

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations



Weekly Report: 30 Jan - 05 Feb 2022

1. On 4 Feb 2022 the UK Department for Transport (DfT) released Security Notice 002/PFSO-CSO/2022 to Red Ensign Group (REG) shipping. This was a reminder to be aware of email scams. All REG ships' CSOs should ensure that they are fully aware of the latest Flag State guidance and that it is communicated in a timely manner to ships' masters.

2. A recent question raised to UKMTO sought clarification that UKMTO provided reassurance and support for matters beyond piracy. UKMTO provides a primary contact for ALL matters of reporting any threats to maritime security. It does not matter whether the threat comes from regional instability leading to the use of anti-ship missiles, drones, sea-mines, Water Borne Improvised Explosive Devices (WBIED), piracy or any other unusual marine activity. If a Master feels that their vessel is threatened by any maritime activity, they are invited to report the circumstances to the UKMTO, which will provide support and reassurance wherever possible.

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 new Warnings were issued this week.		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/FEB/2022	Irregular activity	9nm East of Khorfakkan

Notices		
One new Notice was issued this week.		
Number	Category	Remarks
008/FEB/2021	Transiting the Strait of Hormuz	In force until further notice
001/FEB/2022	Military Exercise	281800UTC FEB 2022

For further information regarding UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices call: +44 2392 222060.

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. Indian sailors aboard Rwabee seized by Houthis last month are safe.

India said on Thursday the seven Indian sailors taken captive by Yemen's Houthi rebels when they seized a UAE-flagged merchant vessel on January 2 are safe though the captors still have not provided access to the hostages. Eleven crew members, including the Indian, are being held by the Houthis after they seized the vessel Rwabee in the Red Sea.

6 Feb 22 Hindustan Times: <https://bit.ly/3rwxRos>

5 Feb 22 Tribune: <https://bit.ly/3uulQl2>

b. Now is the time to take Port cyber security seriously.

Ports are dedicated to ensuring that supply meets demand both in terms of finished goods and the raw materials for making them. When they break down, the ripples spread across the entire economy. Locomotives, airplanes, container ships and bulk freighters, long-haul and short-haul trucks, anything that rolls, flies, or floats. No matter the vehicle, and no matter how it is powered, chances are a port plays a critical role in beginning or ending its journey.

4 Feb 22 Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3osujBq>

c. 60 Nations, International Organizations kick off largest maritime exercise in Middle East.

The U.S. Navy has begun a major exercise in the Middle East that both brings in [60 regional navies](#) to rehearse operating together and introduces unmanned vehicles and artificial intelligence to test their contributions at sea. The exercise covers a vast regional area: the Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea and North Indian Ocean and is the largest multinational naval exercise in the Middle East and the largest unmanned exercise in the world with more than 80 unmanned systems from 10 nations participating.

2 Feb 22 Navy Military: <https://bit.ly/3JaG07F>

2 Feb 22 Defence News: <https://bit.ly/3LfOmwC>

d. ATALANTA attends EU-India maritime security dialogue to continue strengthening cooperation in the Indo-pacific and further increase interoperability.

The meeting was co-chaired by Ms Joanneke Balfort, Director for Security and Defence Policy at the EEAS, and Mr Sandeep Arya, Joint Secretary for Disarmament and International Security Affairs at the Indian Ministry of External Affairs.

1 Feb 22 EU Naval Forces - Somalia (EUNAVFOR): <https://bit.ly/3Hs8w4m>

e. Israel Joins US-Led 'IMX' Naval Exercise in Red Sea.

The Israeli Navy is currently taking part in a massive US-led naval exercise which was launched on Monday, January 31, in the Red Sea, Israeli media reported. The Israeli army said in a statement that "the exercise will strengthen our regional security and advance our regional cooperation."

1 Feb 22 Palestine Chronicle: <https://bit.ly/3HyNgtJ>

31 Jan 22 Times of Israel: <https://bit.ly/3Hv1FXS>

Engagement and Visits

The UKMTO (Dubai) team briefed the participants of the annual Dubai to Muscat race at the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club on Wednesday 2 February 2022.

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

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

Date	Location	Vessel
02/02/2022	JEBEL ALI	KUWANA
02/02/2022	JEBEL ALI	MARTHA
03/02/2022	JEBEL ALI	JAIRAN
03/02/2022	JEBEL ALI	ANMOS
03/02/2022	JEBEL ALI	CMA CGM TARPON

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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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