

# United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

## Weekly Report: 27 Feb 22 to 05 Mar 22

- Ukraine & Russia ISPS Code Security Levels:** The UK Department of Transport Maritime Security Division has issued **Security Notice: 007/CSO/2022** as an update on the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Further information is at: [maritimesecurity@dft.gov.uk](mailto:maritimesecurity@dft.gov.uk).
- Threats to Commercial Vessels Geographic Areas: Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden, Bab al Mandeb Strait, Red Sea, and Western Indian Ocean:** The US MARAD Office of Maritime Security has issued [U.S. Maritime Advisory 2022-003](#). This advisory cancels U.S. Maritime Advisory 2021-009. Further information is available at: [GMCC@uscg.mil](mailto:GMCC@uscg.mil).
- HMS MONTROSE Illicit Narcotics Seizure.** Congratulations to HMS MONTROSE on her recent seizure of 6.5 tons of illicit narcotics from a fishing vessel in the Gulf of Oman this week. More details are available overleaf at Open Source Media Article ['a'](#).

## 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

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/MAR/2022	Firing Exercise	Cancelled 101200UTC MAR22

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## Open Source Media Articles

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**a. UK Warship interdicts illicit drugs in Gulf of Oman.**

A United Kingdom Royal Navy frigate seized more than 6.5 tons of illicit narcotics from a fishing vessel while conducting patrols in international waters in the Gulf of Oman, March 2. The seizure consisted of 6,566 kilograms of hashish, with an estimated U.S. street value of \$9 million.

6 Mar 22 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3pIF6rM>

**b. Over 1,000 mariners are stranded near Ukraine.**

About 140 ships have been trapped off the coast of Ukraine, putting more than a thousand seafarers in harm's way. Since Russian troops first began the invasion last week, a dozen oil-product tankers, a sunflower oil carrier, and 45 bulkers used to transport grains, ore and coal have gotten stuck. There are also 54 cargo carriers and a container vessel that sailed into Odesa just before the harbour closed.

4 Mar 22 - Bloomberg: <https://bit.ly/35wUGzS>

**c. Countries seek IMO meeting on shipping dangers after Ukraine invasion.**

Over 15 countries have called for a special meeting with the UN's shipping agency to discuss the safety of ships and their crews sailing through the Black Sea and Sea of Azov after Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the growing dangers to vessels.

3 Mar 22 - Reuters: <https://bit.ly/3CpyEv1>

**d. Partnering and innovating to enhance maritime security in the Middle East.**

In February, more than 60 nations and international partners joined forces during International Maritime Exercise/ Cutlass Express (IMX/ CE) 2022 - the largest naval exercise in the region. This level of representation not only demonstrated global resolve in preserving the rules-based international order but also global recognition that maritime security in the Middle East is essential.

1 Mar 22 - US Naval Institute: <https://bit.ly/3sHc5i9>

**e. First visit of the head of EU delegation to Somalia Mrs Tiina Intelmann to EUNAVFOR flag ship.**

The Head of EU Delegation to the Federal Republic of Somalia, Mrs. Tiina Intelmann, visited EU NAVFOR ATALANTA Force Headquarters (FHQ) on board ESPS Canarias. Portuguese Commodore Joao Pereira, Force Commander (FCdr) of EUNAVFOR ATALANTA, welcomed the EU delegation together with representatives of the European Union Capacity Building Mission in Somalia (EUCAP Somalia) and the European Union Training Mission in Somalia (EUTM Somalia).

1 Mar 22 - EU Naval Force - Somalia: <https://bit.ly/3hEott7>

**f. Piracy trends and hotspots.**

Global piracy and armed robbery numbers decreased in 2021, according to the International Maritime Bureau's Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC). Its latest annual report shows a 32% drop in overall attacks in 2021 compared to 2020. The drop is primarily attributed to decreased activity within the Gulf of Guinea region, and Nigerian waters in particular.

28 Feb 22 - Hellenic Shipping News: <https://bit.ly/3MrGQzt>

**g. RoboFleet: U.S. joins international security efforts to secure Middle Eastern Seas.**

The United States Navy committed 100 unmanned vessels in the Middle East in a joint international effort to deter sea attacks by aggressive nations, namely Iran. By joining forces and combining unmanned surface vessel numbers with Middle Eastern allies, the United States hopes to better secure the trade region vital for the global exchange of critical supplies like oil in the Strait of Hormuz.

28 Feb 22 - Organisation for World Peace: <https://bit.ly/3HYIKo1>

**h. From safe rooms to escape pods: here's how yacht owners are protecting themselves from pirates.**

In the yachting world, self-defense has gone on the offensive. Gigayachts have reportedly incorporated safe rooms, and the current demand for submersibles includes those who consider them potential escape pods.

27 Feb 22 - Robb Report: <https://bit.ly/3HFhYRi>

## Engagement and Visits

UKMTO (Dubai) met with Andrias Smith CSO of NYK Dubai on 28 Feb 22 for a fruitful discussion on current affairs and security matters in the maritime domain.

## 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
02/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	MSC CHIARA
02/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	JOLLY PALLADIO
02/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	AFRICAN TERN
03/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	ELIM CHALLENGE
03/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	BOGDAN
03/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	MERCURY OCEAN
04/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	HY GLORY
04/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	BBC MAINE
04/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	CMA CGM UNITY
04/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	NYMPH
05/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	LR1 CHARM
05/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	EMIRATES DANA

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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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