

# United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations



## Weekly Report: 23 to 29 May 2021

1. On 26 May 2021 the UK Department for Transport released Maritime Security Notice Ref:009/CSO/2021 concerning the security levels in Israeli waters.
2. For users of twitter I am pleased to announce that from Monday 31 May 2021 UKMTO will launch its own feed for the timely release of Warnings, Advisories and Notices @UK\_MTO.
3. 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 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
011/APR/2021	<a href="#">Military Exercise</a>	Cancel 311800UTC MAY 2021
002/MAY/2021	<a href="#">Military Exercise</a>	Cancel 301800UTC JUN 2021

For further information or queries regarding UKMTO warnings, advisories or notices call: +44 2392 222060.

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## Open Source Media Articles

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**a. Maritime security expected to increase in Seychelles' waters through agreement with US**

Twenty-nine members voted this week to ratify the agreement on countering illicit transnational maritime activity, which was brought for a vote by the Leader of Government Business in the **National Assembly**, Bernard Georges.

28 May 2021 - Seychelles News Agency: <https://bit.ly/3wGVdaC>

**b. Senior Pakistan Navy Officers visit United States Coastguard training facility**

Combined Maritime Forces' counter-piracy task force commander, Commodore Abdul Munib SI (M), and the commander of Pakistan's Navy flotilla in the region, Commodore Khan Muhamad Asif SI (M) visited the U.S. Coast Guard Patrol Force Southwest Asia (PATFORSWA) squadron training facility in Bahrain.

27 May 2021 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3c4EVQP>

**c. Hiring ship armed guards – beware race to bottom**

Ship operators hire armed guards to countenance the potential use of lethal force to defend a vessel in extreme and proscribed circumstances. It's a serious business and has potentially significant consequences.

27 May 2021 - Tanker Operator: <https://bit.ly/3bXCLSU>

**d. Saudi-led coalition says it's behind military buildup on Red Sea island**

The Saudi-led military coalition engaged in Yemen said on Thursday it had established a presence on a strategic island at the entrance to the Red Sea to counter perceived threats to maritime trade from the Iran-aligned Houthi movement.

27 May 2021 - Reuters: <https://reut.rs/34qH1GA>

**e. Autonomous Ships: Regulatory Scoping Exercise Completed**

The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 103rd session in May 2021, has completed a regulatory scoping exercise to analyze relevant ship safety treaties, in order to assess how Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS) could be regulated.

26 May 2021 - Hellenic Shipping News: <https://bit.ly/3vqop5k>

**f. Red Sea security requires international cooperation**

International competition for influence in the Red Sea region has intensified over the past few years, as concerns about its security and stability have grown dramatically. The Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), a coalition of 33 nations, is the best-known and has been quite effective through its task forces CTF-150 (maritime security), CTF-151 (counter-piracy) and CTF-152 (Gulf maritime security). There is also the EU's Operation Atalanta that fights piracy off the coast of Somalia.

24 May 2021 - Arab News: <https://bit.ly/3bXw2ll>

## Engagement and Visits

26-27 May 2021 Lt Cdr Sam Yee, Lt John Ahearn, CPO Anne McGarva, PO Anne-Marie McCaldon & Chris Scothern attended the virtual SHADE Conference.

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## 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
23/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	STREAM ARCTIC
23/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	GULF TRADER
24/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	TARLAN
24/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	BOW CARDINAL

## Future Events

Date	Event	Location
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 \(MENAS\)](#)  
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)

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