

# United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations



## Weekly Report: 13 to 19 March 2022

1. On 14 March 2022 the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration issued Advisory [2022-005-Various-GPS Interference & AIS Spoofing](#). This revised advisory cancels U.S. Maritime Advisory 2021-010.
2. Following reports of a vessel sinking in the Persian Gulf on 17 Mar 22 the Hydrographer Pakistan Navy issued [Navigational Warning 112/22](#) to alert mariners to navigate the area with caution. Open source media reports on the incident can be found on [page 2 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
004/FEB/2022	<a href="#">Live Firing</a>	Cancel 311800UTC MAR 22
004/MAR/2022	<a href="#">Firing Exercise</a>	Cancel 01 APR 22

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## Open Source Media Articles

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### **a. Crewman feared drowned after UAE cargo vessel capsizes.**

A massive search and rescue operation recovered all but one of the 30 crew of the Al Salmi 6, which had been transporting a cargo of cars from Dubai to Umm Qasr port in southern Iraq. The vessel encountered a storm 50 km off the coast of Asalouyeh in southern Iran, with wind gusting at more than 70kph and waves as high as 4.4 meters.

18 Mar 22 - Arab News: <https://bit.ly/3qldgCu>

17 Mar 22 - Saudi Gazette: <https://bit.ly/36sVMwM>

17 Mar 22 - Ahram Online: <https://bit.ly/3CUg26x>

### **b. EUNAVFOR ATALANTA statement on the UNSC resolution on fighting piracy off the Somalia non-extension announcement.**

Operation ATALANTA remains committed to respecting the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and will continue countering piracy on the high seas, protecting the World Food Programme (WFP) and other vulnerable vessels, countering drugs trafficking, contributing to the implementation of the weapons' embargo on Somalia and monitoring other illicit activities at sea, such as the illegal export of charcoal and monitoring illegal, unreported and unregistered (IUU) fishing.

18 Mar 22 - defenceWeb: <https://bit.ly/3wkP2Mb>

09 Mar 22 - EU Naval Force - Somalia (EUNAVFOR): <https://bit.ly/3KT6Ou0>

### **c. Global pirate attacks and maritime armed robbery incidents lowest since records began.**

The global reporting centre for pirate and maritime armed robberies has recorded the lowest number of incidents since records began. The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) received 132 reports of attacks against ships in 2021, the lowest since 1994. It has attributed the drop in incidents to action taken by authorities but is calling for continued co-ordination and vigilance to ensure the long-term protection of seafarers.

17 Mar 22 - The Guardian: <https://bit.ly/3qfd9Za>

14 Mar 22 - Hellenic Shipping News: <https://bit.ly/3CZA53x>

### **d. Coalition Task Force completes Exercise Sentinel Shield; exercise designed to reassure maritime commerce in Middle East.**

CTF Sentinel is the operational arm of the International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC). Sentinel Shield was conducted in the Central Arabian Gulf and involved the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and Royal Saudi Naval Forces (RSNF).

17 Mar 22 - International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC): <https://bit.ly/3N5u4qz>

### **e. EU NAVFOR Somalia - Operation ATALANTA Force Headquarters holds change of command ceremony.**

The appointment by the EU Political and Security Committee of the new Operation EU NAVFOR Atalanta Force Commander (FCdr) Rear Admiral Fabrizio Bondi (Italian Navy) becomes effective today in the French Forces in Djibouti Base (FFDj). Rear Admiral Fabrizio Bondi relieves Commodore Joao Paulo Silva Pereira (Portuguese Navy), who has served as FCdr for the last two months.

17 Mar 22 - EU Naval Force - Somalia: <https://bit.ly/34YJ4Wg>

### **f. Drought in Somalia is Forcing Families to Make Harsh Choices.**

Somalia is the most drought-affected country in the Horn of Africa. This is the third and the most severe drought in the last decade. The situation is alarming, and it is deteriorating. Isolated areas of Somalia, especially villages and settlements in central and southern regions are the most affected. In a hope that the situation is better in bigger centers and towns, elderly women and children take on the long and excruciating journey there to search for any help.

16 Mar 22 - Reliefweb: <https://bit.ly/3CXkS35>

16 Mar 22 - Care: <https://bit.ly/36yMLSL>

16 Mar 22 - The Africa Report: <https://bit.ly/3N3bAXP>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org).

Date	Location	Vessel
16/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	AAL DALIAN
16/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	DENSA SEALION
17/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	MAJD
17/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	ATHOS
17/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	HEILAN RISING
17/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	OPTIMAX II
18/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	GFS GALAXY
18/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	EVELYN MAERSK
18/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	CAP SAN SOUNIO
18/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	WOOHYUN
18/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	ISUZU

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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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