

# United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

## Weekly Report: 24 - 30 Oct 2021

1. 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. [Sign up to MIEVOM via Eventbrite.](#)
2. We were delighted to welcome Wolf-Christian Paes the lead for Yemeni maritime security for the United Nations on Wednesday 27 October.

### 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

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## Open Source Media Articles

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### **a. EU NAVFOR Somalia returns to-person capacity building activities with Somali Security Force**

After a long period of COVID-19 imposed restrictions, ATALANTA received members of the Somali Police Unit and Maritime Police Unit of Mogadishu on board ESPS Victoria to receive training in maritime skills. Organised with the support of EU CAP Somalia, this vital training enhances local capability in maintaining maritime security.

29 Oct 21 - EU Naval Force - Somalia: <https://bit.ly/3ExR78I>

### **b. Carrier Strike Group leaves India with traditional cheer ship farewell**

After the week of engagement and exercising with the Indian Armed Forces, the Carrier Strike Group saw no "better way to say goodbye" than with a traditional cheer ship. The UK and India have been working with countries in the region to defend their shared democratic values and tackle emerging threats – including cyber and maritime security.

29 Oct 21 - Forces Net: <https://bit.ly/3nHfbiE>

### **c. Connecting the dots: Gulf-based naval overwatch helps secure 'A to B' commercial shipping transits**

The Northern Indian Ocean region hosts some of the world's most critical maritime trade routes. Sea lines of communication (SLOCs) crisscross the region, connecting East and West and linking key energy supplies from the Persian Gulf. Both the U.S. and U.K. have long-established constructs set up to provide primary points of contact with the merchant shipping community- the Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS) for the U.S. and the U.K. Maritime Trade Organisation (UKMTO) for the U.K.

28 Oct 21 - Seapower: <https://bit.ly/3pSiTbD>

### **d. UAE's foreign policy: from militias in the Rimland to Straits diplomacy**

Maritime security plays a key role in the UAE's recalibration of its foreign policy, particularly in the Bab al-Mandab region. The straits diplomacy embodies the transfer of Emirati policy from spreading power to protecting influence. UAE's straits diplomacy focuses on three maritime straits – Hormuz, Bab al-Mandeb, and Suez – and combines three interdependent policy dimensions: maritime security presence, pragmatic and institutional dialogue on maritime security, and geo-economic investments around critical waterways.

28 Oct 21 - Carnegie Endowment for International Peace: <https://bit.ly/3brkVap>

### **e. Navy task force completes first unmanned at sea integration exercise**

U.S. Naval Forces Central Command is leading the way as the Navy tests out new operational concepts for unmanned surface vessels in front-line operations. During the two-day training exercise, Task Force 59 integrated and evaluated new MANTAS T-12 unmanned surface vessels that operated alongside manned U.S. patrol craft and Bahrain Defense Force maritime assets

27 Oct 21 - Areotech News: <https://bit.ly/3GAoaKZ>

26 Oct 21 - Naval News: <https://bit.ly/3btPjkl>

26 Oct 21 - Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3brivsl>

### **f. India, UK conduct mega tri-services wargame in Arabian Sea**

India and the UK have carried out a series of complex military drills as part of a tri-services wargame in the Arabian Sea, billed as the most ambitious exercise by the two countries ever. The UK's Carrier Strike Group (CSG) led by its largest warship HMS Queen Elizabeth and several other frontline ships of the two navies participated in the week-long 'Konkan Shakti' exercise.

26 Oct 21 - New India Express: <https://bit.ly/3mv4399>

### **g. 'I began my journey with my husband four months ago' an Ethiopian migrants story.**

Bosaso, Puntland's commercial capital, is a major crossing on the 'Eastern migration route', by far the route most frequently used by migrants from the East and Horn of Africa, in particular Ethiopians and Somalis. The route encompasses migratory movements towards the Arabian Peninsula.

25 Oct 21 - Reliefweb: <https://bit.ly/3w34V8c>

## Engagement and Visits

Wolf-Christian Paes from the United Nations visited the UKMTO office on Wednesday 27 October.

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)

Date	Location	Vessel
27/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	CAPE MORETON
27/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	PARNASSOS
27/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	CHARLESTON
27/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	STAR NADZIYE
29/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	AS CLARITA
29/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	ADVENTURE

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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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