

# United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations



## Weekly Report: 27 March to 5 April 2022

1. **UK Maritime Security Notices.** On 1 Apr the UK Department of Transport issued four Maritime Security Notices. Please contact [maritimesecurity@dft.gov.uk](mailto:maritimesecurity@dft.gov.uk) for further information. The notices are itemised as:

008/CSO/2022 Libya

009/CSO/2022 Israel

010/CSO/2022 Mozambique

011/CSO/2022 Russian-Ukraine Conflict

2. **Flag State Guidance.** All CSOs should please ensure that they are fully aware of their latest Flag State Guidance. This guidance should be communicated in a timely manner to respective Masters to enable completion of an informed 'threat and risk assessment' for their intended passage.

3. **New Joiner at UKMTO (Dubai).** The UKMTO (Dubai) office looks forward to the arrival of Captain Phillip O'Connell from NZ who joins the UKMTO team in Dubai for 3-months. Phillip will be arriving later this week to conduct a handover with our current Kiwi Liaison Officer, Paul Francis, who sadly leaves us on 15 Apr.

4. **Weekly Summaries.** Further to last week's notice, please note that the UKMTO (Dubai) Weekly Summary Reports will be released on Wednesdays.

## 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		
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

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## Open Source Media Articles

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### **a. Somalia maritime operations boosted by a UN state of the art facility.**

Somalia has inaugurated a high-tech maritime facility for the police to boost security along the coastline as the country continues to expand its blue economy. UN Secretary-General's deputy special representative for Somalia, Anita Kiki Gbeho said: the facility will provide an operational base from which the Somalia Police Force (SPF) can operate around Mogadishu Port and along the 3,300 km Somali coastline, as well as help build a long-term maritime law enforcement capacity.

- 2 Apr 22 - CGTN Africa: <https://bit.ly/3IXMA0Y>
- 31 Mar 22 - CGTN Africa: <https://bit.ly/3u1ieWZ>



**Picture 1:** Officials at the inauguration of new high-tech maritime facility in Somalia.



**Picture 2:** Officers grouped outside the Somalia Coast Guard Office.

### **b. Yemen's warring parties agree a two-month truce in a major breakthrough.**

The warring sides in Yemen's seven-year conflict have for the first time in years agreed a nationwide truce, which would also allow fuel imports into Houthi-held areas and some flights operating from Sanaa airport. U.N. special envoy Hans Grundberg said the two-month truce would come into effect on Saturday at 7 p.m. local time (1600 GMT) and could be renewed with consent of the parties.

- 1 Apr 22 - Reuters: <https://reut.rs/3Dyp3CC>

### **c. Indian Ocean Commission plans a regional maritime single window.**

The last two years of the COVID-19 pandemic have proven revolutionary for global supply chains. As more countries went into lockdown, demand for commodities, especially in the West, spiked dramatically. Trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific routes experienced a new shipping boom.

- 31 Mar 22 - Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3Kf9Pow>

## Engagement and Visits

1. **IMSC Stakeholders Conference.** OIC UKMTO (Dubai) was delighted to be invited by Mission Commander, Commodore Mackinnon to the recent International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) Stakeholders Conference. This was held on Thu 31 Mar at the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) HQ in Bahrain and on-line. Amongst other maritime security related briefings, Dougie Bell gave a brief on UKMTO (Dubai)'s role in the provision of Information and Reassurance to the Maritime Trade, being pleased to take a number of questions from the audience with respect to the reassurance of our maritime community. The Stakeholders' Conference event took place shortly after the news that Romania had joined the IMSC coalition of Albania, Republic of Estonia, Kingdom of Bahrain, Lithuania, Romania, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and United States. Together, they form Coalition Task Force (CTF) SENTINEL who collaborate to maintain freedom of navigation, international law and the free flow of commerce. See IMSC at: <https://bit.ly/3oNpCCB>

2. **UKMTO (Dubai) Visitors.** There were no visitors to the UKMTO (Dubai) office 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).

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).

## Maritime Security Briefs

Date	Location	Vessel
01/04/2022	JEBEL ALI	MSC ZOE
01/04/2022	JEBEL ALI	CAP SAN TAINARO
02/04/2022	JEBEL ALI	HARVEST
02/04/2022	JEBEL ALI	BAXTER

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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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