



## Weekly Report: 11 to 18 May 2022

### 1. Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) Seizures.

- a. UK Frigate seizes illegal heroin Shipment in Gulf of Oman - 5 May. <https://bit.ly/3t7KNI5>
- b. USCG Ship in Middle East Interdicts \$17 Million in drugs - 15 May. <https://bit.ly/3t7KNI5>
- c. USN in Middle East seizes \$39 Million in Drugs - 15/ 16 May. <https://bit.ly/3t7KNI5>

2. **Informal Ship-owners Security Forum - Middle East (ISSF ME).** An ISSF ME will be held on 24 May 22, in Dubai (venue to be confirmed), intended as a net-working event for interested stakeholders. Those interested in attending the event should contact Andrias Smith (NYK) for further information by email at: [andrias.smith@nykgroup.com](mailto:andrias.smith@nykgroup.com).

## 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.org). UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

Warnings		
No new Warnings were issued this week.		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
002/May/2022	<a href="#">Suspicious Approach</a>	Posted 17 May 22

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/May/2022	<a href="#">Military Exercise</a>	<b>Valid</b> in accordance with Notice Dates <b>until 17:00 UTC 31 May 22</b>

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## Open Source Media Articles

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### 1. EU allocates 3 million Euros to remove tanker in Red Sea.

BRUSSELS - The European Union will provide 3 million euros to support a plan coordinated by the United Nations to deal with the environmental threat represented by oil tanker FSO Safer in the Red Sea. The FSO Safer is a vast, decrepit oil tanker docked off the coast of Yemen, which contains some 1.14 million barrels of crude. It is at imminent risk of a leak or explosion, creating a potential humanitarian, economic and environmental catastrophe in Yemen and the Red Sea, with long-lasting effects across the region. It could also cause a grave interruption of world maritime trade that passes through the strait of Bab El Mandeb.

- 19 May 22 - ANSAMED: <https://bit.ly/3sLeYOt>

### 2. Houthi rebels mull extending UN-brokered truce in Yemen.

Yemen's Houthi rebels have said they are considering renewing a UN-brokered truce with the government which expires in two weeks. The Houthis' *"Supreme Political Council will consider the request for an extension of the truce, which ends on June 2,"* the rebels' Saba news agency said on Wednesday. The report comes a day after the UN envoy, Hans Grundberg, said he was continuing to *"engage the parties to overcome outstanding challenges and to ensure the extension of the truce"*. The two-month ceasefire, which went into effect on April 2, coinciding with the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, has made a *"considerable positive impact on the daily lives of many Yemenis,"* Grundberg said. But he added that he was seeing unconfirmed reports of continuing armed clashes that were causing civilian casualties.

- 19 May 22 – TRT World: <https://bit.ly/39xc3Cq>

### 3. UN Expects Unloading of Yemen's Safer Tanker Cargo by Mid-July.

The UN expected the process of unloading Yemen's eroding FSO Safer tanker to an alternative vessel will begin in mid-July. The vessel is holding more than a million barrels of oil and has been moored off the Ras Issa coast in Hodeidah for years. It is in *"imminent"* danger of breaking up, the UN warned last week. According to the UN's operational plan to deal with Safer, the new ship will selected in May and contract details to be completed in July. At an international conference two days ago, the UN managed to raise \$41.5 million in funds for its operational plan. However, the global body estimated that it needs a total of \$144 million to implement it.

- 17 May - Asharq Al-Awsat: <https://bit.ly/3G0gMIY>

### 4. Former Somali president prepares to transfer power.

Outgoing President Mohamed Abdullah Farmajo has reportedly briefed newly-elected President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud on the state of affairs in the country, privately-owned Radio Risala website has reported. *"The two leaders, who met at the presidential palace, Villa-Somalia, in Mogadishu, also discussed speeding up efforts to accelerate the country's development, which have been ongoing for the past five years,"* Radio Risala website added. Farmajo has formed a team to organise a ceremony to transfer power. Mohamud, who also governed the country between 2012 and 2017, is the first Somali president to return to power. He was elected by the country's bicameral parliament on 15 July after a long and contentious poll process. The new president faces challenges that include a deadly insurgency by the al-Shabab militant group and a severe drought that has affected millions across the country.

- 17 May - BBC Monitoring: <https://bit.ly/3PvIGRu>

### 5. India, France carry out second joint patrol in Southern Indian Ocean.

Maritime domain awareness and anti-submarine cooperation have emerged as priority areas in the region. The navies of India and France concluded their second joint patrolling in the South-Western Indian Ocean last week, while an Australian P-8 maritime patrol aircraft is expected in India next month on a reciprocal visit, underscoring India's continued focus on expanding maritime surveillance and anti-

## Engagement and Visits

- Institute for Security Studies.** UKMTO (Dubai) was delighted to host a visit from and give a presentation to Mr Denys Reva from the Institute for Security Studies in Pretoria., on 17 May following the cancellation of the Friends of Djibouti Code of Conduct conference in Dubai 17 to 19 May.
- Conflict Armament Research (CAR).** UKMTO (Dubai) was delighted to host Mr Taimur Khan Hd of Regional Operations in the Arabian Gulf who gave a most informative presentation. His organisation works to generate unique evidence on weapons supplies into armed conflicts in order to inform and support effective weapons management and control.
- UKMTO (Dubai) Office Visits.** 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).

## Maritime Security Briefs

Date	Location	Vessel
11/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	EMMA MAERSK
11/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK PANGANI
11/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	OCEANA
12/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	CAP CARMEL
12/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	LEON APOLLON
13/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	FRONT ANTARES
13/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	ELISE
13/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	CSAV TRAIQUEN

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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 \(MENAS\)](#)

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