

## Weekly Report: 20 July to 26 July 2022

1. **UKMTO (Dubai) Office - Visits, Briefings & Maritime Security Briefings.** Requests for visits to the UKMTO (Dubai) Office and/ or Maritime Security Briefings should be made by telephone to: +971 (0)50 189 8389 or email to: [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org). Regrettably, we recently missed an opportunity to respond to a short-notice email request for a Maritime Security Briefing, when the email arrived on a Friday evening. Company Security Officers and Masters are respectfully requested to note that the UKMTO (Dubai) Office's routine hours are Monday to Friday: 04:00UTC to 13:00UTC. Short-notice requests raised outside of these routine office hours can be accommodated, but urgent requests should also be raised through the Duty UKMTO (Dubai) Officer on: +971 50 559 3983. This measure is intended to ensure that all arrangements outside of routine office hours are made promptly and as requested.

2. **UKMTO Watchkeepers - Reports and Requests for UKMTO Assistance.** All reports to UKMTO (in accordance with BMP 5 Annex D) and requests for UKMTO assistance should continue to be reported to **UKMTO** by telephone at: **+44 (0)2392 222060** and email at: [watchkeepers@ukmto.org](mailto:watchkeepers@ukmto.org). The **UKMTO Watchkeepers maintain 24/7/365 watchkeeping operations.**

## 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](http://UKMTO). UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

Warnings		
Number	Category	Remarks
No new Warnings were issued this week		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
No new Advisories were issued this week		

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/JUL/2022	<a href="#">Live Firing</a>	Cancel notice 291800UTCJUL2022

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## Open Source Media Articles

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### **1. Enhancing maritime cooperation: a joint statement between the Iraq Navy and U.S. 5th Fleet**

On the 25 July 2022 in Baghdad, Iraq Vice Adm. Brad Cooper, Commander of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, U.S. 5th Fleet and Combined Maritime Forces met with Staff Vice Adm. Ahmed Jasim Maarij Al-Zayed, Commander of the Iraq Navy to discuss future opportunities for maritime security cooperation in the Arabian Gulf.

26 Jul 22 - America's Navy: <https://bit.ly/3ozv37G>

### **2. Disabled passenger ro-ro ship towed to Bosasso by ATALANTA Navy, Gulf of Aden**

On 19 July 2022, EU NAVFOR ATALANTA received a request for assistance to a ship in distress from the Somali Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. At the same time, ATALANTA assets were granted permission to enter Somali territorial waters. For about a week, the MV ANATOLIAN was dead in water in heavy seas in the Gulf of Aden, north of Puntland coast.

23 Jul 22 - Maritime Bulletin: <https://bit.ly/3vhyFi8>

22 Jul 22 - EU Naval Force - Somalia (EUNAVFOR): <https://bit.ly/3oxuwmB>

21 Jul 22 - US Central Command: <https://bit.ly/3S8IRo7>

### **3. Royal Saudi Navy takes over CTF-150 command from Pakistan**

The Royal Saudi Naval Forces have taken over command of the Combined Task Force 150 for the third time in a ceremony held at the headquarters of the US Naval Base in Bahrain. Royal Saudi Navy Commodore Abdullah Al-Mutairi assumed command of Combined Task Force (CTF) 150 from Pakistan Navy Commodore Vaqar Muhammad.

23 Jul 22 - Arab News: <https://bit.ly/3vjghWk>

22 Jul 22 - Al Arabiya News: <https://bit.ly/3oz80tC>

21 Jul 22 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3z7BXWB>

### **4. Three Ukrainian ports reopen for grain shipment under UN-brokered deal**

After more than two months of difficult negotiations brokered by the United Nations and Turkey, an agreement was signed in Istanbul on Friday that lays the groundwork for reopening three Ukrainian Black Sea ports for critical grain shipments. UN officials said Russia and Ukraine established elements such as the ports involved, the establishment of a monitoring center in Istanbul, and inspections routines for the vessels, with both sides agreeing not to attack or hinder the movement of the vessels.

22 Jul 22 - Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3zDowif>

### **5. Optimism for cruises as the CDC's COVID 19 program for cruise ships ends**

The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that its Covid 19 program for cruise ships is no longer in effect. Based on CDC recommendations, individual cruise lines will determine their own protocols for passengers. The CDC will continue to publish guidelines for cruise vessels, and the ships will also be required to abide by local requirements and agreements with ports.

22 Jul 22 - FleetMon: <https://bit.ly/3RXpA7Y>

21 Jul 22 - gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/3Ja3hYX>

### **6. ATALANTA, main tool of naval diplomacy for the EU in the Indian Ocean**

Operation Commander, Vice Adm. José M. Núñez Torrente, presented an update on Operation Atalanta to the Political Security Council and the European Union Military Committee on Wednesday 20 July 2022. A special focus was put on the new mandate, received in December 2020, that has placed Atalanta on the path to becoming a comprehensive Maritime Security Provider, reaffirming its status as “the main tool of Naval Diplomacy for the EU in the Indian Ocean”.

## Engagement and Visits

1. No engagement visits took place this week.
2. **UKMTO (Dubai) Office Visits.** To contact our Dubai office, arrange an office visit or request a briefing on UKMTO please contact Lt Cdr Dougie Bell by telephone: +971 (0)501 898 389 or email: [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org). Please note that any emails received between 13:00UTC on Friday afternoon and 04:00UTC on Monday morning, may not be actioned before 04:00UTC on Monday.
3. **Maritime Security Briefs.** Company Security Officers and Masters wishing to receive the latest regional Maritime Security Brief should contact Lt Cdr Dougie Bell by email: [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org). Please note that any emails received between 13:00UTC on Friday afternoon and 04:00UTC on Monday morning, may not be actioned before 04:00UTC on Monday. **If the Maritime Security Briefing requirement is urgent**, then please also be sure to **call the Duty UKMTO Officer on: +971 (0)50 559 3983**. The Duty UKMTO Officer is able to arrange short-notice briefings, which are required between these times.

## Maritime Security Briefs

No vessels were briefed during this period.

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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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