani ports now off Lloyd's high risk zones list

The Sultanate has secured the removal of Omani seas, ports from the list of high maritime risk zones maintained by Lloyd's company and London-based maritime insurance companies.

11 May 2021 - Hellenic Shipping News: <https://bit.ly/3w7ltuh>

d. Spurt in Non-Traditional Maritime Security Threats In Indian Ocean

The shipping lanes of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) are vital for global trade and commerce. These lanes are traversed by thousands of ships every month. Along with regular commercial shipping, the lanes are also used for a whole range of illegitimate activities that imperil both regional and global security. The Indian Navy has set up an Information Fusion Centre for IOR (IFC-IOR) that's graduated to become a nerve centre for collection and sharing of data relevant to keeping the IOR free and secure.

11 May 2021 - Bharat Shakti: <https://bit.ly/3bq8vQx>

e. World's Largest Civilian Hospital Ship Passes Sea Trials

Mercy Ships announced this week that the world's largest civilian hospital ship Global Mercy has now completed deep water sea trials, one of the final milestones before departing for service in sub-Saharan Africa. Mercy Ships uses hospital ships to deliver free, world-class healthcare services, capacity building, and sustainable development to those with little access in the developing world.

10 May 2021 - gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/3eLPF8v>

f. EU Naval Force Somalia Operation ATALANTA conducts first trilateral exercise with Japanese and Djiboutian forces.

On the 10th of May, the EU, Japan and Djibouti carried out a joint naval exercise in the Gulf of Aden in a continued effort to strengthen the efficiency of tactical procedures between navies. The exercise builds on the joint naval exercise and joint port call in Djibouti between Operation Atalanta Combined Joint Task Force 465 and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force last October.

10 May 2021 - EUNAVFOR: <https://bit.ly/33MTzYk>

g. Migrants and Refugees

Thousands of migrants from Ethiopia make the same journey through Djibouti to Yemen each year hoping to reach Saudi Arabia, where there are better work opportunities and higher incomes than back home.

9 May 2021 - UN News: <https://bit.ly/2RPxSnT>

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	Date	Location	Vessel
10/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	VENUS HERITAGE	11/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	KNIDOS
10/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	HAFNIA LEO	11/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK GENOA
10/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	RIO CENTAURUS	12/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	AMERICAN HIGHWAY
10/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	EBBA MAERSK	12/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	TORM MATHILDE
11/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	HELENA G	14/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	MP KAMSARMAX 1
11/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK KIEL	14/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	MSC MINA

Future Events

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

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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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