

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations



Weekly Report: 17 - 23 Oct 2021

Please save Thursday 18 November for the next Maritime Information Exchange Vessel Operators' Meeting (MIEVOM) to be held in the Dubai International Seafarers' Centre. Agenda and timings will be promulgated shortly.

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
001/OCT/2021	Suspicious Approach	Approx 13NM West of MOKAH

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
008/FEB/2021	Transiting the Strait of Hormuz	In force until further notice

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. ‘Containergeddon’ drives sugar, rice shippers back to bulkers

Food traders are switching from containers back to dry bulk vessels to transport refined sugar and rice, hoping to avoid shipping delays caused by container shortages and port congestion that the industry is calling “containergeddon”, according to traders.

22 Oct 21 - Reuters: <https://bit.ly/3jwk3Wk>

b. First meeting between Operation Commander and Force Commander EU NAVFOR Somalia with Mission Force Commander of new EU Training Mission Mozambique

As part of its mandate, ATALANTA remains committed to put its means and capabilities forward in order to support the EU Sister Mission within the EU Integrated Approach to external conflicts and crisis, tackling both current symptoms and root causes of a deteriorating the security and humanitarian situation in the country.

21 Oct 21 - EU Naval Force - Somalia: <https://bit.ly/3CcBt1s>

c. Algorithmic warfare: new Navy task force focused on AI, robotics

The United States Navy is planning to put new robotic and artificial intelligence-enabled technologies through their paces in one of its toughest areas of operations - the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea and parts of the Indian Ocean

21 Oct 21 - National Defense: <https://bit.ly/3prEBmB>

d. Could single decaying tanker worsen global supply issues?

Recent shortages have caused havoc but there are fears a decaying oil tanker moored in the Red Sea could spell disaster for the people of Yemen, the environment and commercial shipping as the Bab-el-Mandeb strait is a strategic route for the industry.

21 Oct 21 - Sky News podcast: <https://bit.ly/3pA03Wy>

e. Change in piracy threats in Indian Ocean

Somali pirate groups have not attacked a merchant vessel since 2017, while new asymmetric threats from local conflicts and insurgents have emerged as well as the existence of more severe security threats, such as piracy off West Africa, necessitating a change in how industry assesses such dangers to shipping.

21 Oct 21 - Dry Cargo International: <https://bit.ly/3Gcpun5>

f. OCIMF Issues Guidance on Hiring Private Maritime Security Guards

A new information paper from the Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) provides guidance on hiring private maritime security companies (PMSCs).

21 Oct 21 - Maritime Professional: <https://bit.ly/3E9eyVk>

g. EU Naval Force Operation ATALANTA flagship frigate ESPS Victoria holds joint naval exercises with Korean destroyer Chungmugong Yi Sun-Sin, Japanese frigate JPS Yugiri and the Omani Maritime Security Centre in the Gulf of Aden

South Korea, Japan, the European Union and Oman have held combined anti-piracy exercises in waters around the Gulf of Aden. Based on the scenario of a counter-piracy operation, the joint naval exercises included boarding a vessel with helicopter-borne special operations forces, live heavy machine gun fire, a search and rescue operation, and complex tactical evolutions at sea.

20 Oct 21 - EU Naval Force - Somalia: <https://bit.ly/3b7FNmO>

19 Oct 21 - EU Naval Force - Somalia: <https://bit.ly/3pxWEb6>

18 Oct 21 - EU Naval Force - Somalia: <https://bit.ly/3vENavo>

18 Oct 21 - Yonhap News Agency: <https://bit.ly/3jtHGpp>

h. Navies Join Forces in Indian Ocean Exercise

Naval forces from Australia, Japan, the U.K., and the U.S. joined together in multilateral Maritime

Engagement and Visits

There were no visits 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
20/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	MP THE BROWN
20/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	RANTANPLAN
20/10/2021	VIRTUAL BRIEF	PACIFIC EXPLORER
21/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	YANGZE 15
21/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	HONG HING
22/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	EFFICIENCY OL
22/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	AGIOS FANOURIOS

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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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