

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations



Weekly Report: 20 to 26 March 2022

1. This week it was announced that Romania has become the ninth country to join the International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC). The nine countries currently member nations of the IMSC are Albania, Bahrain, Estonia, Lithuania, Romania, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and United States. For more details see the media stories at [page 2 article \(a\)](#).
2. As Nigeria, UK, Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man celebrate Mothers Day on Sunday 27 March 2022; UKMTO would like to call-out all of the mothers serving at sea and wish them a happy mothers' day as an international celebration and appreciation of all mother figures. Approximately 50 countries worldwide celebrate this cause, with most national mothers days being marked throughout May with the remainder in June, August, October and November.
3. Following a review, the routine production of the UKMTO Weekly Report will shift to Wednesdays, with the next summary being issued on Wednesday 6 April 2022.

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	Transiting the Strait of Hormuz	In force until further notice
004/FEB/2022	Live Firing	Cancel 311800UTC MAR 22
004/MAR/2022	Firing Exercise	Cancel 01 APR 22

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. Romania joins major International Maritime Security Coalition in Middle East .

U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) announced on March 26 that Romania has joined the multinational maritime coalition International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC). The IMSC was established in 2019 to deter attacks on commercial shipping in the Middle East. Romania becomes the ninth and newest member since Estonia joined in late-2020.

26 Mar 22 International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC): <https://bit.ly/36PxxWK>

26 Mar 22 Stars and Stripes: <https://bit.ly/3IMqUVo>

b. EU NAVFOR Somalia - Operation ATALANTA counter-narcotics operation in the western Indian Ocean

During a regular EUNAVFOR anti-piracy patrol to protect vessels transiting off the Horn of Africa and the western Indian Ocean, the French Navy vessels LHD Mistral and Frigate Courbet taking part in Operation ATALANTA, seized 4 tons of cannabis and 90 kilograms of heroin on a stateless dhow.

23 Mar 22 EU Naval Force - Somalia: <https://bit.ly/3tKt43P>



c. Enhancing maritime security in the western Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden

Between 13-17 March 2022 a five-day regional workshop led by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) was held at the Djibouti Regional Training Centre. The workshop examined ways to strengthen the regional information sharing network to detect, deter and disrupt illegal activities at sea. The event also explored ways to tailor Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) to meet security challenges and modalities for interacting with regional and international MDA networks for regional benefit.

21 Mar 22 African Business: <https://bit.ly/3LhR0kP>



Engagement and Visits

There were no visitors this week.

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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.

Date	Location	Vessel
23/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	AC AMITY
23/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	HEERENGRACHT
24/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	BANI YAS
24/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	FAIRCHEM EDGE
24/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	AS COLUMBIA
24/03/2022	VIRTUAL	PACIFIC EXPLORER
25/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	MSC HAMBURG
25/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	GFS PRIDE
26/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	GFS JADE
26/03/2022	JEBEL ALI	BSG BONAIRE

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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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