

# United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations



## Weekly Report: 6 April to 12 April 2022

1. **Fond Farewells at UKMTO (Dubai).** The UKMTO (Dubai) office bids fond farewell to our Kiwi Liaison Officer, Paul Francis who returns home to New Zealand and his family on Thursday after three-month's secondment. Paul and OiC Dougie Bell exchanged small gifts of appreciation and are pictured here, along with Anne-Marie McCaldon (the rose between two thorns). Anne McGarva, the remaining member of the Dubai team, wished Paul well from home, where she is on leave.



2. **UKMTO Briefing.** The Chief Officer from the SL TWEETY with UKMTO Liaison Officer Anne-Marie McCaldon are pictured immediately after the Ship's security briefing. In the foreground is a copy of the current industry-owned Best Management Practice (BMP5). We leave a copy after each briefing and encourage Masters and Security Officers to be familiar with and consider following the guidance. We have been asked a few times recently, "when will a BMP6 be published"? The short answer is that we do not yet know. However, we will be sure to inform when we do have some solid news from the industry

## 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](http://UKMTO). UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

Warnings		
No new Warnings were issued this week.		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
No new 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
003/APR/2022	<a href="#">Missile Firing</a>	Expires at 05:30 UTC on 16 Apr 22

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## Open Source Media Articles

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### **a. Turkish Humanitarian Groups Send Food Aid to Families in Yemen.**

Yemenis displaced by the conflict receive food aid and supplies to meet their basic needs, in the Khokha district of Yemen's war-ravaged western province of Hodeida, on April 11, 2022

- 12 Apr 22 - albwaba: <https://bit.ly/3vfCeon>

### **b. UN, US Seek Funding to Save Safer Tanker off Yemen.**

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) stressed on Sunday its support to all international efforts aimed at salvaging the Safer oil tanker that has been moored off the coast of Yemen's Hodeidah for years. Carrying over 1.1 million barrels of crude oil, the FSO Safer tanker's long-term presence in the Red Sea has raised fears of a massive oil spill or explosion that could cause an environmental catastrophe. GCC Secretary-General Dr. Nayef Al-Hajraf stressed the need to push forward and accelerate efforts to resolve the crisis. He held talks on Sunday with the United States' envoy to Yemen, Tim Lenderking, and United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen, David Gressly. The meeting tackled the UN's plan in addressing the Safer crisis and international humanitarian groups' efforts in Yemen. *"The United States is committed to supporting the UN-led emergency Safer solution to avoid catastrophic oil leak, spill or explosions in the Red Sea,"* tweeted the US State Department for Near Eastern Affairs after Lenderking held talks in Riyadh with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah, Al-Hajraf, and King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSRelief) Supervisor General, Dr. Abdullah Al Rabeeah. Last week, the UN revealed a *"viable"* plan to avoid any oil leak or explosion of the tanker. ... Meanwhile, the Iran-backed Houthi militias, which had agreed to the UN plan, appear to be reneging on the deal. Ibrahim al-Saraji, a Houthi official tasked with negotiating over the Safer's cargo, accused the UN of failing to present an operational plan to implement the agreement, reported Houthi media. The memorandum of understanding stipulates that the UN would prepare an operational plan, but that has so far not happened, he claimed. He described the delay as a *"bad omen"*.

- 12 Apr 22 - Yemen On Line: <https://bit.ly/38CSbNG>

### **c. Threat subsists in the Gulf of Aden.**

Although no incidents were reported there since the start of the year, the threat of piracy still exists in the waters off the southern Red Sea and in the Gulf of Aden, which include the Yemeni and Somali coasts. Although the opportunity for incidents has reduced, the Somali pirates continue to possess the capability and capacity to carry out incidents, and all merchant ships are advised to adhere to the recommendations in the latest Best Management Practices, while transiting in these waters.

- 13 Apr 22 - ICC International Maritime Bureau: <https://bit.ly/3jzzo8h>

### **d. UN envoy makes first trip to Yemen capital following cease-fire.**

UN special envoy Hans Grundberg started his first visit to Yemen's rebel-held capital Monday, following an April 2 cease-fire that the country's warring parties have accused each other of violating. The Swedish diplomat is scheduled to meet Houthi rebel officials during his first Sanaa visit since taking office in September. *"He is looking forward to engaging with Ansar Allah [Houthi] leadership on implementing and strengthening the truce and discussing the way forward,"* Grundberg's office said. The Iran-backed Houthi insurgents took control of Sanaa in 2014, prompting a Saudi-led coalition's military intervention the following year and triggering what the UN calls the world's worst humanitarian crisis. The two-month cease-fire declared at the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan has largely held. *"Since the start of the truce, we have seen a significant reduction of violence,"* Grundberg told a virtual press conference last week.

## Engagement and Visits

- Maritime Information Exchange Vessel Operators Meeting (MIEVOM).** UKMTO (Dubai) is provisionally planning to hold the UKMTO MIEVOM on Thursday 16 June 2022. It is intended that this event will be held at our traditional venue, namely the Dubai International Seafarers Centre (DISC). Personal attendance is of course strongly encouraged and the event will also be held on-line. Confirmation and further details will be promulgated in due course, with invitations issued as soon as we have confirmed this date. We very much look forward to refreshing relationships with previous attendees and welcome newcomers to the event. Meanwhile, please watch this space and please also put a place-holder in your respective diaries.
- UKMTO (Dubai) Office Visits.** To contact our Dubai office, arrange a visit or request a briefing please contact Lt Cdr Dougie Bell 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 Dougie Bell email: [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org).

## Maritime Security Briefs

Date	Location	Vessel
06/04/2022	JEBEL ALI	STADE
06/04/2022	JEBEL ALI	DRAGON
08/04/2022	JEBEL ALI	MSC DENISE
08/04/2022	JEBEL ALI	CMA CGM PATAGONIA
08/04/2022	JEBEL ALI	SL TWEETY

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[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 \(OCIMF\)](#)  
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