

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

Weekly Report: 02 - 08 Jan 2022

1. This month Lt Cdr Dougie Bell RN joins UKMTO Dubai as Officer in Charge. A senior maritime operations manager with circa 34 years of RN service he is a seaman and principal warfare officer by trade. More recently, he was Chief of Staff of the UK's Mine Counter-Measures Force, at sea, undergoing two tours working for the US CTF 52 in Bahrain. He has participated in Gulf and Indian Ocean focussed operations and exercises with numerous coalition partners. Dougie is very much looking forward to returning to the UAE to take up the role of leading UKMTO Dubai and working closely with the Maritime Trade.



Lt Cdr Dougie Bell RN

2. Following a Maritime Security Event in the Southern Red Sea Commander Maritime Forces (CMF) and the European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) jointly issued Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin 029 on the 4 Jan 22 which can be read at www.mschoa.org (log-in required).

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
001/Jan/2022	Attack	23NM west of Ras Isa

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/JAN/2022	Suspicious Approach	30NM West of Port Saleef

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
008/FEB/2021	Transiting the Strait of Hormuz	In force until further notice
001/JAN/2022	Firing Practice	311800UTCJAN2022
002/JAN/2022	Life Firing	311800UTCJAN2022

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. UN says ‘following with concern’ Houthi seizure of UAE-flagged ship, urges restraint

“While the circumstances around the incident remain unclear, we are following with concern the reports of the seizure by Houthis of a vessel flying the flag of the UAE in what the Houthis have described as ‘Yemeni waters,’” the spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General Stephane Dujarric said.

9 Jan 22—Arab News: <https://bit.ly/34yVKCG>

4 Jan 22 - Hellenic Shipping News: <https://bit.ly/3HLCiRp>

3 Jan 22 - Arab News: <https://bit.ly/3qf5FWx>

3 Jan 22 - The Drive: <https://bit.ly/3f1Yqe2>

b. Record breaking revenues of \$6.3 billion in 2021 for Suez Canal

One of the most important shipping lanes worldwide - the Suez Canal - has reported all-time high revenues amounting to \$6.3 billion in 2021, according to the Suez Canal Authority (SCA). Reported record results for the number of transits of ships and revenues in 2021 says that the operations were exceeding the overall growth rate for the shipping industry. Citing the success of its marketing and flexible approach to working with the industry, the SCA said it had achieved its best year in history while also preparing for a strong future.

7 Jan 22 - Big News Network: <https://bit.ly/3qZnXKk>

3 Jan 22 - Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3GcgEFF>

2 Jan 22 - Channel News Asia: <https://bit.ly/3f4xhqH>

c. French Navy’s 2021 Report on Global Maritime Security

The Maritime Information Cooperation and Awareness Center (MICA Center) of the French Navy released its 2021 annual report on maritime piracy and robbery acts that impacted worldwide maritime security.

7 Jan 22 –Naval News: <https://bit.ly/3JVXNAY>

d. Chinese Navy Piracy Patrol shepherds fishing fleet through Gulf of Aden

The People’s Liberation Army Navy 39th Escort Task Force carried out a three-day-long escort mission of Chinese fishing vessels through the Gulf of Aden, the People’s Liberation Army Daily reported today.

6 Jan 22 - USNI News: <https://bit.ly/3GcbYiY>

e. Warship HMS Montrose marks 1,000-day Gulf milestone

The Royal Navy frigate and her 200 sailors and Royal Marines have provided a constant presence in the Middle East since 11 April 2019. During that time, Montrose has been involved in the seizure of more than 6.5 tonnes of illegal narcotics – 734kg of heroin, 500kg of meth and 5,533kg of hash – ultimately restricting funding to criminal and terrorist organisations.

5 Jan 22 - Forces News: <https://bit.ly/3JWaBqQ>

f. Years-long military conflict badly impacts tourism sector in Yemen

Many sites and old cities in Yemen have long been internationally renowned tourism attractions. However, during the more than seven-year-long military conflict between the government and Houthi militia, intense battles have engulfed the impoverished Arab country and shut its doors to foreign tourists since 2015.

3 Jan 22 - Xinhuanet: <https://bit.ly/3G9fgUc>

Engagement and Visits

There were no visitors this week.

To contact our Dubai office, arrange a visit or request a briefing please contact Lt Cdr Sam Yee 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 Sam Yee email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org

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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 \(OCIMF\)](#)
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