

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

Weekly Report: 23 - 29 Jan 2022

1. Having recently completed some introductory calls in the UK, Lieutenant Commander Dougie Bell RN has now taken over the role of Officer-in-Charge at UKMTO (Dubai). As some of you may recall from recent weekly reporting, Dougie joins us as a senior maritime operations manager with circa 34-years of RN service. A seaman and principal warfare officer by trade, he has been the Chief of Staff of the UK's Mine Counter-Measures Force, at sea, undergoing two tours working for the US CTF 52 in Bahrain. Dougie has also participated in Gulf as well as Indian Ocean focussed operations and exercises with numerous coalition partners. He has keenly returned to the UAE to take up this exciting role and very much looks forward to working closely with the Maritime Trade, in supporting the provision of reassurance to the whole community.



Lt Cdr Dougie Bell RN

Warnings, Advisories and Notices

Please see below for 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 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/JAN/2022	Firing Practice	311800UTCJAN2022
002/JAN/2022	Live Firing	311800UTCJAN2022
001/FEB/2022	Military Exercise	281800UTCFEB2022

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. FSO SAFER: The humanitarian, economic and environmental impacts of an oil disaster in the making in the Red Sea.

Without a swift resolution, an explosion or leak from the rusting oil tanker FSO SAFER off the coast of Yemen could trigger one of the biggest oil spill disasters in history. According to a new study produced by the Greenpeace Research Laboratories, the impacts could be much wider, more severe and longer lasting than thought from previously available information. If all the oil is spilled it would be four times bigger than the Exxon Valdez, causing widespread severe environmental damage and exacerbating the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Yemen and affecting neighbouring countries.

28 Jan 22 - Reliefweb: <https://bit.ly/3uaQQ9Q>

27 Jan 22 - Arab News: <https://bit.ly/3L5Ndlj>

b. UK warship; Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) seize illicit drugs worth £8m.

For the second time in 10 days, Royal Navy warship HMS MONTROSE (F236) interdicted a stateless fishing vessel transporting illegal drugs in the Gulf of Oman. MONTROSE was conducting a counter-narcotics patrol when it seized 150 kilograms of heroin, 250 kilograms of methamphetamine and 665 kilograms of hashish worth over £8m, on the back of a £15m haul just a few days ago.

27 Jan 22 Combined Maritime Forces: <https://bit.ly/3KPjUti>

27 Jan 22 Royal Navy: <https://bit.ly/3Gfsqy9>

26 Jan 22 - Muscat Daily: <https://bit.ly/3s5kKcC>

c. Pakistan: US hold naval drill in Indian Ocean.

Pakistan and the United States held joint naval drills in the northern Indian Ocean, reflecting the relationship and cooperation between the two forces, Director General Public Relations (Navy) said on Thursday.

27 Jan 22 - Pakistan Today: <https://bit.ly/3AHy76K>

d. EU to deploy warships in Gulf of Guinea to stem piracy.

The European Union (EU) has disclosed its commitment towards extending the Coordinated Maritime Presences (CMP) programme, enabling it to continue to deploy its members' warships to the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) to stem piracy in the region.

25 Jan 22 - The Guardian: <https://bit.ly/3KXtXMG>

e. The rum is gone! The impact of maritime piracy on trade and transport.

Maritime piracy has long haunted both global shipping and people living near the shore. However, in times of pandemic-induced closures of ports, a blockage of the Suez Canal by the EVER GIVEN and conflicts between rival governments in the Strait of Hormuz and South East Asia, it does not come to mind as the number one threat to global transport networks. Nevertheless, modern piracy remains a common threat to international merchant shipping. As a result of the 229 incidents in the year 2020, more than a hundred people were held hostage, several of whom were wounded (IMO 2021).

24 Jan 22 - Vox EU: <https://bit.ly/3g6XkOL>

Engagement and Visits

There were no visitors to UKMTO (Dubai) this week.

To contact our Dubai office, arrange a visit or request an in-office briefing, please contact 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 Dougie Bell by email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org.

Date	Location	Vessel
26/01/2022	JEBEL ALI	MP KAMSARMAX 1
26/01/2022	JEBEL ALI	BEKS SKY
27/01/2022	JEBEL ALI	BETTY K
28/01/2022	JEBEL ALI	EDITH MAERSK
28/01/2022	JEBEL ALI	ALS FLORA
29/01/2022	JEBEL ALI	MSC PINA

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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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