

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

Weekly Report: 16 - 22 Jan 2022

1. This week UKMTO Dubai welcomed CPO Paul Francis from the Royal New Zealand Navy to join our small team as the International Liaison Officer. Paul previously served in the Royal Navy for 8 years, then joined the Royal Naval Reserves before emigrating to New Zealand and maintaining his naval career he joined the Royal New Zealand Naval Reserves. Paul is looking forward to the opportunity to work with our Briefing team.



CPO Paul Francis RNZN

Warnings, Advisories and Notices

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Warnings	
No Warnings were issued this week.	

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
003/JAN/2022	Sighting	53NM SW of Aden, Yemen

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	Live Firing	311800UTCJAN2022

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. UK warship interdicts illicit drugs shipment in Gulf of Oman

A United Kingdom Royal Navy frigate seized 1,041 kilograms of illegal drugs while transiting international waters during a counter-narcotics patrol in the Gulf of Oman. HMS MONTROSE seized 663 kilograms of heroin, 87 kilograms of methamphetamine and 291 kilograms of hashish and marijuana worth a combined U.S. street value estimated at \$26 million.

23 Jan 21 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3nQY3rj>

23 Jan 21 - Royal Navy: <https://bit.ly/3nQIMrN>

b. Pakistan Navy assumes command of multinational Combined Task Force-150

Pakistan Navy Commodore Waqar Muhammad relieved Royal New Zealand Navy Capt. Brendon Clark as Commander of Combined Task Force (CTF) 150 during a ceremony at Naval Support Activity Bahrain on 18 January 2022. Speaking on the occasion, Commodore Waqar Muhammad expressed the determination of Pakistan Navy to continue to work with the navies of other countries for peace and stability in the region.

21 Jan 22 - International News: <https://bit.ly/3FUUxCG>

20 Jan 22 - Daily Pakistan: <https://bit.ly/3qS9D7C>

19 Jan 22 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3lr8MAM>

c. New force Commander, Commodore João Pereira of the Portuguese Navy commanding the 39th rotation of the Operation Atalanta Force Headquarters gives first impressions on the operations

Commodore João Pereira took command of the 39th rotation of the EU Naval Force Somalia Force Headquarters on flagship ESPS Victoria on Saturday the 15th, January 2022. He considered his main goal to be the protection of World Food Programme vessels and other vulnerable shipping, and the contention of piracy and armed robbery at sea, ensuring the freedom of navigation in the area of operations.

21 Jan 22 - EU Naval Force Somalia: <https://bit.ly/3nPrJp1>

d. International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) conduct first maritime exercise of new year

Coalition Task Force Sentinel (CTF Sentinel), the operational arm of the IMSC, have participated in a bilateral exercise in the Arabian Gulf. Royal Bahraini Naval Ship HAWAR partnered with US Coast Guard Cutters USCGC ROBERT GOLDMAN and USCGC CHARLES MOULTHROPE to conduct communications drills and tactical maneuvers, which increased overall interoperability between coalition militaries to provide coordinated maritime stability in the region.

20 Jan 22 - International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC): <https://bit.ly/33J24Ya>

e. Spanish Chief of Defence Staff visits EU Naval Force Somalia Operation Headquarters in Rota

18th January 2022— This morning, EU Naval Force Somalia Operation Commander, Vice Admiral José M. Núñez Torrente welcomed the Spanish Chief of Defence, Admiral General Teodoro Estaban López Calderón accompanied by several military officials.

18 Jan 22 - EU Naval Force Somalia: <https://bit.ly/3lviTV4>

f. Royal Navy makes history with first-ever female admiral

The Royal Navy's first-ever female admiral has taken command – smashing a century-old glass ceiling in the service. After 25 years' service, Jude Terry takes the helm as Director of People and Training and Naval Secretary. Rear Adm Terry said it was "an absolute honour and privilege to assume the post" and looks forward to "using modern approaches" to help all personnel "be the best" they can be.

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 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

No vessels were briefed this week.

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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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