



Weekly Report: 10 to 16 August 2022

1. **UK Maritime Security Notices.** Last week the UK Department of Transport issued two Maritime Security Notices. Please contact maritimesecurity@dft.gov.uk for further information. The notices are itemised as:

- Released 10 Aug 2022: 019/PFSO-CSO/2022 Reminder: Beware of email scams
- Released 12 Aug 2022: 020/CSO/2022 Israel - ISPS code security level reduced to security level two.

2. Lt Cdr Dougie Bell welcomed Ryan D'Lima Shell Marine Manager, to the UKMTO (Dubai) offices on Thursday 11 Aug 2022. Ryan was given a brief on UKMTO and discussed the current maritime situation across the VRA with UKMTO personnel.



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		
Number	Category	Remarks
No new Warnings were issued this week		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
No new Advisories were issued this week		

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
No extant Notices		

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Open Source Media Articles

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1. New maritime security strategy to target latest physical and cyber threats

On Monday 15 Aug 2022 the UK Secretary of State for Transport unveiled a 5-year strategy setting out the guiding principles for the UK government's approach to managing threats and risks at home and around the world, including leveraging the UK's world-leading seabed mapping community and tackling illegal fishing and polluting activities at sea.

15 Aug 22 - UK Government: <https://bit.ly/3bVvGFO>

2. Stranded cargo ship at the Gulf of Suez refloated

A large cargo ship transporting cars within Egypt's territorial waters of the Red Sea was stranded off Ras Gharib shores in the Gulf of Suez. Navigational sources announced 14 Aug 2022 that the crew of the cargo ship ALNAWA EXPRESS managed to refloat the vessel, confirming no damage to its hull.

14 Aug 22 - Egypt Independent: <https://bit.ly/3bViDIs>

3. Mass flooding exacerbates hardships of war in Yemen

Heavy rain and flash floods have added to the problems caused by Yemen's civil war. Despite the current truce, the humanitarian situation remains dire, and the next catastrophe might be already looming off the coast. Compounding the misery from a heat wave in June and storms in July, torrential rain and severe floods caused the deaths of at least 38 people across Yemen just this week.

13 Aug 22 - Deutsche Welle: <https://bit.ly/3w0KJEP>

4. First wheat cargo leaves Ukraine

Two more ships left Ukraine's Black Sea ports on Friday 12 Aug 2022, including one laden with the first Ukrainian wheat to be exported under a U.N.-brokered deal. A total 14 ships have now departed from Ukraine over the past two weeks, following the deal with Russia to allow a resumption of grain exports from Ukraine's Black Sea ports, after they were stalled for five months due to the war.

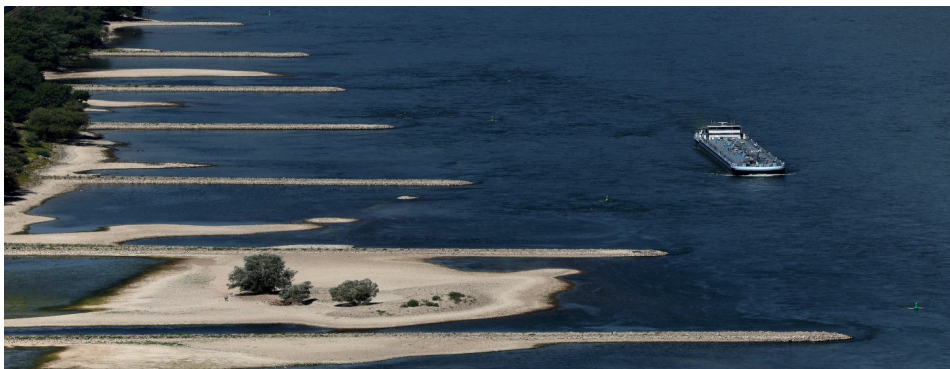
12 Aug 22 - Reuters: <https://bit.ly/3dvmzfA>

5. Shipping disruption continues as Rhine water levels fall again

Water levels on the river Rhine in Germany have fallen again in dry weather on Friday 12 Aug 2022, with some vessels no longer able to sail. Rhine cargo shipping continues, but with vessels sometimes forced to sail three-quarters empty with cargo owners often needing to pay for four vessels to transport their loads instead of one.

12 Aug 22 - Reuters: <https://bit.ly/3QH5s8L>

12 Aug 22 - Bloomberg: <https://bit.ly/3AncQAY>



A vessel cruises past the partially dried riverbed of the Rhine river in Bingen, Germany, August 9, 2022. REUTERS/Wolfgang Rattay/File Photo

Engagement and Visits

1. **Engagement:** On Thursday 11 Aug 2022 Ryan D'Lima Shell Marine Manager, Shell Markets (Middle East) visited the UKMTO (Dubai) office and met with Lt Cdr Dougie Bell RN. On Tuesday 16 Aug 2022, Dougie Bell visited the Head of US Naval Control and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS) at the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) in Bahrain, Captain Jessica Pender USN. Later in the day he called upon Cdr Janelle Terrell USN, Deputy Commodore of Combined Task Force (CTF) 153. One of four CMF Task Forces, CTF 153 formed in Apr 2022 with a mission to focus on international maritime security and capacity building efforts in the Red Sea, Bab al-Mandeb and Gulf of Aden.

2. **UKMTO (Dubai) Office - Visits, Briefings & Maritime Security Briefings.** To contact our Dubai office, arrange an office visit, request a briefing on UKMTO or request a regional Maritime Security Brief please contact Lt Cdr Dougie Bell by telephone: +971 (0)501 898 389 or email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org. Please note that any emails received between 13:00UTC on Friday afternoon and 04:00UTC on Monday morning, may not be actioned before 04:00UTC on Monday.

3. **Urgent and Short-Notice Briefing Requirements.** Security Officers and Masters should contact the **Duty UKMTO Officer on: +971 (0)50 559 3983** who will be able to arrange urgent and/ or short-notice briefings that fall outside of the above times.

Maritime Security Briefs

Date	Location	Vessel
No vessels briefed this week		

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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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