

# United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations



## Weekly Report: 20 Feb 22 to 26 Feb 22

1. Set against world-wide events, this has been a relatively quiet week for the UKMTO (Dubai) team.
2. Congratulations to the team working at the **European-Led Maritime Awareness in the Strait of Hormuz (EMASoH)** mission, which has now been operative for two years. Having started on the 25th of February 2022, nine European countries form this maritime security initiative promoting the safe transit and freedom of navigation for merchant shipping in the Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman. Further details about the EMASoH are available at: <https://bit.ly/3tboolX>

## 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 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
001/FEB/2022	<a href="#">Military Exercise</a>	Expires 281800 UTC Feb 2022
003/FEB/2022	<a href="#">Military Exercise</a>	Expires 04 Mar 2022

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## Open Source Media Articles

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a. **Deal reached in Yemen to unload oil from ‘floating bomb’ tanker.** The UN has coordinated a deal in Yemen to unload more than 1 million barrels of crude oil from the rusting FSO Safer tanker. UN humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths told the UN Security Council about a deal on Tuesday to transfer the oil from the FSO Safer. Mr Griffiths gave no details of the deal but **Hans Grundberg, the UN special envoy for Yemen, told reporters later that: “progress as always in Yemen, needs to be solidified in order to be taken forward”.**

16 Feb 22, **Yemen Politics On-Line:** <https://bit.ly/33DTNEM>

b. **Houthis renege on new deal to prevent Red Sea oil spill disaster.** The Iran-backed Houthi militia in Yemen on Sunday reneged on a deal to head off an environmental disaster in the Red Sea, only hours after reaching an agreement with the UN.

24 Feb 22, **Arab News On-Line:** <https://bit.ly/35ZRKvw>

c. **UAE designates 5 entities for Houthi support, US sanctions militia finance network.** The UAE has designated one individual and five entities on its list of persons and organizations supporting terrorism for their role in supporting Yemen’s Iranian-backed Houthi militia, Emirates News Agency (WAM) reported on Wednesday.

24 Feb 22, **Arab News On-Line:** <https://bit.ly/354Ti7w>

d. **Russia halts vessel movement in Azov sea, Black Sea open.** Russia has suspended movement of commercial vessels in the Azov sea until further notice, but kept its ports in the Black Sea open for navigation, its officials and five grain industry sources said on Thursday.

24 Feb 22, **MSN On-Line:** <https://bit.ly/3soXyYx>

e. **Egypt says no worries over Suez Canal amid Russian—Ukrainian standoff.** The head of the Suez Canal Authority (SCA), Lt. Gen. Osama Rabie, recently said that the authority is ready for all possible scenarios resulting from the ongoing tensions between Russia and Ukraine and their impact on global navigation.

25 Feb 22, **Al-Monitor On-Line:** <https://bit.ly/3pgAJnH>

f. **French Warship interdicts illicit drugs shipment in Gulf of Oman.** MANAMA, Bahrain – A French Marine Nationale frigate seized 271 kilograms of heroin from a fishing vessel while patrolling international waters in the Gulf of Oman, Feb.17. FS Guépratte (F714) was operating as part of an international task force called Combined Task Force (CTF) 150, which has increased regional patrols to locate and disrupt unlawful maritime activity.

25 Feb 22, **Combined Maritime Forces On-Line:** <https://bit.ly/3M8krau>

## Engagement and Visits

UKMTO (Dubai) is meeting with CSO of NYK Dubai on 28 Feb 22.

## 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)

Date	Location	Vessel
23/02/2022	JEBEL ALI	ATLANTIC PIONEER
23/02/2022	JEBEL ALI	MSC REEF
26/02/22	JEBAL ALI	ILEKTRA
26/02/22	JEBAL ALI	MELISSUS

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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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