

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations



Weekly Report: 06 Feb 22 to 12 Feb 22

1. Set against a backdrop of the ongoing, largest multi-national naval exercise in the Middle East, known as IMX 2022; UKMTO (Dubai) was visited this week by two teams of German and American NACAGS (Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping) specialists who fulfil an interface between military operations and merchant shipping, to enhance the safety of merchant ships. The purpose of the visit was to understand the unique A-National, A-Political, A-Commercial service that **UKMTO provides, by informing and reassuring the whole maritime trade community** through Maritime Trade Operations.
2. IMX 2022 is an 18-day exercise, due to complete at the end of this week. It is a partnership of circa 60 nations, with over 9000 personnel and 50 ships.
3. The IMSC (International Maritime Security Construct), formed in July 2019 to address increasing threats to the freedom of navigation in the international waters of the Middle East and its operational arm, Coalition Task Force (CTF) Sentinel, is also a key participant in IMX 2022. See <https://bit.ly/3oNpCCB>

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](https://www.ukmto.org). 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	Transiting the Strait of Hormuz	In force until further notice
001/FEB/2022	Military Exercise	281800UTC FEB 2022

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. **UN declares progress in talks with Yemen's warring parties over decaying oil tanker.**

6 Feb 22, Mangalorean News: <https://bit.ly/3uIKRsP>

b. **Largest Unmanned Exercise in Arabian Gulf During IMX/CE 2022.** The U.S. Navy in partnership with 60 nations and international organizations is conducting the largest multinational naval exercise in the Middle East. Known as IMX 2022 it is being conducted in combination with exercise Cutlass Express by U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa in East African coastal regions and the West Indian Ocean. The 18-day exercise is also unique as it is the largest unmanned maritime exercise in the world.

11 Feb 22, The Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3BiNq67>

c. **Houthis renege on new deal to prevent Red Sea oil spill disaster.** Houthis first said they supported new plan by UN officials to pump one million barrels of oil out of the vessel. They then backtracked and said the UN was guilty of "continued disregard of its obligations" over the tanker.

13 Feb 22, Arab News: <https://bit.ly/35ZRKvw>

d. **Saudi Arabia seizes 2.4 million smuggled captagon pills.**

13 Feb 22, i24 News: <https://bit.ly/3JnPVHd>

e. **Islamabad: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi, who is on official visit to Tunisia, called on Tunisian Navy Chief of Staff Rear Admiral Adel Jehane, Minister of National Defence Imed Memmich and other senior Naval officials.** During the meeting with Tunisian Navy Chief of Staff Rear Admiral Adel Jehane, regional maritime security and professional matters of mutual interest including bilateral naval collaboration were discussed.

13 Feb 22, Business Recorder: <https://bit.ly/3GZh1mF>

Engagement and Visits

UKMTO (Dubai) is looking forwards to hosting Commander CTF 151 (Combined Task Force 151), the counter-piracy task force operated by Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) based in Bahrain, for a visit on 16 Feb. CTF 151 is commanded by Colonel Mohammad Ismail Altarawneh of the Royal Jordanian Naval Force (RJNF). The CTF 151 mission is to deter, disrupt and suppress piracy as well as armed robbery at sea in the protection of global maritime commerce and freedom of navigation. Further detail is available at: <https://bit.ly/3uN3rAi>

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
10/02/2022	JEBEL ALI	HAKATA SEOUL
10/02/2022	JEBEL ALI	JOLLY TITANIO
11/02/2022	JEBEL ALI	AS CLEMENTIA
11/02/2022	JEBEL ALI	MISC ETHI
12/02/2022	JEBEL ALI	XIN WU HAN
12/02/2022	JEBEL ALI	AI JUNIOR
12/02/2022	ON PASSAGE	DISCOVERY PRINCESS

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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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