

# United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations



## Weekly Report: 7 Nov - 13 Nov 2021

1. The final calling notice for the next Maritime Information Exchange Vessel Operators' Meeting (MIEVOM) has been issued with the agenda. The MIEVOM will be held on Thursday 18 November in the Dubai International Seafarers' Centre. Register by close of play Tuesday 16 November to attend. [Sign up to MIEVOM via Eventbrite.](#)

2. The UN Secretary-General has issued their latest report on the piracy situation in Somalia and the development of the Somali Coastguard. [See media article d.](#) For in depth information on this, sign up to the MIEVOM where Col John Steed (Retd) will brief on this topic.

## 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		
No Warnings were issued this week.		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
No Advisories were issued this week.		

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
008/FEB/2021	<a href="#">Transiting the Strait of Hormuz</a>	In force until further notice
001/NOV/2021	<a href="#">Military Exercise</a>	301800UTCNOV21

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## Open Source Media Articles

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### **a. US, Israel, Bahrain and UAE Launch First Joint Naval Training Exercise**

The U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet is joining with naval forces from the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Israel in a first-of-its-kind maritime security exercise in the Red Sea. The five-day exercise under the leadership of the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) is being seen as an unprecedented naval exercise marking the first time these nations acknowledged a shared training exercise made possible by the 2020 accords under which Bahrain and the UAE normalized diplomatic relations with Israel.

12 Nov 21 - Press TV: <https://bit.ly/3CeJuCk>

11 Nov 21 - The Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/321K0HB>

11 Nov 21 - DVIDs - <https://bit.ly/3CgoueD>

11 Nov 21 - Reuters: <https://reut.rs/30j3dDF>

### **b. Largest Suez Canal Authority dredger joins project to expand Suez Canal**

The newest and largest dredger of the Suez Canal Authority, the "Hussein Tantawy", has joined the project to expand and deepen the southern area of the Suez Canal the head of the Suez Canal Authority in Egypt Osama Rabie announced.

11 Nov 21 - Hellenic Shipping News: <https://bit.ly/3wOfcVV>

### **c. Iran Releases Seized Vietnamese Oil Tanker In Open Waters Amidst US Navy Confrontation**

The Vietnamese oil tanker moved away from Iran's Bandar Abbas port and reached international waters in the nearby Gulf of Oman.

11 Nov 21 - [republicworld.com](https://republicworld.com) : <https://bit.ly/3FfRAwt>

### **d. Report of the Secretary-General on the situation with respect to piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia**

The report covers the period 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021 and highlights major developments since the Secretary-General's previous report on the implementation of the resolution and the situation with respect to piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia, including an assessment of national coast guard capabilities.

10 Nov 21 - reliefweb: <https://bit.ly/3HimVjX>

### **e. What the Ever Given Taught the World**

On March 29, after six days being stuck in the Suez Canal and blocking all other ships from sailing through the vital passage, the Ever Given was unmoored. Excavation crews had worked around the clock to dig the enormous container ship out, and thanks to their work it was able to sail on. On July 7, the Ever Given left Egyptian waters—seaworthy but damaged. This Thursday, the ship is expected to leave a Chinese port where the damage it sustained in the Suez Canal has been repaired. And the mighty vessel's fate has crucial lessons for everyone who depends on shipping. That's every single one of us.

10 Nov 21 - Foreign Policy : <https://bit.ly/3kAG6LY>

### **f. Iran's military holds annual drills near mouth of Gulf**

Iran has launched a comprehensive set of war games spanning all units of the Islamic Republic, conducting drills that included the launching of missiles, torpedoes and drones in a bid to deter any potential threats. The exercise is part of an annual series known as Zolfaqar, which kicked off this year on Sunday in southern Iran near the mouth of the Persian Gulf.

9 Nov 21 - France 24: <https://bit.ly/3qxM6ct>

8 Nov 21 - Newsweek: <https://bit.ly/3wK6UON>

7 Nov 21 - Independent: <https://bit.ly/3ngsrM9>

7 Nov 21 - Reuters: <https://reut.rs/2YNjxfC>

6 Nov 21 - Tasnim News Agency: <https://bit.ly/3wLlIkB>

### **g. Mexican navy vessel docks in Middle East for first time for Expo 2020 Dubai**

A Mexican navy vessel docked in Dubai on Monday morning after 85 days at sea, making its maiden voyage to the Middle East. The vintage ARM Cuauhtémoc BE-01 cruise is the vessel's 41st journey and has been named Expo 2020 Dubai in honour of the world's fair. It began at the ship's base in Acapulco, Mexico, on August 16. The vessel will stay in Dubai for a week before continuing its journey to South America.

8 Nov 21 - The National News : <https://bit.ly/3wSnQ60>

## **Engagement and Visits**

There were no visits to UKMTO (Dubai) 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)

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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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