

## Weekly Report: 30 November - 6 December 2022

1. **Maritime Security Notices.** This week the UK Department for Transport Maritime Security Division issued the following two Maritime Security Notices. If you require further information or have any questions, please contact: [MARITIMESECURITY@dft.gov.uk](mailto:MARITIMESECURITY@dft.gov.uk).

- Ref: 026/CSO/2022 Libya - ISPS Code security level remains at Security Level 2.
- Ref: 027/CSO/2022 Haiti remains at ISPS Code Security Level 1.

2. **ISPS Code Security Level Notification.** On 2 December 2022 the UK Department for Transport Maritime Security Division issued an updated International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code Security Level Notification to replace their previous notification issued on 1 April 2022.

3. **Industry Releasable Threat Assessment (IRTA).** The latest Industry Releasable Threat Assessment (IRTA) prepared by both the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) and the European Union Naval Force Operation ATALANTA (EU NAVFOR) was released 2 December 2022. IRTAs are released to a limited distribution and are available via registering at: <http://www.mschoa.org>.

## 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://www.ukmto.org). 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
003/NOV/2022	<a href="#">Military Exercise</a>	Cancel this notice 301700UTC DEC 22

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## Open Source Media Articles

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### **1. Maritime security: Conference in Seychelles focuses on IORIS platform's use**

Around 80 senior officials involved in maritime security from 20 countries in the Indian Ocean region attended a meeting in Seychelles to discuss how the Indo-Pacific Regional Information Sharing (IORIS) platform can be used to effectively respond to maritime threats. During the two-day conference at the Seychelles Coast Guard auditorium, participants looked at the challenges to maritime security in the Indian Ocean and how IORIS can support the coordination and decision-making process.

- 6 Dec 22 - Seychelles News Agency: <https://bit.ly/3FvZXqO>

### **2. Maritime Domain Awareness starts with seeing what's on the sea**

The U.S. Fifth Fleet's Task Force 59 is conducting Digital Horizon, an unmanned systems demonstration featuring a flotilla of different unmanned surface vessels to help build maritime awareness. Digital Horizon is one of the ways that Task Force 59 is moving ahead with its objective of establish an international fleet of 100 unmanned systems by next summer.

- 6 Dec 22 - Seapower Magazine: <https://bit.ly/3uCokMZ>

### **3. Sign of the Times: New World's Largest Containership Sails Light on Maiden Voyage**

The 24,004 TEU *Ever Atop* transited the Suez Canal over the weekend on its maiden voyage to North Europe, apparently less than three-quarters full, evidencing the severe contraction in demand impacting the tradelane.

- 6 Dec 22 - The Loadstar: <https://bit.ly/3VXC40F>

### **4. U.S. Seizes 1.1 Million Rounds of Ammunition, Other Illegal Weapons in Gulf of Oman**

On 1 Dec 22, U.S. naval forces in the Middle East intercepted a fishing trawler smuggling more than 50 tons of ammunition rounds, fuses and propellants for rockets in the Gulf of Oman along a maritime route from Iran to Yemen.

- 4 Dec 22 - Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3BhfGr1>
- 3 Dec 22 - gCaptain: <http://bit.ly/3uAXncw>

### **5. Brazilian Admiral Leads Anti-Piracy Task Force in the Horn of Africa**

On 18 Aug 22, the Brazilian Navy took command of Combined Task Force 151 (CTF-151) for the second time, in a ceremony held in Manama, the capital of Bahrain. CTF-151 is a multinational task force that conducts operations to deter, disrupt, and suppress piracy in the Horn of Africa. It is one of four task forces subordinate to the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), which is a multinational task force under the 34-nation coalition to promote counter-piracy as well as security and stability in approximately 3.2 million square miles of international waters that encompass some of the world's most important maritime routes, most notably the Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, and the Red Sea.

- 2 Dec 22 - Dialogo Americas: <https://bit.ly/3UEck8k>

### **6. Latvia joins International Maritime Coalition in Middle East as 11th member**

U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) welcomed Latvia, Dec. 1, as the 11th member of a multinational maritime coalition established three years ago to deter attacks on commercial shipping in the Middle East. Latvia is the third nation to become a member of IMSC this year. Seychelles and Romania joined in October and March respectively.

- 1 Dec 22 - America's Navy: <https://bit.ly/3P52hls>

### **7. EUNAVFOR ATALANTA farewells P-3M ORION after 14 years in the Operation**

On 30 Nov 22, the Operation Commander (OPCDR) of EU NAVFOR - Operation ATALANTA, Vice Admiral (VADM) José María Núñez Torrente chaired the Farewell Ceremony of the Spanish Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft (MPRA) P-3M ORION. The ceremony took place in the French 188 Air Base in Djibouti, in which the aircraft is deployed. The event is of great relevance for both, the Operation and the Spanish Armed Forces, as this is the end of service for this iconic asset.

- 30 Nov 22 - EN Naval Force - Somalia (EUNAVFOR): <https://bit.ly/3XXpG2B>

## Engagement and Visits

- Engagement.** This week Mr Piers Bastard, Mr Jean Bernard and Mr Hamish Hutchings visited the UKMTO (Dubai) office to discuss the planned transit of their Dhow from Dubai to Kenya.
- 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 RN by telephone: +971 (0)501 898 389 or email: [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto: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.
- 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
06/12/2022	JEBEL ALI	KUWANA
06/12/2022	JEBEL ALI	NEW HOPE

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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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